

Knighly News

Holy Sprilt Council 7264



Weatherford, Texas

February 2018





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Grand Knight's Report:

Brothers,

Wow! What a First Degree Ceremony we had on 28 Jan. 15 new members went through the exemplification process to become Knights, 12 of which are from our own St. Stephen Church. I'd like to welcome our new members; congratulations on taking this first step. We also had very good attendance by our current Knights that came to witness the ceremonials. Thanks to our First Degree team who did an excellent job, and thanks to our brother Knights who showed their support by their attendance. For our new members: this Tuesday 13 February is our next business meeting with the rosary starting at 7:15 pm and the

meeting at 7:30 pm.

In January, we held the 9th Annual Hike for Life that we co-sponsor along with the Youth Group of St. Stephen and Grace House Ministries. There was a great turn out of many hikers. There was also a great turn out of Knights that assisted with traffic control as well as many Knights that helped serve food and refreshments after the hike. Thanks to all Knights who supported this event. A special thank you goes out to Leonard Wright for cooking the hot dogs.

On 6 February, Deputy Grand Knight Ray Carr, Financial Secretary John Achtyl, Recorder Secretary Matt Casey, and myself delivered 3 wheelchairs to the Weatherford Nursing Home. They were very appreciative for these gifts and it will certainly benefit the citizens of the nursing home. Matt Casey submitted an article about our visit to the Weatherford Democrat which made the front-page news on 8 February. It also made it as the "Editor's Pick" and "Featured" on the Weatherford Democrat webpage. Great job on the article Matt, and equally important brothers, great job to all of you for your hard work. This is what the Knights are all about - CHARITY!

On Saturday, 17 February, is the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Casino Night fund raiser. They are looking for volunteers to deal black jack from 6-9pm. The Citizen Police Academy Alumni support our activities including our fundraising golf tournament by providing refreshments for golfers, and they assist us with our Hike for Life by providing traffic safety. It is only proper that we would support their fundraiser as well. Please contact Deputy Grand Knight Ray Carr for more information.



We have a Patriotic Rosary coming up at 7 pm on 20 February at the Chapel. I invite you to attend this event. Let's see if we can get more participation than we did at the last one.

God bless you and your families,

Dave Straka



Brother Knights,

The Weatherford Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association will be holding their annual Casino Night fundraiser on Saturday, February 17th at 6pm at the Senior Center on Holland Lake Drive. For the past several years, some of our council members have volunteered as Black Jack dealers at this event, and we're looking to do so again this year.

If you would like to volunteer to be a Black Jack dealer this year, please let me know by Tuesday, February 13th. Volunteers are asked to arrive around 5pm to enjoy some pizza and get all the tables setup. The actual "gambling" runs from 6-9pm, followed by raffle drawings for all the donated prizes. It really is a very fun evening.

Here is a link to their website: <http://www.weatherfordcitizenpolice.org/index.php/casino-2018>

Again, please let me know if you'd like to volunteer this year, or if you have any questions. Thanks!

Deputy Grand Knight Ray Carr
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Business Meeting: 9 January 2018

❖ 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 Ratszaharimanana) (P) |
| ❖ Deputy Grand Knight (Ray Carr) (P) | ❖ Inside Guard (Adam Mann) (E) |
| ❖ Chancellor (Leonard Wright) (E) | ❖ Outside Guard (Robert Picha) (E) |
| ❖ Recorder (Matt Casey) (P) | ❖ Trustee 3rd Year (Joe Wright) (P) |
| ❖ Financial Secretary (John Achtyl) (P) | ❖ Trustee 2nd Year (Stan Stanislav) (E) |
| ❖ Treasurer (Derrick Rice) (P) | ❖ Trustee 1st Year (David Yaniko) (P) |
| ❖ Lecturer (Robert Tracey) (E) | |

❖ Chaplain Report:

➢ N/A

❖ Minutes of Previous Meeting were:

➢ Approved as published.

❖ Membership Report:

➢ None.

❖ Grand Knight Report:

- First, Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very nice, pleasant, and restful holiday.
- Sunday 14 January, we were scheduled to have a burrito breakfast but the kitchen is being remodeled. Much discussion ensued about how we want to proceed. Dave Straka will get 5 dozen chocolate and 5 dozen glazed, Robert will get 480 pigs-n-blankets from COSTCO, Ray Carr to bring 3 cases of water for coffee, Joe Wright to get juice and cups. Need to be at Holy Spirit Center on Sunday at 7 am.
- Patriotic Rosary is scheduled for 16 Jan. Because the November patriotic rosary was so poorly attended, the suggestion was made to push it off until Tuesday 20 February, 7 pm, at the Chapel, to allow for more planning. The idea was accepted.
- Hike for Life show time for the Knights is 1 pm on Saturday 27 January. Registration starts at 1 pm, program starts at 1:30, step off is at 2 pm. Need Knights to serve as road guards and help serve refreshments.
- Corporate Communion 8 am Sunday 28 Jan.



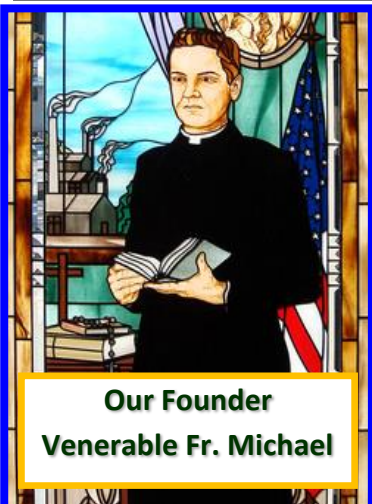
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- ❖ Treasurer’s Report was:
 - Approved as published.
- ❖ Communications:
 - Received thank you card from the Pallottine Missions.
- ❖ Financial Secretary’s Report:
 - 66 members have paid dues, 2nd notices will be going out to the 71 who still haven’t paid. Please pay your dues.
 - We’re in good standing with Supreme. Have 3 reports that are due by the end of the month to Supreme and to State. They are being worked on and will be submitted on time.
- ❖ Auditors’ and Trustees’ Report:
 - The budget for Charities is in work. Will have something ready in time for the planning meeting for discussion. Any recommendations must be received before the January Planning Meeting. Recorder Secretary Matt Casey will put out an email with the recommendations. Will vote on budget at the Feb Business meeting.
- ❖ Chancellor’s Report:
 - None.
- ❖ Program Chair Report:
 - None.
- ❖ Old Business
 - None.
- ❖ Unfinished Business:
 - None.
- ❖ New Business:
 - None.
- ❖ 4th Degree Report:
 - None.
- ❖ Field Agent Report:
 - Recruiting drive is scheduled for Sunday 14 Jan at St. Stephen Catholic Church, in conjunction with our Burrito Breakfast. Field Agent Eddie Patterson has 6 insurance agents, plus our General Agent, lined up to come and support the membership drive. Will do a pulpit announcement, ask current members to where Knights shirts and badges if you have one, so that when current Knights are asked to stand up they can be recognized. Planning on doing at least the 8 am and 10:45 am Masses. Depending on it goes, will probably stick around for the 12:30 pm Mass. A Spanish speaking agent will be present as well. These drives have always been successful so we are expecting similar results. We’re half way through the KofC fiscal year, so we need to catch up a little bit.
 - Field Agent glad to report that after looking like the Knights weren’t going to reach their insurance goals, that the Knights are at \$109 billion for 17th straight year of growth. That’s up \$4 billion from last year. Thank you for your support.
- ❖ District Deputy Report:
 - There is a diocesan meeting this Saturday at Saint Andrew Diocesan Winter Conference, from 8 am - Noon, review past 1st half and look forward to remaining half. It is important because the new “e application” for Knighthood will be discussed. At least the Financial Secretary and Grand Knight should be present. We’re going to electronic membership.
- ❖ Members that are ill or under duress.
 - See prayer intention sheet.
 - Tom Kohoutek passed away. He left our council in 2001.
 - Please keep District Deputy Jerry Austin and his dad in your prayers, they have both been ill.
 - Please keep Chris Hummel, Citizen Patrol member, and his family in your prayers. Just before Christmas his daughter had a baby who needed heart surgery at 3 days old, had a hole in his heart and needed surgery. During surgery, they nicked his lung and caused complications. He is doing well at this point, but please keep them in your prayers. If you see Chris, let him know



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Our Founder
Venerable Fr. Michael

Upcoming Events:

- Feb 11th @ 6:00 am**
Burrito Breakfast
- Feb 13th @ 5:00 pm**
Casino Night @ the Senior Center (Holland Lake Dr.)
- Feb 17th @ Noon**
Diocesan Free Throw Contest



Upcoming Meetings:

- Feb 13th @ 7:15 pm**
Business Meeting
- Feb 27th @ 7:00 pm**
Planning Meeting
- Mar 13th @ 7:15 pm**
Business Meeting

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

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So, Exactly What is Fat Tuesday and what does it have to do with Lent?

(from "Catholic Straight Answers")

While we are familiar with Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent, we should also remember "Shrovetide," the preceding week. Shrovetide is the English equivalent for "carnivale," which is derived from the Latin words *carnem levare*, meaning "to take away the flesh" or *carne valle*, "farewell to meat." In Germany, this period is called "Fasching," and in parts of the United States, particularly Louisiana, Mardi gras (in French, "fat Tuesday"). While these days were seen as the last chance for merriment, and unfortunately sometimes taken to the excess, Shrovetide was the time to cast off things of the flesh and to prepare spiritually for Lent.

The English term provides the best meaning for this period. "To shrive" meant to hear confessions. In the Anglo-Saxon "Ecclesiastical Institutes" (c AD 1000), during Shrovetide, the faithful were urged to confess their sins and receive absolution, i.e., be shriven, and then do penances, which would last into Lent. To motivate the people, special plays or masques were performed which portrayed the passion of Our Lord or final judgment.

Shrovetide also condoned the partaking of pleasures from which a person would abstain during Lent. Shrove Tuesday had a special significance in England. Families prepared and ate pancakes so they could deplete their eggs, milk, butter, and fat which were part of the Lenten fast. Also, some areas of the church abstained from all forms of meat and animal products, while others made exceptions for food like fish. For example, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604), writing to St. Augustine of Canterbury, issued the following rule: "We abstain from flesh, meat, and from all things that come from flesh, as milk, cheese, and eggs."

For this same reason, Easter was celebrated with decorated eggs (particularly ornamented in Eastern European countries) and fresh sweet breads. Another interesting note surrounding the Easter egg, just as an aside, is that it symbolizes the resurrection: just as a little chick pecks its way out of the egg shell to emerge to new life, so Christ emerged from the tomb to new and everlasting life.

Having completed Shrovetide, Ash Wednesday began the holy season of Lent. The word Lent derives from the Anglo-Saxon words "*lencten*," meaning "spring," and "*lenctentid*," which literally means not only "springtide" but also was the word for "March," the month in which the majority of Lent falls. Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. Like spring, Lent is meant to be a time of renewal and rebirth in the faith. For this reason, making a good confession and receiving absolution were part of the Shrovetide preparation, so that the penances and spiritual exercises during Lent would facilitate a person's renewal. Moreover, the whole church is mindful of those individuals who are preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Since the earliest times of the church, some kind of Lenten preparation for Easter existed. Lent became more regularized after the legalization of Christianity in 313. The Council of Nicea (325), in its disciplinary canons, noted that two provincial synods should be held each year, "one before the 40 days of Lent." St. Athanasius (d. 373), St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386), St. Cyril of Alexandria (d. 444) and Pope St. Leo (d. 461) all mention the 40-day period Lenten preparation. One can safely conclude that by the end of the fourth century, the 40-day period of Easter preparation known as Lent existed, and that prayer and fasting constituted its primary spiritual exercises.

To read more go to this link: <http://catholicstraightanswers.com/fat-tuesday-questions-lent/>

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
28 Admission Degree in Weathreford [Host: 7264]	<i>February</i>		31 Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting	1	2	3 Financial Secretary Training
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Burrito Breakfast 	12	13 Fat Tuesday Business Meeting & Rosary 	14 Ash Wednesday Valentines Day 	15	16	17 Diocesan Free Throw Contest 
18	19 Presidents Day 	20 Patriotic Rosary 	21	22	23	24 Council 7641 Casino Night 
25	26	27 Planning Meeting 	28 Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting	1 Family of the Year Applications DUE! State Service Program Awards Applications DUE! Texas State Council Educational Grant Application DUE!!!	2	3

Feb Birthdays	1 - SK John Walter Achtyl 1 - Inocencio Aquino 2 - Jean R Ratsizaharimanana 3 - Lewis R Brandin	5 - SK Vernon S Greenlee 6 - Reginald L Bouthillier, Sr 6 - SK Raymond J Carr 7 - Richard W Angona	7 - Gerald G Kelly 9 - Victor J Jungman 11 - Frank David Levesque 11 - SK Ronald H Westendorf	12 - David R Cockrell 12 - Craig J Poupore 15 - Kevin R Van Rite 16 - SK James M Langevin	17 - SK Charles F Hill, Jr 19 - SK John N Huff 21 - Robert J Haskell 22 - Johnny A Sosa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 4th Degree Exemplification in Marshall
11 Burrito Breakfast 	12	13 Business Meeting & Rosary 	14	15	16	17 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Palm Sunday 	26	27 Planning Meeting 	28 Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting	29 K of C Founder's Day	30 Good Friday	31

Mar Birthdays	2 - SK Rev. John J Casey 2 - Brian D Lang 6 - SK Neal A Hoelting	12 - Paul F Monk 14 - Mitchell D Cooper 15 - Bruce E O Keefe	19 - Anthony M Lucia 19 - Joseph C Portillo 20 - Irvin Justice	21 - James D Lee 21 - Richard Vasquez 24 - SK Vic A Verstraete	26 - Robert S Klein 29 - Thomas C Tyre 30 - SK Louis A Leal, Jr
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Prayer Intentions

(from last Business Meeting)

Hummel Family

John Kirkpatrick

DD Jerry Austin & Dad

Doug Blair

Dan & Sue Martin

Gene Anastas

Rest In Peace:



John Young

Joe Bayer

Jimmy Dixon

Andy Blanchard

Tom Kohoutek

Judge Debra Yaniko Dupont

Fr. John J. O'Brien

J. W. Wright

Helen Wright

Donald C. Schabow

Joe Meza

Violet Verstraete

Margie Hitner

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we are praying for him. Though he is not a Knight, he is connected to us by all the support the Citizen Patrol gives our council.

- ❖ Good of the order by the Lecturer:
- Everyone needs to update their "Safe Environment" a.k.a. "Safe and Sacred" training. Everything is done on line now, there are no in person classes. Please contact the Church office or Deputy Grand Knight Ray Carr for more information.

Meeting closed at 8:20 PM by Dave Straka

The words Pallottine Fathers comes from St. Vincent's surname, "Pallotti".

St. Vincent Pallotti (1795-1850) was born in Rome, Italy and founded the Society of the Catholic Apostolate over 150 years ago.

He was canonized in the year 1946 by Pope John XXIII. The Society is divided into different provinces throughout the world.

We, the Irish Pallottines, belong to the Province of the Irish Pallottine Fathers, founded in 1909. Presently there are over 2000 priests and brothers with many different groups of sisters. We work in all the continents and in more than 40 countries.

St. Vincent's prayer: "Breathe God in and breathe God out. Find God in everything. Renew God in all. Radiate the presence of God."



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Dear David Date: 12/4/17

The Irish Pallottine Missionary Center thank you for remembering our missions with your most generous donation of \$1,000!

If there is any way we can help you in the future please let us know. You will be remembered in our daily Mass and prayers.

May God continue to bless and protect you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

Please convey my sincere thanks for your gift to our Seminary Fund. God Bless You and Your Family



If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed with life, don't let it take you over. Yes, it can be difficult to reach out for help, but trust me, that once you do, you will feel better and be in a better position to put things back in their proper perspective. Please, pick up the phone and call, or even text, a friend or a hot-line.

You can remain anonymous and there are caring ears on the other ear to listen. They even have a special hot-line for veterans.

Don't wait until it is too late! It's hard, but doesn't hurt to pick up the phone.

Please share this message with someone you know who is having a rough go at it.

Recorder Secretary Matt Casey



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

