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**Holy Spirit Council 7264**  
**Knightly News**  
**February 2012**



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

**GRAND KNIGHT**

**Sir Knight Andre Blanchard**  
**1951-2012**

**Grand Knight of Holy Spirit Council 7264**  
**Weatherford, Texas**



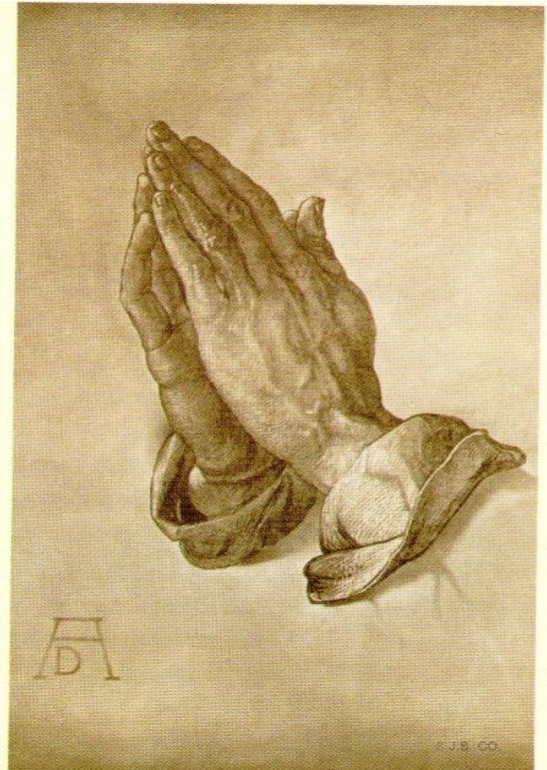
In Loving Memory  
of

***André Adelard Blanchard***

*December 19, 1951 — January 12, 2012*

***After Glow***

*I'd like the memory of me  
to be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an after glow  
of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing  
times and bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who  
grieve, to dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave  
When life is done.*





## Prayer Intentions

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

Andre Blanchard – RIP  
Pat Tracy  
Cathy Bitto  
End to All Abortions

June Wetwiska – RIP  
Carolyn Libby  
Karen Ressel  
Gordon Guidroz - RIP

Betty Young  
Duane Tallman  
Jan Bateman  
Vocations to the Priesthood.

## MEMBERSHIP



### **We Wish to Welcome to Our Council**

**John Huff** – who made his 1<sup>st</sup> degree on January 29<sup>th</sup>

**Thomas Davis** – who transferred in to our Council as of January 24<sup>th</sup>

**The bedrock upon which Columbianism is built consists of the truths of the Catholic religion. These include:**

### The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

The Commandments of God may be stated more simply in terms of "the Greatest Commandment: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, your whole soul, your whole mind and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

### Sacraments

It is difficult to live up to the Commandments of God. To help us do so, Jesus has given us the Church and the sacraments, signs instituted by Christ to give grace. The seven sacraments are:

1. Baptism
2. Reconciliation
3. Holy Eucharist
4. Confirmation
5. Matrimony
6. Holy Orders
7. The Anointing of the Sick

Of the seven sacraments, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, Matrimony and the Anointing of the Sick may be received more than once.

### Grace

There are two kinds of grace. Sanctifying grace makes us holy and pleasing to God. Actual grace helps us to do good and avoid evil.

**\*\*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**

### Membership Dues

**The Second notice** has gone out to individuals that have not sent in their Dues. Dues need to be paid by February 14<sup>th</sup> in order to stay off the Knight Alert List. Please send your Dues in to our Financial Secretary John Young.

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

**John Young at [john.youngtx@gmail.com](mailto:john.youngtx@gmail.com) or by calling (817) 596-4359**



## Deputy Grand Knights Report

My Dear Brothers, this has been a difficult month for all of us, with the passing of our Brother Andre. We will miss his enthusiasm to bring our council to a higher awareness among our parish and the Weatherford community. Plans that have been set in place by Andre will be continued in his name, by our council as we move forward.

According to the By-Laws the vacancy needs to be filled by a vote of the council. The trustee's have come up with a slate for the election, please see their recommendation below. At the next business meeting we will take any nominations from the floor as well. So we ask that you please try to make the next business meeting on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the vacancy.

As you know we are fast approaching Lent which starts on Ash Wednesday Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America committee for our "Fat Tuesday Event" has planned a wonderful evening of food and fraternity for our parish community; before we start our fast and prayer towards Easter. Information is also in this news letter and tickets are on sale.

During Lent this year Father Casey and Fr. O'Conner has asked us to support the drive for the Irish Pallottine missions called the Caring Can. We will be asking each family parishioner to take a can home at the start of Lent and return by Easter. I am going to ask the support of the Youth ministry to help us in this undertaking to let them get involved in a parish project.

At the February meeting we will be discussing the Charities we wish to support. The trustees have worked on a list, we need to discuss and vote on for now and future years.

Your support for our council is appreciated and needed. We are recruiting new members just about every month. If you have a gentleman that you know would like to join the Knights please give us his name so we may contact him, and invite him to sit and talk with us about the Knights.

In closing, I wish to Thank all for your support during this month. We have and will make great strides to have our council be better and stronger each and every month ahead. It is with your voice and presence that we become stronger in our goals. May God Bless us and continue to shine on us and our efforts.

Fraternally yours;  
John Achtyl

### Proposed Nomination of Officers

**The following is the proposed nominations for Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council 7264 for filling the vacancy of Grand Knight:**

**For Grand Knight: John W. Achtyl**

**If trustee nominee is elected to Grand Knight, then vacancy is open for Deputy Grand Knight and a second vote will be taken to fill that position. The following is the proposed nominations for Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council 7264 for filling the vacancy of Deputy Grand Knight:**

**For Deputy Grand Knight: Norbert E. Stanislav**

**A provisional vote will be taken February 14<sup>th</sup> to fill the vacancy with acting Grand Knight and possible acting Deputy Grand Knight. Then a confirmation election vote will be completed on March 13th. Nominations of officers can be made from the floor at both Business meetings. If more than one person is nominated, a secret written ballot will be conducted. This is in accordance of By-Laws and per Texas State Advocate.**

**Respectfully Submitted:  
Board of Trustee's**

**January 24th: Planning Meeting discussion topics, 16 in attendance:**

- Grand Knight Vacancy
- Burrito Breakfast – Feb. 12th, 6 am start for cooks.
- Fat Tuesday – Tickets to be available January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Repairs that are needed to the Church, Holy Spirit Center and Club House  
To hold a parish community meeting February 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss and get ideas.
- March Soup and sandwich Friday – date to be announced.
- Lent “Caring Can” to support Pallottine missions – David , and Edward Herrea to co-chair; to Start Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> through April 15th
- Easter Egg Hunt – April 7<sup>th</sup>
- Special Business meeting held to accept 1 new member and a transferred member

**Council 7264 Committees & Chairman:**

Prospective New Members Committee– Dale Burchfield

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

Fat Tuesday – Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – James Dixon and Ed Kosikowski with CDA

Caring Can Drive – David Straka, and Edward Herrera



**Upcoming Council Meeting**

**Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Business meeting 7:15 pm**

**Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Planning meeting 7:00 pm**



**7264 Council Knightly News Letter**

Please send your E-Mail address to [jlachtyl@yahoo.com](mailto:jlachtyl@yahoo.com) to receive your News letter via E-Mail. At present we send out 55 postal mailings of the news letter and would like to be able to cut that down to save on postage and copy cost.



**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](mailto:leodavis@hotmail.com)



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

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

## **Remember Our Seminarians in your Prayers**

As they study and prepare themselves to be priest in Catholic Church, they not only need our monetary support but they need our prayers. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide them and enlighten them, to be able follow Christ teachings and then be able to instruct us to follow Christ in today's confusing world. Please remember in your Prayers:

**Thomas R. Jones**  
**Juan Lewis Mendoza**

### **Prayer for Seminarians:**

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love.

May their hearts overflow with your compassion, understanding and generosity, and may their desire to serve you inspire others to answer your call. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with faithfulness.

Lord, give our seminarians the grace to continue to answer the call to follow you on their journey. When they are lonely or discouraged, comfort them with your peace.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, fill the hearts of our seminarians with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy.

Amen

### ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **Fat Tuesday Event**

**Hosted by**



**February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**St. Stephen Holy Spirit Center**

**Menu to include:**

**Shrimp Etouffee  
Jambalaya  
Red Beans & Rice  
King Cake**

**Corn Bread  
Rice  
Salad  
and Beverages**

**Tickets are on sale, please get them early; cost is**

**Adults \$10 and Children age 6 – 12 \$5**

**Proceeds to go to St. Mildred order:**

**"The Sisters of the Holy Spirit"**

### **January Corporate Communion**

We gathered together on January 29<sup>th</sup> to remember Brother Knights and Family members of Brother Knights who have gone to be with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Knights and family members carried a candle, in a candle ceremony to remember their loved ones and friends.





## Council 7264 Supports St. Stephen Youth Ministries Hike for Life

An estimated several hundred Hike for Life participants walked from St Stephens Church in Weatherford to the Parker County Courthouse and back, after obtaining pledges and collecting donations for Texas Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Hike for Life Texas is the states' oldest pro life event, having begun in 1973. Hikers received encouragement and prayers from the Most Reverend Kevin Vann, the Bishop of the Fort Worth Diocese, and Tom Clark, a Knight of Columbus and the President of the Texas Hike for Life organization.



We Thank the Knights for attending and helping. A special thanks to Brother's Wayne Wienke, Lawrence Bierschenk, and Dale Burchfield for taking pictures and to Brother Leonard Wright for grilling the hot dogs.



**February – A time to Sacrifice**  
**Lent Begins Ash Wednesday**  
**February 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**LENT**

**Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday**, a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes replicates an ancient penitential practice and symbolizes our dependence upon God's mercy and forgiveness.

During Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

**Reflection**

After attending Fr. Noel O'Conner talk on the Irish Pallottine Fathers and their Founder St. Vincent Pallotti. The hand out given had a suggestion that St. Vincent had passed on to his priest. This suggestion is one that can make us more one with God and Christ. The quote is:

“He had a great and lifelong devotion and ardent love of Mary. One thing Vincent could not bear was idleness. He read Scripture or the Imitation of Christ while waiting for classes to begin in college. Later he would suggest this to the priest of his Society that they do the same when not otherwise occupied. The wholehearted love of God which distinguished Vincent as a boy increased when he became a priest.”

Yet another quote: “The striking of a clock was looked upon as a reminder that God was calling him to devote that hour ever so diligently to God's service.”

Maybe this is one way to encourage ourselves to become a better Knight and a better Catholic.



# FEBRUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1 Happy Birthday <a href="#">John Walter Achtyl</a>	2	3 Happy Birthday <a href="#">Lewis R Brandin</a>	4
5 Happy Birthday <a href="#">Vernon S Greenlee</a>	6 Happy Birthday <a href="#">Reginald Bouthillier</a> <a href="#">Lynn B Cardwell</a>	7 Happy Birthday <a href="#">Richard W Angona</a> <a href="#">Gerald G Kelly</a>	8	9 Happy Birthday <a href="#">Victor J Jungman</a>	10	11 Happy Birthday <a href="#">David F Levesque</a> <a href="#">Ronald H Westendorf</a>
12 <a href="#">Burrito Breakfast</a>	13 1st Degree at Council 13470 in Arlington	14 7:15 PM <a href="#">Business Meeting</a>	15	16	17	18
19 Happy Birthday <a href="#">Tom C Niederauer</a>	20	21 5:30 pm <a href="#">Fat Tuesday</a> Event	22 <a href="#">Ash Wednesday</a>  Happy Birthday <a href="#">Johnny A Sosa</a>	23	24	25 <a href="#">Last Day for News Letter Articles</a>
26	27	28 7:00 pm <a href="#">Planning Meeting</a>	29	1	2	3