

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2016



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DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
2/02/16, Tues	Groundhog Day	Frank Perri's Day
2\02/16, Tues	Free Throw Championship	6:30 pm – St Marks Gym
2/03/16, Wed	CHOC Meeting	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
2/04/16, Thurs	Mass & General Meeting	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
2/05/16, Fri	Free Throw - District	Community Center
2//05/16, Fri	Super Bowl Chicken BBQ	Kitchen for Prep.
2/06/16, Sat	Rosary	4:30 pm - Church
2/06-07/16, Sat & Sun	BBQ Chicken Sales & Preparation	Outdoor Corners, Gym Entrance, Access to Cooler & Kitchen for Prep. & Cleanup
2/07/16, Sun	Fish Fry Promotion	Church after Mass
2/07/16, Sun	Valentine's Day Promotion & Ticket Sales	Church after Mass
2/07/16, Sun	Membership Drive	Pulpit Talk & After Mass Promotion
2/07/16, Sun	Squires Meeting	9:00 am - Christopher Hall
2/10/16, Wed	Ash Wednesday	
2/11/16, Thurs	Assembly Meeting	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
2/12/16, Fri	Lenten Fish Fry	St Francis Circle
2/12-13/16, Fri-Sat	24-Hour Adoration	4 pm Fri to 4 pm Sat - Blessed Sacrament Chapel
2/13/16, Sat	Valentine's Day Dance	7 pm -11 pm, Christopher Hall
2/14/16, Sun	Valentine's Day	
2/15/16, Mon	President's Day	
2/17/16, Wed	Chapter 10181 Meeting	7:00 pm - St John Paul II Council 13523,

		2600 W. Woodlawn Ave.
2/18/16, Thurs	Officers Meeting	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
2/19/16, Fri	Lenten Fish Fry	St Francis Circle
2/26/16, Fri	Lenten Fish Fry	St Francis Circle
2/26/16, Fri	Habitat for Humanity	Construction Begins
2/28/16, Sun	Blood Drive	8 am – 2 pm, Christopher Hall

2016 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knights of Columbus Council 7613 is offering college scholarships with a final due date of February 5. Applications must be submitted to the pastoral office by noon Friday February 5. For information, call Steve Marques at (210) 269-1339 or Denise Wayman at (210)-317-8155 or go to www.st.markevangelist.com.

YOUTH FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the St Mark's gym. Registration and warm-up shooting is at 6:30 pm.

The K of C Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls will participate in their respective age divisions. All contestants on the local level will be recognized for their participation in the event. New leather basketballs will be awarded to each age category winner. Participants may be required to provide proof of age and written parental consent. Entry forms will be available at the event. There is no fee to participate. For additional information, contact Chris Huggins at 491-9568.

CYO basketball coaches are encouraged to bring their entire team. Have your players show up in their uniforms and challenge each other for the highest score. Come and join the fun, step up to the line and give it a shot.

VALENTINES DANCE



Come one; come all to the Valentines Dance at Christopher hall on Saturday, February 13 starting at 7 pm. All are invited, your family and friends for a wonderful evening of fun and dance. Bring your wife, your family and/or your friends regardless of whether or not they are of the Catholic faith.

SQUIRES will really enjoy dancing with experienced dancers such as their mother or grandmother. They should also have lots of fun dancing with girls who are not well experienced in dancing (as long as they can endure being kicked in the knee and stomped some on their toes).

Tickets are only \$5 at the door. Each person will require a ticket. Adults can BYOB and snacks. Soda and set ups will be available. Call John Thabet at (210) 494-3553 for more information.

WOOD FOR SUPER BOWL CHICKEN BBQ

Zappie's Woodies gathered together to collect wood for our Super Bowl BBQ Chicken extravaganza and haul it over to St. Mark's.

Many thanks to PGK Elroy Tschirhart for donating lots of wood and to Joe Velten for providing us a contact that donated a barn full of wood. We are most appreciative of the work accomplished by Joe & John Velten, Ruben Ayala (photographer & worker), Sal Scalia, Mike Pattillo, John Zapata, Ralph Sirois, and Gerry Zapata (Zappie).

Following are pictures of our working Brother Knights.



**Ralph Sirois handing wood to John Zapata.
Sal Scalia & Zappie watching the work**



Mike Pattillo, John Zapata, Zappie & Ralph Sirois



Joe Velton with son John Velten



John Velten Loading his dads truck



John Zapata & Ralph Sirois



Group praying with a Jan Summerson for her ill husband



Joe Velten, who provided the wood, is shaking hands with Zappie. In the background is Mike Pattillo, Sal Scalia & Ralph Sirois

SUPERBOWL CHICKEN BBQ WORK SCHEDULE

We have set a high mark of profitability to beat that which was attained during our most successful BBG this last October. Our October BBQ was the most profitable event in several years. For us to achieve this goal, we need all available Knights, Squires, future Knights and anyone else who would want to join the fun.

You, brother Knights, Squires, and your friends, are invited to participate by signing up for a shift (or more) using the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AABAB22A6F49-chicken/1136125>

This invitation is for all our members including the experienced and new fire starters, cooks, & Firemen. For those that are new at this or do not know what role you would prefer, just sign up for the time you can help. It is recommended that you wear older or unwanted clothes because some of the work, not all, can spoil your clothes. Following is a scheduled list of shifts set forth for the work:

Friday 2/5/16

Noon-3:00pm – Chicken Prep – Rinse, Trim, Season chickens

Saturday 2/6/16

10:30am to 1:30pm – Fire Starters-Build fire and put coals in pit.
 1:30pm to 5:00pm – Cooks/Firemen – help put chickens on pit and turn them, replenish coals when needed.
 3:30pm to 5:30pm – Packaging/Barrel Washers – Prepare potatoes, package chicken and sausage, clean empty barrels.
 5:30pm to 6:30pm – Sales at 5:00pm Mass (need at least 3 Knights at each table).
 9:00pm to Midnight – Fire Starters – Build fire & put coals in pit.

Sunday 2/7/16

12:00 am to 3:00am – Cooks/Firemen – help put chickens on pit and turn them, replenish coals when needed.
 3:00am to 6:00am – Cooks/Firemen – help put chickens on pit and tun them, replinish coals when needed.
 6:00am to 9:00am - Cooks/Firemen – help put chickens on pit and tun them, replinish coals when needed, Clean up pit.
 8:30am to 9:30am – Sales at 8:00am Mass (need at least 3 Knights at each table).
 10:30am to 11:30am – Sales at 10:00am Mass (need at least 3 Knights at each table).
 12:30pm to 1:30pm – Sales at 12:00pm Mass (need at least 3 Knights at each table). Clean up Sales area.

For now we are not planning on selling at the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday unless there were a large number of unsold chickens needed to be sold.

WAXING & STRIPPING CHRISTOPHER HALL

Compared to past experiences, the Hall stripping and waxing this weekend (January 16-17) went smoothly and timely, thanks fo the great show of support and enthusiam of all those dounge the work. You should have seen the rush to help when Gary Richmond said when he needed help “bring out the Stripper”. Following is a list of our good Knights that showed up and did such a good job for their leader, **Gary Richmond**:

Saturday Stripping Crew

Nick Young	Dan Alderete	Brian Nelson
Anthony Langford	Mark Jackson	Joe Velten
John Goetz	Chris Huggins	Ralph Sirois
Leo Whitley	Royce Groff	William Schelgel
Dan Calvet	Greg Wilson	Al Gill

Sunday Waxing Crew

Brian Nelson	Al Gill	Heith Thomas
Chris Huggins	Woody Huggins	

Mondays Buffing Crew

The Gill Family: Al, Chris, & Daniel

St. Mark the Evangelist Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat January 7 to 10, 2016



“Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs”

Leo Forget, shown below, served as director of the ACTS. Retreat with Mike Pattillo and Ken Kurburski serving as co-directors. The team of 32 men served 27 retreatants on the weekend retreat at the Cordia-Marian retreat center.

Brother Knight Leo Forget said that he was blessed to serve with a number of his fellow knights serving as team members and those attending the retreat. The following knights served as team members: Lyle Bird, Chuck Clucus, Frank Eldridge, Leo Forget, Mark Franki, Gerald Gaenslen, PGK Ed Garcia, PGK Nieves Gonzalez, Don Hanson, Deacon Gilbert Hernandez, Douglas Hibbits, PGK Ron Hrcir, John Lorenzo, Jonny Melendez, Mike Pattillo, David Rayner, Sal Scalia, Trey Tollette, and Ron Tutt.

Our home team also contained many knights: PGK Bruce Magnuson lead the team which included Gary Richmond, DGK Jon Klauenberg, PGK Brian Nelson, Chris Huggins, SK Larry Zoller, SK Raymond Paige, and many other knights working in support roles.

The following knights joined us as retreatants; SK Al Gill, and Chris Gill. Monsignor Ryan participated in celebrating daily mass for the retreat and spoke at the retreat. Thanks go to many of the other brother Knights that assisted in manning the sign up table after weekend masses.

The Thursday through Sunday ACTS retreat which is run by a team of laymen is structured to strengthen our faith through focusing on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service (ACTS). Leo Forget said that his retreat in 2003 had a profound positive effect on his life as a husband, father, brother, and a Knight of Columbus. He strongly encourages all men to experience an ACTS retreat and those who have attended a retreat to offer their services on an ACTS team.



SK Leo Forget – Serving to register men for the ACTS Retreat

MONTHLY ROSARY

St Marks prays the Holy Rosary every Saturday before the 5pm Mass and before the 8 am Mass on Sunday. The Rosary is held in the main sanctuary at 4:25 pm on Saturday and 7:30 am on Sunday. Our KC 7613 has reserved and has continued to lead the Rosary the first Saturday of every month – we refer this Rosary as our “Monthly Rosary”.



**SK Sal Scalia is shown leading the Rosary, January 2.
Seated are Brother Sir Knights Gerald Gaenslen, John Reichensperger,
Fernando Arellano, and PGK Sam Szalwinski**

START OF OUR 21st HABITAT HOME

The sign up opportunity provided after Mass on January 3 to support the building of our 21st Habitat Home in 2016 was a wonderful success, thanks to Bill Faucher shown below presenting the need for commitments during mass and attending the sign up commitments. The signed commitments pertained to the contributions of funds, labor, and meals. A second sign up opportunity will occur sometime in February because more commitments are needed. For more information, contact Bill Faucher at (210) 496-7221.

During the January 7 General meeting, our Council presented a \$1,000 check to PGK Sam Szalwinski in support of building our 21st Habitat Home.



SK Bill Faucher

GUADALUPE HOME – A PART OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Todd Stilwell, a brother Knight of St. Matthews and Chairman of the Board of Catholic Charities addressed our Council about the Guadalupe Mission and provided an overview of the Catholic Charities mission. He was presented a \$2,500 check from the Council for the Guadalupe Home, money obtained from our Council’s Skeet Shoot tournament fundraising.

At the meeting, Todd cited the Catholic Charities appreciation for receipt of our Council’s donation for the Guadalupe Home. Much gratitude goes to the central figures of the fundraising event, Art Ramirez and Richard Lee.

After the January 7 meeting and at the entrance of St. Marks, GK Ysau Flores and Todd Stilwell are shown below with the \$2,500 check waiting for the arrival of Christina Higgs, Executive Director of Catholic Charities. The 2nd picture below shows Todd Stilwell presenting the check to Christina Higgs at the time of her arrival.

The Guadalupe Home is a transitional living program for homeless expectant mothers and homeless mothers with infants. During their stay, mothers have a safe place to live and to prepare for birth, as well as have a home-like environment in which to nurture their baby. Women who come to Guadalupe Home are ready to improve their lives and the lives of their children.

It is noteworthy that St Marks Knights were personally involved many years ago in making the original facilities habitable, i.e., painting, carpentry, and installing fire escape (borrowed from St Marks old Knights two story building). The Knights involved in this work were Lloyd Anders, PGK Elroy Tschirhart, PGK John Thabet, PGK Nieves Gonzalez, PGK Sam Szalwinski, Troy Tollette, SN Fernando Arellano, and others.



GK Ysau Flores & Chairman of the Board of Catholic Charities, Todd Stilwell



Todd Stilwell and Executive Director of Catholic Charities, Christina Higgs

AWARDS & NEW KNIGHTS PRESENTED AT THE JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

Brandon Schulz and his son, Randy Schulz shown in the following photograph are most welcome as two of our **new Knights**. Let us all welcome them at all our meetings and activities.

Also shown in the following photograph are our **Knight of the Month**, SK Larry Zoller and **Family of the Month**, SK Leo Whitley (wife Marianne Whitley not present).



**Brandon & Randy Schulze (father & son new Knights);
SK Larry Zoller (Knight of the Month); & SK Leo Whitley (Family of the Month)**

The next two photographs shows the District Deputy Greg Thompson presenting PGK Tex Liedtka the **“Columbian”** award and GK Ysau Flores the **“Quick Start Council”** award.



PGK Tex Liedtka receiving the Columbian Award



GK Ysau Flores receiving the Quick Start Council Award

AWARDS AND 4TH DEGREE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS AT ASSEMBLY 3018

During the January 2016 Assembly 3018 meeting, District WM Joe Rodriguez presented our Assembly two awards.

- The Civic Action Award.
- The Lady of Guadalupe Provincial Award for Excellence

The Civic Award is presented annually as a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified in the patriotic activities conducted by Fourth Degree assemblies. Assemblies conducting a minimum of four different patriotic programs during the fraternal year are eligible for the Supreme Council Civic Award.

To be eligible, assemblies must complete and submit the Civic Award application to the Supreme Council office by June 30. All assemblies are encouraged to achieve Civic Award status each and every fraternal year.

Criteria for the Provincial Award for Excellence is set forth as follows:

- Meet the membership growth quota of 10%
- Complete all Assembly forms on time
- Achieve the Civic Award

These awards are mainly presented for our work with the Audie Murphey VA Hospital; the Center for the Intrepid; the Wounded Warrior Program; the SAMC Hospital Chaplaincy; and the Wheelchair Program.

- The following photograph shows PFN Dr. Jim Fay receiving the The Lady of Guadalupe Provincial Award for Excellence award.



**PFN Dr. Jim Fay receiving the The Lady of Guadalupe Provincial Award
Award for Excellence from WM Joe Rodriguez**

Additionally, WM Joe Rodreguez presented three of our Council Knights with certificates honoring them for their achievement of attaining a Knights of Columbus 4th Degree. Following is a photograph of the honoraries SK Anthony Langford,SK Hilario Lopez, & SK A. C. Rogers standing with WM Joe Rodreguez.



SK Anthony Langford, SK Hilario Lopez, & SK A. C. Rogers receiving certification certificates honoring their attainment of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

WINE TASTING SOCIAL

What a Blessed event this was on Friday, January 22! Approximately 70 people attended, and we raised about \$5,000 for our Clergy and Seminarians! Shown below are views of the event in process.

Much appreciation to those noted below for the most wonderful contributions and services that made this event a most successful affair for our clergy and Seminarians:

- Our Knight Brother-Hosts Tom Sessi and Joe Kissling conducted outstanding presentations of their wonderful wines. Thanks go to Brothers Tom and Joe for donating all the superb wine consumed!
- Special Thanks and Blessings go to our fellow Brothers of the Wine Tasting Social Committee: Tom Sessi, Bill Schlegel, PGK Tex Liedtka, PGK Brian Nelson, SK Richard Lee, Gary Richmond, and Art Ramirez.
- Several Brothers donated silent auction items, which raised at least \$1,600! Thank You!
- Thank you, SK Joshua Frilling for playing soothing-wine-tasting piano music.
- And, one more Thanks, to Heath Thomas, a new Knight, for stepping up!



