

Knighly News

Holy Spirit Council 7264



Weatherford, Texas

August 2017



St. Stephen Catholic Church Chapel
Patriotic Rosary, 18 Jul 2017,

Announcement:

Knights Social Hour
Friday, August 11, 6PM
At the Clubhouse.
This event is also open
to the ladies as well.
BYOD



St. Stephen Catholic Church Chapel
Patriotic Rosary, 18 Jul 2017, Weather-



Stella 100 years old!



Welcome Dr. Mark Langevine
& Family



Scharmayne Sheila Matt Bill Fr. Mike Kathleen Ricky Cynthia Ray Gary Fr. Matthew

Photo courtesy: Ray Carr



GRAND KNIGHT:

SK David J. Straka
C 682-239-7460

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:

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C 817-994-2487

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

SK John W. Achtyl
143 Hedges Circle
Weatherford, TX 76085
R 817-629-0178

CHANCELLOR:

Leonard P. Wright
C 817-266-1750

RECORDER:

SK Matt Casey
C 817-458-2039

TREASURER:

Derrick A. Rice
C 817-371-7855

ADVOCATE:

SK Lawrence A. Bierschenk
C 817-596-8110

WARDEN:

Jean R. Ratszaharimanana
C 814-403-7637

INSIDE GUARD:

SK Adam Mann
R 817-694-4351

OUTSIDE GUARD:

Robert E Picha
R 817-598-1819

TRUSTEE 1st YEAR:

SK David A. Yaniko
R 817-441-7960
C 817-688-0301

TRUSTEE 2nd YEAR:

SK Norbert E. Stanislaw
R 817-599-0043
C 817-304-6181

TRUSTEE 3rd YEAR:

SK Joseph Wright
R 817-599-4799
C 817-723-9140

LECTURER:

SK Robert Tracey
R 817-596-8545
C 817-613-7680



Grand Knight's Report:

Brothers,

July has come and gone quickly! While it was a rather slow month in terms of activities, we did hold a Patriotic Rosary and Corporate Communion. I wish to thank all who participated in both events, especially our 4th degree brothers who, despite it being in the upper 90's, dressed in regalia for the presentation of colors for the Patriotic Rosary!

August is now here and that leaves just two and a half months to go until our annual Golf Tournament. Brothers, as you know, this is our biggest fund raiser of the year. That being said, we are ramping up our efforts to make this year's golf tournament a success. Brother Ray Carr is working very hard and needs our help and support. There are many ways to help. Brother Ray sent out letters asking you to consider being a hole sponsor. Several Brothers have already answered his call, and we are very thankful for their support. Please consider being a hole sponsor. Another way to support our golf tournament, is to get hole sponsors and door prizes. Again, most businesses and professionals such as lawyers, doctors, etc., are generally open to donating to worthy causes such as our golf tournament, but WE HAVE TO ASK THEM! For this tournament to be a success, it takes the effort of every knight, not just a few! Let's get out there and spread the word and get donations!

Please mark the date Friday, August 11th. We will be having a Knights happy hour at the clubhouse starting at 6:00 PM. This event is also open to the ladies as well. Brother Newt is going to bring his big grill and cook up some delicious appetizers just like the last happy hour. We will also have a slushy machine for Margarita's and wine. Please bring the beverage of your choice to this event.

Our next business meeting will be on August 8th. The rosary will begin at 7:15 with the meeting to follow. Please plan to attend the meeting and find out how you may get involved with our golf tournament.

God Bless you and your families,

Dave Straka, Grand Knight





Business Meeting 13 Jun 2017

❖ Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Grand Knight Dave Straka

❖ Roll Call: (P)resent, (E)xcluded, (A)bsent

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| ❖ Chaplain (Fr. Mike O'Sullivan) | (E) | ❖ Advocate (Lawrence Bierschenk) | (E) |
| ❖ Grand Knight (Dave Straka) | (P) | ❖ Warden (Charles Hill) | (A) |
| ❖ Deputy Grand Knight (Ray Carr) | (E) | ❖ Inside Guard (Robert Picha) | (P) |
| ❖ Chancellor (Francis Rotering) | (P) | ❖ Outside Guard (Leonard Wright) | (P) |
| ❖ Recorder (Matt Casey) | (P) | ❖ Trustee 3rd Year (David Yaniko) | (P) |
| ❖ Financial Secretary (John Achtyl) | (P) | ❖ Trustee 2nd Year (Joe Wright) | (P) |
| ❖ Treasurer (Derrick Rice) | (P) | ❖ Trustee 1st Year (Stan Stanislav) | (P) |
| ❖ Lecturer (Robert Tracey) | (P) | | |

❖ Chaplain Report:

➢ N/A

❖ Minutes of Previous Meeting were:

➢ Approved as published.

❖ Membership Report:

➢ 2 transferees requesting to come in: Dr. Mark Langevin, DVM, transferring in from Dumas, Tx., and Dr. Cody Palmer, DPT, transferring in from Hurst, TX. Stan made motion to accept, Bill Robinson 2nd, motion approved.

❖ Grand Knight Report:

- This is the start of our fraternal year; the first meeting of the new year. GK is very proud of all of the work that we've accomplished last year. We did some pretty neat things, some things were the 1st time in our council's history that we've done; we held a Major Degree (all-in-one), raised over \$14k for the Hike for Life, and we're starting to do some more new things. Reaching out and working in and serving the community as well. Hope you will join in and be willing to work as well.
- Didn't make Star Council last fraternal year, maybe we can this year. Met membership quotas but not regarding the insurance. Hope we can make it this year. Need 11 new members and 4 new insurance investors.
- Patriotic Rosary on Tues 18 July at 7pm at the Chapel. It's a really nice ceremony where we pray for everybody in each state. There's a sign-up sheet going around.
- Is there any interest in going to the Rangers -vs- Mariners game? If we can get enough people to go, we can get tickets for somewhere around \$15 to \$20. If you're interested let the GK know; either call or send an email.
- Thanks to all who cooked for VBS. There was a lot of work to do but everyone did a great job and thank you very much.
- Thanks to all who helped with setting up before and cleaning up after the installation dinner.
- Thanks to all who helped with the Corpus Christi procession, those who stood guard, controlled traffic, and otherwise participated in some way. Your hard work is appreciated.

❖ Treasurer's Report was:

➢ None.

❖ Communications:

- Received a card from Sheila Carr: "Thank you so much for the generous donation to the Alzheimer's Association in my father's name - Jerry Alexander. Your prayers and many cards were so appreciated."
- Received a card from the Humphrey's and Boukaless families: "Thank you so very much for all you do! The world is a better place because of the Knights! Thank you for making my dad's funeral beautiful and now my mother's. We are in your debt."
- Received a card from REACT: "Thank you for your continued generous support to REACT. We are gratified that you believe in our work. Thank you for your trust in us."
- Received a card from the Totus TUUS Team that supported VBS: "You guys know how to do an amazing cook out! Thank you for providing lunch for the kids and the team! It was fantastic! Thank you for supporting this delightful program!"
- Received a letter dated 9 June from the Pallottine Fathers: "We gratefully acknowledge your donation of \$10,100.00 from the Caring Cans to the Irish Pallottine Fathers."

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- Received a letter dated 20 June from the Pallottine Fathers: "We gratefully acknowledge your donation of \$683.77 from the Caring Cans to the Irish Pallottine Fathers."
- ❖ Financial Secretary's Report:
 - Got a bill from Supreme to cover our Catholic Advertising Fund \$73, Culture of Life \$130, Per Capita \$255.50 – credit of \$93.25 – balance \$162.25, total bill \$365.25. Financial Secretary to cut check to pay the bill.
 - All reports that are due are in therefore we are in good standing with Supreme; starting from scratch for the new year.
- ❖ Auditors' and Trustees' Report:
 - Audit will be on Monday 17 July at 6:00 pm; all are invited.
- ❖ Chancellor's Report:
 - None.
- ❖ Program Chair Report:
 - Ray Carr briefed us that there is no burrito breakfast in July or Aug; the next one will be in Sept.
 - Johnathan Demma, a seminarian that we support and who was just ordained a deacon, was in this month's North Texas Catholic it includes a good article and there is a video available on their website.
 - We have two new members to be inducted in the Knights. We will try to have a 1st Degree this Sunday afternoon (16 July), 2:00 pm start time, be here by 1:30 pm. Look for an email and please attend if you can, even if you're not on the team. At our last 1st Degree brought in 6 new members and had a great showing.
 - Golf Tournament is Saturday October 14th. Ray passed out a flyer, a sponsorship form, the 2016 List of Door Prizes and Auction Items, and the 2016 Donors List. Though we are still months away from the tournament, now's the time to ask for corporate sponsorship from businesses. Remember that they may need approval from their corporate headquarters and that takes time. It doesn't hurt to ask, they won't shoot you. If they won't hole sponsor, try to get a door prize. Make sure you get the contact information of those who donate so that we can send a thank you letter. Letters to past donors will go out this week asking them to re-up. Will follow up in August. Will have committees for various tasks, i.e. coordinating golf teams. Leonard to head-up the food committee. Need folks to shadow the more experienced leaders so that our council can continue to hold this very successful fund raiser down the road. Regarding collection of merchandise: bring things to the hall at regular meetings. Need folks to man the Par 3 hole (prizes given for closest pin, hole in one). Matt recognized Ray for doing an outstanding job on the flyer. If you need anything, like any of the lists sorted in any manner, contact Ray.
 - Paul and Barb Claffey will be hosting our Council Picnic, again, on Saturday Sep 9th at their Still Water Retreat Center, from 10 am to 2 pm.
- ❖ Old Business
 - None.
- ❖ Unfinished Business:
 - None.
- ❖ New Business:
 - Speaking of the Council Picnic, the GK suggests we donate \$100 to Still Water Retreat to cover cleanup. Stan made motion, Adam 2nd, motion approved.
 - Priest Appreciation Dinner 7 pm, Monday 7 Aug at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Keller, TX. Knights present Bishop with a check for approximately \$200k. Cost is \$30 per person. GK suggests we pay for Father Mike's meal. Dave Yaniko made motion, Joe Wright 2nd, motion approved. GK suggest we also pay for the Deacon(s) and wives meal, as has been our custom. Dave Yaniko made motion, Adam Mann 2nd, motion approved.
 - Need \$100 to sponsor a table for the appreciation dinner as well. Matt made motion, Bill Robinson 2nd, motion approved.
 - Lawrence and Barbara are going. Go through Financial Secretary if you want to go.
 - They will have silent auction and live auction; looking for donations of new merchandise.
- ❖ 4th Degree Report:
 - 4th Degree Knights have been invited to support our patriotic rosary on July 18.
 - Corporate Communion Sunday July 30th at 10:45 am Mass. Wear your social attire (tux).
 - Standing on Monday July 31 Patriotic Rosary at St. Patrick's, downtown Ft. Worth.



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- 4th Degree will be hosting a flag retirement ceremony on Sep 30. Held at Lawrence and Barbara's home.
- Saturday Oct 7 4th degree exemplification Hurst area, let John Achtyl know if you want to be a 4th Degree.

❖ District Deputy Report:

- District Deputy Jerry Austin, echoed GK: this is beginning of the new year. Great job last year! We worked hard and well as a team. We need 11 new members & 4 new insurance members to make the goal of Star council. We can and will do it! DD Jerry Austin was reinstalled as DD, looking forward to working with us, again. Regarding insurance, Chris Stark, can use him to help recruit and sell insurance.
- Jul 22nd, major degree in Gainesville.
- Next Western Metroplex Chapter meeting at Good Shepherd in Colleyville the last Wednesday of the month.
- Diocesan Conference on Saturday Jul 29, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Keller, TX at 9 am. For GK, DGK, and Financial Secretary, but anybody is welcome to go.

❖ Member's under ill or duress.

- See prayer intention sheet.

❖ Good of the order by the Lecturer:

- None.

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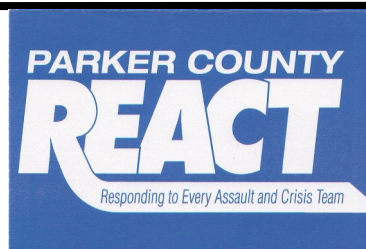
Meeting closed at 8:30 PM by Dave Straka



Dear KofC,
Thank you so very much for all you do
The world is a better place because of the
Knights!
Thank you for making my dad's
funeral beautiful and for my mother.
We are in your debt
The Humphreys +
Baskies Families



To our KofC Family -
Thank you so much for the
generous donation to the
Alzheimer's Association in my
father's name - Jerry Alexander.
Your prayers and many cards
were so appreciated - Sheila
Carr



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Rutlin
Daniel
Polovich
Shelley

Dear Knights of Columbus,
you guys know how to do an
amazing cook out! Thank you for
providing lunch for the kids and
the team! It was fantastic!
Thank you for supporting this
delightful program.

Thank you,
Mariana, Shelley, Tim, Daniel,



June 9, 2017

Knights of Columbus
Holy Spirit Council #7264
1802 Bethel Rd.
Weatherford, TX 76086

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Sincerely,

Fr. Noel O'Connor SCA

Fr. Noel O'Connor, SCA
Mission Director



June 20, 2017

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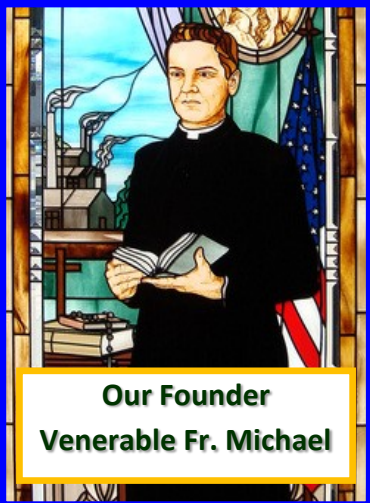
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Did You Know?

The **Knights of Columbus** is the world's largest [Catholic fraternal service organization](#). Founded by Father [Michael J. McGivney](#) in [New Haven, Connecticut](#), in 1882, it was named in honor of the [mariner Christopher Columbus](#). Originally serving as a [mutual benefit society](#) to working class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, it developed into a fraternal benefit society dedicated to providing charitable services, promoting [Catholic education](#) and Catholic public policy positions, and actively defending [Catholicism](#) in various nations. ^{[1][2][3]}



There are 1,918,122 members^[4] in nearly 15,000 councils,^[5] with 302 councils on college campuses.^[4] Membership is limited to "practical"^[6] Catholic men aged 18 or older. Membership consists of four different degrees, each exemplifying a different principle of the Order. The Order is a member of the [International Alliance of Catholic Knights](#).^[7]



Councils have been chartered in the United States (including the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam), Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Po- Republic, Panama, Guatemala, South uania, and on U.S. the world.^[8] The organization, [Squires](#), has over 5,000 circles and the Order's patriotic arm, the Fourth Degree, has more than 2,500 assemblies.^[9]



For their support for the Church and local communities, as well as for their philanthropic efforts, [Pope John Paul II](#) referred to the Order as a "strong right arm of the

Church."^[10] In 2015, the Order gave over US\$175 million directly to charity and performed over 73.5 million [man-hours](#) of voluntary service.^[11] Over 413,000 US pints (195,000 l; 344,000 imp pt) of blood



were donated in 2010.^[12]

The Order's insurance program has more than 2 million insurance contracts, totaling more than US\$100 billion of [life insurance](#) in force. This is backed up by \$21 billion in assets as of 2014.^[5] Within the United States on the national and state level, the Order is active in the political arena lobbying for laws and positions that uphold the Catholic Church's positions on public policy and social issues.



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knights_of_Columbus#cite_note-ReferenceA-4

Links to other Publications



Remember to visit our Council Website:
kofc7264.org

Prayer for Vocations

Father, you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.

Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this in Jesus name.

Amen.

Upcoming Events:

Aug 11th @ 6:00 pm

7264 Knights Social Clubhouse

Sep 18th @ 6:30 am

Burrito Breakfast



Upcoming Meetings:

Aug 8th @ 7:15 pm

Business Meeting

Aug 22nd @ 7:00 pm

Planning Meeting

Sep 12th @ 7:15 pm

Business Meeting

Please send inputs and/or suggestions for the newsletter to:

Matt.Casey.7264@gmail.com

Share the gift of Knighthood and invite your family, friends and Church neighbors to join.

Prayer Intentions

(from last Business Meeting)

Jerry Austin, Sr.
Betty Young
Helen Wright
Felix Picha
Barbara Bierschenk
Martha Casey
Gene Anastas

Rest In Peace:

Carol Austin
Violet Verstraete
Joe Bayer
Debra Yaniko Dupont
Jimmy Dixon
John Young
Andy Blanchard
Margie Hitner
Ronnie Bierschenk
Jerry Alexander
Joe Messa
Robert Casey
Don Casey



Helen Katherine Wright

Helen Katherine Wright, 92, of Weatherford passed away Wednesday, August 2, 2017. Funeral service: 10 a.m, Saturday, August 5, 2017 at St. Stephens Catholic Church, 1802 Bethel Road in Weatherford, interment immediately following in Willow Springs Cemetery. Visitation: 6-8 p.m, Friday evening at Galbreath Pickard Funeral Chapel with a Rosary at 7 p.m. Helen was born June 16, 1925 in Lindsay, Texas to Joe and Matilda Koelzer Bierschenk. She was a homemaker while raising seven children, went to work in the cafeteria at Weatherford High School and retired as Manager after 20 years. Helen was a faithful member of St. Stephens Catholic Church. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, crocheting and quilting. Helen is preceded in death by her parents, husband of 65 years, J.W. Wright; daughter, Mary Martin and a son, Pat Wright. She leaves behind her children, Barbara Davis of Garland, Joseph Wright and wife Linda, Leonard Wright and wife Murielle of Weatherford, David Wright and wife Lois of Weatherford and Robert Wright and wife Molly of Arlington; sisters, Deloris Gremminger of Lewisville and Louise Neu of Chico; brother, Lawrence Bierschenk and wife Barbara of Weatherford; sisters in law, Eva Mae Williams and Mae Bierschenk both of Weatherford; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Holland Lake Nursing Center, for the excellent care they provided.

Eternal Rest Grant onto Her O'Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her. May Her Soul and the Souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen"



| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------------|-----|--|
| 30 CORPORATE COMMUNION MASS | 31 <i>August</i> | 1 Supreme Convention | 2 Supreme Convention | 3 Supreme Convention | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 22nd Annual Religious Appreciation Dinner | 8 Business Meeting & Rosary  | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Father McGivney's Birthday |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Assumption Day | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Planning Meeting  | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting | 31 | 1 | 2 Fort Worth Police and Fire Memorial Run |

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| <i>August Birthdays</i> | 1 - Michael Ruffin 3 - Wolfgang Kunath 5 - Michael Hernandez 6 - Earl Mendenhall | 8 - Gaston Anastas 8 - Milferd De Fosse 10 - Leonard Wright 12 - Joe Delgado | 12 - Robert Picha 15 - Kenneth Harmon 18 - Francisco Landaverde 20 - Bernardo Ortiz | 21 - Austin Lay 21 - Steven Metzler 22 - David Stockman 22 - James Nowak | 24 - Ernest De La Rosa Jr 24 - Joseph Lujan 25 - William Robinson 27 - John Ornelas |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting | 31 | 1 | 2 Fort Worth Police and Fire Memorial Run |
| 3 | 4 Labor Day | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Special Olympics - Softball Competition Family Picnic |
| 10 Burrito Breakfast  | 11 Patriot Day 13th Annual Ric Hoff Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament | 12 Business Meeting & Rosary  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Special Olympics - Golf Competition |
| 17 20th Annual Ray Geisler Charity Golf Tournament First Degree Ceremony in Granbury [Host: 9748] | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Planning Meeting  | 27 Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting Forty Days for Life Kickoff Event | 28 | 29 | 30 Council 7736 Golf Tournament |

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| <i>Sep Birthdays</i> | 6 - J. Greg Pilkington 8 - Francis Henry Rotering 8 - Horace A Romero 8 - Ramiro Casas | 9 - Jack R Bell 12 - William Joseph Kelly, Jr 17 - Thomas Randall Collins 19 - Scott J Ruffin | 19 - SK Peter G Henz, IV 23 - SK Robert C Tracey 28 - Joseph W Teel, Jr 29 - Steven T Barmore | 18 - Tom Keis 21 - David Straka 24 - Mike Miller 28 - Ricky Maitlen | 30 - Martin J Ivey |
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