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1st Thursday
Officer Planning Meeting 7:00 PM

2nd Thursday
Council Meeting Starts at 7:00PM

4th Thursday
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Inside Guard

Peter Palen

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Danny Spurlock

Robert Perrotta

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Jim Ledwig (2 yr)

Bob Castro (3 yr)

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Retention

Jim Ledwig

Health

Dan Armbruster

Vocations

Deacon Rene Ramon

Emergency Coordinator (Site Commander)

Ricky Rogers

Charity

Larry Hawkins

Golf

Rich Laboda

Bowling

David Polasek

Bingo

Mickey Manore

OTS (Old Town Spring)

Ken Scales

Scholarship Fund

Bill Moeller

Fundraising

Eric Salley

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VA Assistance

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Degree Team

Robert Perrotta

Welcoming Committee

John Groneck

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A Founding Vision, a Visionary Founder

“Resolved by this assembly: That Michael J. McGivney, Matthew C. O’Connor, Cornelius J. Driscoll, James J. Mullen, John J. Kerrigan, Daniel Colwell, and William M. Geary, and all other persons now associated with them under the name of the Knights of Columbus, together with all other such person as may hereafter become associated with them, and their successors, are constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of the knights of Columbus.

“The purpose for which said corporation is formed are the following: (a) of rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families and beneficiaries of members and their families; (b) of rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled and needy members and their families; (c) of promoting social and intellectual intercourse among its members and their families, and (d) of promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and welfare, and public relief work.”

~ Excerpted from the Charter of the Knights of Columbus, Granted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, Approved March 29, 1882.

As the Connecticut winter drew to a close in March of 1882, few could have imagined that the new Catholic organization just approved by the General Assembly would amount to much. It was seemingly inconceivable that an organization, begun in such unwelcoming circumstances, would go on to become one of the world’s largest Catholic fraternal organizations. It was baffling to think that a group of destitute Irish immigrants, fighting against unemployment, discrimination, and diseases in New Haven, Conn. would cause a spark that would light up the world with more than 1.8 million members, in more than a dozen countries. It was so improbable that a group of men dedicated to serving the needs of their Catholic community would go on to donate nearly \$1.5 billion dollars to charitable causes, and spend 673 million hours volunteering in just the last decade. And it seemed so unlikely that a Catholic priest, who spent nearly every waking minute attending to the spiritual and material needs of his parishioners, would be the founder of one of North America’s largest life insurance companies. Inconceivable? Baffling? Improbable? Unlikely? Perhaps - but not to Fr. McGivney. And, not to the 75 men who dared to answer his call to found the Knights of Columbus. It is his vision - and theirs - that we celebrate each March as “Founder’s Day.”

And what, exactly, did they found? Father McGivney, we know, did not just found a charitable society, but a society of mutual aid through which members would insure their own well-being, and that of their families, with the help of their brother knights. Father McGivney, we’re told in Parish Priest, began the founding of the Order and its insurance program with “an entrepreneurial

zeal.” Determined to provide financial protection for his parishioners and their families, McGivney, “had to delve into the subject of insurance and read all of the fine print, of which there was plenty.”

Before deciding that a new group was in order, Father McGivney researched the finer points of the insurance programs of other fraternal benefit organizations, ultimately concluding that their coverage was insufficient. And when it came to time crunch the numbers and establish the newly-founded Knights’ insurance program, it was Father McGivney himself who set down the terms and reported them to the members, and to other parishes in the diocese. “In the way that Father McGivney had organized the insurance,” Parish Priest says, “nearly anyone could afford coverage.”

Father McGivney was devoted to his mission, working tirelessly until his premature death at age 38. How proud must Father McGivney and his brother knights be to know that program he founded continues to provide affordable, quality insurance to knights and their families? How proud must they be to know that the Knights of Columbus continues to provide insurance by brother knights, for brother knights, protecting Catholic families for generations? How proud must they be to know that the Knights of Columbus, with over \$100 billion in force and more than 2 million active contracts, is protecting more Knights than ever before?

Not nearly as proud as we are to call Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney our beloved founder. This March, let’s make Father McGivney’s priority our own. Let’s continue his mission of protecting Catholic families from destitution and financial ruin by making sure that our families are protected with insurance for brother knights, by brother knights. After all, it’s part of what being a Knight is all about.

Happy Founder’s Day!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY

Brother Knights,

Brother Knights, thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut State Legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity. (K.C. website).

The vision of Father McGivney is carried on in our service and in our faith as good Catholic gentlemen. We contributed over 170 million dollars and over 71 million hours to charitable service last year. Our Order has now grown to over 1.9 million Catholic gentlemen.

March 29th is founder's day and all Brother Knights should look to each other with pride and admiration as the strong right arm of the church. Our Order is founded on the teachings of our Holy Mother Church to serve our families, our parish and our communities.

As we progress through this Lenten season, let us be thankful for the vision of Father McGivney, a Catholic Priest, who understood the challenges of life for mankind but Father McGivney also understood the greatness of the love of our Heavenly Father, the sacrifice of his Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and the continual guidance of the Holy Spirit as we reach out to all we serve as Brother Knights.

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Welcome to Our Council

Frank Mullins (SSJ)

Eric Pickett (SJ)

Xavier Ramos, Jr. (SSJ)

Matthew Vogt (SSJ)

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Ed Varosky Ed Varosky is a member of St Edwards Parish. Ed is an active volunteer at most of our fund raisers in Old Town Spring. You will also find Ed working at the hall cleaning up or doing repairs when needed at a work party. On Sunday mornings, Ed also ushers at the 7:30 AM Mass. Thanks Ed for all that you do for our council and your parish.

Join the Fourth Degree

By Bill Moeller

Our Lady of the Pines Assembly 1759 is hosting the next 4th Degree Exemplification of May 21 at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish. This does not get any closer and will not return to our area for probably 5 years. Here is a great opportunity to join and continue service to our clergy and parish as a member of honor guards at special masses, such as confirmation and Holy Thursday. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called assemblies. Our assembly meets at the KC Conroe Hall on FM 1488 on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30, dinner at 7 PM and meeting at 7:30 PM. To join, the cost of the exemplification is \$70 which includes your banquet dinner ticket. You will need a tux, but there is no requirement to initially purchase a sword, cape and chapeaux. See

a 4th degree knight for information on purchasing a tux at Al's Formal Wear at a reduced KC price.

The agenda time line will be:

Friday May 20 5:00 – 7:00

Early Candidate Registration – Event Center Hallway

Welcome Dinner – Events Center

Saturday May 21 Agenda

08:00 – 10:00 Registration – Events

10:30 – 12:30 Exemplification – Sts Simon and Jude Church

10:00 – 12:00 Ladies Program – Event Center Classroom

1:30 – 2:30 Exemplification Mass

2:45 – 4:15 Banquet – Events Center

If you are not yet a third degree knight, you can attend the major degree on May 7 at Conroe and then become a 4th degree knight on May 21. There is no time limit between degrees or service requirements.

“Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

I would like to first thank all those Sir Knights that made our Holy Thursday celebrations even more special just by being present.

We have another fund raiser coming up on April 9 & 10, 2016. This is the Texas Wine and Art Festival in Old Town Spring. Additional volunteers are needed so please contact Ken Scales our OTS coordinator. His e-mail is Ken.scales@att.net or call at 281-740-9929.

On March 29, 2016, four new gentlemen made their 1st degree at St. Ignatius. This was also the anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus 134 years ago. Our new Knights are: Frank Mullins, Xavier Ramos Jr., and Matthew Vogt, all are from St. Simon and Jude. Our fourth Knight is Eric Pickett of St. James. The next time you see them, please take a moment to make them feel welcome.

All 3rd degree members please consider joining the 4th degree. Our Lady of the Pines Assembly 1759 is hosting the next 4th Degree Exemplification on May 21, 2016 at St. Simon and Jude Parish. It does not get any closer than that. This is the best way to honor our Clergy and our Bishops by acting as honor guards at the special masses.

Founder's day was March 29, 1882. On this date Fr. McGivney and 75 other men founded the Knights of Columbus. I do not think they could have foreseen the Knights donations reaching near \$1.5 billion and nearly 673 million volunteered hours in the last decade. This is a testament of the core values this great catholic fraternal organization represents.

I would like for all our brother knights to turn our eyes to our major fund raiser of the year being held April 29 – May 1, 2016 and the following weekend May 6 – 8, 2016. This is OTS "Crawfish Festival". Please look at your schedules to make yourself available for these two weekends. This is the most important fund raiser we do all year to fund our charities. We will be parking cars, selling tickets, and manning the new drink booth. Please contact Ken Scales as soon as you can and let Him know when you are able to volunteer. Remember "many hands make light work".

Remember to ask that Catholic gentleman next to you in church if He would be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally,
David Polasek
Grand Knight



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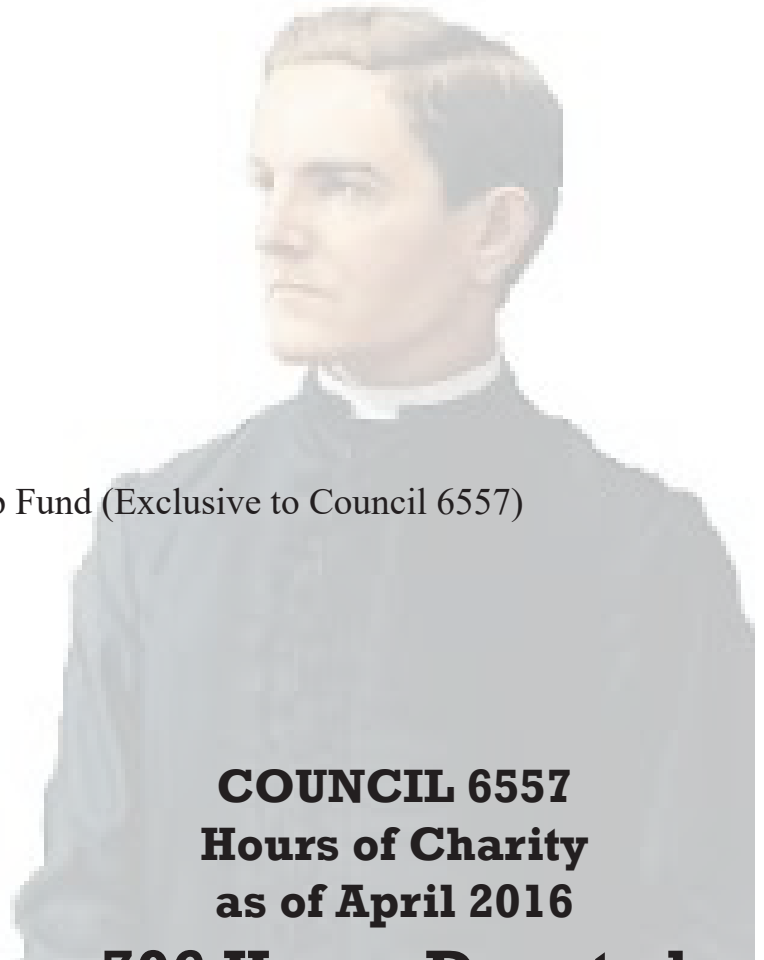
If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life.

These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight with Council 6557.

We are a band of brothers, dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbors. We do a lot of fundraisers because we have already committed to helping the following charities:

COUNCIL 6557 YEARLY CHARITY OBLIGATIONS

St. Simon and Jude Parrish Support
St. James Parrish Support
St's. Simon & Jude Pro Life
St. James Pro Life
Boy Scout Troop 589
Cub Scout pack 1234
Clergy Night Celebration
Annual Cardinal Dinardo Golf Fundraiser
Brookwood Community
Catholic Daughters
Convalescent Bingo
Herman Konczewski Memorial Scholarship Fund (Exclusive to Council 6557)
Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston
Loaves and Fishes Downtown Houston
Mowers of Faith
Montgomery County Food Bank
Northeast Assistance Ministries - NAM
Operation Military Embrace
Pregnancy Assist CTR
Spring Assistance Ministries
Seminarian Support
Special Olympics
State Charities
Tamina Community Center
Ultrasound Program
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Visit with Veterans at the VA Hospital
Wheelchair Mission



**COUNCIL 6557
Hours of Charity
as of April 2016**

706 Hours Donated

\$15,885

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INSURANCE

Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future

April 18 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember — absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

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SQUIRES
Youth Organization.

The emblem of the Squires symbolizes the ideals which identify a squire. On the arms of a Maltese cross are the letters "P", which represents the physical development necessary to make the body as strong as the spirit; "I", which stands for the intellectual development needed

for cultural and mental maturity; "S", which represents the spiritual growth and practice of our faith and "C", which stands for the development of citizenship and civic life. The larger letters: "C", representing Christ and also Christopher Columbus; "S", the Squires; and "K", the Knights of Columbus, by whom the Squires program is sponsored, are intertwined in the center of the cross. They are the three foundations of the program.

The Latin motto, "Esto Dignus", encircles the emblem. Translated into English, it means "Be Worthy."

On January 23 & 24 of this year we held a recruitment drive at St. James where 28 young Catholic men heard the calling to become Squires! When he announced his Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis highlighted today's Gospel episode (3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time), in which Jesus proclaims in his hometown synagogue his Spirit-anointed mission to fulfill the promise of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus' mission then, says Pope Francis, is our mission now as Jesus' disciples this Jubilee of Mercy: to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord, a year of God's mercy. Pope Francis challenges us to translate Jesus' mission to contemporary needs: to console by word and deed those materially or spiritually poor, to liberate those bound by modern society's new forms of slavery, to open the eyes of those blinded by their own self-interest, and to restore human dignity to all those from whom it has been stolen. To act with mercy in a spirit of Joy!

The Knights of Columbus in Texas lead the nation in many good things. Texas holds the largest amount of Squires, Dallas Diocese holds the second largest amount of Squires and our Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston boast the largest number of Squires in the country!



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BIRTHDAYS

3	Harold Schreffler	14	Richard Aurisano	22	David Behen
4	John Boley	15	Donald Fisher	22	Michael London
5	Rayfield Wert	17	Adolph Sebesta	24	Brian Chavannes
6	Casmer Bashinski	18	Phillip McCullough	24	Grady Johnson
6	Charles Cotton	19	Thomas Koenig	24	Randall Pais
9	Robert Klosterman	19	Daniel Spurlock	24	James Raney
10	Joseph Lomoc	21	Bradley Spurlock		

RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!

Be sure to invite people out to see us, and when you get a chance to speak to a Catholic gentleman show them what we do! What you do is really pretty awesome - TELL SOMEBODY!



THANK YOU

All those knights who worked the St. James Fish Fry, I would personally like to say thank you. The parishioners appreciated it more than you can imagine. It seems like a simple thing, but we don't do a lot of little things at St. James, so every opportunity is a big step for the parish, the council and the Knights of Columbus.

- Bob Castro

VA ASSISTANCE

The goal of the VA Assistance Committee is to have an active corps of Knights serving as volunteers at every Veterans Administration medical facility in the nation. We meet once a quarter and venture down to the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX to mingle with the veterans and take them to mass if they choose to go.

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FAMILY COMMITTEE

We are looking for a knight to be the Chairman of the Family Committee. Responsibilities include gathering info on all the young families and getting info to them about family nights and programs. If you have a family or know a family, let this be your big start. Keep track of events so you can get our families together and grow our council family. Kids love doing stuff where other kids are doing stuff.

RESPECT LIFE

Brother Knights,
The human goal is not wellbeing but God Himself, and human life must be defended at every stage. Indeed, no one is master of his own Life. Rather we are all called to treasure life and to respect it from the moment of conception to its natural end. The Church offers the world a positive and inspiring vision of human life, the beauty of marriage and the joy of parenthood. Our next opportunity to publicly support the dignity of Life, especially the unborn, is scheduled for Saturday April 16, 2016. The Pro-Life Mass in support of the Helpers of God's Precious Infants will be held at St Jerome Church at 8:15 located at 8825 Kempwood Dr. Houston 77080 followed by Rosary at Planned Parenthood, 13169 Northwest Freeway(290) Parking along fence at Lyndon's Pit Bar-B-Que 5320 Hollister Rd. Remember as Knights of Columbus, as we work to-

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gether, much can be accomplished as we become the voice of voiceless, and give Life to Possible!!

Your Brother Christ

Paul(Yogi) Ybarra Jr

SQUIRES CIRCLE

This Sunday February 28th, 2016 our youth became Squires! This week Wednesday March 2nd, 2016 we will be having our first meeting.

Selection of Officers

1st Level Page - Instructions and paperwork. Selection of activities for March 2016

We will meet at St. James The Apostle Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m. the meeting should last 1 hour. Parents are welcomed to attend the formation of the Parent Booster Club for the Squires also meeting at the same time.

We look forward to seeing you all.

ESTO DIGNUS

"Be Worthy"

Jose Ruvalcaba

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HOME ASSOCIATION

JFMHA Board meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Any new business please contact John Groneck (Groneck@msn.com) at least one (1) week prior to the next meeting. State your business/proposal and estimated costs and benefits to Council 6557.

Elections for four (4) JFMHA director positions will be held during the June Council meeting. Outgoing directors include: Groneck/Armbruster/Ybarra/Balmes.

These 4 positions are for a 3 year term (expiring June 2019); and any 3rd degree member is eligible to be nominated and serve on the board. If interested, please send your name to John Groneck at groneck@msn.com

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OTS

The OTS or Old Town Spring Committee is comprised of several brother knights who have taken up the task of managing a section of the OTS responsibilities. Event responsibilities include the Beer Booth, Parking at 'Steve's Lot, Preservation lot and the railroad lot as well as kitchen staff and cashiers. When you volunteer with us for an OTS event, you will get filed into one of these categories and will report to your fearless leader each day of the event that you have volunteered to work. These are the team leaders, and they will assign members to their team and manage the work parties:

Kitchen Staff – David Foltyn

Beer Booth – Harold Schambach

Steve's Lot – Eric Twardowski

Preservation Lot – Ed Varosky

Railroad Lot – Ronnie Husky

Cashiers – Dan Armbruster

FUNDRAISING

We are always looking for opportunities. The committee meets periodically to discuss possible events or fundraisers that the council can explore. If you are interested in becoming the a member of this committee plerase contact the Grand Knight David Polasek dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net

YOUTH

My Brothers, thank you for your continued support of Scouting. According to the Cubmaster for the Cubscouts, twelve new first graders alone were recruited this fall and along with other recruits the pack is over 30 kids. Our Boy Scout Troop has grown from 8 boys when it started to 28 boys and that is not including the boys who have graduated from high school and all are in college. We are finishing out the year at Winter Camp in Navasota which will run from December 26th through December 31st.

There are nine boy scouts attending and two of our older scouts will serve on staff for the week. We have had multiple camp outs this fall but our most memorable included a six mile canoe trip down the San Marcos River north of Lockhart. Some of the boys had never seen clear, green water in Texas. I ask for your continued prayers for our boys safety.

Fraternally Yours
John Tatman, PGK
Scoutmaster

WELCOMING

The Welcoming Committee is Chaired by John Groneck and needs some support. All new Knights are automatically part of the Welcoming Committee. The committee is tasked with introducing new members to committee chairs and programs. Knights start in the Welcoming Committee and quickly get involved in council operations. Contact John at: john.e.groneck@exxonmobil.com

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VISIBILITY

Recently at one of the meetings it was mentioned that we (KofC) do not have a lot of visibility at SSJ. I find that an interesting comment from the standpoint that if you look at the congregation in SSJ you will find that both priests, two of the deacon's, most of the lectors, most of the extraordinary ministers and most of the ushers are members of our council and it goes much deeper than that in the various organizations. I think where we have dropped the ball is that we do not wear our badges, pins, shirts to church to bring attention to ourselves. I would like to suggest that we have our members wear their KofC pins, badges or shirts when and where possible to announce that we are a large part of the SSJ community. Having attended St. James yesterday I feel the same situation applies there as well. Three of the four ushers are members of our council along with Fr. Samperi and Deacon Art Zepeda at that mass.

To carry it one step further and to assist in recognition of the KofC at SSJ I am asking that brother KofC and their wives sign up to assist with the "Fellowship after the Mass's". I think most of our members are aware that Fr. Pat is big on fellowship after mass. Currently SSJ has coffee and donuts after each Sunday morning service. I think that they pass out cookies at the evening mass. I am asking our SSJ members to sign

up for whatever mass they attend to pass out the donuts / cookies etc after their mass. They are using a team structure of four people, one person is designated the team captain. It is expected that you would only be called upon to do this perhaps every 2-months so it is not a weekly request but rather one every 8-weeks or longer if we have a lot of people sign up. Peggy Micko is heading up this ministry and will contact the team captain the week before their team is up. I do hope that we will have a big response for this ministry by YOU our members and your wives. Once again this is for the guys and the girls so we should get a lot of teams to assist SSJ. By the way this will give us additional exposure as we can wear our colors while handing out the donuts and we can also have KofC information on one of the tables. What I need from you is the following:

- 1> your name and your wives,
- 2> mass that you normally attend,
- 3> phone number,
- 4> e-mail address to contact you.

One last thing this should not mess up your day:

The donuts / cookies will be in the room, you will have to make coffee for the next mass and clean up after your mass. You will be in and out in less than 30-minutes, your assistance on this is endeavor is very much appreciated. Please respond as soon as you can as Peggy is in the process of putting together the master list. If you have any other questions or comments please give me a call.

Vivat Jesus,
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KITCHEN

The kitchen staff hopes all Brothers are enjoying the meals that are prepared for business night and family night. Please remember that on Family Night, please bring a side dish or dessert. Your help is greatly appreciated. Brothers, if you enjoy the KC dinners, please do not forget to leave a donation in the “kitty”.



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DEGREE TEAM

Committee is responsible for our ceremonials. There are parts that have to be memorized and delivered to the council during our ceremonies, and it just requires someone that can memorize lines. If you can act or have been on stage before, you must sign up, you’ll really enjoy bringing new knights into the council. To volunteer to help or perform a role, contact Robert Perrotta at: vgmassociates@comcast.net



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BOWLING

There are only three weeks left on our League. Our Awards Banquet will be May 10, 2016 at our hall once again this year. Our 52nd anniversary Knights of Columbus State Tournament will be these next two weekends in Port Arthur. Our team will be bowling the second weekend so wish luck as we take on brother Knights from around the state.

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CHARITY

KofC #6557 Charity Committee Information:

Your Council has had a "Charity Committee" since our inception in 1974. The majority of requests come from members. We also receive requests from the community, diocese, church, supreme, state, etc.

Currently we have a large number of dedicated charities that we donate monies to. These charities are what we call line items and we expect to fund them with our fund raising events throughout the year. At this time these annual charity expenses include American Wheel Chair Mission, Brookwood Community, Inter-

faith Community Clinic, Montgomery County Food Bank, Sts. Simon & Jude and St. James, Pregnancy Assistance Center, Seminarian support, Special Olympics, Pro Life, USO, Tamina Community Center, State Charities. and many more.

In the past, back in the late 70's, it was proposed that we make a big splash in the community. It was suggested that we let our charity funds build to possibly purchase an ambulance for one of the local volunteer fire departments at a cost of over \$50,000. Certainly this would have given us a lot of notice and accolades in the local community and would have been a worthy cause. After much deliberation it was agreed that rather than make one large donation every couple of years we could help more people and programs with the shotgun approach of many smaller donations and a lot more giving to good causes. This policy or philosophy has been our direction since that time.

Members should be aware that in addition to the line items we also have requests to fund numerous causes throughout the year. These request are presented to the charity committee who evaluate them and then pass them on to the officers at the officers meeting then to the floor for an up or down vote. We have been limiting these requests to a dollar amount not to exceed \$500 to allow us to support as many requests as possible. A few years ago it was agreed that we would concentrate our donations to the local area. There have been a few exceptions but for the most part our donations are now supporting worthy deeds in our backyard. As you are all aware the number one principal of our order is charity it is what we are all about.

Larry Hawkins

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BINGO

The Bingo Committee meets every third Tuesday from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Houston Health & Rehabilitation Center 17600 Cali Dr. off F.M. 1960. They host the Bingo games and offer camaraderie and fun to the elderly in our community. Contact Mickey Manore at: mmanore@comcast.net

Next visit is: Tuesday APR 19th

GOLF

The Knights of Columbus Spring Golf League will start March 2, and every Wednesday for the next 17 weeks at PANORAMA VILLAGE GOLF COURSE. After checking their calendar, River Plantation raised their rates to \$19.00 plus tax (approx. \$21.00) for 9 holes of golf for our league. This was unacceptable to me, and I was able to make the deal with PANORAMA to play there.

The cost is still \$15.00 including tax, and \$5.00 for charity prize, totaling \$20.00. After our golf match, head to the café for a sandwich and beverages. PANORAMA features a "Happy Hour", and Wednesday is Burger night, and if you buy a burger, you get the second one for half price. As you remember, we each teamed up for burgers and split the bill. Of course they have other items on the menu, and feature a full bar, for drinks. (Remember to throw two dollars in

the pot for the wait staff tip)

Tee off is 3:00PM tomorrow, come early and hit range balls, and practice putting (all included in the price).

The tee boxes are different at Panorama. They have senior tees (BLACK) so our over 80 group, and Gary will tee off from the Blacks. The over 70 group will tee off from the White tees. Those of us not yet 70 years old are hitting from the Blue tees. We are using the same K of C league rules as last year. I will update them to reflect the changes at Panorama and get them out to everyone. Just remember, maximum strokes on each hole is 4 over par. Putts within the leather can be picked up, but still add the stroke as if you hit it. No belly putters. Any other questions, see me or Rich Eimer.

Here's to good weather, good golf, and great camaraderie. Vivat Jesus!

Rich LaBoda,

League President.

John Flanagan

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**He's as giddy as a
schoolgirl.**

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Brother Knights

By Bill Moeller

Please welcome four new brother
knights to our council:

Frank Mullins (SSJ)
Eric Pickett (SJ)
Xavier Ramos, Jr. (SSJ)
Matthew Vogt (SSJ)

These brother knights received the
honors of the first degree at St. Ig-
natius on March 29, the anniversa-

ry of the founding of the Knights of Columbus, 134
years ago in 1882. What a memorable day to join the
knights. Our 4 joined 2 other candidates from St. Ig-
natius to receive these honors.

Dan Armbruster attended and was a last minute substi-
tute on the degree team. Besides myself in attendance,
Arnoldo Rodriguez attended to show support for Eric
as did Xavier Ramos who was there for his son Xavi-
er. We were honored to have Eric's dad Ray attend



the ceremony. He was visiting
for Easter and stayed for the
degree. Ray is a 3rd Degree
Knight, residing in Colorado.
What a great opportunity to
have 2 dads present for when
their sons made the first de-
gree. If we all could only have
been so lucky to have our dad's
present when we made our first
degree.

So far for this fraternal year
which ends on June 30, we
have gained 19 new members,
lost one member, for a net of
18. Our goal is 23 new mem-
bers. Please contact Bill Moel-
ler if you have a candidate.

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Thank You

Thank You to everyone that participated in the St. James Fish Fry. I had no idea what I was doing, but you guys did. You did what it takes, and I can't say thanks enough. Everyone at St. James thanks you, and I could not be prouder. - Bob Castro



SCHOLARSHIP

Our Council will award four Knights of Columbus Herman J. Konczewski Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$1000 in 2016. The Scholarship is available to high school seniors for use during the 2016-17 freshman year at college. Applications will be available in early January and due March 15.

CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

1. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic and related to a member of Council 6557 (living or deceased) in good standing, or a registered member of either Sts. Simon and Jude or St. James Parish.
2. Applicant must be sponsored by a member of Council 6557 in good standing, living or deceased, or registered parishioner of either Sts. Simon and Jude or St. James. Sponsor or relative can be the same person.

3. Applicant must have maintained a minimum of 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 point scale, or a GPA of 4.0 on a 5.0 point scale, or a GPA of 5.0 on a 6.0 point scale during his/her high school years.
4. Achieved a minimum of at least 1180 (M+R) on SAT or 26 on ACT.
5. Must be enrolled or enrolling to attend an accredited college or university during the 2015/2016 school year as a full time student.
6. A two part essay totaling no more than 500 words or less. Part I – “Why I wish to pursue a college degree” and Part II “What I am doing to practice my Catholic Faith” will be submitted with the application
7. All available OFFICIAL and most recent high school transcripts (including current grades, class ranking, and overall grade point average) and copy of your SAT (M+R) or ACT test scores will be required to be submitted.

For application or additional information contact:

Bill Moeller:
billmoeller78@gmail.com or
(832)594-4980.





Activity Schedule

THU Apr 7	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
SAT Apr 9	The Texas Wine and Art Festival from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
SUN Apr 10	The Texas Wine and Art Festival from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.
THU Apr 14	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE Apr 19	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
MON Apr 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU Apr 28	No Family Knight
FRI Apr 29	Texas Crawfish Festival 6 PM thru 11 PM
SAT Apr 30	Texas Crawfish Festival Noon thru 11 PM
SUN May 1	Texas Crawfish Festival Noon thru 6 PM
THU May 5	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
FRI May 6	Texas Crawfish Festival 6 PM thru 11 PM
SAT May 7	Texas Crawfish Festival Noon thru 11 PM
SUN May 8	Texas Crawfish Festival Noon thru 6 PM
THU May 12	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE May 17	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
WED May 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU May 26	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
THU Jun 2	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
THU Jun 9	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE June 21	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU Jun 23	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
SAT Jun 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU Jul 7	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
THU Jul 14	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE Jul 19	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
MON Jul 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU Jul 28	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
THU Aug 4	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
THU Aug 11	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE Aug 16	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU Aug 25	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
THU Aug 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU Sep 1	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
SAT Oct 1	The Autumn Art and Texas Wine Festival 10am – 6pm
SUN Oct 2	The Autumn Art and Texas Wine Festival 11am – 5pm

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PRAYER LIST



Bishop Nold Council 6557

Illnesses are usually left on this list for a period of 30 - 45 days.

For updating, please contact GK David Polasek dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net 281-350-1921 or

PGK Bill Moeller billmoeller78@yahoo.com 832-594-4980

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness and need. Oh dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate the worry and sorrow with your gentle love and grant us the peace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place those on our prayer list under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us.

We pray for our Brothers and family members that are ill or in distress:

Kimberly Binkle – daughter of Bob and Kathy Binkle, - back surgery recovery (Feb 26)

Bill Jancek – cardiac ablation (Feb 25)

Don Labarge – heart stint

Margaret Romeo, wife of Mike Romeo – hospice

Genevieve Wolinski – wife of Ed, health

Carl Wrobel – lung cancer

SK Yogi Ybarra - health

Our Country and Religious Liberty

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Pope Francis

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Our Cardinals and our Church

Our Bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians

Pat (cancer) and Mike Aaron proposed by Danny Spurlock

George Adams (Health)

Cathy Barcello, proposed by Terry O'Donohue (kidney cancer)

Barbara Barnes, proposed by SK Dan Armbruster

Teresa Bratcher, daughter of SK Robby Westbrook (cancer)

Joyce Becker - Alzheimers

Brian Berger, proposed by GK Jim Ledwig (Crohns Disease)

Kathy Binkle (Cancer) and Bob Binkle (Brain tumor)

Diane Curtin (Cancer), proposed by Mike Curtin

Donna Cymbala (cancer)

Henry Dishberger (cancer)

Shirley Elliott wife of Brother Jack Elliott (cancer)

Amy Evans, Chuck Keese's daughter, (progressive paralysis)

Helen Foltyn, mother of David, health

Brent Fry (Brain cancer), nephew of Bill and Bridget Moeller

Maria Jose Garcia de Romero, sister-in-law of Terry O'Donohue, Leukemia

Thomas Gleason (leukemia) father of SK Mike Gleason

Linda Gonzalez (lung cancer) wife SK Rudy Gonzalez, Co 14512

Frank Hodel (Alzheimer's)

Becky Jeffries (Diabetes), proposed by SK Jerry Leiker

Jeremy Jimenez (Muscular Dystrophy), proposed by SK John Tatman

Dave Johnston (cancer)

Jessie Klosterman (health) granddaughter of Herman Konczewski
Michelle Koenig (cancer)
Tom Kurland (Health)
Paul Ledwig (Cancer)
SK Jerry Leiker (Health)
Helen Van Keulen (Stage 4 Breast Cancer) wife of Field Agent Daryl
Beryl Lucia (ALS) proposed by SK Dennis Pomonis
Susan Marong (Cancer) proposed by Steve Kane
Gretchen Manchester (Blood Disorder) David and Judy Polasek niece
Rose Merrill (Alzheimer's), sister of SK Rudy Charest
Ben Miele (liver and nasal cancer), proposed by Pat Testa
Paul Moarman (heart problems), proposed by Henry Brownfield
Jean Morgan (cancer), sister of Mike Cali
Elsey Mudackalil (stroke), sister of Father Mathew Thottiyil
Hannah Navarro, grand-niece of Deacon John Charnisky, rhabdomyosarcoma cancer
Carmen Oviedo (liver cancer) wife of Field Agent Jose Oviedo
Servando Osorio, friend of Terry O'Donohue, liver cancer, 3 months to live, and young family
Karen O' Sullivan (Multiple Sclerosis) cousin of Robert P. O' Sullivan
Kathy Pace (Healing from Cancer)
Karyn Posella (back pain) wife of Rick Reed
Maria Jose Romero (Leukemia), proposed by Terry O'Donohue
Anthony San Miguel (Brain Cancer), proposed by Mark San Miguel
Jaime Sepulveda (Parkinson's disease)
Richie Spurlock (Health recovery)
Verna Strickland, founding parishioner Sts S&J, losing her eyesight and hearing
Bobbie Torguson (Cancer)
Leo Torzewski (bladder cancer)
Tony Trahan (Blood Cancer)
Lillian Trahan (Stage 2 Multiple Myeloma of the blood)
Dean Welter (bladder cancer) proposed by Chad Uselman, brother in law
SK Walter White (health)
Our Men and Women serving in the Military

We also remember our Brother Knights and Family Members that have died:

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed; through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace in company with Christ a may they rejoice in your Kingdom. AMEN

Brother Knights:

SK Del Uhl

Family / Friends

Beverly Edwards, sister of SK Jack Edwards

SK Daryl Entrop – KC Texas State Programs Director

Annette Fallia, wife of Steve Fallia

Kim Finnerty, wife of Jerry Finnerty

Frank and Margaret Hodel, parents of Frank Hodel

Michelle Manore, daughter of SK Mickey and Susanne Manore

Romeo Ortiz Brother-in-law of Don Hollis

Karen Potter, wife of Tony Potter

Henrietta Siragusa, wife of Charlie Siragusa

Edward Trahan, Brother of Mike Trahan