

Knighly News

Holy Sprilt Council 7264

Weatherford, Texas

January 2018



**Dec 2017 1st Degree
Holy Spirit Council 7264**



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Grand Knight's Report:

Brothers,

Happy New Year! I pray that all have had a wonderful Christmas season welcoming the birth of our Lord and Savior. I also pray that everyone is having a great start to the new year.

I would like to share an idea with you: It's easy to get lost in the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives. But New Year's gives us the opportunity to not only look forward, but to also review briefly the past; perhaps a chance to see the bigger picture, a chance to ask the question 'what am I doing and what do I want to do differently'? Case and point: 2017 was a difficult year for those affected by the severe storms that hit Texas and surrounding areas as well as Puerto Rico. When tragedies such as this strike we often ask what we can do to help. The answer to that question is a reminder that the very basic tenant of our order is charity. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping

those in need, a call we answer every day. On a large scale the Knights donated millions of dollars to help those affected by those tragedies. On a local scale, this is in large part what we do at our council level on a continual basis not only by holding fundraisers and providing financial support to other organizations that support our goals but also in partaking in other acts of charity that we do throughout the year. If you haven't been active, I implore you to consider becoming so. Not only do you get the satisfaction of knowing that you have made a real difference in someone else's life, but there are other benefits including experiencing the unity and fraternity that being active in our council's activities offer.

In that light, we've had a very busy but fun and great 1st half of our fiscal year. I want to thank everyone for their support in all our activities making them the success that they were. Most recently:

- We had a good turnout for the Weatherford Christmas Parade. Thanks to all who helped put together our float and to those who passed out the message of Christmas candy canes.
- We had a very good 1st Degree Ceremony in early December where we were able to bring in 2 new members!
- There ended up being a good turnout for our visiting of residents at Weatherford Health Care. After loading everything up, a few of us shared fellowship over lunch together, then headed to the WHC where we met up with the rest of the Knight's crew to pass out many gifts of various sorts to all the residents. Thanks to Tim Aziere for being Santa Claus.
- There was a good showing at our December Burrito Breakfast. A special thanks to those that helped cook the night before.
- Also, it was great seeing so many of you at our Christmas Party! Special thanks to fellow parishioner and Knight Mike Hernandez who catered the meal as well as brother Matt Casey who gave an outstanding performance both singing and playing his guitar.
- We had a pretty good turnout of children and their families to visit with Santa. Again, thanks to Tim Aziere for being Santa

As far as upcoming events we have a Burrito Breakfast on Sunday 14 January. Please consider supporting this event. We will not be cooking, as the kitchen is being remodeled, but we will be selling donuts. 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. Also, the Annual Hike for Life is on Saturday 27 January.

The bottom line is this: our council takes to heart the tenants of Knighthood and does many activities throughout the year that afford opportunities to put those tenants into action. Being a Knight gives you direct access to these events and can help you achieve your basic personal goals, especially regarding Charity. I want to express much gratitude for those that have been active in supporting past council events. The bedrock of support that you offer is vital. For those who have been less active I invite and encourage you to strongly consider getting involved.

God bless you and your families and Happy New Year,

Dave Straka



Business Meeting: 12 December 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 Ratszaharimanana) (P) |
| ❑ Deputy Grand Knight (Ray Carr) (P) | ❑ Inside Guard (Adam Mann) (P) |
| ❑ Chancellor (Leonard Wright) (E) | ❑ 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:

➢ None.

❖ Grand Knight Report:

➢ Merry Christmas to everyone!

➢ Thanks to everyone who came out to decorate the float and participated/marched in the parade in support of the Weatherford Christmas Parade. Compared to others our float looked pretty good, ‘should’ve been in the Tournament of Roses parade. It was a little nippy in the morning, but turned out to be a real nice day. It went really well.

➢ On Sunday, we had a first degree. Had two new members. James Molter and Mark Schabow. If you can you should try to come to future 1st Degree ceremonies. We had a few people come. Your presence shows unity and support for the new candidates. The 1st degree team did a really good job, especially Ray Carr who has memorized his entire part.

➢ Friday, we did the Weatherford Health Care, had about 13 guys. Thanks to those that help load up, set up, and helped the residents pick their gifts. Thanks to Brother Tim Aziere for playing Santa Claus. You brightened a lot of people’s day. It was very rewarding day.

➢ Thanks to Brother Joe and Leonard Wright and those that helped cooked Saturday night for the Burrito Breakfast that Sunday.

➢ This Friday starting at 6:30 we have the Christmas Party. Brother Mike Hernandez will be serving the meal. If you haven’t RSVP do so by tomorrow night. 6:30-7:00pm social hour, meal to start at 7:00pm. Meet up here Friday 10am to set-up for the Christmas Party. Robert Pica suggests to use name tags. That idea was well received.

➢ Saturday morning get up here at 9:00am to set up the hall for Santa Day on Sunday. Thanks to Brother Ray for providing Dear Santa Letters. It’s going to be a full weekend. Need support from fellow Knights. We will be providing cake, punch and coffee. Tim Aziere will be playing Santa.

❖ Treasurer’s Report was:

➢ Approved as read.

❖ Communications:

➢ Catholic Charities requesting donations.

❖ Financial Secretary’s Report:

➢ In good standing with Supreme.

➢ We’re at plus 4 for membership, -1 on insurance because one dropped out.

❖ Auditors’ and Trustees’ Report:

➢ Will be conducting an audit by February.

➢ Start planning our Charity Budget. Please submit to the Trustees your suggestions for charities to consider. Lawrence suggests



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the Recorder publishing the list of donor recipients.

❖ Chancellor's Report:

- None.

❖ Program Chair Report:

- None.

❖ Old Business

- None.

❖ Unfinished Business:

- None.

❖ New Business:

- Hike for Life is Jan 27, 2018. Proceeds go to Grace House. Last year we had a \$200 prize for pizza part for the largest youth group. Chuck made motion to donate \$625 to support Hike for Life, Dave Yaniko 2nd, motion approved. Chuck made motion that we donate \$200 for pizza party, Dave Yaniko 2nd, motion approved.
- Stan Stanislav brought up putting an advertisement in the Church Bulletin, costs Jan-Jun. Could put our website on there, could put someone's phone number. Stan made motion that we run an add from Jan-Jun (would only be 1/2 of the annual price), Bob Tracey 2nd, motion approved. Matt to draft several ad proposals. Joe Wright suggests putting it in our budget.
- John Achtyl made motion to Christmas present \$100 to each seminarian and Father Mike.
- Dave Yaniko made motion that we donate \$1000 to Palatines, Joe Wright 2nd, motion approved.

❖ 4th Degree Report:

- None.

❖ Field Agent:

- We need to have a recruitment drive. Bring in agents to do the recruiting. The council would provide snacks. Saturdays don't do well. Typically, we would do it the week before the next business meeting. We only need 7 more guys to meet Star Council. We talked about having a recruitment day on 14 January to coincide with our Burrito Breakfast.

❖ District Deputy Report:

- None.

❖ Member's under ill or duress.

- See prayer intention sheet.

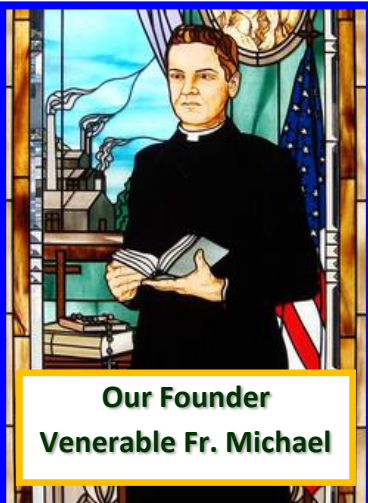
❖ Good of the order by the Lecturer:

- None.



Meeting closed at 8:30 PM by Dave Straka





**Our Founder
Venerable Fr. Michael**

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 14th @ 6:00 am
Burrito Breakfast
- Jan 27th @ 1:00 pm
Hike for Life
- Feb 11^h @ 6:00 am
Burrito Breakfast



Upcoming Meetings:

- Jan 9th @ 7:15 pm
Business Meeting
- Jan 23rd @ 7:00 pm
Planning Meeting
- Feb 13th @ 7:15 pm
Business Meeting

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

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So, Exactly What is the Solemnity of the Epiphany?

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the Magnificat at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (Ceremonial of Bishops). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts. — Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year, Msgr. Peter J. Elliott, Ignatius Press.

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates on the Epiphany is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

The Epiphany is indeed a great Feast, and the joy caused us by the Birth of our Jesus must be renewed on it, for as though it were a second Christmas Day, it shows us our Incarnate God in a new light. It leaves us all the sweetness of the dear Babe of Bethlehem, who hath appeared to us already in love; but to this it adds its own grand manifestation of the divinity of our Jesus. At Christmas it was a few Shepherds that were invited by the Angels to go and recognize THE WORD MADE FLESH; but now, at the Epiphany, the voice of God himself calls the whole world to adore this Jesus, and hear him.

[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
<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	

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31 Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting	1	2	3 Financial Secretary Training
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Burrito Breakfast 	12	13 Business Meeting & Rosary 	14	15	16	17 Diocesan Free Throw Contest
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Planning Meeting 	28 Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting	1 Texas State Council Educational Grant Application DUE!!! Family of the Year Applications DUE! State Service Program Awards Applications DUE!	2	3

<i>Feb Birthdays</i>	1 - SK John Walter Achtyl	6 - Reginald L Bouthillier, Sr	9 - Victor J Jungman	15 - Kevin R Van Rite	21 - Robert J Haskell
	2 - Jean R Ratsizaharimanana	6 - SK Raymond J Carr	11 - Frank David Levesque	16 - SK James M Langevin	22 - Johnny A Sosa
	3 - Lewis R Brandin	7 - Richard W Angona	11 - SK Ronald H Westendorf	17 - SK Charles F Hill, Jr	
	5 - SK Vernon S Greenlee	7 - Gerald G Kelly	12 - Craig J Poupore	19 - SK John N Huff	

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

Prayer Intentions

(from last Business Meet-

Dan Martin

The Mann Family

John Kirkpatrick

Richard Vasquez

Rest In Peace:



John Young

Joe Bayer

Andy Blanchard

Robert Chapman

Patricia Tracey

Felix Picha

Joe and Charlene

Clark

Jimmy Dixon

Judge Debra

Yaniko Dupont

Margie Hitner

Violet Verstraete





**Dec 2017 Christmas Party
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