



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

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Council #7613

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COUNCIL CORNER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2017

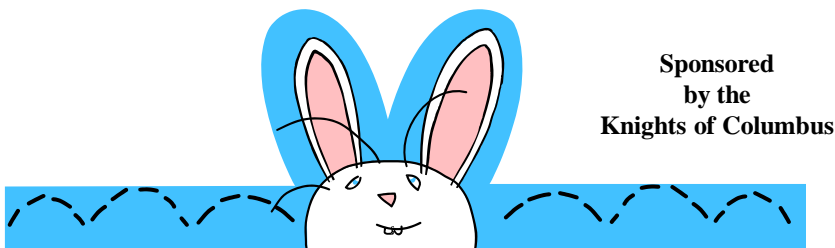
DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
4/01/2017, Sat	Monthly Rosary	4:30 PM Church
4/02/2017, Sun	Squires Meeting	9:00 AM – Christopher Hall
4/05/2017, Wed	CHOC Meeting	7:00 PM – Christopher Hall
4/06/2017, Thurs	Mass & General Meeting	7:00 PM – Christopher Hall
4/07/2017, Fri	Lenten Fish Fry	
4/09/2017, Sun	Palm Sunday	
4/13/2017, Thurs	Holy Thursday	
4/14/2017, Fri	Good Friday	
4/15/2017, Sat	Holy Saturday	
4/15/2017, Sat	Easter Egg Hunt	9:30 AM Church Grounds
4/16/2017, Sun	Easter	
4/19/2017, Wed	Chapter Meeting	Council 7386 at St Thomas More on 4411 Moana Drive
4/20/2017, Thurs	Assembly Meeting	7:00 PM – Christopher Hall
4/22/2017, Sat	Crawfish Boil	
4/25/2017, Tues	Admission's Degree	7:00 PM – Christopher Hall
4/27/2017, Thurs	Officer's Meeting	7:00 PM – Christopher Hall

EASTER EGG HUNT

As indicated in the following announcement, the St. Mark's Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 7613, will be held on Saturday April 15th, 2017.

An Easter Egg stuffing party at Christopher Hall will be held on Palm Sunday (4/9/17) following the 12 pm mass. Our Brother Knights and their family members are encouraged to assist the stuffing of a couple thousand Easter eggs. With enough hands, it typically is done in less than an hour.

For further information and/or to volunteer to assist the egg stuffing, contact Chris Huggins at (210) 831-3466 and/or chris.huggins@sbcglobal.net



St Mark's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 15th
9:30 a.m. on Church Grounds**

Children 8 years old and younger are invited to participate in the egg hunt.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come out and join the fun, enjoy some refreshments and watch the kids find their treats!

Don't forget your Easter Baskets!

****In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be held in the gym****



Squires will lead the Living Rosary after the Hunt

NEW KNIGHTS INDUCTED

On March 23 at the First Degree Ceremony, Norman Gonzalez and Chris Blanchard were inducted as First Degree Knights of the *Knights of Columbus*. Norman Gonzalez is now a new member of our Council 7613 and Chris Blanchard is a new member of Council 8065 at St. Mathews.

We are most pleased to have received Norman as a new member of our Council 7613. Let us all give him a welcome to our meetings and involve him in our activities as a friend and a “Brother Knight”.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sir Knights Leo Forget (Director of the Kolbe Prison Ministry) and Gerald Gaenslen (Co-Director), shown below, made a presentation asking for help on the Kolbe Prison Retreat project scheduled on March 9, 10, & 11.



SK's Leo Forget & Gerald Gaenslen

Mike Pattillo, the “**Head Rooster**” of the Super Bowl Sunday Chicken BBQ held on Sunday, February 5, is shown (next page) thanking everyone for their participation; giving a rundown on the results of the event; and encouraging everyone to come out and participate in our last Chicken BBQ of the fraternal year, scheduled the weekend of May 5-7.

Mike said that this is one of the best events for providing us brother Knights the opportunity to visit and enjoy time with old friends as well as getting to know many new brother Knights. He encouraged us all to experience such a most enjoyable opportunity by participating in our next and last-of-the- fraternal year Chicken BBQ. This event is also very important in that its profits are totally used as *funds needed for student scholarships*.



Mike (Head Rooster) Pattillo

SK Pete Peterson, is shown below presenting information regarding the forthcoming KC7613 9th annual Golf Tournament. It is time again for our annual golf tournament which will be held at Northern Hills on June 17, 2017.

If you plan to be a sponsor at any level, please submit to Tony Aldrich (Ph: 210-842-1275 or taldrich0216@yahoo.com) your company logo for signage at the tournament. We will be looking to provide an online option to pay for the tournament in advance. This should help with the traffic at check-in the day of the tournament. Any items that can be donated as door prizes are always welcomed. If you have any items that you wish to donate, please e-mail Tony Aldrich with the item you wish to donate.

Please feel free to e-mail SK Pete Peterson (pete@northernhillsgolfclub.com) or Tony Aldrich with any suggestions or questions you have that can assist in the success of our tournament. Thank you in advance for your contribution and participation in this year's event. Have a great Saturday everyone.



SK Pete Peterson, Golf Dir

COUNCIL AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

During the March 19 Sunday Masses, GK Ysau Flores and Nancy Forget, Pres. Women's Guild, donated \$8,300 to Rev. Msgr. Kevin Ryan as a gift from KC 7613 to St Mark's. This donation was obtained from the proceeds of the Jan 21st Casino Night event that was jointly hosted by the KC and the Women's Guild.



Following are other accomplishments of which we are most proud to acknowledge.



SK Pedro Webber being recognised as our Council's STAR Recruiter



Martin Leal being Awarded Knight of the Month of June, 2016

BLOOD DRIVE

Below are pictures of some very smiling faces of some of the 46 people who donated a total of 53 units of blood during the blood drive on Sunday, February 26. Amazingly, 7 donors gave double units. Normally, each donor would donate a total of 1-unit.



Nancy Forget and Brother Knight



FISH FRY

The first Fish Fry Dinner this year (Friday, March 3) was well attended with a total of 198 plates served. Our 2nd Fish Fry Dinner (Friday, March 10) did well in spite of the rain, 186 plates were served. The following pictures shows that our parish was well attended to by our Brother Knights of Council 7613.







HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Habitat for Humanity Ministry of St Mark the Evangelist is currently building its 22nd house (located at 5114 Judges Trail) for Jorge and Flor Romero shown below with their kids Jorge Jr, Elizabeth, and Nathalie. Also shown with the Romero family are SK Bill & Cathy Faucher, Velma Hinozosa, and PGK/SK Sam & Beverly Szalwinski.

Velma Hinozosa is in charge of feeding the Habitat workers every Friday and Saturday. She is considered critical to the success of the Habitat project. See Velma and her lady helpers at work below.





Many of the workers on the 22nd Habitat shown below are our Brother Knights from our Council 7613. The Council 7613 Knights that participated in the work are SK Bill Faucher, SK Sal Scalia, SK Leo Forget, Ruben Ayala, Romio Ramos, Arnold Sanchez, and John Linquist.

The pictures shown below are ones chosen from the total sets of pictures provided below that were taken during the four Fridays of work.

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BLESSING OF THE WOMAN'S HAVEN VAN

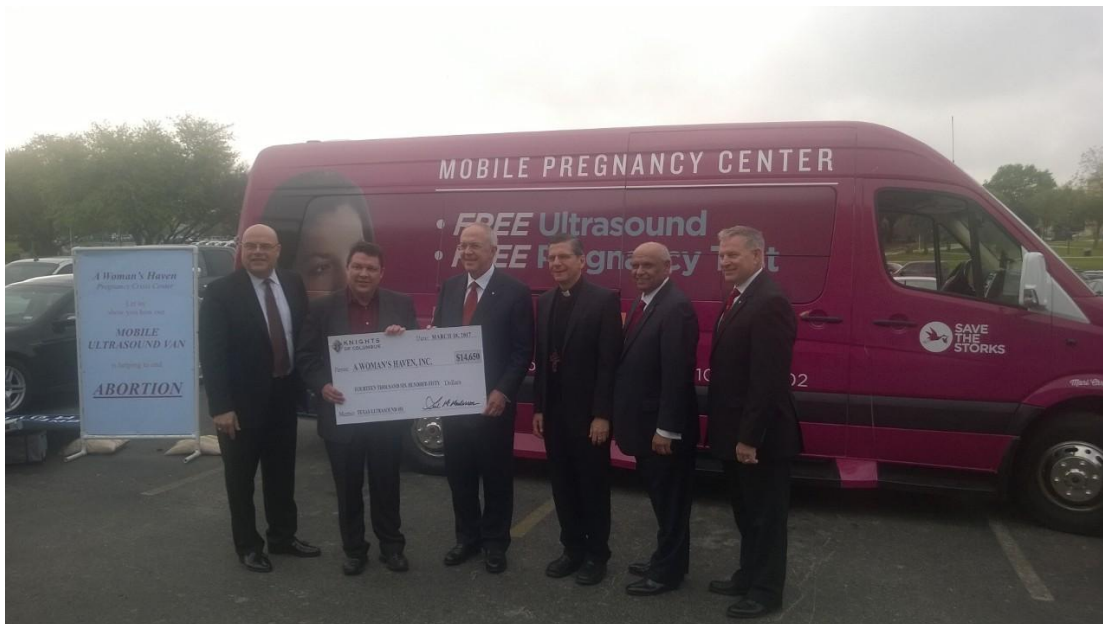
The Womens Haven Van shown below contains the ultra sound machine of which our Council donated \$14,700 for its purchase.



Womens Haven President Eddie Perez and Supreme Knight-Carl Anderson



GK Ysau, with Eddie Perez, Supreme Knight Anderson and other local GK's



State Dupty Doug Oldmixon, Brother Eddie, Supreme Knight, Archbishop Gustavo and Diocesan Dupty Derick

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday**. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult mention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom he said:

“These soles cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such soles that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass by me. The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy.”

In her diary, St Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

“On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy On each day of the novena you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these soles.”

The different souls prayed for each day of the novena are:”

- Day 1 (Good Friday – April 14) – All mankind, especially sinners**
- Day 2 (Holy Saturday – April 15) – The souls of priests and religious**
- Day 3 (Easter Sunday – April 16) – All devout and faithful souls**
- Day 4 (Easter Monday – April 17) - Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not know him**
- Day 5 (Easter Tuesday – April 18) – The souls of separated brethren**
- Day 6 (Easter Wednesday – April 19) – The meek and humble souls and the souls of children**
- Day 7 (Easter Thursday – April 20) – The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus’ mercy**
- Day 8 (Easter Friday – April 21) – The souls who are detained in purgatory**
- Day 9 (Easter Saturday – April 22) – The souls who have become lukewarm**

A brochure that contains a much further explanation of each of the nine days of the Novena to Divine Mercy is waiting for you to pickup from the bookshelf in the St. Mark’s Adoration Chapel. A view of the brochure is shown below.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET



COUNCIL 7613 GOES TO PRISON

Following is a message from SK Gerald Gaenslen pertaining to the the Kolbe Retreat and the offerings provided by our Council 7613.

“He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:13-14

Council 7613 served the Kolbe Prison Retreat some award winning pulled pork sandwiches, salads galore, and all of the trimmings to the Dolph Briscoe Unit in Dilley, TX on March 11th. Some pretty handy kitchen work was done by Tex Liedtke, Richard Lee, Ysau Flores, and Geno Stewart as they cooked and delivered enough sandwiches and salads for 150 very hungry men.

The Kolbe Retreat is much like an ACTS retreat, but it’s done inside a State Penitentiary. It takes place over three full days and requires a small army of God’s men to bring the retreat to the unit. The most recent retreat was led by SK Leo Forget from Council 7613, who took along 10 other men from the council at St. Marks. With God’s grace, and giving everything up to the Holy Spirit, the days were centered on bringing our Catholic faith to 62 retreatants through shared testimony and participation in our Sacraments. We had a significant assist from the inside team consisting of 35 incarcerated men who are practicing Catholic or are in RCIA or other Catholic classes.

Council 7613 lead the way for many to serve in a prison for the first time. We are extremely blessed to have such a strong and spiritual group of men that can come together to serve and share our gifts with those who have been stripped of everything in this world. We witnessed those that have so little, being filled with the Holy Spirit to the point of making profound changes in their lives. I have no doubt that Jesus was smiling on them throughout the days we spent with them.

Since the retreat, we've had more men sign up to serve as regular volunteers at the prison, they took the Texas Department of Criminal Justice training and are now approved to enter and exit the unit. We've had 11 more men register for RCIA classes, and the Catholic Services at the unit are filled to capacity. Each of these things are a blessing to these men and their families. Please continue to pray for them, and pray for Council 7613 that we continue to do what Jesus would do.



Men enjoying the pulled pork sandwiches

