



Knighly News - December 2016

Holy Spirit Council 7264

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Grand Knight's Report:

Brothers,

I hope you and your families had a blessed and happy Thanksgiving holiday. November was a relatively slow month in comparison to September and October, however, we held a couple events which I wish to acknowledge. We held a burrito breakfast and the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. I want to thank all of you who each month, get up early on a Sunday morning (or cook Saturday evening) and prepare burritos, your efforts are greatly appreciated. We also held our annual Tootsie Roll Drive on November 19, from 9:00 AM-

Noon. We had 15 Knights volunteer, and we raised approximately \$2700. Not bad for 3 hours of hustling!! Again, thanks to those who participated, your hard work is greatly appreciated. Finally, I wish to congratulate Sir Knight Ray Carr and any other brothers who received their 4th degree at this month's degree ceremony.

As December is upon us, I want to wish all of you a blessed and joyous Advent and Christmas season. Advent is a season observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming". Practices associated with Advent include keeping an Advent Calendar, lighting an Advent wreath, praying an Advent daily devotional, as well as other ways of preparing for Christmas. It is my sincere hope for all of you that this Advent season will be a time of preparing yourselves for the "coming" of our Savior and bring you all closer to God.

December is going to be a very busy month. Unfortunately, the Christmas parade was canceled due to the weather, but we have several events to prepare for before Christmas. On Friday, December 9, we will have our Christmas Party. On Sunday, December 11, we will be back in the kitchen cooking burritos. On Friday, December 16, we will be visiting the Weatherford Nursing Home from 2-4 PM. This is always a wonderful time to spend with our seniors in our community and brighten up their Christmas season. Finally, on Sunday, December 18, Santa Claus will be at the clubhouse visiting all of the good little boys and girls of our parish. Brothers, we are going to need a lot of participation for these events. We will be discussing these events at our meeting on December 13, so please plan to attend.

God Bless you and your families,

Dave Straka, Grand Knight





Business Meeting Nov 8, 2016

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Grand Knight Dave Straka
- Roll Call: (P)resent, (E)xcluded, (A)bsent
 - Chaplain** (Fr. Mike O’Sullivan) (E) **Advocate** (Lawrence Bierschenk) (P)
 - Grand Knight** (Dave Straka) (P) **Warden** (Charles Hill) (A)
 - Deputy Grand Knight** (Ray Carr) (P) **Inside Guard** (Robert Picha) (P)
 - Chancellor** (Francis Rotering) (P) **Outside Guard** (Leonard Wright) (E)
 - Recorder** (Matt Casey) (P) **Trustee 3rd Year** (David Yaniko) (P)
 - Financial Secretary** (John Achtyl) (P) **Trustee 2nd Year** (Joe Wright) (E)
 - Treasurer** (Derrick Rice) (P) **Trustee 1st Year** (Stan Stanislav) (P)
 - Lecturer** (Robert Tracey) (P)
- Chaplain Report:
 - ◊ N/A
- Minutes of Previous Meeting were:
 - ◊ Lawrence made motion to accept the minutes as published. Motion was 2nd. Approved.
- Membership Report:
 - ◊ New Member application for Paul Burrige. Motion to accept by Bob Tracy and 2nd by Bill Robinson. Approved.
 - ◊ Transfer Member application for Richard Vasquez, from St. Peter Ft. Worth. Motion to accept by Ray Car and was 2nd. Approved.
- Grand Knight Report:
 - ◊ Praises to John Actyl and Dave Yaniko for Golf Tournament. Golf Tournament was world class, had lots of sponsorship, full load of golfers, great food, and a great time. Thank you, John and Dave, for a job well done! (met with applause) Thanks to each and every one of you who participated as well, too, for going out and getting sponsors. We had gold sponsors, silver sponsors, a whole lot of hole sponsors and prizes. That took a lot of time and effort and directly contributed to the success of this tournament.
 - ◊ Patriotic Rosary—held in meeting hall. It worked out really well, parking was good, and the ladies were happy. Plan to keep it in the meeting hall. Thanks to everyone who showed up and participated.
 - ◊ Fall Festival-Ray and Sheila made the games and they were made very well! Plinko, “Father Mike’s Fishing Hole”, Ping Pong. Thanks to those who helped set the stage up. Thanks to everyone for supporting our Church. Thanks to Leonard & Joe Wright for cooking the bratwurst. Made over \$20,000.
 - ◊ Thanks to Merle Lenfest, Bob Tracy, and John Actyl, and all those who showed up for the Blue Mass & Corporate Communion. Great participation, filled all three rows on both sides.
 - ◊ In News business will talk about:
 - ◊ Christmas Party
 - ◊ Nursing Home
 - ◊ Special Guest: Santa Claus
- Treasurer’s Report was:
 - ◊ Approved as Read
- Communications:
 - ◊ From Parker County REACT: “Thank you for inviting us to be a part of (our) annual golf event. (They) are honored to help and look forward to making hole #4 (their) own! I (Kim) know I bring lots of “stuff” but it is what makes us different. Helping with Heart! Sincerely, Kim”
 - ◊ Knighthood Degree Certificate given to new member, Jean Ratsizaharimanana. (met with applause)
- Financial Secretary’s Report:
 - ◊ We are at 3 new members and 1 new insurance member. We are in good standing with Supreme. Dues notices to come out end of November. Dues are due by the end of December. Can use credit cards now!

Upcoming Events:

- Dec 9th @ 6:30 pm**
Christmas Party
- Dec 10th/11th @ All Masses**
2nd Collection Feed the Families
Distribute candy canes to kids
- Dec 11th @ 6:00 am**
Burrito Breakfast
- Dec 18th @ 2:00 pm**
Santa Day
- Jan 8th @ 6 am**
Burrito Breakfast
- Jan 17th @ 7 pm**
Patriotic Rosary

Upcoming Meetings:

- Dec 13th @ 7:30 pm**
Business Meeting
- No Planning Meeting**
For December
- Jan 10th @ 7:30 pm**
Business Meeting

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

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ATTENTION;

Looking for a caring, compassionate person to replace a member of the Meals on Wheels Team. Please contact Matt Casey 817-458-2039

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Prayer Intentions

At the last Business Meeting, we were asked to remember the following individuals in our prayers:

- Blair Family
- Patty Villanti
- Betty Young
- Father Elvis
- Gene Anastas



- John Young (RIP)
- Jimmy Dixon (RIP)
- Andy Blanchard (RIP)
- Violet Verstraete (RIP)
- Joe Bayer (RIP)
- Joe Mesa (RIP)
- Joe Youngman (RIP)
- Lenny Trojanowski
- Patricia Tracey (RIP)
- J. W. Wright (RIP)
- Robert Casey (RIP)
- Donald Casey (RIP)

- Trustees' Report:
 - ◇ Nothing to report
- Chancellor's Report:
 - ◇ Nothing to report
- Program Chair Report:
 - ◇ Upcoming activities: This Sunday 13 Nov is our burrito breakfast, cooks will be back, show up at 6 am. Show up lots of fun, great activity to get to meet folks.
 - ◇ Next Sunday going to have 1st degree. Dan confirmed meeting hall. Show up at club house at 1:30.
 - ◇ Saturday 19th November is tootsie roll drive. 2 shifts, sign-up sheet being passed around. Show up at 8 am to get organized. Head out to intersections by 9 am. Proceeds we take in is directly proportional to the number of guys we get out there. On average \$150 to \$200 per person. Derrick brought up that the afternoon shift did not bring in that much money. Discussion ensued to eliminate afternoon shift. Motion to eliminate 2nd shift Matt Casey 2nd by Bob Tracey. More discussion. Stan agrees. Motion approved. Rudolph may be joining us.
 - ◇ No planning meeting in Nov on account of Thanksgiving.
 - ◇ 3rd December is Christmas Parade. Meet here 7:30 am, decorate Joe's trailer with nativity scene, some brother's will ride on float, others will walk alongside give out candy. GK requests if paperwork has been done. James Nowak will be sending us paperwork.
 - ◇ Another burrito breakfast in December as well.
 - ◇ Fall festival raised \$26k, games \$1064, sausage raised between \$500-600 dollars. Lesson learned: needed more Knights to volunteer.
 - ◇ Hike for life is coming up. This Sunday is Hike for Life meeting with Rusty Gibson from 2-3pm in Rm 1&2 of the Holy Spirit Center.
- Old Business
 - ◇ None.
- Unfinished Business:
 - ◇ Final on golf tournament: Refer to report for expenses and income. Net raised over \$25k and \$4k more than last year. Most of the money came from sponsors. Thanks to those that helped getting sponsors. John Actyl & Dave Yaniko will be stepping down. Stan observed that expenses were significantly lower than last year. John explained that Dave Mees donated all the golf balls, printing was not outsourced.
 - ◇ Dave Yaniko mentioned that next year's Golf Tournament is scheduled for Oct 14th.
- New Business:
 - ◇ Christmas Party on Friday Dec 9th start @ 6:30pm. Need caterers. Have 2 quotes. R&K \$11: chicken fried chicken, chicken fried steak, or grilled chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, rolls, tea, plates & utensils -OR- Brenda's \$13: roast beef & gravy, twice baked potato casserole, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, salad w/ dressing, rolls, tea, plates & utensils. Lawrence suggested the women would prefer roast beef. Dave Straka suggested that we've worn out chicken fried steak & brisket. Stan asked if we tried Vance Godbey's. Motion to made by Jesse Chavez for Brenda's, 2nd by Derrick. Arrive @ 6:30 for hors d'oeuvres, meal to start at 7. If you sign-up but don't show up, you will be charged. Request donate \$10 per person for Weatherford Health Care. Derrick made motion to have Knights donate \$10 cash, Bill Robinson 2nd. Motion approved.
 - ◇ Weatherford Health Care proposed for Friday December 16th. GK to put in bulletin soliciting donations of items. We need to put boxes out in the Church. Meet here on the December 14th to sort items and get them ready to go. Meet up here at noon on the 16th, go to lunch at Wild Berries, then head off to nursing home. Dave Yaniko brought up that we need a Santa Clause. Tim Aziere to be Santa Claus.
 - ◇ GK suggests decorating club house on Sunday December 18th, have Tim Aziere be Santa Claus, invite parents to bring their children from 2-4 pm to allow parents to take picture (with their cell phones) with Santa Claus in hopes of Knights being present to recruit



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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.

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younger, more energetic members. GK suggests he can print off a picture for the children to color when they get home, give kids a candy cane. Tim Aziere suggested insurance coloring book (\$0.25 each). Stan brought up need refreshments, GK suggests can do for under \$250. Ray made motion to allow \$250 in budget for "Santa Day", Stan 2nd. Approved. Location is TBD. Jesse Chavez suggest Ricky may be able to help procure candy. Put in bulletin, have Fr. Mike announce the event.

- ◇ Cancel 1st degree for December.
- ◇ Feed the family - 2nd collection, match up to \$1000, Father is already looking for a date, Lawrence suggests could do on burrito breakfast weekend. Elva doing baskets from pantry for Christmas. Chuck made motion to have 2nd collection & match up to \$1000, Stan 2nd. Approved.
- ◇ Dave Yaniko made motion, Ray Carr 2nd, to donate \$1000 from golf tournament to Palentine Seminarians. Approved.
- 4th Degree Report:
 - ◇ Coming 11th November there is Veteran Day Parade, meet @ 9 am, Percy Ave to decorate float, take off at 10:30 am.
 - ◇ 28th November there is Patriotic Rosary, at the Cathedral, at 7pm.
 - ◇ 24th November the Carmelite Nuns in Arlington there is a Memorial Mass by 4th degree for members deceased within the last year and presentation of the Chalice, 10am @ the Carmelite Nuns.
 - ◇ Christmas Party for 4th Degree is on the 18th December at Mancuso's Italian Restaraunt in White Settlement at 6 pm.
- District Deputy Report:
 - ◇ None.
- Member's under ill or duress.
 - ◇ See sheet.
- Under Good of the order by the Lecturer:
 - ◇ Recommend everyone to go see movie "Hacksaw Ridge" about Desmond Doss. A WWII soldier who rescued 75 people in one day under extraordinary circumstances including having been wounded himself.
 - ◇ Saint Lawrence was one of seven deacons who were in charge of giving help to the poor and the needy. When a persecution broke out, Pope St. Sixtus was condemned to death. As he was led to execution, Lawrence followed him weeping, "Father, where are you going without your deacon?" he said. "I am not leaving you, my son," answered the Pope. "in three days you will follow me." Full of joy, Lawrence gave to the poor the rest of the money he had on hand and even sold expensive vessels to have more to give away. The Prefect of Rome, a greedy pagan, thought the Church had a great fortune hidden away. So, he ordered Lawrence to bring the Church's treasure to him. The Saint said he would, in three days. Then he went through the city and gathered together all the poor and sick people supported by the Church. When he showed them to the Prefect, he said: "This is the Church's treasure!" In great anger, the Prefect condemned Lawrence to a slow, cruel death. The Saint was tied on top of an iron grill over a slow fire that roasted his flesh little by little, but Lawrence was burning with so much love of God that he almost did not feel the flames. In fact, God gave him so much strength and joy that he even joked. "Turn me over," he said to the judge. "I'm done on this side!" And just before he died, he said, "It's cooked enough now." Then he prayed that the city of Rome might be converted to Jesus and that the Catholic Faith might spread all over the world. After that, he went to receive the martyr's reward. Saint Lawrence's feast day is August 10th.

Meeting closed at 8:40 PM by Dave Straka



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O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree

Did you know: An interesting tradition, part history, part legend and very popular in Germany, claims that the Christmas tree dates back to the eighth century. This legend is based on a historical figure, St Boniface, and even a historical event, the destruction of Odin's oak. St Boniface (675-754) was the English Bishop Winfrid who went to Germany in the eighth century, to Hesse to be precise, to preach the Christian faith as a missionary from the Church of Rome. After a period of apparently successful Gospel preaching, Boniface went to Rome to confer with Pope Gregory II (715-731). After a long absence, he returned to Geismar, Germany, for Christmas 723, and felt personally offended on discovering that the Germans had reverted to their former idolatry of pagan divinities and were preparing to celebrate the winter solstice by sacrificing a young man under Odin's sacred oak tree. Fired by holy anger, as was Moses by the golden calf, Bishop Boniface took up an axe and dared to cut down the oak. This courageous, historically documented act meant the triumph of Christianity in Germany over the pagan divinities.

All this is historically documented. The rest belongs to the legend which tells how, at the first blow of the axe, a strong gust of wind instantly brought down the tree. The astounded Germans fearfully recognized the hand of God in this event and humbly asked Boniface how they should celebrate Christmas. The Bishop, the legend continues, pointed to a small fir tree that had miraculously remained upright and intact beside the debris and broken branches of the fallen oak. Boniface was familiar with the popular custom of taking an evergreen plant into the house in winter and asked everyone to take home a fir tree. This tree signifies peace, and as an evergreen it also symbolizes immortality; with its top pointing upwards, it additionally indicates heaven, the dwelling place of God.

Fun Facts: The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. [To fit the number scheme, when you reach number 9, representing the Fruits of the Holy Ghost, the originator combined 6 to make 3, taking the 6 fruits that were similar: the fruit in each parenthesis is the that was not named separately. There are actually Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost.]

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its

young by feigning injury to draw away predators. The 2 turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments, the 3 French hens stood for faith, hope, and love. The 4 calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The 5 golden rings represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior. The 6 geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation. 7 swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit----Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy. The 8 maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes. 9 ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit----Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Contineny [Chastity]. The 10 lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments. The 11 pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles. The 12 drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

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DECEMBER

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1			Weatherford Hike for Life
4	5	6	7	PARTY TIME! Solemn Immaculate Conception	9 Christmas Party 6:30pm	10 Feed the Family 5:30
11 Burrito Breakfast, 6:00am 2nd Collection, 8:00am	12	13 Business Meeting, 7:30pm	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	24	
26 Nativity Day	27 (No Planning Meeting)	28	29	30		

December Birthdays	1 - Robert Fronk Jr 3 - Alton Nini 10 - Gary Huddleston	11 - Joseph Broesche 12 - David Kerr 16 - Eusebio Uribe	23 - Thomas Jones 25 - DCN Jesus Cardenas 27 - Charles Clark	30 - Brian Smith
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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Burrito Breakfast, 6:00am	9	10 Business Meeting, 7:30pm	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17 Patriotic Rosary, 7:00pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Planning Meeting, 7:00pm	25 Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting	26	27	28 Weatherford Hike for Life
29 Corporate Communion Mass, 10:45 am	30	31	1	2	3	4

January Birthdays	2 - Daniel Martin 4 - John Pilkington 5 - H. Mark Wood 6 - Christopher Newton	11 - Joseph Wright 15 - Edward Cattuzzo 16 - DVM James Gieb 19 - Andrew Allen	19 - James Albrikes 23 - Paul Claffey 23 - Sean Vandercook 24 - Douglas Cormier	24 - Douglas Cormier 29 - Thomas Davis 31 - David Yaniko
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