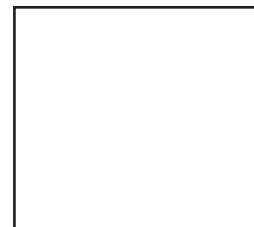


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Jose Ruvacalba

Brother Jose took on the air conditioning equipment and serviced it back in February. What he did was well beyond the call of duty, expending parts and hours of labor, but not charging the hall for any of it. We owe him a great debt of gratitude. His efforts in this matter reflect highly upon the Knights of Columbus and his council 6557. He said he wanted to give back, and he has been doing so in very many ways, taking care of his employees and people in need like we all wish we could. Thank you Jose, for being a knight and for being a member of council 6557.



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- 4 John Boley
- 4 Michael Morel
- 5 Rayfield Wert
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- 6 Charles Cotton
- 9 Robert Klosterman
- 10 Joseph Lomoc
- 12 Frank Lesikar
- 14 Richard Aurisano
- 15 Donald Fisher
- 17 Adolph Sebesta

- 18 Phillip McCullough
- 19 Thomas Koenig
- 19 Daniel Spurlock
- 21 Bradley Spurlock
- 22 David Behen
- 22 Michael London
- 24 Brian Chavannes
- 24 Randall Pais
- 24 James Raney
- 27 Floyd Auzenne
- 28 Jacob Odom
- 30 James Ledwig

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

I hear this a lot, ‘fundraisers are all fine and dandy, but what about actual charity time?’ Well we have regular events like Bingo Night and Visit with the Vets coming up again this month. If you are really committed to doing physical charity work, get involved. These committees can use you. Just a few hours of your time goes directly to people who can use it. Never under estimate what even a few minutes a month can do.

I encourage everyone to give a little bit extra, get involved. When I was in the Marines I used to tell my troops this, and I have tried to instill this in my kids: 99 percent of people out there give exactly 100 percent of what the job requires, sometimes even less. Only one percent of the people out there give an extra 10% more than is absolutely required, and strangely enough those are the same people that seem more successful than everyone else.

That extra effort, seeing a need and finding a way to resolve it, picking up something on the deck, taking advantage of a skill set to improve the lives of your comrades, that little extra effort pays off. Sadly in the time we live in, it is much easier to just say “No that will never work,” and just sabotage the project. There is no solace in being an obstacle.

It’s just like improv. In improv on stage, a few actors will be given a random theme and all the characters must improvise, and the only rule is you cannot say “No”.

If someone wants to be a banana, everyone in the troop has to find a way to work the banana into the skit.

This policy works great for business too. I have used it in brainstorming missions, and as Jack Donaghy once said, “There are no bad ideas, just good ideas that went horribly wrong.”

I can attest to that. Without failure I don’t know where I would be. Actually I would be rich, but that is not the point. For a good improv class, everyone in it has to be willing to accept everyone else, and the talents they possess.

That is what is so great about the Knights of Columbus. We could use some more diversity for sure, but the personalities we have are so divergent that we could be a comic strip. And no matter what the project is, however bleak things appear, when the knights set to it we somehow make it work. People may not sign up but they show up. For a bunch of unpaid volunteers we regularly go the extra mile, add the extra effort and perform beyond expectations. This is why I am proud to be a knight.

Bob Castro - Grand Knight



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY

Brother Knights:

We have entered into the beautiful season of Lent. As we enter our 40 days in the desert we prepare ourselves to draw closer to the Lord. This is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As knights we stand forth in faith as a reflection of Christ's love to all mankind. This is a special time for us and our order as we serve our parish with our Friday Night Fish Fries, as we join together praying the rosary and stations of the cross and as we draw closer to the Lord through our participation in the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. Our work as knights should reflect our Catholic teachings. We are called to be good Catholic gentlemen in the truest teachings of our Lord and Savior. In the gospel of St. Luke, Christ gives us our calling as knights, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whomever loses his life for my sake will save it". Is Christ calling us to martyrdom? Maybe, but He is calling us to die to the world and seek the Kingdom of God. We are called to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, bring care to the ill and visit the imprisoned. As knights we have the opportunity to be faithful stewards to Christ's teachings. May all we pray, May all we do and May all we give, say to the world, "Christ loves you". This Lenten season let us be participants in our faith, be blessings to those we serve and be knights in the truest sense.

God bless,
James Hatcher-District Deputy



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K of C Gives \$400,000 for Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine

As the violent conflict in Ukraine continues to create an enormous humanitarian disaster in the freezing winter months, the Knights of Columbus is providing \$400,000 to relief programs sponsored by the Catholic Church in Ukraine.

Gifts by the Knights of \$200,000 each to the Greek and Latin Rite Catholic communities of Ukraine are being used for humanitarian relief, including projects that feed and aid homeless children and refugees living on the streets of the capital city of Kiev.

During their ad limina visit with Pope Francis on Feb. 20, the pope assured the Latin and Greek bishops of Ukraine that "the Holy See is at your side," and urged them "to be attentive and considerate to the poor." The Knights of Columbus gifts have been sent to Ukrainian Greek Catholic Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk and Roman Catholic Archbishop Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki.

"Too often, the conflict in Ukraine is discussed purely in military or geopolitical terms, while the most vulnerable and marginalized — the young and old, the poor, the sick, and the increasing number of refugee families — are almost invisible to the outside world," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Our support is meant to further enable the bishops of Ukraine as they help their people and further implement the Holy Father's call to aid those most in need."

Working in the midst of uncertainty, many of the Catholic efforts are designed to help provide a social safety net for the needy, especially orphans and children who are separated from their parents.

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The programs attempt to carry out in a practical way the spiritual message of Pope Francis. Speaking about the care of migrant and itinerant people, he said: "Let us not forget the flesh of Christ, which is in the flesh of refugees: their flesh is the flesh of Christ."

The Knights of Columbus began working in Ukraine at the invitation of Church leadership in 2005. A formal presence was established in 2013, and the organization has so far established seven councils with 300 members in the country.



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SCHOLARSHIP

The Herman Konczewski Memorial Educational Scholarship Committee is chaired by Worthy District President Bill Moeller. The scholarship program is responsible for getting scholarship funds to worthy recipients. They establish the rules, the requirements and the amounts that the council gives.

The council will provide four \$1000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Two scholarships will be awarded to relatives of our council members (son or daughter, nephew or niece, grandson or granddaughter), as well as one scholarship each to a high school parishioner at Sts Simon and Jude and St. James.

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NEWSLETTER

The newsletter committee is pretty simple. You just carry a camera or a cell phone with you and snap a few pictures of our events. Then just send them with a small blurb of what you saw to Bob Castro bob@marloe.com and we will get it in the newsletter. It's a great way to show everybody what is happening and keep us all informed. Articles or changes requested by the 25th of each month.

OTS

Crawfish Festival dates have arrived. Gird your loins. We park cars, sell beer, and man barricades in cooperation with the Old Town Spring Association. We need volunteers for events as well as volunteers to help organize and coordinate events with OTSA. See the Grand Knight Bob Castro or contact him by e-mail at: Bob@marloe.com

FRI	Apr 24	5:00 PM thru Midnight
SAT	Apr 25	7:00 AM thru 12:00 Midnight
SUN	Apr 26	7:00 AM thru 12:00 Midnight
FRI	May 1	5:00 PM thru Midnight
SAT	May 2	7:00 AM thru 12:00 Midnight
SUN	May 3	7:00 AM thru 12:00 Midnight

Plan on spending a day each weekend we need your help.

GOLF

The Knights of Columbus Golf League began our Spring 2015 Session on March 5 at Wedgewood Golf Club in Conroe, just off of Highway 105 west of the 336 Loop. All are welcome and the ability to play golf is only a marginal requirement! Come on out and enjoy the company of fellow Knights and friends. At the same time, you will be helping a local charity, as the winner of each session picks a worthy organization of his choice for which to donate the prize fund. Our first week featured 9 hearty golfers, who enjoyed a nice, warm afternoon and finished before the cold and rain set in once again. We meet on Wednesdays around 3:00 pm (you can usually tee off a little earlier if desired) and stay for food and refreshments, good cheer and conversation. It's a great way to meet not only Knights from our Council, but other Knights in the area. Daylight Savings Time is now in effect, so we have plenty of time to finish our 9 hole rounds. Come and join us!!

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YOUTH

Our Boy Scout Troop just had 7 new Scouts join and they had their new Scout Camp Out at the end of February. The new scouts did great and we only had one case of homesickness, which after some encouragement from the boys I was OK. The Troop has grown to 27 Scouts, considering we had six scouts age out this past year, this is phenomenal. We are in the fifth year of our Troop and all the original founders earned the Rank of Eagle Scout. This should make the Council proud as this achievement will follow them for the rest of their life. Six of the original founders are also graduating from high school this year and have all made commitments to college and are going into fields from engineering, pre-law and aviation. I'm looking forward to our next camp out in April which is Camporee, which is a Scouting competition of skills. It is one of the most exciting camp outs of the year. We are going to summer camp at El Rancho Cima in the Hill Country at the end of June, and we currently have 19 boys slated to go. Brother Jose Ruvalcaba has started the ball rolling to restart our Squire Circle and I'm happy about that. I would encourage anyone who has the time to assist him to do so. Thank you for all of your support to our Youth and our future.

Vivat Jesus!!
John Tatman, PGK



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.

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HOME ASSOCIATION

Members of the Home Association Committee take care of the hall where the council meets. They suggest ideas, perform handyman tasks, trim the grass and other projects around the hall. If you like working outside or with your hands, this may be a great place to start. Contact John Groneck, he's not just the chairman of the Home Association, he's the President.



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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 is: Sunday April 26th.

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RESPECT LIFE

Brothers,

The human goal is not well being 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. It is rooted in God's infinite, transforming and ennobling love for all of us, which opens our eyes to recognize and love His image in our neighbor...Be sure to present this teaching in such a way that is recognized for the message of hope.

All too often the Church's doctrine is perceived as a series of prohibitions and retrograde positions, whereas the Knights turnouts at Pro-Life events confirms each reality, as we know, is that it is creative and life-giving, and it is directed towards the fullest possible realization of the great potential for good and for happiness that God has implanted

within every one of us.

The above recent message from Pope Benedict XVI highlights the Church's emphasis on the dignity of human life as it relates to our relation with God. This commitment to demonstrate visibly through the Knights turnouts at Pro-Life events confirms each participating Knight strong respect of human life.

Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants In Peaceful Prayer Service Stations of the Cross and Downtown Houston Rosary Procession. April 3, 2015 Good Friday, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart 1111 St Joseph Parkway Houston, Tx 77002. 10:00 AM Prayer and Stations of the Cross Rosary Procession to the former Crescent City Women's Center 2101 Crawford.

Remember as Knights of Columbus, we are the voice of the voiceless and we give Life to possible. Together much can be done!!

Your Brother In Christ
Paul(Yogi/Ybarra jr



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CLEANUP TEAMS

The Cleanup teams will be re-instated in January and the team Captains will now be in competition for prizes. If you are a Captain or want to be a Captain contact Larry Hawkins - lhawkins1945@yahoo.com
Team names will be accepted in January and all members will be on a team, it is suggested you get on a good one. Prizes include dinner for the whole team.



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RETENTION COMMITTEE

Retention Committee Update for March 2015

Brothers, we are entering the fourth month of our Retention program. We have just 37 members yet to respond. If you have not had a chance to pay your dues or did not receive your payment notice please contact our Grand Knight or Financial Secretary.

Most importantly, if you know of a brother who is sick or distressed and in need of help, please contact your Grand Knight or Financial Secretary. Sometimes it is so easy for a Brother Knight to lose contact with the Council when illness sets in. Please stay in touch.

God Bless,
Jim Ledwig
PGK



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:
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CHARITY

The Charity Committee is chaired by Larry Hawkins (lhawkins1945@yahoo.com) who is the contact person for any organization that could use some help. The Charity committee brings suggestions to the officers and we vote on them during our council meetings. We first must determine 'how can we help,' then we make it happen.

We are in need of gardening volunteers for the mowing brigade. If you have lawn equipment that works and can help out see Larry.

And as always, if you want to know more about what the Charity Committee does - join it!

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**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS
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Our fraternal year is quickly coming to close and we need many more new members to achieve our goals. Recruiting is the life blood of the Knights and we all need to participate. Please invite any prospective member to the orientation and let Rich Eimer know who might be attending. Our orientations are very casual, spouses are welcome, and light snacks are served.



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 commeraderie and fun to the elderly in our community. Contact Mickey Manore at: mmanore@comcast.net

Next visit is: Tuesday April 21st.

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DEGREE TEAM

The Degree Team Happy to report my son's surgery went well in spite of a few complications and he now recovering at home. Success due in no small part to prayers from my K. C. brothers. Thank you. 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 Mark Votsmier at: Votsmier@sbcglobal.net

FUNDRAISING

Our Fundraising Committee is chaired by Eric Salley and he can be reached at vanhect@gmail.com. We are always looking for opportunities. The committee meets periodically to discuss possible events or fundraisers that the council can explore.



BOWLING

The Bowling League is moving right along. We only have 5 weeks of League Bowling left. The sixth week is our Roll-Off / Fun Nite. This is where we have our first half and our second half winners roll off to determine first and second place and the rest of the teams bowl No-Taps. It seems that each week someone has a Great nite. Two weeks ago Bob Judice bowled 11 in a row with a real fine 290 game. GREAT BOWLING!!!

The 51st Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament is going to be held on April 11 & 12 and 18 & 19 at Copperfield Lanes on FM 1960 and FM 529. It is always great to meet and talk to Brother Knights from around the State. We always have a great time at State Tournament. Good Luck to all the teams that are entered, especially ours!!

Thanks
David P.



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INSURANCE

Where did 2014 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2014. Now, the first quarter of 2015 is flying by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

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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:

Walter Dishberger (3/26) Staph Infection

Mack Githens (3/26) 3 week old grandson Ted DeMatteo, illness diagnosis

Guadalupe Anzaldua McIleen (3/2) grandmother of Manuel Melchor, kidney failure

Jack Nolen (3/23) Lonnie Minze 10 year old grandson, severe juvenile arthritic condition

Teresa Ozog, (2/9) Kingwood rehab center

Karyn Posella (2/9) wife of Rick Reed, medical testing

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)

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

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

SK Rudy Charest (Health)

SK Stan Cillesson (cancer)

SK Robert Cobb (lung cancer)

Diane Curtin (Cancer), proposed by Mike Curtin

Henry Dishberger (cancer)

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, recently admitted to hospital) wife SK Rudy Gonzalez, Co 14512

Becky Jeffries (Diabetes), proposed by SK Jerry Leiker

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

Dave Johnston (cancer)

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PRAYER LIST



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
SK Matt Maciejewski, stroke recovery
Rose Merrill (Alzheimers), sister of SK Rudy Charest
Ben Miele (liver and nasal cancer), proposed by Pat Testa
Paul Moorman (heart problems), proposed by Henry Brownfield
Jean Morgan (cancer), sister of Mike Cali
Elsy Mudackalil (stroke), sister of Father Mathew Thottiyil
Hannah Navarro, grand-niece of Deacon John Charnisky, rhabdomyosarcoma cancer
Karen O' Sullivan (Multiple Sclerosis) cousin of Robert P. O' Sullivan
Kathy Pace (Healing from Cancer)
SK Arnold Rodriguez, knee pain and upcoming knee replacement
Margaret Romeo (Health)
Maria Jose Romero (Leukemia), proposed by Terry O'Donohue
Henrietta Siragusa (Health)
Leo Torzewski (bladder cancer)
Tony Trahan (Blood Cancer)
Edward Trahan (esophagus 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

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