



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

February 2017

Council #7613

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COUNCIL CORNER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
2/01/2017, Wed	CHOC Meeting	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
2/02/2017, Thurs	Mass & General Meeting	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
2/02/2017, Thurs	Ground Hog Day	
2/03/2017, Fri	Super Bowl Chicken BBQ	Kitchen for Prep.
2/04/2017, Sat	Monthly Rosary	4:30 pm – Church
2/05/2017, Sun	Squires Meeting	9:00 am – Christopher Hall
2/04-05/2017, Sat & Sun	BBQ Chicken Sales & Preparation	Outdoor Corners, Gym Entrance, Access to Cooler & Kitchen for Prep. & Cleanup
2/07/2017, Tues	Free Throw - Council	6:30 pm – St Mark's Gym
2/09/2017, Thurs	Assembly Meeting	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
2/10/2017, Fri	Lincoln's Birthday	
2/11/2017, Sat	Valentine's Day Dance	7 pm – 11 pm Christopher Hall
2/13/2017, Mon	President's Day	
2/14/2017, Tues	Valentine's Day	
2/15/2017, Wed	Chapter Meeting	7:00 pm – 2600 W. Woodlawn, Assumption Seminary Parish, Council 13523
2/16/2017, Thurs	Officer's Meeting	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
2/21/2017	Admissions Degree	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
2/26/2017, Sun	Blood Drive	8 am to 2 pm – Christopher Hall

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – UPCOMING EVENTS

Chris Huggins (shown below) provided the following announcement:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YOUTH FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

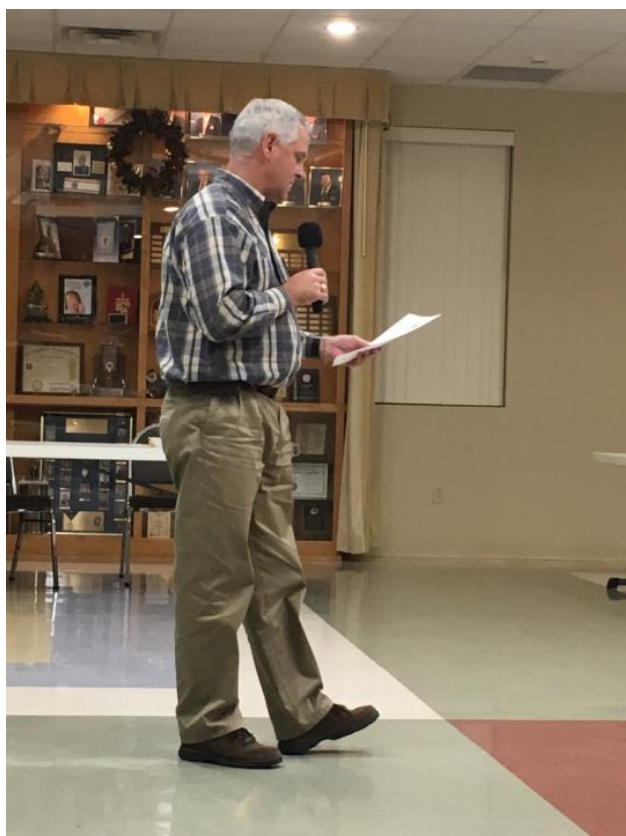


All boys and girls **ages 9 to 14** (Age as of 1/01/2017) are invited to participate in the **2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**. The competition will be held on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017** at **7:00 p.m.** in the **St Mark's gym**. Registration and warm-up shooting is at **6:30 p.m.**

We will award twelve new **leather basketballs**, one basketball for each age category winner. There is no fee to participate. **For additional information, please 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
COME GIVE IT A SHOT!**



CHRIS HUGGINS
Speaks on the “Free Throw Competition”

Mike Pattillo is shown below speaking of the upcoming “**Chicken BBQ Super Bowl**”. He encouraged us to come spend time with our Brother Knights in the preparation, cooking, and selling of chickens and sausages in accordance with the following schedule.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	SLOTS NEEDED
2/03/17, Friday	Kitchen in Gym	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	18 -- Chicken Prep
2/04/17, Saturday	St Marks Church BBQ Pit	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	3 -- Fire Starters
		12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	4 -- Cooks & Firemen
	Kitchen in Gym	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	3-- Packaging & 2-- Barrel Washers
	St Mark’s Church	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	5 -- at 5:00 pm Sat Mass Sales
	St Mark’s Church BBQ Pit	9:00 pm – 12:00 am	6 -- Fire Starters
2/05/2017, Sunday	St Mark’s Church BBQ Pit	12:00 am – 3:00 am	9 -- Cooks & Firemen
		3:00 am – 6:00 am	8 -- Cooks & Firemen
		6:00 am – 9:00 am	8 -- Cooks & Firemen
	Kitchen & Gym	7:00 am – 12:30 pm	7 -- Packaging
		7:00 am – 12:30 pm	2 -- Barrel Washers
	St Mark’s Church	8:30 am – 9:30 am	4 -- Salesmen, Sunday 8:00 Mass
		10:30 am – 11:30 am	4 -- Salesmen, Sunday 10:00 Mass
		12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	4 -- Sales & Take Down Sunday 12:00 Mass

This invitation to participate is for all members including both the experienced and the new Fire Starters, Cooks, & Firemen. If you are a new volunteer 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 you may come home with a mixture of carbon and chicken grease stains which have the ability to challenge any of the strongest stain removers available on the market.



Mike Pattillo
Speaks on “Chicken BBQ Super Bowl Sunday”
For Supporting Scholarships

VALENTINES DAY DANCE

On Saturday, February 11 the Valentines Dance will start at 7:00 pm in Christopher Hall. Yes it's that time again to put on your Blue Suede Shoes and for your lovely wife/girlfriend to put on that Gorgeous Red Dress. It's **Our Annual Valentine's Day Dance!**

With all the hard work leading up to this, (Casino Night, Exemplification, Wood Splitting, Chicken BBQ, etc) it will be fun to just have FUN !

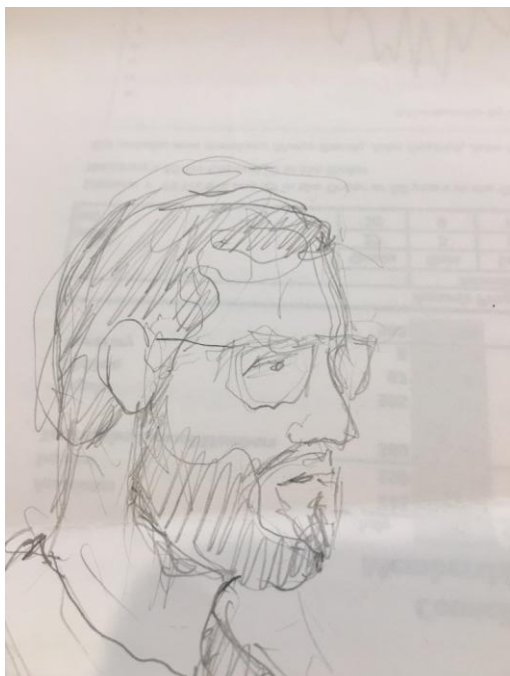
This event is open to all parishioners and friends, invite who you want. The cost is \$5 per person (\$10 per couple) which is raised to cover the cost of DJ and Bar Setups. DJ Vicente Zavala will again be providing great music and lighting.

BYOB (Bring Your Own Babe) and adult beverage. Bar setups (ice-water-soda-lemons/limes) will be provided. You are welcome to bring snacks to share at your table. We will also have **50/50**.

Hilario Lopez and SK Gerado Zapata along with their lovely wives, Sandra and Patti, represent the "committee" putting this fun event together. They will need some help setting up, decorating, and at least two people to man the table for obtaining the attendance fees and issuing the "50/50" tickets. Contact "Zappie" (Ph: 713-545-8429 or Email: gzappie@aol.com) to volunteer your most needed service for this event.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

Our musical entertainment leader, Brother Lyle Bird, introduced Scott Beyer (shown below) who performed a most enjoyable song "Amazing Grace – My Chains are Gone". Also, shown below is a portrait of Scott produced by PGK Tex Liedtka at the meeting during Scott's performance.



**Portrait of Scott Beyer
by PGK Tex Liedtka**



**Scott Beyer singing "Amazing Grace -
My Chains are Gone"**

COUNCIL AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



**FAMILY OF THE MONTH
SK Lloyd & JoAnn Anders**



**DD Greg Thompson presents the
Squires award to Dr Steve Bauer &
SK Richard Lee**



**DD Greg Thompson presents Ysau Flores
with the COLUMBIAN PROGRAM Award**



SQUIRES COLUMBIAN AWARD



**DD Greg Thompson presents GK Ysau
with the DISTRICT RIBBON**

NEW KNIGHTS HAVE JOINED OUR COUNCIL

On January 26 at the First Degree Ceremony, Houston Harris and Ryan Ramirez (Arty's son) shown below, were inducted as First Degree Knights of the *Knights of Columbus*.

We are most pleased to have received Houston and Ryan as new members of our Council 7613. Let us all give them a warm welcome to our meetings and involve them in our activities as friends and "Brothers".



Houston Harris



Ryan Ramirez

FORTH DEGREE ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations go Heath Thomas and Gary Richman who on January 28 received their 4th Degree position as “Sir Knight’s” (SK), a most wonderful position in Council 7613 and now also as a member of Assembly 3018. Following are photographs of SK Heath Thomas and SK Gary Richman at the dinner following the 4th Degree Exemplification process. .



SK Heath Thomas (center)



SK Gary Richmond

ROMEO CHRISTMAS LUNCH

ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out), a group of Council 7613 Knights that meet for breakfast or lunch once a week to eat and talk. Following are photographs of a special Christmas lunch that also includes their wife's, relatives and friends. As you can see they had a joyous time at the Barn Door restaurant.



TEXAS KNIGHTS AND WHEELCHAIRS

Mike Molina, Supervisor at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Westover Hills accepts wheelchairs from Chapter Pres. Chris Rodriquez. Brother Ramon De Hoyos coordinated the delivery.



Following is PGK Sam Szalwinski's overview of the Wheelchair project since its inception:

“Fund raising for wheelchairs by Texas Knights has been nothing short of phenomenal. Our Knights joined with the American Wheelchair Mission and this program formally started during the 2008-2009 fraternal year.”

“It was a slow beginning when during that year only \$3,300 was raised. But quick growth soon followed when \$119,000 was raised during the following year. Similar numbers continued during each succeeding year. The all time high occurred during the 2014-2015 fraternal year when \$293,000 was raised.”

“When the \$28,616 raised so far this year is added to the grand total, the figure reaches \$1,223,414. This means that Texas Knights have purchased 8,156 wheelchairs. Or a better way to express this achievement is that 8,156 IMMOBILE people have become MOBILE.”

“Pope Francis wants us to love our neighbor. Wheelchairs are distributed worldwide by Chris Lewis, CEO of the American Wheelchair Mission, to all of our neighbors. Texas Knights can be very proud of our Wheelchair Ministry.”

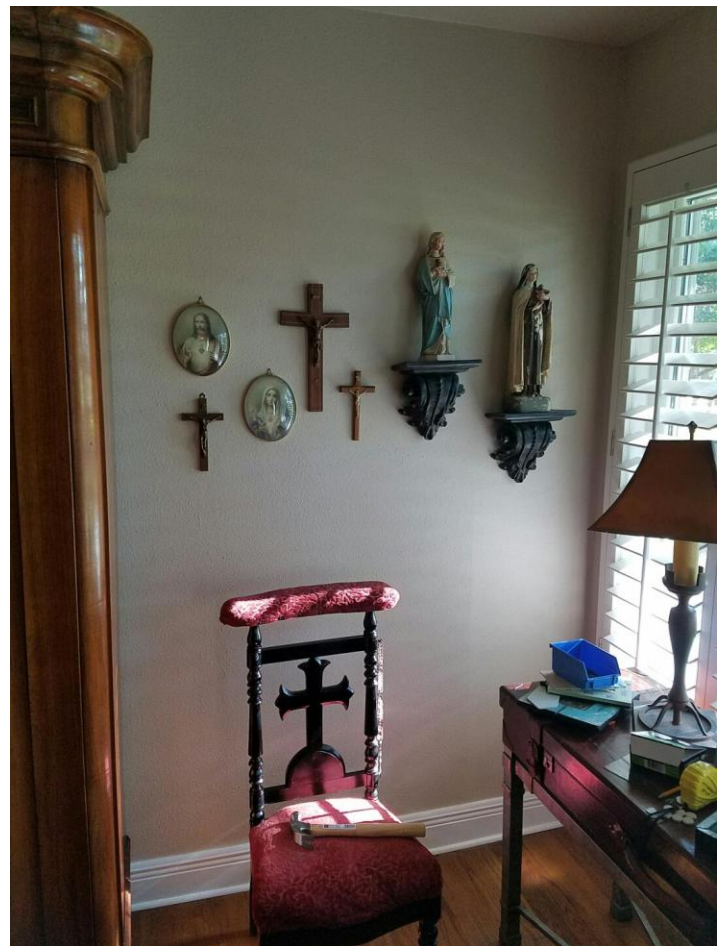
PRAYER CORNER FOR BOYS IN THEIR LIVING ROOM

The grandsons of Brother Knight Pete Blozis, (back row, left) Michael 10, Tyler 10 (born at 1 lb. 14 oz.), & Sheridan, Pete's lovely wife, Evan 7, Bentley 5 & Erick 7, four of which were adopted from Child Protective Services, are shown in the picture with Santa Claus at the Knight's 2016 Christmas party.

It is a wonderful family process of encouraging healing, reflection and behavior in a most religious manner by providing them the prayer corner shown in the living room of their new home. Pete's grandchildren now have the chance to grow up in an atmosphere of religious understanding and practice that they would not have had prior to adoption.



**PETE BLOZIS' GRANDSONS AT
KNIGHTS' CHRISTMAS PARTY**



**PRAYER CORNER IN HOUSE OF
SK PETE BLOZIS**

HAVEN FOR HOPE

About 400 meals of Vinnie's Bistro were served to those of the "Haven for Hope" from the St. Vincent de Paul kitchen at the Haven for Hope. Notice that those who are more used to doing the cooking are the ones that always have a beautiful smile.



Dr/SK & Mrs. John Green



Brother Ramon (FYI, studying to be a Deacon) and Mrs Rodriguez



Reba & David Schmitt with GK Ysau

AWARD OF THE HUNT

Sir Knight Fernando Arellano displays his game kills three days before Christmas. He shot the big sow hog and bagged the "trophy" buck the next morning. Both were taken from the T99 Ranch in Medina County.

Way to go Fernando! Lots of meat for the deepfreeze



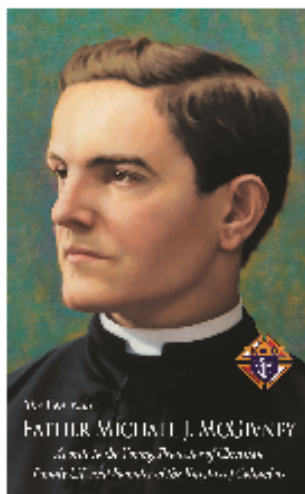
SK Fernando Arellano with his sow hog & his "trophy" buck

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY FOR “KNIGHTHOOD ADVANCEMENT”



*Alamo Council 4298
Knights of Columbus is hosting:*

“KNIGHT IN A DAY” —THE FIRST THREE DEGREES— at St Pius X Church on Feb 4



Please find below a tentative schedule for February 4. Schedule may vary dependent upon membership cooperation.

7:00 AM — Registration

8:00 AM — Admission Degree Ceremony (1st Degree)

9:00 AM — Mass

Break

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM — Formation Degree Ceremony (2nd Degree)

11:00 AM to 11:15 AM — Break

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM — Knighthood Degree (3rd Degree)

1:15 PM to 1:45 PM — Lunch

Introduction of Dignitaries and Degree Teams.

Candidates out by 2 PM.

Frequently Asked Questions

- No fee for 1st Degree only—\$15 for 2nd and/or 3rd Degree
- No fee for observers.
- Member/Candidate may register for any or all Degrees required.
- Lunch consists of Spiral Sliced Ham, Green Beans, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes.
- Lunch tickets available to all at registration for \$7.



**ALAMO COUNCIL 4298
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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Out of consideration for the parish of Saint Pius X, we request all park in the back parking lot located on Robin Rest St. Enter the SPX Family Center from Robin Rest St. Robin Rest Street is located behind the church. An elevator is available and is located in the SPX Family Center

Registration Contact:
Membership Chair David Nordman
eMail: david.nordman@usaa.com

Parishioners lead by Lyle Bird singin Amazing Grace on MLK DAY



KC 7613 CASINO NIGHT

Funds raised will go to the refurbishing of Aquinas Hall. Thank you, Bill Schelgel for chairing this important event with St Mark's Women's Guild, pictured here.





















BBQ WOOD STACKING

A wonderful turnout of nearly 30 workers composed of our Brother Knights and some of their families and friends turned out Saturday (Jan 21) to split and stack wood for our next Chicken BBQ (Feb 3, 4, & 5). Following is a list of all that the “wood workers” that did the work (Hopefully none were missed on the list – Zappie said to “please forgive him if your name is missed”). This “wood stacking” event also served as a family event for some.

John Fredrick (new Knight)
Paul Garcia
Gusin Hare
SK Richard Lee & son Ryan
Lee
Alfred Gill
SK Tony Morgan

Jonathan Bassett
SK Leo Forget
Bill Foosh
Author Ramirez, son Ryan
Ramirez & 4 fiends
Andy Totah
Daniel Alderete

SK Salvatore Scalia
Stu Beaulieu
Martin Leal
Royce Groff & 2 yr old son
Royce Jr.
SK Ralph Sirois
SK Mike Pattillo

The following photographs show some who served this “wood stacking” work. We were so fortunate to have so many workers in that we were able to send some over to help set up for the Casino Knight event. Al Gill was even able to take breaks by the wood pile.

We also had enough man power for Martin Leal to take Stu Beaulieu and Johnathan Bassett over to help him with the cleaning and welding the BBQ pit (see photographs below).



**Ryan Lee son of Brother Sir Knight Richard Lee
did an outstanding job of being in charge of the stacking.**



**Martin Leal & Jonathan Bassett
Getting pressure washer ready
He then did some welding**



Brother Woodies splitting & stacking



Royce Groff with future Knight son Royce Jr



Almost 30 volunteers showed up to help



Jonathan Bassett scraping and vacuuming pit

ST MARK'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Pope Francis said that showing mercy to those who have strayed can be life changing.

Since year 2011, our visits to the Briscoe Unit in Dilley, Texas has brought a spark of hope for the inmates. The spark turned into light when we made the commitment to provide a weekly Communion service with Liturgy of the Word, of the Mass, and of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). So far over 14 inmates have been baptized and our Catholic ministers have brought 18 inmates to the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Inmates have also graduated with a certificate from The Oblate School of Theology Pastoral Formation Institute. This is an in depth two year course study of our Church History; Prayer; Christian Life and Morality; and the Bible, Creed, and Sacraments.

As indicated in the following letter, we are requested to "step forward" to support this most important service towards the reconciliation of the inmates at the Briscoe prison in Dilley, Texas.



Dear Brother in Christ,

The next Kolbe Prison Retreat at the Briscoe Unit in Dilley, TX will be held on March 9-11, 2017. As before, this retreat will be sponsored through St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church.

We are beginning the process of team formation and are letting former team members know about the upcoming retreat. We are also inquiring as to your level of interest in participating on the outside team. At present, we plan to have team meetings held at St. Mark church in Room 201 at Christopher Hall on Monday evenings (January 30 through March 6).

In order to reach out and grow the number of men involved in the prison ministry, we are planning to have about 40% of the team consist of men who have not previously participated in a Kolbe retreat. That could limit the number of "seasoned" team members on the roster.

Please let one of us know (preferably by email) as to your level on interest in participating on team for the March Kolbe retreat. If the number of past Kolbe team members that are interested exceeds to available spots on the team roster, we may have to select the team by lottery. If you would like to help in some other way (such as providing meals), please let us know.

Thank you for your past involvement in the Kolbe Prison Ministry and may God abundantly bless you for your works of mercy.

Your brothers in Christ,

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