



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

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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

Alexander Vu

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

Kitchen

David Foltyn

Cleanup Crews

Larry Hawkins

VA Assistance

Degree Team

Welcoming Committee



SUPERBOWL PARTY AT COUNCIL 6557 FEBRUARY 5, 2017 4:00 PM

Please note that we are looking for items for our Silent Auction. Proceeds from this year's party will be split between the St. Vincent de Paul at Sts. Simon & Jude and St. James food pantry. Both of these ministries are in need of support at this time of year.

Please help us support these ministries by attending our Super Bowl party as well as supporting our silent auction.





Changes at Council 6557



Saturday January 28th turned out to be a beautiful winter day to tackle some big ticket chores on the JFMHA grounds.

Under Brother Ricky's guidance, 12 other brothers removed the fence posts and cables along the entrance way and Plumcreek perimeter. JFMHA is indebted to Ricky's brother, Gary, who came in from New Waverly with his vintage (1954?) Massey-Ferguson tractor to extract the old posts and auger in the new, 8-inch diameter posts. Brothers using posthole diggers cleared the holes for easily installation.

After settling for a month or so, we'll trim the posts to height and reinstall a double cable. We even straighten some posts around the ball field.

The Brothers were treated to a full Sugaree (former Pit Master) BBQ lunch with all the sides. Brother Ken led a crew to install new soffits on the tractor barn as well as prep it for upcoming painting. The tractor shed and pump house will be painted once the temperatures stabilize.

Along with the recent addition of the parking lot and exterior lights from the Watkins Benefit; we have a lot to be proud of and so thankful for at #6557. Stay tuned for next round of updates; improvements!!

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

We had our Major Degree on January 21, 2017 at our Council Hall. I want to acknowledge the candidates: Fr. Kailas Hivale, Patrick Polasek, Christopher Gillespie, Larry Johnson, and Stuart Hoelscher for taking that step to full Knighthood. I hope the Degree was special and meaningful to all of you. Now you are eligible to run for an officer position and get even more involved in your Council, but in any case get involved in you Council.

Our "SUPER BOWL" Party is Sunday February 5, 2017 beginning at 4:00 PM. All our proceeds are going to Sts Simon and Jude St Vincent de Paul and St James Food Pantry. We will have not only a great Football game, but several Football Square boards, Silent auction, snacks, fellowship, and our squires will be selling fried chicken dinners. Plan on attending and supporting this great cause to assist both of our parishes. Plan on attending and bring a small snack to share and enjoy the fellowship and rout for your favorite team.

We are planning to reschedule the famous "White Elephant" for February 23, 2017. Plan on attending this fun night and bring that good gift, gag gift, or the ever famous bottle of wine. Hope to see you there.

Continue to recruit possible candidates to increase our ranks so we can continue to meet our charitable requirements.

Fraternally,
David Polasek
Grand Knight

Awesome Vintage Massey Fergasen
Thanks Gary Rogers, brother of Brother Ricky Rogers



Brother Eric leveled and spaced the posts at the 2017 Post Hole Party



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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Mickey Manore

Mickey Manore is our knight of the month for February. Mickey has been dedicated to our Convalescent Bingo for several years now. When Rudy Charest was unable to continue Mickey stepped up and continued to be there and bring an evening of enjoyment to our seniors. You will find Mickey helping at several of our fund raisers as well. Thanks Mickey for all that you continue to do for your Council.

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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Douglas Saunders Family

The Douglas Saunders Family is our Family for February. At a recent Work Party at the Hall Doug and Julie came with the whole Family to help in any way they could. All the children and Julie pitched in and began to pick up all the little fallen branches. What a big help they all were. Doug was also able to make some needed repairs to our storage shed. Thanks Doug and Family for all that you do for you Council.

POST HOLE PARTY FEBRUARY 2017



SALESMAN NEEDED:

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. Show these new recruits what we are all about with a video and Q&A.

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RESPECT LIFE

Brother Knights,

Men and Women were created for something great, for infinity. The desire for a more meaningful Life is a sign that God created us and that we bear His "Imprint". God is Life, and that is why every creature reaches out towards life. Because human beings are made in the Image of God. We do this in a unique and special way. We reach out for Love, Joy and Peace.

With each January focus is directed toward the United States Supreme Courts decision, Roe vs Wade, Which legalized the destruction of millions of unborn babies through the evil of abortion. The message to reach out for Love, Joy and Peace toward all human beings, including the unborn, was a theme expressed throughout the entire State of Texas with many "Rallies for Life" on January 28, 2017, the 44th anniversary of Roe vs Wade featuring Bishop Joe Vasquez, Bishop of the Austin Diocese, supporters expressed their Love for the Vulnerable, the Unborn, by their visible participation in peaceful processions and prayers.

The monthly Pro-Life Mass and Rosary Procession sponsored by the Helpers of God's Precious Infants is scheduled for Saturday 18, 2017 at Christ The Good Shepherd, 18511 Klein Church Road in Spring, Tx.77379. Mass is at 8:30 am followed by a Rosary at Planned Parenthood Clinic, 4747 Louetta. Brother Knights please encourage your Families, Relatives, Friends and Parishioners to display their Dignity of Life Commitment with their attendance.

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

Your Brother in Christ
Paul(Yogi)Ybarra Jr.

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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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 Mar 12

FALL GOLF SUMMARY 2016

The Knights of Columbus Fall Golf League finished its 15 weeks season on December 21, 2016. Robert (Bob) Anderson of Woodlands Council 12327, finished on the top of the leaderboard. As the season winner, Bob chose the Montgomery County Right to Life organization to receive the \$1000.00 charity prize.

Rounding out the top 5 on the leaderboard were Brad Spurlock, Spring Council 6557, Carl Busbee, Conroe Council 6456, Steve Kane, Spring Council 6557, and Bob Stegge, New Waverly Council 5921.



Thirty seven golfers competed over the 15 week league, with weekly attendance averaging 17 per week. Members play 9 holes weekly and have handicaps based on their league play. Allowances are made for age differences. Those 80 years of age, hit from the Red tees, 70 years of age from the Black tees, and

everyone under 70 hits from the White tees.

The handicaps and distance allowances make for a competitive golf outing, although very friendly in nature, you get to golf at your own level, and still be in the running to finish at the top of the leaderboard. The League plays at Panorama Village golf club on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30pm. Cost is \$15.00 for golf, cart and range balls, plus a \$5.00 charity fee for the prize money. At the end of all seasons, there is a mini tournament with prizes awarded for different skills.

This season ended with a dinner at Spring Creek Barbeque, paid for by the league. The Knights of Columbus Golf League is open to all Knights, regardless of skill level. Please do not hesitate to come out and join the fun, whether 1 game, or the entire season. You are always welcome. Since its founding in 2010, The Knights of Columbus Golf League has donated \$12000.00 to local charities.

Rich LaBoda
K of C Golf League President



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Dues*Dues*Dues

RETENTION COMMITTEE

Brothers, if you have not had a chance to pay your dues or did not receive your payment notice, please contact our Worthy Financial Secretary Pete Palasota. Most importantly, if you know of a brother who is sick or distressed and in need of help, please contact your Grand Knight, Financial Secretary or your Retention Committee Chairman.

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 WPGK
Retention Chairman

Grand Knight David Polasek
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Financial Secretary Pete Palasota
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Retention Committee Chairman Jim Ledwig
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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".



The 'B' Team

Harold Schambach*	(281) 364-7360
Terry O'Donohue*	(281) 678-4557
David Janning	(281) 362-8712
Richard Morgan	(281) 528-5518
Aaron Morgan	(281) 528-5518
Joe De La Torre	(281) 721-5307
Jack Edwards	(281) 367-9859
Boyd Schafer	(281) 367-3542

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BIRTHDAYS
 February

1	Charles Pace	6	Timothy Johnson	17	Dr. Robert Neville
2	James Kersh	6	Paul List	17	Eric Salley
3	Paul Hawkins	7	Tommy Anderson	20	Joe Kubeczka
3	Fr. Mathew Thottiyil	7	Dennis Johnston	20	Robert Taggart
4	Bobby Andrews	7	William McKee	22	Vincent Kubeczka
4	Gerald Mulvihill	16	William Motiska	25	David Selby
5	Foster Allen			25	James Rottman

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!

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

BOWLING

On Tuesday January 24, we had the League's first "300" game of this year. It was bowled by Reggie Chester whom carries a 220 average. He bowled a "755" for the evening. As you can see good bowling continues on our League. Keep up the excellent Bowling.

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



Brother Jerry Leiker on the new Pole Management machine the hall invested in.

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 2016 we donated over **8907 hours** of our time to charity, that is worth over

\$200,407

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RESUMES, JOBS
AND WORK

IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL SKILLS, NEED HELP, NEED A JOB OR NEED TO FILL A
POSITION AT YOUR COMPANY, SPREAD THE WORD HERE

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Industrial Management and Technology student with experience in customer service and in a shop environment. Experienced with high and low pressure gas lines. Member of Society of Manufacturing Engineering. Experience using Creo Parametric 3.0. Have taken classes over safety and manufacturing class. Have 10 hr. OSHA card and PEC training. Knowledgeable in lean production.

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University- Kingsville

Bachelor of Science- Industrial Management and Technology Major GPA: 3.27

Relevant Courses: Lean Production, Quality Assurance, Manufacturing Processes, Leadership and Supervision, OSHA for General Industry, Cost Estimating

COMPUTER SKILLS

Engineering: Creo Parametric 3.0

Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint

LEADERSHIP & INVOLMENT

Member, Society of Manufacturing Engineering 2016

Treasurer, Good OL Boys Off-Road 2013-2015

HONORS AND AWARDS

Honor Roll Spring 2016

Star Performer (Lowe's) 2015

HEADS UP

Remember your contacts, if you know anyone that can help or if you know of a position somewhere, please make contact, e-mail your friends, employees or employers. Just a little nudge can go a long way.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Activity Schedule

SAT Feb 18	Mass and Rosary for Life at Christ the Good Shepherd 8:30 AM with Rosary afterwards at Planned Parenthood
SUN Feb 19	St. James Ministries Day (Recruiting Day)
TUE Feb 21	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU Feb 23	Family Knight – WHITE ELEPHANT
THU Mar 2	Home Assoc and Officer Meeting
FRI Mar 3	Fish Fry at St. James – Start 4:00 PM thru 7:30 PM
THU Mar 9	Business Meeting
FRI Mar 10	Fish Fry at St. James – Start 4:00 PM thru 7:30 PM
SUN Mar 12	VA Visitation
WED Mar 15	Golf League Starts – See Brother Rich (richardlaboda@consolidated.net)
FRI Mar 17	Fish Fry at St. James – Start 4:00 PM thru 7:30 PM
FRI Mar 17	Retreat – Sts Simon and Jude
SAT Mar 18	Retreat – Sts Simon and Jude
SUN Mar 19	Retreat – Sts Simon and Jude
TUE Mar 21	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU Mar 23	Family Knight – Paul Fulton Speaker ‘A Day in the Life’
FRI Mar 24	Fish Fry at St. James – Start 4:00 PM thru 7:30 PM
FRI Mar 31	Fish Fry at St. James – Start 4:00 PM thru 7:30 PM
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
SUN Apr 30	Old Town Spring (OTS) Crawfish Festival
SUN May 14	VA Visitation



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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:

Mike Kennan, brother in law of Scott Uselman – heart issue (Jan 8)

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

Margaret Romeo, wife of Mike Romeo – hospice

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)

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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
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:

Jon Kemper, brother of Jay
Fred Stash, a Charter member of our Council



The next Generation of Knights will have to dig these out. Just remember they are 6 feet deep and fixed directly into the Earth's mantle.
Brother John was afraid they would blow away.