

Knights of Columbus Bishop Nold Council 6557

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We meet at:
 29327 South Plum Creek Drive
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Monthly Schedule:

1st Thursday
Officer Planning Meeting 7:30 PM

2nd Thursday
Council Meeting Starts at 7:30PM

4th Thursday
Family Knight

Grand Knight

Harold Schambach

Chaplain

Fr. Pat Garrett

Deputy Grand Knight

Robert Castro

Assistant Diocesan Deputy

Bill Moeller

Chancellor

Phil Rimoldi

Recorder

Ray Wert

Financial Secretary

SK Dennis Pomonis

Treasurer

Ted DeMattio

Lecturer

John Lacey

Advocate

Ed Varosky

Warden

John Groneck

Inside Guard

Danny Spurlock

Outside Guards

Charlie Siragusa

Chuck Keesee

Trustees

Rich Laboda (1yr)

Robert Perrotta (2 yr)

David Polasek (3 yr)

Delegates

Insurance Agent

Alexander Vu

JFMHA President

John Groneck

JFMHA Vice President

Ken Scales

Standing Committees

Program Director

Ted DeMatteo

Church Director

St. James - Arnold Rodriguez

Sts Simon and Jude - Phil Rimoldi

Community Director

Ken Scales

Council Director

Family Director

Youth Director

Culture of Life Director

Paul Ybarra

Membership Director (Recruitment)

Rich Eimer

Retention

Ted DeMatteo

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)

Robert Castro

Scholarship Committee

John Groneck

Jay Kemper

David Dansek

Joe Ramrath

Kitchen

John Lacey

Cleanup Crews

Larry Hawkins

VA Assistance

Robert Hannasch



Sunday, February 4, 2018

- Kick-off at 7:30
- Festivities Begin at 5:00 PM
- Larry Hawkins has \$10 Squares for sale
- New Projector and sound system
- See all the new amenities at the hall



Bring the family! We will have food, snacks, drinks and Movies for the kids.

WIN A TRIP TO DUBLIN!



Recruit a new member and you just might win an all expense paid trip for you and your wife to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next August! Only 10 Knights will be selected for this trip, but the more men you recruit, the higher the chance to win: If you recruit one member, you're entered once — if you recruit 10 members, you're entered 10 times! The drawing will take place on July 1, 2018, and anyone who has proposed a new member this fraternal year is eligible. For information on the World Meeting of Families, please visit <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Brothers and Friends,

I would like to welcome a new member into our council, Peter Coon and Thomas Grudl. Peter and Thomas are married and attend Sts. Simon & Jude. Our goal for new members is 23 and so far, this year we have three new members. Do your best and recruit one new member.

Show your pride in being a Knight, wear their council shirts to parish events.

November was another busy month, Corporate Communion and recruiting at all the masses at St. James. We did recruit a few potential candidates for our council. The Forth Degree and the council participated in the Silver Rose ceremony at St. James and participated in the Lady of Fatima mass at Sts. Simon & Jude.

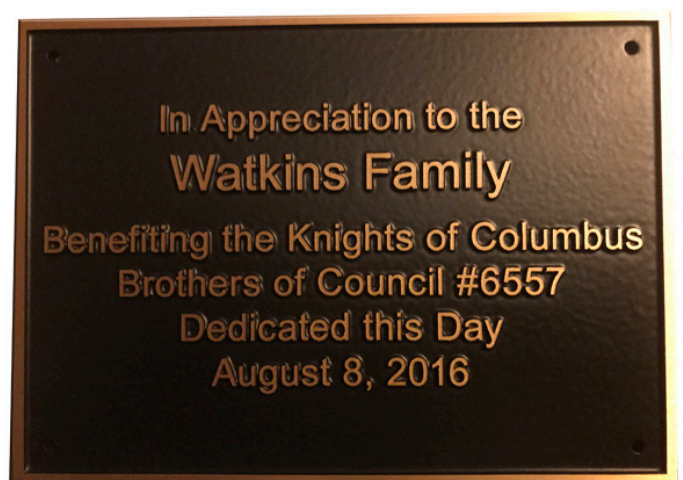
There will be no Family Night in December but plan to attend the Family Christmas Party on Sunday December 17th. The festivities start at 4:00pm with dinner served at 5:00pm. Again, this year Mel's will be serving a delicious dinner. Please bring your favorite snack or appetizer. We may have a visitor from the North Pole so bring your children and grandchildren.

I hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year!

Vivat Jesus!,

Harold Schambach
Grand Knight

The John Flannigan Memorial Hall has been the meeting place for the Knights of Columbus Council 6557 since the seventies, and over that time unfortunately the building had become threadbare. Repairs and maintenance had been a constant source of consternation from asphalt to rooftop, leaks to flaming meltdowns. By the Grace of God, Jim and Mary Watkins remembered us in their death, and now our council will be eternally grateful to the Watkins family. Renovations, improvements and repairs have all been possible through their kind donation, and we will always remember them in our prayers. This plaque will forever remind us of their kindness and generosity.



To be permanently affixed to our hall.

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BIRTHDAYS
December

12/2 Gerard T Brown	12/8 George E Renneberg	12/20 John Klug
12/2 Greg J Haselberger	12/8 Edward Varosky	12/20 Reginald L Sperduti
12/2 SK Dwayne E Richardson	12/10 Gary L Walewski	12/21 SK John G Elliott, Jr
12/3 Anthony A Le Donne	12/10 SK Walter D White, Jr	12/21 Aaron P Morgan
12/6 James Bradley	12/15 Frank J Young, Jr	12/22 SK Dennis E Pomonis
12/7 Peter W Hilgarth	12/18 Gregory J Pekarcik	12/22 David G Squyres
12/7 Thomas P Vaselakos	12/19 SK Jerome L Leiker	12/24 Fernando Ramirez
12/8 Robert S Deshano	12/19 SK David W Ward	12/26 SK Richard A Linden
12/8 William M Mc Namara		12/27 SK Chuck R Keesee

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CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

THU Dec 7	JFMHA Meeting	7:00
THU Dec 7	Officer's Meeting	7:30
TUE Dec 12	Chapter Meeting - Departure 5:45 from Lowe's on I45	
THU Dec 14	Business Meeting	7:00
SUN Dec 17	Family Christmas Party 4:00 PM	
TUE Dec 19	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center	
MON Dec 25	Committee Reports Due for Newsletter	
THU Dec 28	NO Family Night	
THU Jan 4	JFMHA Meeting	7:00
THU Jan 4	Officer's Meeting	8:00
SUN Jan 7	VA Visit – meet at the Lowes Parking lot IH 45 by the portable buildings at 8:00	
TUE Jan 9	Chapter Meeting	5:00 Lowes Parking lot
THU Jan 11	Business Meeting	7:00
SAT Jan 13	Knight in a Day Degrees at our Hall	
TUE Jan 16	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center	
SAT Jan 20	Cook meal at Sts Simon and Jude Junior High Retreat Dinner 5:00 PM	
THU Jan 25	Family Night White Elephant	
THU Jan 25	Committee Reports Due for Newsletter	
THU Feb 1	JFMHA Meeting	7:00
THU Feb 1	Officer's Meeting	8:00
SUN Feb 4	Superbowl Party	
THU Feb 8	Business Meeting	7:00
TUE Feb 13	Chapter Meeting	5:00 Lowes Parking lot
THU Feb 15	Yearly Audit – Due Feb 15th	

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RESPECT LIFE

My Brother Knights,

As we gather with our Family and Friends to give our many thanks for all the Blessings that the Good Lord gave us, we now turn our attention to the Advent Season as we prepare for the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ. This is the season we share our teachings of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we profess our Faith as exemplified through spiritual growth, evangelization, social outreach and protecting the dignity of all human life. This is also the season. This is also the season that we recognize the importance of providing for and encouraging Catholic development of all our faithful, with continuing concern for our Children and the less fortunate, particularly the homeless and the hungry. It is a time to put our Catholic Faith into an activation mode.

Reflecting on the closing of this calendar year and in preparation for the Birth of Christ, we are truly Blessed to celebrate this holy season of Christmas. However, there are many in this country that will not be with us for this celebration due to the evil of abortion. Life is a precious gift from God and must be vigorously defended from conception to natural end. When It comes to defending the weakest, who is more defenseless than an unborn child or a patient in a vegetative or comatose state?

Numerous individuals and organizations have worked tirelessly throughout the year for the Right to Life. Many activities were organized as public support through Pro-Life Masses and rallies and countless others through private prayer. The Knights of Columbus in support of our Catholic doctrine are, remain, and continue to be staunch vocal and visible supporters of our clergy as they direct our efforts in defending the precious gift of Life. Our very own presence continues at the forefront of visibly supporting the monthly Archdiocesan Respect Life Masses and Rosary Vigils at abortion clinics. Our next Rosary with the Helpers of God's Precious Infants will be on Saturday December 16, 2017 for an 8:15 Mass at St Dominic Village Warren Chapel located at 2401 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, Tx followed by a Rosary at Planned Parenthood located at 4600 Gulf Freeway which is the home of the largest abortion center in the Western Hemisphere. Remember my Brother Knights, Please invite your Families, Friends to join us to put an end to this thing called abortion, because together much can be accomplished!!!

Rosie and I pray and wish you and yours a Blessed Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Your Brother in Christ
Paul(Yogi)Ybarra Jr

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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 Jan 7

BOWLING

No Report



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".

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

Next visit is: Tuesday Dec 19



GO ON A TRIP WITH SSJ AND FR. PAT SEE POLAND, CZECH REPUBLIC, AUSTRIA AND HUNGRY.

April 9th to the 20th - cost \$3,500. Details are sketchy but see Brother Larry Hawkins if interested



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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.



Update: Brother Jose Ruvacalba's firm, A's AC & Heating will install two (2) new HVAC units in late November. One unit will be purchased by the JFMHA and the other will be purchased by the Council, thanks to the Watkins Benefit. We intend to paint the interior of the Hall in early January after minor repairs to the walls. Brother Daniel Adames company will be painting, again thanks to the generosity of the Watkins Benefit. Special thanks go out to Brother Jay Kemper for leading his crew in leading the efforts to update the gazebo.

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 – John Groneck

Beer Booth – Robert Perrotta

Steve's Lot – Eric Twardowski

Preservation Lot – Ed Varosky

Railroad Lot – Ronnie Husky

Cashiers – Robert Castro

At this time there are no scheduled events coming up.

GOLF

No Report



The famous travelling Our Lady of Fatima Statue visits Sts. Simon and Jude.

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SCHOLARSHIP

Copies of the 2018 application can be found at Sts. Simon & Jude and St. James the Apostle Churches. We'll maintain a ready supply there as well as at the Hall. Electronic version is available on the KofC website; under 'Members Only.'

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!

CHARITY

See brother Larry Hawkins if you would like to participate directly with the Charity Committee

PROGRAMS NEEDING A CHAIR OR VOLUNTEERS

Church

St. James See Brother Arnold Rodriquez

Sts. Simon and Jude

Community Director

Council Director

Family Director

Youth Director See Brother Fred Sunderman

Culture of Life See Brother Yogi (Paul) Ybarra Jr.

Membership Director

Retention See Brother Jim Ledwig

Health

Vocations

Squires See Brother Fred Sunderman

Emergency Coordinator

John Flanagan

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Meeting place of the  Knights of Columbus

COMMITTEES NEEDING A CHAIR OR VOLUNTEERS

Fundraising

VA Assistance See Brother Robert V Hannasch

Degree Team See Brother Robert Perrotta

Membership

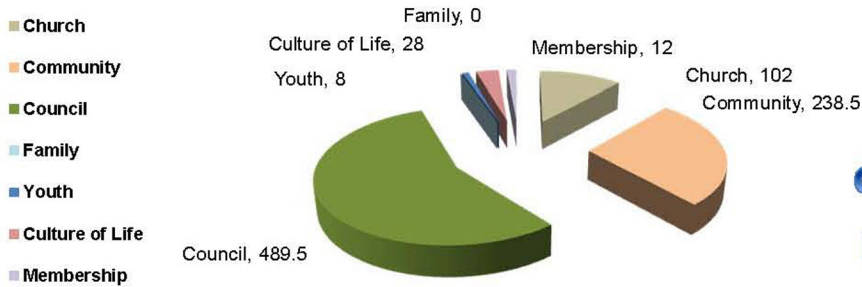


Luis Nieto handing a \$500.00 check to Kathy Rifaat of the Interfaith Community Clinic to purchase a much needed water distiller

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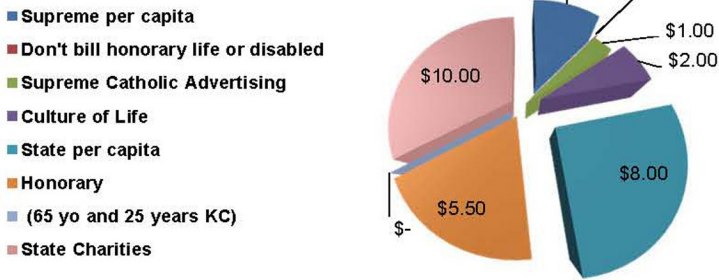
How Your Efforts Breakdown

This is how 878 hours break up so far



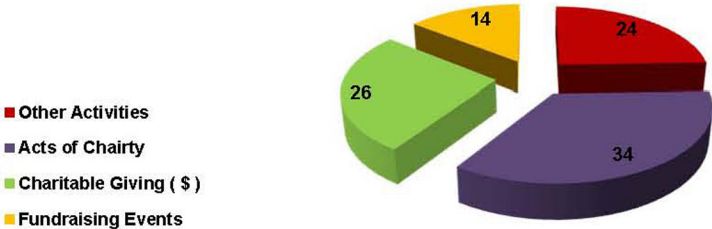
Helping out in the community is a fund raising event for us.

This is where our dues go to



We generate most of our resource money from community events.

These are the types of events we do



14%
of our activities are fundraisers
35%
of our activities are direct acts of charity

Hours of Work so far

878.0

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 for the month of November alone we has donated over 878 hours of our time to charity, that is worth over \$19,755

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PRAYER LIST



Bishop Nold Council 6557

New Additions are in Bold for all categories. All ongoing Prayer requests are on the bottom. Illnesses are usually left on this list for a period of 30 - 45 days. For updating, please contact

GK Harold Schambach grandknight6557@aol.com (832) 526-0141

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:

Benjamin Hutzler grandson of Billie Pieri wife of our deceased Brother Frank Pieri has congestive heart failure

(November 2017)

Mark Miller next door neighbor of Luis Nieto and Larry Hawkins has some major health problems (November 2017)

Deacon John Charnisky – Health issues (November 2017)

SK Ted DeMatteo – undergoing test (November 2107)

Daniel Nash son of Brother Richard Nash recovering from surgery (November 2017)

Albert Ledwig son of SK Jim Ledwig Illness (November 2017)

Jim Cook brother-in-law of Brother Jay Kemper Cancer (November 2017)

Beryl Lucia sister of SK Denis Pomonis ALS (November 2017)

Tina Robles wife of SK John Robles – recovering from surgery (October 2017)

Bob Andrews recovering from shoulder surgery (October 2017)

Sara Schambach niece of GK Harold Schambach – Cancer (October 2017)

Brother Frank Young undergoing test (October 2017)

Nick Hingtgen brother-in-law of Brother Richard Nash – Cancer (October 2017)

Laura Davis wife of Brother Ron Davis Jr. – Cancer (October 2017)

Carol Groneck mother of Brother John Groneck – Undergoing vision testing (September 2017)

Kathy Palasota wife of SK Pete Palasota – Recovering from broken ankle (September 2017)

Brother Henry Boyle - Health Issues (September 2017)

Carole Wrobel – Recovering from a fall (September 2017)

Jerald Wrobel – Pneumonia (September 2017)

Jacqueline Melchor wife of Brother Manuel Melchor - Cancer (September 2017)

Steven Salley father of Brother Eric Salley - Health Issues (September 2017)

Brenda Salley mother of Brother Eric Salley - Health Issues (September 2017)

SK Pete Palasota – recovering from a heart attack (September 2017)

SK Jerry Leiker – leg infection (September 2017)

Tom Atkins – Broken Neck

Deanna Bashinski – Wife of Casmer Bashinski - fractured vertebrae

Gary Dierker—Prostrate Cancer

Jack Elliot's Granddaughter – Medical Tests

Amy Farris – SK Mike & Alberta Curtin's Daughter – High Blood Pressure

Mack Githens – Granson of SK Ted DeMatteo – Trigeminal Neuralgia

Gary Joppich, friend of Larry Hawkins – inoperable cancer

Tom Kurland – Heart Caterization and Health

Betty McHenry – PGK Dan McHenry's wife – Back Problems – Unable to Walk

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Margaret Nunez wife of Brother Lupe Nunez – back surgery (Mar 28)
John Robles - Pneumonia
Barbara Walsh -- Lymphoma
Kevin Wert – SK Ray Wert's Son - Pancreatic Cancer
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 and Mike Aaron - Cancer 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
Walter Dishberger (Health)
Walter Ebelt, council charter member (cancer)
Sandy Effler, wife of Mike Effler (Health)
Shirley Elliott wife of 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
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
Gary Joppich, friend of Larry Hawkins (inoperable cancer)
Jessie Klosterman (health) granddaughter of Herman Konczewski
Michelle Koenig (cancer)
Joe Kubeczka (Health)
Tom Kurland (Health)
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

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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
Sister in Law of Richard Nash, cancer
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
Mike Romeo for the loss of his wife Margaret
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)
SK Yogi Ybarra - health
Our Men and Women serving in the Military

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

Brother Knights:

SK Charlie Siragusa (November 2017)

Family / Friends:

Madeline Koenig mother of Brother Tom Koenig (November 2017)

Ann Hannasch mother of SK Robert Hannasch (November 2017)

Richard Skinner son of Brother Bill Skinner (October 2017)

Margaret Romeo, wife of Brother Mike Romeo (September 2017)



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 and may they rejoice in your Kingdom.

AMEN