



**Knights of Columbus Bishop Nold Council 6557**

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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

**Chaplain**

Fr. Pat Garrett

**Deputy Grand Knight**

Harold M Schambach

**Assistant Diocesan Deputy**

Bill Moeller

**Chancellor**

Phil Rimoldi

**Recorder**

Dan Armbruster

**Financial Secretary**

Pete Palasota

**Treasurer**

Ken Scales

**Lecturer**

David Foltyn

**Advocate**

Ed Varosky

**Warden**

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**

Bill Moeller

David Polasek

Rich Eimer

**Insurance Agent**

Jose Oviedo

**JFMHA President**

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**

Eric Salley

**Kitchen**

David Foltyn

**Cleanup Crews**

Larry Hawkins

**VA Assistance**

Peter Palen

**Degree Team**

Robert Perotta

**Welcoming Committee**

John Groneck

**Parking**

Danny Spurlock

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## GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

On November 12, 2016, the St. Edward's Council had their 5th annual Chili Cookoff with a total of 18 teams on our Council grounds. All of the proceeds are to go to the Wheel Chair Mission. I have to say that it was a picture-perfect day for the event. It seemed to be well attended and all seemed to be having a good time. A brief result is – Holy Habanero's as "Best In Show", Cizili Chicks as "People's Choice", 5-O Posse as "3rd Place", Holy Habanero's as "2nd Place", and Smokin ski's as "1st Place".

This month our Council will be having our annual Christmas Party on December 11, 2016 beginning at 4:00 PM. I know that all of the children and/or grandchildren and even great grandchildren are anticipating the arrival of Santa Claus. Current information from the North Pole is that Santa will be arriving right after our dinner. Our meal this year is being catered by Mel's and being served between 5:00 – 5:30 PM. I'm asking each family to bring a small snack or dessert to share. Please RSVP to me if you are planning to attend for planning purposes. See you there.

If you are a first-degree Knight, our Council will be hosting a major degree (2nd and 3rd) at our hall on January 21, 2017. This major degree will never be any closer than this. Become a 3rd degree Knight so you have the option to hold office and get more involved in your Council. I encourage you to contact Pete Palasota or myself to register for this Major Degree as soon as you can. Continue to recruit that Catholic gentleman to the Knights of Columbus so we have the necessary help to meet our charity needs.

On behalf of all your Council Officers we wish all of our fellow Brother Knights and Families a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy & Safe New Year.

Fraternally,  
David Polasek  
Grand Knight

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## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Mike Trahan

Our Knight of the Month for December is Mike Trahan. You will find Mike at most of our fundraisers, especially at the Football Concessions and Old Town Spring events. Mike is also one of our Chef's and plays a big part in assisting our Lecturer in those excellent meals that we enjoy at Member Meeting night's and on Family night. Thank you, Mike, for all that you do for your Council.

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FAMILY OF THE  
MONTH

Mike and Pauline Bowen

Mike and Pauline Bowen is the Family for the month of December. You will find them volunteering for various fundraisers, but you will always see them at the Football concessions. That's the one fundraiser they do together as a family. Thanks Mike and Pauline for being there and for all you do for your Council.

## **We need your support at Events - Come out and join us!**



## **NEED:**

**We need a Membership  
Director. Please contact  
WGK David Polasek if  
you can help.**

Duties include arranging orientation meetings for new candidates. Must be able to meet and greet new candidates and their wives. Scheduled meetings usually are on Wednesday nights for about an hour.

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STANDING  
COMMITTEES

## RESPECT LIFE

My Brother Knights,

When one person loves something, the thing has value to that person. When many people love the same thing it has value to the society. But when God loves something, it has eternal value beyond measure.

There is no doubt that God loves the unborn. With God's love comes value and worth. Each person, whether born or unborn, young or old, healthy or sick, has that eternal God given worth.

When we recognize the immeasurable value and worth of every person it becomes obvious that we should also love and cherish all people. The sick should be cared for, the hurting should be nurtured, the scared should be comforted, and the unborn should be protected.

Our worth and dignity as persons created by God is not in question. It is our response to those who would attack the weak and helpless that is uncertain. God is clear, we have a responsibility to stand for those in need. Stand for the weak, defend the helpless, and join God in recognizing the inestimable value of every person, born and unborn.

You have an opportunity to simply get involved by giving time, prayers and support to your local pro-life organizations.

Your Brother In Christ  
Paul(Yogi) Ybarra Jr.

## 2017 Clergy Appreciation Night

The Galveston Houston Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will host the Thirty-third Annual Clergy Appreciation Night on Friday, January 20, 2017, at the Stafford Centre, located at 10505 Cash Rd. Stafford, Texas 77477, (6:30 PM cocktails and 7:30 PM dinner). Once each year we Brother Knights welcome the opportunity to again express our thanks, respect, and solidarity with our Cardinal, Archbishop, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Religious

*John Flanagan*

*Serving Our Community Since 1989*

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Meeting place of the  Knights of Columbus

## 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 Jan 15*

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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.

## 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 a member of this committee please contact the Grand Knight David Polasek [dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net)

## BOWLING

Our Bowling League is in its 13th week with a position round coming up on December 20, 2016, right before our Christmas break. Good Bowling continues on the League.

Our Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament will be in Austin being held at Westgate Lanes. It is scheduled for April 1st and 2nd, and April 8th and 9th. Hopefully we can maintain our 60+ teams and generate some interest from the Austin area as we do not get any teams from the Austin or San Antonio areas

Keep up the good bowling, and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and be ready to start the second half on January 3, 2017.

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*  
 John 13:34-35

## 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 *	(281) 350-2593
Jim Ledwig*	(281) 450-7910
Krzysztof Cupial	(281) 350-2593
Lukasz Cupial	(281) 350-2593
Alexander Cupial	(832) 621-9128
Eric Twardowski	(281) 516-9550
Armando Silva	(713) 816-3928
Kirk Raines	(281) 507-9563
Bill Schultz	(281) 288-3827
Roger Schuering	(713) 392-2552
Jaime Sepulveda	(281) 731-4663

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# December BIRTHDAYS

2	Gerald Brown	8	William McNamara	20	John Klug
2	Dwayne Richardson	8	George Renneberg	21	John Elliott
2	Greg Haselberger	8	Edward Varosky	21	Aaron Morgan
3	Anthony LeDonne	10	Walter White	22	Dennis Pomonis
6	James Bradley	15	Frank Young	22	David Squyres
7	Peter Hilgarth	18	Gregory Pekarcik	24	Fernando Ramirez
7	Thomas Vaselakos	19	Jerome Leiker	26	Richard Linden
8	Robert Deshano	19	David Ward	27	Chuck Keesee

## 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!

## The Council Buys Walter White a New Tractor

He was dissappointed.



Turnout at St. James Catholic Church for Confirmation Mass.

## Be the Face of the Knight of Columbus

Keep our work in front of people

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*Get Involved!*

STANDING  
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**From Meetings to  
Old Town Spring  
events...**



**We want to see  
your smiling  
face...**

## 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)

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

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

USO

Visit with Veterans at the VA Hospital

Wheelchair Mission

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

**As of October this year we have donated  
over 5,913 hours to charity, that is worth over  
\$133,042**



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Activity Schedule

THU Dec 8	Business Meeting
SUN Dec 11	Christmas Party at the Hall
TUE Dec 20	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU Dec 22	Family Knight
THU Jan 5	Home Assoc and Officer Meeting
THU Jan 12	Business Meeting
SUN Jan 15	VA Visitation
TUE Jan 17	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
FRI Jan 20	Clergy Appreciation Night
THU Jan 26	Family Knight
SAT Jan 28	Vocation Ministry Breakfast Sts. Simin and Jude
THU Feb 2	Home Assoc and Officer Meeting
THU Feb 9	Business Meeting
TUE Feb 21	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU Feb 23	Family Knight
THU Mar 2	Home Assoc and Officer Meeting
THU Mar 9	Business Meeting
SUN Mar 12	VA Visitation
TUE Mar 21	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU Mar 23	Family Knight
TUE Apr 18	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
SUN May 14	VA Visitation



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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:**

**Laurence Carver, father in law of John Groneck – heart surgery (11/4)**

**Lee Fennell, friend of SK Robert Hannasch – car accident injuries (11/13)**

**Pat Gausemeier, friend of Tim Wilson - massive stroke (11/28)**

**Jerry Golf, friend of George Adams - heart attack (11/21)**

Hanna Henry, granddaughter of Mary Jo Henry, Hospital admission (Oct 28)

**Richard Hernandez - broken wrists surgery (11/13)**

**Grant Milton, high school football player, injured, coma (12/1)**

Daniel Nash, Son of Dick Nash – hospitalization (Oct 27)

Susan Nash wife of our Brother Dick Nash, hospitalization for infection (Oct 18)

**Sister in Law of Richard Nash, cancer (11/15)**

**Meagan Newton, grad daughter of Robert Hannasch – hospital (11/11)**

Margaret Romeo, wife of Mike Romeo – hospice

Karla Ruvalcaba wife of SK Jose Ruvalcaba – MRI (Oct 7)

**Bill Skinner – eye surgery ((12/5)**

**Kathy Trahan, wife of SK Mike – partial knee replacement (11/15)**

**Robbie Westbrook – heart catheterization (12/3)**

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 Keesees'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  
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)  
Major John Trahan son of Mike & Kathy Trahan, deployed to Kuwait  
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:**

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

**Family / Friends:**

Jo Dolengowski, Wife of Brother George Dolengowski  
Bryan McLemore, son of William McLemore  
Teresa Ozog, the Mother of Brother Andy Ozog and wife of deceased Brother Bill  
David Vorpahl, brother of Peggy Husky (PGK Ron Husky)