

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2019**



# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®**

**St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church**

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**Council #7613**

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**COUNCIL CORNER**

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<b>DATE (2019)</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME &amp; PLACE</b>
12/01, Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	
12/03, Tues	CHOC Meeting	7:00 PM – Christopher Hall
12/05, Thurs	Mass & Council Meeting	7:00 PM – Christopher Hall
12/07, Sat	Monthly Rosary	4:25 PM - Church
12/12, Thurs	Assembly Meeting	7:00 PM – Christopher Hall
12/13 & 14, Fri & Sat	24 Hour Adoration	Starts Fri 4 Pm – Ends Sat. 6 AM
12/14, Sat	Pancakes with Santa	
12/15, Sun	Christmas Party	
12/18, Wed	Chapter Meeting & Christmas Party	7:00 PM – Good Shepherd Council 6358, 509 Schertz Pkwy, Schertz, Texas 78154
12/19, Thurs	Council Officers Meeting	7:00 PM – Christopher Hall
12/25, Wed	Christmas Day	

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## **GET TO KNOW YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS BETTER AMBROSE (SAM) SZALWINSKI**

**I grew up on a farm in Falls city, Texas and graduated from Karnes City High School in 1947 as a member of a championship football team. My civilian education continued as a graduate of St Mary's University (CUM LAUD) in 1952 with a commission in the regular army. In 1967 I completed my civilian education upon graduation from the University of Oklahoma with an MS degree. My military education culminated upon graduation from the National War College in 1973. On active duty I served in Korea (Combat), Germany (with family), Vietnam (Combat), and numerous locations in the United States with Family. After serving 30 years on active duty, I retired in 1982 with rank as Colonel.**

**My wife and I have been married almost 67 years and raised 7 very successful children, the oldest of which is planning to retire from Lockheed within a year. Hospital administration, State department, church volunteer, elementary education, computer engineering, and a commission in the USAF serving as a medical doctor are other careers of our children's employment. We are blessed with 12 grand children. Two are married and we anticipate four more weddings in 2021.**

**Upon retirement from active duty, I worked for 15 years in banking. Later, in 1997 I retired from the work force and began volunteering at St. Mark the Evangelist.**

**I joined the Knights of Columbus in 1985, serving as the Grand Knight of Council 7613, District Deputy, and Diocesan Deputy of our Archdiocese. During this time Beverly and I organized our parishioners, received MSGR Ryan's blessing and inaugurated the ministry known as "Habitat for Humanity". Our parishioners built 19 houses and later were blessed when SK Bill and Kathy Faucher assumed leadership.**

**In 2008 I was asked by Chris Lewis to coordinate the fund raising activity for the American Wheel Chair Mission for the Knights of Columbus throughout Texas. I led this mission for 10 years. PGK/SK Jon Klauenberg has recently volunteered to assume leadership of the**

**Wheel Chair Mission. I plan to continue to be helpful to others when my health permits.**

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## **GET TO KNOW YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS BETTER EUGENE (GENE) TUPACZ**

**Was born January 17, 1943 and lived in USMA West Point quarters until joining the Air Force in July 1965. My father was stationed at West Point from 1936 to 1966 as a musician in the USMA band and retiring a Sergeant Major.**

**I received a BS degree in Accounting with history and education minor from the State U. of New York at Albany in June 1964. First job upon graduation was teaching Bookkeeping and Business Math at Clarkstown Senior High School, New City, NY. I, as a student, taught there and was hired full time. Really enjoyed that one year of teaching but left to fly airplanes and travel in the Air Force. Obtained a Masters in Education Administration degree Dec 1972 at Our Lady of the Lake U.**

**First assignment after getting AF wings, was piloting AC47 gunships, Puff the Magic Dragon or Spooky at Bien Hoa Air Base, Viet Nam (III Corps) from Feb 1967 to Feb 1968. Next assignment was to Norton AF Base, San Bernardino flying mostly the Pacific in C141 transports.**

**I was in and out of Viet Nam twice a month for next 3 years. My final AF assignment was as a Flight Commander (instructor) at Air Force Officer Training School, Medina Base, San Antonio. I left AF after 8 years of active duty in July 1973.**

**I married Peggy Lehn on December 20, 1974, and have 3 grown children and one granddaughter. In various San Antonio Parishes, I taught high School CCD for over a decade, was a lector for 14 years, and school board member for 3 years at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Selma, Texas. I attended the first San Antonio ACTS Retreat in Aug 1987 and was a team member for next 2 retreats.**

**Civilian jobs post Air Force: Served as development Officer at Trinity U., July 1973 to July 1975; Vice President of University**

**Relations Our Lady of the Lake U. from July 1975 to Feb 1978; and was Vice President at Frost Bank from Feb 1978 to Feb 1981.**

**I was the Senior Vice President at Gill Savings from Feb 1981 to Oct 1982; and was a Financial Advisor/Stock Broker starting with EF Hutton in Nov 1982, then other firms until retirement in Sep 2018.**

**In Feb 1984, I joined the Navy Reserve as a Lt Commander in Naval Intelligence. Retired from Navy with 20 years of combined service as a Navy Captain (O-6) in Apr 1996.**

**I joined the K of C in St John Neumann Parish in Aug 2003 and am a Third Degree Knight. I joined St Marks Parish in Jun 2019, and the Knights of Columbus Council 7613 in Aug 2019.**

**Awards and Achievements: In the military, I was awarded 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 10 Air Medals, an Air Force Commendation Medal, 2 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry, and an Air Force and Navy Expert Marksman. While employed at Our Lady of the Lake, I was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men in America.**

**My Hobbies pertain to military and political history, classical music, chess, and pistol shooting.**

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# ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

- FAMILY OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER



**SK Bob & Nancy Parrotte**

- **FAMILY OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER**



SK Sal Scalia

**SK Sal & Donna Scalia**

- **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER**

**Dominick Cicello**



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> DEGREE AWARD – SEPTEMBER 28





- **NEW MEMBER OF COUNCIL 7613**

SK/PGK Carlos J. Gonzalez, shown below, joined our Council 7613. Carlos is from the St. Lavis Church in Austin, Texas. He is a Past Grand Knight of Council 5662 and a former District Deputy #156.

**SK/PGK Carlos J. Gonzales**



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## **OUR NEW DEACON – IAN ROBBINS**

Ian Robbins was ordained as a Deacon on Saturday, November 16, at St. Anthony Mary Catholic Church. Deacon Ian's first Mass occurred the same day at the 5:00 pm St. Marks Church. Following the Mass, Deacon Ian was honored by a reception pictured below.



**Deacon Ian Robbins with PGK/SK Ysau Flores**



**Deacon Ian's Reception in Christopher Hall**

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## MINISTRY FAIR

The Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 20, was very interesting in its way of showing all of the most wonderful Ministries of St. Mark's which are devoted to helping others in need.

The Ministry Fair offers 70 Ministries to choose from with booths with information and signup forms for joining. Such Ministries pertain to the following efforts plus many others:

- St Mark's Prison program
- Guadalupe Home
- Altar Servers
- Wheelchair project
- Habitat Projects
- Knights of Columbus

Following are services such as welcoming, grilling, wrapping, and serving 318 hot dogs provided by our Council 7613 during this Ministry Fair.



**Mark Kelly**



**John Goetz, SK Fernando Arellando and SK Sal Scalia**



**Oscar Sanchez, GK/SK Andy Totah  
Sylvia Richmond, & Marco Banda**



**Joseph Brewer (welcome)**

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## TREE TRIMMING

SK Gary Richmond, SK Richard Lee, SK Sal Scalia, SK Leo Whitley, Bill Clyde and Ryan Lee (not pictured) did a wonderful job of trimming trees at St. Mark's. Much more information regarding this effort is covered in the November 2019 Newsletter under the topic **"Tree Trimming & Wood Splitting Crew"**.



**SK Gary Richmond & SK Sal Scalia**



**SK Leo Whitley & Bill Clyde**



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## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Some of our parishioners were accompanied with their “pet” dogs, some of which are shown below. Even, as shown below, one of the “pet” dogs wanted to ride on the “Pumpkin Patch Mini Train”.



**Ed Garcia**



**Mark Kazak**



**SK Sal Scalia and his dog Roxie**

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## KNIGHTS FAMILY COMMUNION & BRUNCH

SK Gerardo Zapata and GK/SK Andy Totah prepared all of the food for over 100 people attending the Knights Family Communion & Brunch after the Sunday Mass on September 29.

As seen in the pictures below, we had scrambled eggs, sausage, pigs in the blanket, chicken and waffles, picadillo tacos, pinto beans, 3 different egg casseroles, blueberry french toast casserole, cinnamon roll casserole, biscuit and gravy casserole, yogurt parfaits, fresh fruit, coffee, juice, milk, and a table of sweets.

Everyone raved on the food.



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## WHEELCHAIR DONATION

PGK/SK Ysay Flores presented the gift of a wheelchair to a much needed person, Frank Villareal of St Ann’s Council 8436. He'll be 63 on All Souls Day. He lives downtown San Antonio. We are expecting a delivery of a container of 110 wheelchairs by the end of November.

Frank Villareal



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## PUMPKIN PATCH MINI TRAIN RIDES

For the Petti-Coat Junction Mini Train Station conductors listed below, we offer much thanks for all the efforts provided to make this event a great success:

WGK Andy Totah  
John Goetz  
Dan Alderete  
Frank Alderidge  
PGK/SK Jon Klauenberg  
Bob Gordon

Steve Bossaller  
SK Sal Scalia  
SK Luis Luis  
SK Gerald Gaenslen  
Geronimo Diaz  
Alfred Gill

PGK/SK Howard Godwin  
Dominick Cicello  
SK Dan Calvet  
WOGK Ysau Floews  
Pete Blozis (and family)

“Thanks” also goes to Marco Banda for the great job done on our sponsor signs; to SK Richard Lee for transporting the golf car from Alamo City Golf Cars; to SK Leo Forget for maintaining the wheels and seats of the trailer cars; and to Patti Zapata who assisted SK Gerardo Zapata in getting the train out and storing for the events.

**Pete Blozis**





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## CHICKEN BBQ

As shown below, it took quite a bit of work for our Brother Knights to prepare and deliver BBQ chicken and potatoes to our St. Mark's parishioners on November 2 and 3. The sales profit for this good work is to obtain College scholarship funds for this forthcoming year.

“Guess who” it is shown below in all the pictures that are doing all of this wonderful work?













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## STRIPPING CHRISTOPHER HALL

These working Knights did a better job than they think. We observed the floor an evening later at the Assembly meeting on November 14 and it was cleaned and polished so good that the floor shined in every spot. The shine was so good that it was hard to look at due to the light reflection.

The one part of the cleanup not mentioned was the work done to power wash the sidewalk in front of Christopher Hall. This job was done by Daniel Gill, the grandson of Al Gill, who was home from the Texas A&M University for the weekend. Daniel is also a member of our Council as well as Al Gill's son Christopher Gill.



**“Zappie”, C. J Pleasants (New Knight), & Chris Huggins**



**Joe Velten on the buffer, Steve Bossaler, & Gary Richmond**



**C. J. Pleasants (New Knight) & Gary Richmond**



**Zappie, SK Gary Richmond, & Chris Huggins**



**Al Gill, John Goetz, & Zappie**



**Allan Cleaveland & Gary Richmond**

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## **PATCH & PAINT CHRISTOPHER HALL**

**Christopher Hall always needs it, cleaning, polishing, patching, and painting. See who is now doing the patching & painting – SK Sal Scalia and SK Al Gill.**





**Al Gill**