

Knighly News

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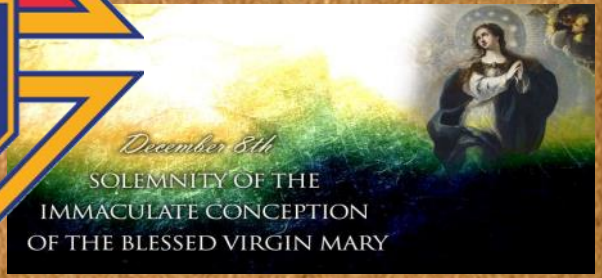
Weatherford, Texas

December 2017

15 Dec Christmas Paryty

6:30—9:00 pm

After Party to Follow





GRAND KNIGHT:

SK David J. Straka
C 682-239-7460

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:

SK Ray Carr
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 817-599-4799
C 817-723-9140

TRUSTEE 3rd YEAR:

SK Joseph Wright
R 817-599-0043
C 817-304-6181

LECTURER:

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



Grand Knight's Report:

Brothers,

I trust you all had a happy Thanksgiving and you survived Black Friday and Cyber Monday; that is if you dared go out. Now that November is over, it's time to prepare for the beginning of the Advent Season which begins on Sunday, December 3rd. Advent is the time of year to prepare yourself for the birth of our savior, Jesus. A good way to prepare during the Advent season is to read daily meditations either alone or with your family. If you don't already have a family tradition for Advent, consider starting one with an Advent Wreath or stopping by the Church gift shop which offers a variety of aids to make this Advent season of preparation more special.

We had a good turnout for the Tootsie Roll Drive. Thanks to all who pounded the pavement and braved the wind to help make this fundraiser a success. We raised over \$2,500 in just 3 hours' time! In addition to our regular intersections, this year we posted Knights at the two main entrances to Wal-Mart and they did very well. Not only was it a great source of revenue, but it also allowed other Knights to participate that otherwise couldn't work the intersections.

December is going to be a busy month. The Weatherford Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 2nd. We need Knights to set up the float and to pass out the candy canes with the Story of Christmas attached. Please meet at the clubhouse at 8:00 am.

We have a number of new candidates waiting to join our ranks so we are planning a 1st Degree Ceremony on Sunday, December 3rd, at 1:30 pm in the clubhouse. With your attendance, you make this ceremony more meaningful for the candidates.

On Friday, December 8th, we visit the residents at Weatherford Health Care. We will meet at the clubhouse at 12 noon to pack up the gifts for the residents, go for lunch together, and then meet at WHC at 2:00.

Our next Burrito Breakfast is on Sunday December 10th. Please consider supporting this event. It is a good time to get together as brothers and share in fellowship as well as an opportunity to see and meet other parishioners.

Our Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 15th at the clubhouse. Social hour starts at 6:30 pm and dinner is served at 7:00 pm. Parishioner and fellow Knight Mike Hernandez will be catering the meal. Most of the times we get together it is to work for some worthy cause. On this occasion, we get together just to relax, visit with each other, and have a good time. Please RSVP to me, John Achtyl, or Ray Carr no later than December 8th. On Saturday, December 16, we will meet at the clubhouse to decorate in anticipation of Santa Claus arriving on Sunday, December 17th. Please be at the clubhouse on Saturday at 8:00 am and on Sunday at 1:00 pm.

God bless you and your families and Merry Christmas,

Dave Straka





Business Meeting: 14 November 2017

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

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

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

❖ Chaplain Report:

➤ N/A

❖ Minutes of Previous Meeting were:

➤ Approved as published.

❖ Membership Report:

- Seth Coulombe, applied for transfer in from Granbury, sponsored by Leonard Wright. Matt Casey made motion to accept, Bob Tracey 2nd, motion approved.
- Victor Molter III, new member candidate, sponsored by Leonard Wright. Derrick Rice made motion to accept, Joe Wright 2nd, motion approved.
- Inocencio Aquino, the painter, new member candidate, sponsored by Tony De la Garza. Hector made motion to accept, Larry Sprankle 2nd, motion approved.
- Need a 1st Degree. Matt to talk to Ray. Proposed this Dec 3rd.

❖ Grand Knight Report:

- Thanks to all who made the golf tournament the success that it was, regardless of your contribution. Special thanks to Ray Carr for taking on the responsibility of being the chairperson for this event.
- This Saturday is our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive. We have several intersections that we man. Will need 4 people to go to Walmart. Each person that shows brings in about \$200 to \$250 per person that volunteers. The more people we get the more we can raise to give to other charities and for our own causes. It’s our 2nd biggest fund raiser of the year. Lawrence suggests members invite their Knight friends who aren’t at the meeting. Stan suggests daily emails to remind folks. John Actyl took action item to send daily emails.
- Thanks to all who showed up for the patriotic rosary. Turnout was horrible. Only had 8 brother Knights. 11 total. If we aren’t going to support this how can we expect others to join in.
- Corporate Communion, thanks to all who showed up. Unfortunately it didn’t go off.
- Thanks to all who participated in the last burrito breakfast.

❖ Treasurer’s Report was:

➤ Read and approved.

❖ Communications:

- Thank you card from Freedom House.
- Thank you card from Grace House.
- Thank you card from Kolbe Prison Ministry.
- Thank you card from Thomas Jones.

❖ Financial Secretary’s Report:

- Brother Joseph Gerlich has now become an honorary life member.
- Brother James Langevin has now become an honorary life member.



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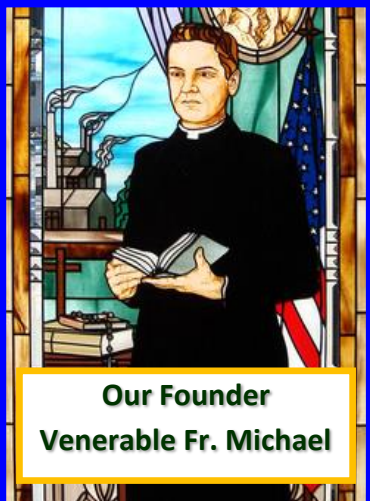
- Robert Tracey has 60 years as a Knight! He was warmly applauded by all members present.
- ❖ Auditors' and Trustees' Report:
 - None.
- ❖ Chancellor's Report:
 - None.
- ❖ Program Chair Report:
 - We have several important dates, a couple of them moved:
 - Christmas Parade Dec 2nd. Showtime 8am to prepare the float.
 - Nursing Home will be done on Dec 8th instead of the 15th, from 2-4pm. Meet at club house at noon.
 - Burrito Breakfast on the 10th. Joe needs help cooking after the 5:30 Mass the Saturday before the burrito breakfast. In this case Dec 9th. Matt Casey, Mark L, and others.
 - Christmas Party is moved from the 8th to the 15th, 6:30 happy hour, 7 pm start serving food.
 - No planning meeting for November.
 - Dec 17th kids visit with Santa from 2-4 pm at the club house. Tim Aziere to be Santa. John Actyl reports that we enough crayons and coffee. Dave to pick up cake. Meet at 1:30.
- ❖ Old Business
 - None.
- ❖ Unfinished Business:
 - None.
- ❖ New Business:
 - Having difficulty finding a caterer for our Christmas Party. Mike Hernandez to provide meal for \$11 per plate: roast Beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, salad, sweet and unsweet tea. Bob Tracey made motion, Derrick Rice 2nd, motion approved.
 - Need motion to buy 2 sheet cakes, coffee, and decorations about \$150. Bob Tracey made motion, Jean R. 2nd, motion approved.
 - The float needs work. Lawrence suggests coordinating with Gabriel and Father Mike.
- ❖ 4th Degree Report:
 - Each year the 4th Degree attends the memorial presentation 10 am, Thanksgiving Morning, Carmelite, chalice given to new priest. Everyone is invited.
- ❖ District Deputy Report:
 - None.
- ❖ Member's under ill or duress.
 - See prayer intention sheet.
- ❖ Good of the order by the Lecturer:
 - Veteran's Day Celebration at Nolan High School. They had about 60 veterans. They held a Mass. Introduced a veteran 102 years old, Santiago Diaz.
 - Priest Bernard Francis Casey. 6th child of 10 children. Raised on a farm. In 1891 began studies as a priest. Died at the age of 86.

Meeting closed at 8:30 PM by Dave Straka

Emergency Business Meeting: 3 December 2017

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Grand Knight Dave Straka
- ❖ Emergency Business Meeting was held at 2:00 pm on 3 Dec 2017. Mark Schabow's application was presented to the council for approval. Lawrence Bierschenk made motion to accept, Chuck Schabow 2nd, motion approved.

Meeting closed at 2:03 PM by Dave Straka



Our Founder
Venerable Fr. Michael

Upcoming Events:

- Dec 8th @ 12:00 pm
Weatherford Health Care
- Dec 10th @ 6:00 am
Burrito Breakfast
- Dec 15th @ 6:30 pm
Christmas Party



Upcoming Meetings:

- Dec 12^h @ 7:15 pm
Business Meeting
- Dec 26th @ 7:00 pm
NO Planning Meeting
- Jan 9th @ 7:15 pm
Business Meeting

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

Matt.Casey.7264@gmail.com

So, Exactly What is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception?

"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." (Pius IX, Ineffabilis Deus, 1854)

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin.

Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, She received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, She is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity, in Her willingness to accept the Plan of God for Her.

Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call, to their own vocation, in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time.

Mary's "Let it be done to me according to Thy Word," in response of the Angel Gabriel's greeting is the response required of all Christians to God's Plan.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill.

"The word of the Lord came to me thus: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." (Jeremiah 1:5-6)

[To read more follow this link.](#)

Weatherford 9th Annual Hike for Life

Sponsored by St. Stephen Catholic Church - Knights of Columbus and Youth Group

January 27, 2018, 1:00 Registration, 1:30 Program, 2:00 Hike Begins, 3:00 Hot Dogs and Refreshments

The Hike will raise money for our local pro-life Crisis Pregnancy Center, Grace House. The Hike is also a peaceful way to defend the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural end.

Donors and hikers can go to the website at:

www.hikeforlifetexas.com

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.



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 <i>December</i>	27	28 Planning Meeting	29 Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting	30	1 Silver Rose Leaves Fort Worth Diocese Texas State Council Midyear Meeting	2 WFD Christmas Parade Texas State Council Midyear Meeting
3 1st Sunday of Advent Texas State Council Midyear Meeting 	4	5	6	7	8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Nursing Home	9
10 Burrito Breakfast 	11	12 Business Meeting & Rosary 	13	14	15 Christmas Party 	16
17 Parish Children Visit Santa 	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29	30

<i>December Birthdays</i>	1 - Robert A Fronk, Jr	3 - Alton J Nini, Jr	11 - Joseph Allen Broesche	16 - SK Eusebio Uribe	27 - Charles A Clark
	3 - James T Albrikes	10 - SK Gary D Huddleston	12 - David F Kerr	25 - Deacon Jesus E Cardenas	30 - Brian J Smith

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>January</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Business Meeting & Rosary 	10	11	12	13 Fort Worth Diocesan Conference
14 Burrito Breakfast 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Planning Meeting 	24	25	26	27 Hike for Life 13th Annual Wild Game Dinner
28	29	30	31 Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting	1	2	3

<i>Jan Birthdays</i>	2 - Daniel L Martin	11 - SK Joseph L Wright	23 - Paul J Claffey	28 - Dr Mark J Langevin
	4 - SK John G Pilkington	13 - Scott A Smith	23 - Sean A Vandercook	31 - SK David A Yaniko
	5 - Mark Wood	16 - James E Gieb	24 - Douglas Cormier	
	6 - Christopher B Newton	19 - Andrew M Allen	24 - Antonio P De La Garza	

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



September 14, 2017
Receipt # Safari 2017-0001

Dear Knights of Columbus,

On behalf of the Freedom House's Board of Directors and Staff, thank you for being a Giraffe sponsor of our 16th Annual Garden Safari. Your generosity is providing safety and healing for victims in Parker County. Ending Violence, especially family and sexual violence, is a task that needs the attention of all of us. Your support will enable many more families to find safety and hope.

We greatly appreciate your generosity and your continued support.



Glén Wilson
Glén Wilson
President

Amy Mercer
Amy Mercer, 2017-Safari Chairperson



Knights of Columbus,

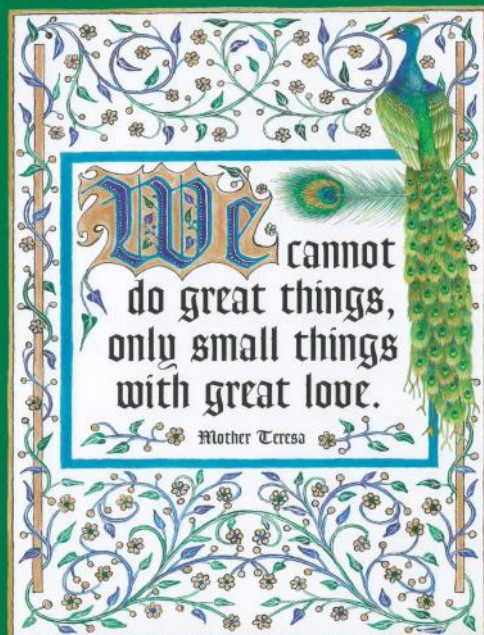
Thank you for gathering with Grace House ministries at our annual event & for your generosity in being a sponsor for the evening! We hope you enjoyed hearing Abby's incredible story of redemption & the behind-the-scenes look at Grace House ministries as shared by our staff. With your help, over \$75,000 was raised for the work the LORD is doing through the ministry. Thank you for your partnership!

Sincerely, The Grace House Ministries Team

Thank You

Thank you for your support, financially and spiritually. I'm always amazed by how some things like signitures on a card can bring ~~into~~ perspective that we're not on this alone. Perhaps one day I will return the blessing that you all have been to me.

John



Dear Brother Knights,
I want to thank you for your generous support of the Kolbe Prison Ministry. Your donation provided a delicious meal for 60 Brothers-in-White and 40 volunteers at the Kolbe Catholic Prison Retreat at the Ester unit in Venus, TX Sept 15-17, 2017. I wish you could have seen the love and excitement of those men who came to hear the "Word" and also found the fullness of truth of the Catholic faith. This was truly a holy experience.

As a sign of God's work there were 21 non-Catholics who signed up for RCIA classes after the Retreat!

Your thoughtfulness has meant so much!

God is good ALL the time!
ALL the time God is Good!

May God Bless You,
Paul/Bry

Kolbe Prison Ministry