

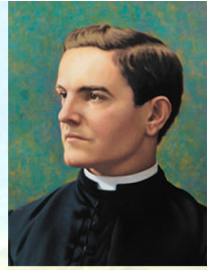


FLEET NEWS

Bishop Nold Council 6557



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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We meet at:
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Monthly Schedule:

1st Thursday
Officer Planning Meeting 7:00 PM

2nd Thursday
Council Meeting Starts at 7:00PM

4th Thursday
Family Knight

Grand Knight

David Polasek

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Fr. Pat Garrett

Deputy Grand Knight

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Assistant Diocesan Deputy

Bill Moeller

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Phil Rimoldi

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Dan Armbruster

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David Foltyn

Advocate

Ed Varosky

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Yogi (Paul Ybarra Jr.)

Inside Guard

Danny Spurlock

Outside Guards

John Groneck

Chuck Keesee

Trustees

Jim Ledwig (1yr)

Bob Castro (2 yr)

Robert Perotta (3 yr)

Delegates

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John Groneck

JFMHA Vice President

Ken Scales

Standing Committees

Program Director

Harold M Schambach

Church Director

Community Director

Ken Scales

Council Director

Family Director

Youth Director

John Tatman

Culture of Life Director

Yogi (Paul Ybarra Jr.)

Membership Director (Recruitment)

Rich Eimer

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

Kitchen

David Foltyn

Cleanup Crews

Larry Hawkins

VA Assistance

Degree Team

Welcoming Committee

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

I have to talk about our Family Night that we had in March. I have to say that it has been one of our best Family gatherings. We were blessed to have two wonderful guest speakers for the evening. Nicole Desharm the Vocations Director for the youth at Simon & Jude spoke on what they are doing at Saints Simon & Jude to make the youth aware of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. There were several questions asked that put our speaker in the spot light, but were handled like a pro.

Our second speaker was seminarian Paul Foltyn. He gave us a very interesting and informative talk on the day/week in the life of a seminarian. One thing that stood out for me is a vocation to the priesthood one will need to have funds before you begin your journey of Faith, or a seminarian is in need of organizations like the Knights of Columbus to help subsidize them so they are able to purchase books and supplies. He too was asked several questions which proved to be very informative to those present. I want to thank both speakers for coming and sharing their evening with us and sharing their journeys of Faith.

Please remember that the last weekend of April is our Crawfish Festival. April 29 & 30, 2017 ONLY. It is just the one weekend so please let Ken know you are able to HELP as soon as you can. Contact Him at ken.scales@att.

Continue to recruit as we only have two and a half months left in this Fraternal year. Ask that gentleman next to you at church if He would like to become part of the world's largest Catholic men's organization and help in the community He lives in.

Fraternally,
David Polasek
Grand Knight



Worthy Grand Knight
Accepting several awards at the
Business Meeting.
Among them:
15 Years of Exceeding our
Charity Goal



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Dinner with a

Chinese Priest



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RESPECT LIFE

Brother Knights,

The season of Easter is upon us as it Commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and happens to be the most important feast of the Christian Year. As Christians, we celebrate Easter as a joyous occasion because on this day we celebrate Christ's victory over Death. Easter also symbolizes our own participation in His Death and Rebirth to a new Life.

Our next turnout for the Helpers of God's Precious Infants will be on April 14, 2017- Good Friday Service at 8:00am at The Co-Cathedral Of The Sacred Heart located at 1710 San Jacinto,, Houston, Tx 77002 followed by a Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at Planned Parenthood 4600 Gulf Freeway.

May You and Your Families be Blessed as we go thru this very Holy Week. Thanks to all for all you do have done and are going to do, because as we work together much can be accomplished!

May God Bless you abundantly for all you do for the Dignity of Life!!

Your Brother in Christ
Paul(Yogi)Ybarra Jr.

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.

Next Visit May 14

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.

John Flanagan

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Meeting place of the  Knights of Columbus

BOWLING

Good bowling continues in our K of C League. Marion Lewandowski bowled a 299 just a couple of weeks ago. The night of April 11, 2017 was our last night of League bowling for the 2016 – 2017 season. April 18, 2017 will be our "Fun Night". Our first half winner "Boanerges" and second half winner "No Mercy" will be in a roll-off for first and second. The rest of us will be bowling "No-Taps" meaning if you get nine pins on the first ball it counts as a strike. Our Awards Banquet will be May 9, 2017 at #2917 Council Hall off East Whitney St. and Airline.

State Tournament was held at Westgate Lanes in Austin the first two weekends in April. There was a good time had by all, but visiting with other brother

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BOWLING (CONT)

knights from around the State is always the highlight of the tournament. Greg Okonski a bowler in our League bowled His first "300" ever in team on Saturday. I was surprised it was His first since He is a very good bowler.

A put together team put together by our League won 3rd in Team with a 2760. First was taken with a 2783 by a team from Columbus. Only 23 pins between 1st and 3rd. The team of David Lindinger and Patrick Thibeaux took 6th in Doubles.

Once again bowlers from our League made a big splash at the 53rd Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament. "Great Bowling".

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!



Council 6557 at the Dinner to meet the Chinese priest, fund raiser to help defray the costs of bringing clergy from China to study in the United States.

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".



The 'D' Team

Jerzy Cupial *

Jim Ledwig*

Krzysztof Cupial

Lukasz Cupial

Alexander Cupial

Eric Twardowski

Armando Silva

Kirk Raines

Bill Schultz

Roger Schuering

Jaime Sepulveda

SALESMAN NEEDED:

Please contact WGK David Polasek if you can help.

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April

BIRTHDAYS

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

DO NOT MISS A UNIQUE TALK AT OUR MAY FAMILY NIGH

We are pleased to have three of our first Grand Knights discussing some of the problems and opportunities our council had at its inception. The second Grand Knight for our council "Jim Witovec Jr", our fourth G.K. Dan McHenry Jr and our fifth G.K. Bernes Borski. Your council is now 43-years old.

Come and hear an interesting discussion of the early years and some history of council #6557. It should be a most enjoyable evening and well attended, see you there.

Larry Hawkins
 Cell (713) 823-5290
 Hm (281) 367-3128



Fr. Kailas came outside Saints Simon and Jude to cheer on Woodlands Marathon runners, which included Bill Moeller.

RETENTION COMMITTEE

Brothers,

We still have 48 members who have not paid their dues for the year. This will be the final reminder published in the newsletter. Please mail payment to our Financial Secretary or drop by the meeting. Thanks to all who have already paid their dues.

As always if you know of a member in duress who cannot make their dues payments this year please let us know and we'll make arrangements to take care of it.

Sometimes it is so easy for a Brother Knight to lose contact with the Council when illness sets in. Please stay in touch with our members who have not been around in a while.

God Bless,
 Jim Ledwig
 Retention Chairman

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WHY JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

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

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

This council alone has donated over **\$27,000** in cash to Charities like the ones above.

In 2017 we donated over **676 hours** Year to Date of our time to charity, that is worth over **\$15,210**


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Activity Schedule

- SAT Apr 1 Old Town Spring (OTS) – Winefest
- SUN Apr 2 Old Town Spring (OTS) – Winefest
- FRI Apr 7 Fish Fry at St. James – Start 4:00 PM thru 7:30 PM
- TUE Apr 18 Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
- SAT Apr 29 Old Town Spring (OTS) Crawfish Festival
- SAT Apr 29 State Convention
- SUN Apr 30 Old Town Spring (OTS) Crawfish Festival
- SUN Apr 30 State Convention
- SUN May 14 VA Visitation
- THU May 18 Family Night – Guest Speakers
- SAT Jun 17 4th Degree at St Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church

With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God,
 The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
 together with the families of

Paul Anthony Foltyn
 Jose Luis Gutierrez
 Robert David Hust
 Matthew Gilbert Suniga

Joyfully announces their ordination
 to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate
 through the imposition of hands
 and the invocation of the Holy Spirit
 By
 The Most Reverend George A. Sheltz
 Auxiliary Bishop of Galveston-Houston

Saturday, May 13, 2017
 10:00 A.M.
 The Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
 1115 St. Joseph Parkway
 Houston, Texas 77002

Reception follows
 Borski Center,
 St. Mary Seminary,
 9845 Memorial Dr.

Priests and Deacons
 Please bring alb

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PRAYER LIST



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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:

SK Dick Brayer - heart attack (Feb 26)

Logan Flores, grandson of Jay Kemper, 10 month old – surgery (Feb22)

David Foltyn – Health (Mar 4)

Cynthia Futch, friends of Rich and Pat LaBoda – infection (Feb 27)

Gary Joppich, friend of Larry Hawkins – inoperable cancer

Bill Kern, Uncle of Scott Uselman – pneumonia recovery (Feb 13)

Joe Kubeczka – pneumonia (Mar28)

Bill Miski Brother-in-Law of Jack Edwards – cancer

Margaret Nunez wife of Brother Lupe Nunez – back surgery (Mar 28)

Margaret Romeo, wife of Mike Romeo – hospice

Reverend Charles Samperi - Pancreatitis

Ann Witovec, wife of PGK Jim Witovec – fall recovery (Feb 16)

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)

Bob Binkle (Brain tumor)

Diane Curtin (Cancer), proposed by Mike Curtin

Donna Cymbala (cancer)

Henry Dishberger (cancer)

Sandy Effler, wife of Mike Effler (Health)

Shirley Elliott wife of Jack Elliott (cancer)

Amy Evans, Chuck Keesees' 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



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Linda Gonzalez (lung cancer) wife SK Rudy Gonzalez, Co 14512
Hannah Henry, Granddaughter of Mary Jo Henry (Health)
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)
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
Sister in Law of Richard Nash, cancer
Hannah Navarro, grand-niece of Deacon John Charnisky, rhabdomyosarcoma cancer
Joshua Ochoa, 19 year old grandson of Dick Brayer – melanoma
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)
Carl Wrobel – lung cancer
SK Yogi Ybarra - health
Our Men and Women serving in the Military

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

Family / Friends:

Kathie Binkle
John Blatt cousin of Danny Spurlock
Jon Kemper, brother of Jay
Fred Stash, a Charter member of our Council

Helen Van Keulen, wife of Field Agent Daryl

Carol Ann Young wife of the late long time brother Knight Walter Young Sr.