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Holy Spirit Council 7264

Knightly News

December 2011

*We ask Father McGivney
and
St. Stephen, Pray for us.*



GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

MY DEAR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND SIR KNIGHTS;

November, as expected, was a little quieter than October, but we still had several very successful functions nonetheless. We started with the Knights orchestrating a second collection after all the Masses the weekend of the 12th and 13th to help the St. Steven's Food Pantry. Parishioners opened their hearts and wallets by donating \$4,764. As you remember, we agreed to match the first \$1,000 donation, which made the grand total a whopping \$5,764. (We even received several more donations the week after our collection which we have forwarded to the pantry) I'd say this was a great job done by all involved.

On the morning of November 19th we held our annual charity drive (also known as "Tootsie Roll" day). We have to send out a big thank you to the 16 Knights that showed up for this event. After all the paper money was unfolded and stacked; after we sorted the hair pins and pesos from the coins, we collected a total of \$2,217. These funds will be used to help out the many charitable organizations we have worked with over the years.

I can't forget to mention November was a very memorial month for three Knights. Joe Portillo and David Straka joined the 7264 by making their first degrees on November 18th. Adam Mann made his second and third degrees on Saturday (November 19th). Congratulations to all!

Well December is going to be a fun month for us and we hope you can join in the festivities. On December 3rd, we will once again have a "Keep Christ in Christmas" float in the Weatherford Christmas Parade. This year we will be passing out candy canes (with the story of the candy cane attached to it - story inside newsletter) along the parade route with the assistance of Jimmy Dixon and his golf cart. We'll need some Knights with strong legs to walk the parade route and some Knights to ride on the float. We'll meet at the clubhouse at 7:00 A.M. to decorate the float and golf cart, so come early, stay late, and have a great time.

On December 16th we will hold our annual Knights Christmas party at the clubhouse. The decorating committee is working hard to get the clubhouse in a festive mode. The food committee is promising a meal you won't forget. The door prize committee tells me they have some surprises in store for us and the clean up committee will be looking for volunteers to help out. The cost is \$10/person and each person must bring an unwrapped toy (Approx \$10) for a child between 1 -12 years old. (All toys are

given to Sister Mildred for those needy children of St. Stephen parish). To reserve your place, call Lawrence Bierschenk (817-597-6032) or Chuck Schabow (817-597-6120) by December 9th. (As this is an adult's only function, you can bring your favorite adult beverage to enjoy with dinner).

December also brings us to that time of the year when we have to pay our annual dues. Let's give our Financial Secretary a break this year and let's try to send in our checks upon receipt of the bill. Mail in your payment or save a stamp and bring it with you to the next meeting. Don't forget to fill out the survey that will be enclosed and return it along with your check. Fourth degree Knights – you must make separate checks for your third and forth degree dues. Do not include both dues in the same check. Please note that Supreme has added a Culture of Life charge to all 3rd degree bills. We do not wish to suspend a Knight who cannot pay dues for any reason (financial, illness, disability, etc), so if you have a problem, contact our Financial Secretary (John Young (817) 596-4359) or myself, and let us work something out for you. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

As we approach the Christmas Season, I am in awe of the Nativity. Almighty God decides to send us his Son, not with fanfare and noise or horns blaring like the marketing deluge of modern times. Rather, He sends His Son to us in humble, simple terms. Jesus' message to us is equally simple and profound...Have faith and trust in God...Love your neighbor... and He will care for you. What could be a greater gift! I would like to thank all the members of Council 7264 for their support, hard work and participation in all the activities that we have been involved in over this past year. It has been a pleasure serving alongside you and I look forward to many more prosperous years ahead.

May you and your families have a joyful, safe and blessed Christmas, and may God bless us all with a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

Vivat Jesus
Andy Blanchard
Grand Knight

Prayer Intentions



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

Betty Young	Pat Tracy	Charlie Phillips
Carolyn Libby	Duane Tallman	Susan Bundy
Ed Landwehic R.I.P.	Kathy Bourgeois	Jan Bateman
Dan Zaugg	Cathy Bitto	Dr. Ruth Askey
Andy Allen	Joseph Frye	Megan Frye

PRAYER FOR RAIN: as we continue to experience the effect of both the extreme heat and the drought, Bishop Vann has asked that the following prayer be used through the Diocese of Ft. Worth in the coming weeks.

God our Creator, maker of all things and protector of your people, in Your love look upon us in our time of need and give us Your help. Open the heavens for us and send us the rain we need for our lives and crops. As our hearts long for You, so we seek rain to refresh the earth; as we long for life, so let the earth produce its harvest in abundance. May we rejoice in the good things of the earth and raise our eyes to You the source of all blessings. Hear our cry for mercy and answer our prayer, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**IF YOU CHANGE PHONE #, ADDRESS, ETC. PLEASE NOTIFY
THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

John Young at john.youngtx@gmail.com or by calling (817) 596-4359



<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Robert A. Fonk	Dec. 1	Andre Blanchard	Dec. 19
James D. Dixon	Dec. 6	Jesus E. Cardenas	Dec. 25
Joseph A. Broesche	Dec. 11	Charles E. Clark	Dec. 27
Eusebio Uribe	Dec. 16	Charles E. Philips	Dec. 28

MEMBERSHIP



New Members

Joe C. Portillo of Tremble Rd., Weatherford, Tx

David J. Straka of Alpine Dr., Weatherford, Tx

Congratulations to Adam Mann on making his 2nd & 3rd degrees

****If you have any friends or family member that you believe would be a good Knight
Please give their name to Dale Burchfield – 817-313-0721**



7264 Council Knightly News Letter

Please send your E-Mail address to jlachtyl@yahoo.com to receive your News letter via

E-Mail. At present we send out 56 postal mailings of the news letter and would like to be able to cut that down to save on postage and copy cost. So if you do have an e-mail address, please consider giving it to us. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any comments on the news letter or suggestions please send to John Achtyl at 143 Hedges Circle, Weatherford, Texas 76085 or my e-mail at jlachtyl@yahoo.com.



Knight of Columbus Web Sight ✓ **it out**

Also Known as UKnight <http://www.kofcknights.org/Council.asp?CNO=7264>

If you have not checked out the web sight, please do and if you have a person that is interested in joining have them check out the sight. We are trying our best to update the information and pictures as it becomes available to us. If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, which stays on for 30 days, you can do so by clicking on the prayer list site. Entering your membership# and then enter the name and info if you wish. You can also check out other councils to see what they are doing if you use the "kofcknights.org" site. Please e-mail me at jlachtyl@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on wheels continue on each Thursday, Thanks to those of you that participate in this Council project. We deliver hot meals to seniors in the Weatherford area. If you are interested in giving 2 hours a month, contact Leo Davis at (817) 443-3870 or e-mail at leodavis@hotmail.com



Deputy Grand Knights Report

November 22nd: Planning Meeting discussion topics:

- Burrito Breakfast – December 11th, 6 am start for cooks.
- Christmas Parade – James Nowak – Meet at club House at 7 AM and move to staging area by 9 am, Candy Canes are in we will be passing out with little story attached and theme of “Keep Christ in Christmas
- Our Council Christmas Party, December 16th, to be held at Parish Club House,
 - i. **RSVP by December 9th**
 - ii. Tickets – Lawrence / Chuck – sent sign up sheet – got 37 Knights and guest signed up thus far.
 - iii. Food – Leonard / Dave Y / John Y / Jimmy – Will need some help day of function to cook – time to be announced at business meeting
 - iv. Door Prizes – Stan / Vic / Dale / Dave F – will have many prizes. Anyone looking to donate a door prize can call Vic or Stan.
 - v. Decorations – Andy / John A. – Coming along fine – will need a few guys to help move tables day of function.
 - vi. Clean Up – Greg / Wally – Has asked everyone to help.
- Terry Peffers email – Terry looking for slightly used children and adult hats, scarfs, mittens and coats for battered women shelter near his home – Knights to bring in next business meeting
- The Littlest Wiseman – Great Christmas treat in Fort Worth – Tickets are free – Information available online.
- Resurface wall in entrance of Club House for Councils plaques and pictures – work started if you wish to help contact Greg Libby. John Young to order Knights logo and Gregg to find letters for name of council.
- Meeting with Youth Group December 7th (Wednesday) - 7:00 P.M. HS Center
 - Steven Metzler & Dan Brown
 - Should we offer free throw or poster contest (Both done in January)
- Fat Tuesday event on Feb. 21st with the joint effort of the Catholic Daughters of America committee meeting and will report at business meeting.
- Hike for Life – January 21st (Saturday)
 - Expecting 150 – 200 Walkers
 - Escorts, trailing vehicle, and lunch
 - Should Knights donate \$\$ to the cause? – To be discussed at business meeting.

Council 7264 Committees & Chairman:

Prospective New Members Committee– Dale Burchfield

Knight's Recognition Committee– Dan Brown, see info in news letter

Christmas Parade – Dec 3rd – James Nowak

Christmas Party December 16th, Andy Blanchard and John Achtyl

Fat Tuesday – Feb. 21st – Andre Blanchard, James Dixon and Ed Kosikowski



Upcoming Council Meeting

Dec. 13th – Business meeting 7:15 pm

Dec. 27th – Planning meeting 7:00 pm

Council 7264

Feed our Families Challenge a Big Success



Pictured above Grand Knight Andre Blanchard presenting check to Elva Perez Food pantry coordinator
Flanked by Sister Mildred Gordon SHSp. & Barbara Bierschenk

On November 12th and 13th the Knights of Columbus in Weatherford Texas, challenged the parishioners of St. Stephen Church to help support the parish pantry for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our challenge was to donate \$1,000 to the pantry if the second collection would equal \$1,000 or more. Well, the parishioners did answer our challenge with donations that totaled \$4,674 and with our donation of \$1,000 the pantry received a total of \$5,674. The Knights also, along with a generous parishioner, donated enough money to buy Turkeys and fixings for a Thanksgiving meal which fed over 60 needy families in the St. Stephen parish. We are proud to be a part of the St. Stephen Parish and are very pleased to have a group of parishioners respond so enthusiastically to our call.

SENIOR CENTER RECEIVES DONATION FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Weatherford Senior Center "Meals on Wheels" program received a donation from the Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit, Council 7264. Pictured accepting the check is Trish Meaders, business manager for the Parker County Committee on Aging, along with Leo Davis and Dale Burchfield, representatives of the Knights of Columbus. The Senior Center is located at L225 Holland Lake Drive. For more information, call 817-594-7419.

Q-1. What do they call pastors in Germany?

Q-2. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

(Answers on next page)



"Tootsie Roll" Charity Day



Before



During



After



Weatherford Christmas Parade December 3rd.

The Council will have a float in the parade with the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas". Brothers will meet at the club house around 7:00 am to work on the float and be at the parade staging by 9 am. This year we will be passing out candy canes with a poem about the candy canes and Christmas, on the other side our council # and wishing a Merry Christmas. Consider joining us on the float and wear your blue shirts & hats, & red jackets; if you have them. Pictured below is our new banner, acquired for us by James Nowak, for the float and the Legend of the Candy Cane found and printed by Andre Blanchard.



The Legend of the Candy Cane

Many years ago a candy maker wanted to make a sweet that would symbolize the meaning of Christmas. He started with a stick of white hard candy that represented God's body; pure and innocent. He added red stripes to remind us of the blood that Christ shed on the cross for us. He then curved the end of the cane to form the letter "J" for Jesus so we wouldn't forget. So the next time you see a candy cane, take a minute to remember the real meaning of Christmas.

ANSWERS

A-1. German Shepherds

A-2. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

PS... Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee?

Yup, it's in the Bible. It says . 'He-brews'



Council Christmas Party



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7264



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH, 6:00 PM

AT ST. STEPHEN CLUB HOUSE

COST IS \$10 PER PERSON

PLUS A \$10 UNWRAPPED CHRISTMAS GIFT (PER ADULT)

FOR A CHILD (1 TO 12 YEARS)

FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS CONTACT

LAWRENCE BIRSCHENK - 817-597-6032

OR

CHUCK SCHABOW - 817-597-6120

RSVP BY: DECEMBER 9th

**** THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY FUNCTION ****



Knight / Family of the Month Nominations

Chairpersons are: Dan Brown and James Dixon

The committee is accepting nominations from fellow Brother Knights for "Knight of the Month" or "Family of the Month". You can send your nominations to either Brother Dan or Brother James. The nomination rationale should be in writing and must include at least one of our Knights of Columbus Principals:

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

All nominees must be in good standing in the Catholic Church.

You may contact Dan Brown at his e-mail: danbrown@aledobb.com

Or Phone # H 817-598-1757

Or send by mail to: 116 SE Rambling Trail

Weatherford, Texas 76087-7646

Or; you can contact Jimmy Dixon at his e-mail: jddjld@swbell.net

Or Phone # H 817-596-8443

Or send by mail to: 2106 Maplewood Dr

Weatherford, Texas 76087-3823

Or; when you are attending a meeting you can hand them your nomination.

K of C Chapter meetings

Dates to Remember: 2011 - 2012

Dec 14th Chapter Meeting – Co. 4709 Ft. Worth

Jan 25th Chapter Meeting – Co. 14549 Arlington

District Deputy Report

MY DEAR BROTHER KNIGHTS

Sometimes, we knights get caught up with the physical aspect of being a knight and have the tendency to forget some of the reasons, we became a knight.

If you remember, when you first became a knight, you were instructed on how to be a knight and what the order was all about. Today that information is contained in the booklet called, " **These Men They Call Knights**".

Perhaps it is time to stop and review this booklet. It contains the history and vision of the order plus information on our insurance program that I bet you have forgotten. It also contains the prayers and devotions that we should be saying on a daily basis.

All new knights receive this booklet, thus they have a guideline as how to be a good knight. I will be handing out these booklets during one of your meetings. Please take time to read it. I know it will help you become a better knight and a better Catholic.

Your District Deputy
Leo Davis

December – Christ Birth AND Blessed Virgin Mary's Birth

December 8th Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Excerpt from: ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI; Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saturday, 8 December 2007

Mary, in whose virginal womb God was made man, is our Mother! Indeed, from the Cross before bringing his sacrifice to completion, Jesus gave her to us as our Mother and entrusted us to her as her children. This is a mystery of mercy and love, a gift that enriches the Church with fruitful spiritual motherhood. Let us turn our gaze to her, especially today, dear brothers and sisters, and imploring her help, prepare ourselves to treasure all her maternal teaching. Does not our Heavenly Mother invite us to shun evil and to do good, following with docility the divine law engraved in every Christian's heart? Does not she, who preserved her hope even at the peak of her trial, ask us not to lose heart when suffering and death comes knocking at the door of our homes? Does she not ask us to look confidently to our future? Does not the Immaculate Virgin exhort us to be brothers and sisters to one another, all united by the commitment to build together a world that is more just, supportive and peaceful?

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary . . .

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

DECEMBER 25TH



SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Excerpt from: HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI, Saint Peter's Basilica; Friday, 24 December 2010

“Mary gave birth to her first-born son” (Lk 2:7). In this sentence Saint Luke recounts quite soberly the great event to which the prophecies from Israel’s history had pointed. Luke calls the child the “first-born”. In the language which developed within the sacred Scripture of the Old Covenant, “first-born” does not mean the first of a series of children. The word “first-born” is a title of honor, quite independently of whether other brothers and sisters follow or not. So Israel is designated by God in the *Book of Exodus* (4:22) as “my first-born Son”, and this expresses Israel’s election, its singular dignity, the particular love of God the Father. The early Church knew that in Jesus this saying had acquired a new depth that the promises made to Israel were summed up in him. Thus the *Letter to the Hebrews* calls Jesus “the first-born”, simply in order to designate him as the Son sent into the world by God (cf. 1:5-7) after the ground had been prepared by Old Testament prophecy. The first-born belongs to God in a special way – and therefore he had to be handed over to God in a special way – as in many religions – and he had to be ransomed through a vicarious sacrifice, as Saint Luke recounts in the episode of the Presentation in the Temple. The first-born belongs to God in a special way, and is as it were destined for sacrifice. In Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross this destiny of the first-born is fulfilled in a unique way. In his person he brings humanity before God and unites man with God in such a way that God becomes all in all. Saint Paul amplified and deepened the idea of Jesus as first-born in the *Letters to the Colossians* and *to the Ephesians*: Jesus, we read in these letters, is the first-born of all creation – the true prototype of man, according to which God formed the human creature. Man can be the image of God because Jesus is both God and man, the true image of God and of man. Furthermore, as these letters tell us, he is the first-born from the dead. In the resurrection he has broken down the wall of death for all of us. He has opened up to man the dimension of eternal life in fellowship with God. Finally, it is said to us that he is the first-born of many brothers. Yes indeed, now he really is the first of a series of brothers and sisters: the first, that is, who opens up for us the possibility of communing with God. He creates true brotherhood – not the kind defiled by sin as in the case of Cain and Abel, or Romulus and Remus, but the new brotherhood in which we are God’s own family. This new family of God begins at the moment when Mary wraps her first-born in swaddling clothes and lays him in a manger. Let us pray to him: Lord Jesus, who wanted to be born as the first of many brothers and sisters, grant us the grace of true brotherhood. Help us to become like you. Help us to recognize your face in others who need our assistance, in those who are suffering or forsaken, in all people, and help us to live together with you as brothers and sisters, so as to become one family, your family. © Copyright 2010 - Libreria Editrice Vaticana



December 28th Feast of the Holy Family *Excerpt from: BENEDICT*

XVI, ANGELUS, St Peter's Square, Sunday, 30 December 2007 As we follow the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, let us fix our gaze on Jesus, Mary and Joseph and adore the mystery of a God who chose to be born of a woman, the Blessed Virgin, and to enter this world in the way common to all humankind. By so doing he sanctified the reality of the family, filling it with divine grace and fully revealing its vocation and mission. The Second Vatican Council dedicated much attention to the family. Married partners, it said, must be witnesses of faith to each other and to their children (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, n. 35). The Christian family thus shares in the Church's prophetic vocation: with its way of living it "proclaims aloud both the present power of the Kingdom of God and the hope of the blessed life" (*ibid.*). Then, as my venerable Predecessor John Paul II tirelessly repeated, the good of the person and of society is closely connected to the "healthy state" of the family (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, n. 47). The Church, therefore, is committed to defending and to fostering "the dignity and supremely sacred value of the married state" (*ibid.*).

DECEMBER 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Happy Birthday Robert A Fronk	2	3 Weatherford Christmas Parade
4	5	6 Happy Birthday James D Dixon	7 4th Degree Meeting	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception of BVM 	9	10
11 Burrito Breakfast Happy Birthday Joseph Allen Broesche	12	13 Council Business Meeting	14 Chapter Meeting	15 1st Degree at Council 6269 in Arlington	16 Council Christmas Party Happy Birthday Eusebio Uribe	17
18	19 Happy Birthday Andre A Blanchard	20	21	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas  Happy Birthday Jesus E Cardenas	26	27 Council Planning Meeting Happy Birthday Charles A Clark	28 Feast of Holy Family  Last day for News Letter Info. Happy Birthday Charles E Phillips	29	30	31