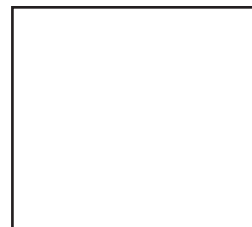


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END OF AN ERA

Old Town Spring - Sometime during the Christmas Holiday, brother Ken Scales reports the Beer Booth has burned to the ground. It was probably arson, but details are not known as of this date whether or not it was the devil worshipers or if brother Pete left the coffee pot plugged in.



Experience the timely and gripping live drama Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy. This new production is on tour nationwide and was featured in Marian Helper magazine. The play is suitable for ages 13 and up.

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Thank You, O Holy Trinity, for the vastness of the graces which You have lavished upon me unceasingly through life.

My gratitude will intensify as the eternal dawn rises, when, for the first time, I sing to Your glory.

Sunday, February 7, 2016



The council will be having another Super Bowl Party.
Save the date - Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 4:00 in the afternoon.

Proceeds from the event will be supporting the KofC youth
(Columbian Squires, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts).
We will be having the usual pool (football squares) which you will find at coming
meetings including the Christmas Party. Half of the income will be paid out with
the other half to support the youth.

There will be food served by the Boy Scouts
and we are asking for a \$5.00 donation
(We encourage you to bring your own munchies).
We also planning on having a "Silent Auction" - If you have something
you would like to donate for the auction please call
John Tatman (ph# 281-292-9662) or
Larry Hawkins (ph# 281-367-3128).
We would appreciate anything that you can come up with to benefit this
great group of young men.



February 7, 2016
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Brother Mike Curtin

Mike Curtin is not only a Brother Knight, but He is also our Property Manager. Mike is doing a very good job in promoting our facility and is booking a majority of the inquiries for rentals. Mike's latest project to enhance the Hall was a remodel of the bar area. Excellent job Mike and thanks for all that you do for your Council.

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FAMILY OF THE
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Rich and Pat LaBoda

Rich and Pat LaBoda you will find at various fundraisers for our Council. Rich and Pat have chaired the Christmas Party for the fourth degree for several years now and have done a wonderful job, Rich has ran or chaired the Golf League for several years as well. Thanks for all that you do for your Council.



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Welcome to Our Council

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY

Brother Knights,

From time to time we take inventory of our life. We look at our past, where we are today and where we wish to go in the future. So it is with a council and our Order. We have great and meaningful traditions that define us as Knights of Columbus.

This past month our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, addressed our focus and continual growth within the Order from his forum in the Columbia Magazine . There is always one underlining focus throughout his many writings and that is our stand, as Catholic Gentlemen, in solidarity with our priests and the teachings of Holy Mother Church. As an order, how can we make sure we are continually in concert with the principles set forth by our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney? This is a difficult task as we grow as an order and as we address the many needs that come our way.

Our Supreme Knight spoke on changes within the order in regards to the Boy Scouts, Squires and Home Associations. I urge each of you to read our Supreme Knight's address. I know there may be many questions which will hopefully be answered to a fuller understanding in a Diocesan Conference that will take place after the first of the year and through our State and Supreme leaders.

Our focus has not changed in support to our families, parish and communities. Our Supreme Knight states, " Today, the Knights of Columbus is positioned to move to a new level of service as the strong right arm of our parish churches....we will continue the legacy of Father McGivney---a legacy which as Pope Benedict observed, was to promote spiritual renewal among Catholics by strengthening them in holiness and unity."

Brother Knights, we stand at the threshold of even greater commitment to our families, the domestic church, to our parish as centers of understanding in fulfilling Christ's mission on earth and to our communities by reaching out to those in need with the love of the Father and guidance of the Holy Spirit. I think Father McGivney would be proud of his order and his knights.

Vivat Jesus
James Hatcher
District Deputy



It doesn't seem that long ago that the new Fraternal year had just started and here we are at the mid mark and at the end of 2015. The past six months have been a time of apprehension, excitement, learning, and a time to report good news and some not so good in order to keep all of my brother Knights and families informed. This Council is a very active Council and it takes not only I, but all the officers, program directors and even Past Grand Knight's to keep things in order. I thank each of them for their support, advice and their dedication to this Council.

We brought in one new knight to our Council on December 17, 2015 at the 1st Degree at the Conroe Council. His name is Xavier Ramos. He is self-employed and owns a pool service company. So please make him feel welcome when you see him.

On December 13, 2015 our Council held its Christmas Party. I have to say that everything went very well as several whom attended gave us a "thumbs up". I have to thank Mike Curtin, David Lindinger, Pete and Kathy Palasota, my son Patrick Polasek, my son in law Charlie Eggeling, daughter Ashley, my daughter Deanna, and especially my spouse Judy for all the help in getting the materials, setup, and cleanup. We gave out the personalized ornaments again this year which turned out to be a hit once again. I also have to thank our Santa Claus (Jerry Leiker) and our world's tallest elf (Jim Ledwig) who were the hit of the Party.

Starting out on Sunday morning January 3, 2016 it's our turn to visit the veterans at the Michael DeBakey VA Hospital. Get with Peter Palin if you're are able to go as they leave the Spring Lowe's parking lot at Cypresswood at about 8:00 AM.

Looking on to January there will be a K of C Free Throw Contest on January 9, 2016. It will be held at St Edward's Gym beginning at 8:00 AM. All boys and girls ages 9 – 14 are invited to participate in this local competition. For additional information contact Miguel Salazar at mikesalazar@gmail.com.

On January 23, 2016 our Council will host a Major Degree (2nd & 3rd) at our hall beginning at 9:00 AM. If you are a 1st degree Knight please plan on attending to complete your journey to full knighthood. All candidates should be present to check in at least 30 – 45 minutes early.

On January 28, 2016 we will have our White Elephant Family Night. Have a meal and bring a gift, that unwanted gift, gag gift, or that bottle of wine and join in the fun. Remember if you bring a gift you can participate and get to choose a gift when ticket number is called, but you may not get to keep it. Plan on coming and enjoy the fun.

Continue to Recruit Catholic Gentlemen to the world's largest Catholic Fraternal organization so we can continue to help those in need in our community, diocese and state.

Fraternally,

David Polasek
Grand Knight



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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

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
Herman Konczewski Memorial Scholarship Fund (Exclusive to Council 6557)
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



**COUNCIL 6557
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AS OF NOVEMBER THIS YEAR**

6947 Hours Donated

\$156,307

Youth Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in our council competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held at St. Edwards in the school gymnasium on January 9 at 8 AM. Each age will have a boy and girl winner based on shooting 15 free throws. A district championship will follow the council contests. Our champions will compete against winners from St. Edwards, St. Ignatius, and Christ the Good Shepherd. At the district completion, each competitor will shoot 25 free throws.

Ages 9, 10, 11 (Boys & Girls Competitions)

Use a women's regulation-size basketball and shoot from a 12-foot foul line at a 10-foot-high basket.

(NOTE: The normal foul line is 15 feet from the basket. Foul lines at 12 feet from the basket for 10- and 11-year-old divisions should be clearly marked with athletic or masking tape prior to the competition.)

Ages 12, 13, 14 (Girls Competitions)

Use a women's regulation-size basketball and shoot from the regulation foul line 15 feet from a 10-foot-high basket.

Ages 12, 13, 14 (Boys Competitions)

Use a men's regulation-size basketball and shoot from the regulation foul line 15 feet from a 10-foot-high basket.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state (or province) competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions.

All boys and girls will compete in their respective age and gender divisions. Since its beginning in 1972, over 2.5 million youths have participated globally in the contest.

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January BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-----------------------|----|-------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | Fr. Richard Paulissen | 11 | Mark Hefferly | 22 | Joseph Lunsford |
| 2 | Brian Dreer | 11 | Matthew Sweeny | 23 | Timothy Wilson |
| 2 | Michael Effler | 13 | Salvatore Cali | 24 | Dr. Paul Nester |
| 3 | Fr. Patrick Garret | 15 | Brandon Schambach | 26 | Deacon Robert Flynn |
| 4 | Joel Morales | 16 | Renato Aves | 27 | Raymond Vaske |
| 5 | Philip Rangel | 16 | Robert Bartley | 28 | Luis Abbott |
| 6 | Mark Votsmier | 16 | Jose Parra | 28 | James Sirman |
| 7 | Michael Nicklow | 17 | Brian Crady | 28 | Robert Wind |
| 8 | John Groneck | 19 | Ben Hall | 28 | Frederick Sunderman |
| 8 | Roy Martinez | 19 | Clarence Mendel | 29 | Richard Nash |
| 9 | William Haughton | 20 | Deacon Ray Oden | 29 | Jose Ruvalcaba |
| 9 | Jaime Sepulveda | 21 | Chad Uselman | 30 | Gene Illich |
| 10 | Alfred Halphen | 22 | Henry Brownfield | 30 | Larry Richmond |
| 11 | James Fisher | | | | |

RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!

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YOUTH

My Brothers, thank you for your continued support of Scouting. According to the Cubmaster for the Cubscouts, twelve new first graders alone were recruited this fall and along with other recruits the pack is over 30 kids. Our Boy Scout Troop has grown from 8 boys when it started to 28 boys and that is not including the boys who have graduated from high school and all are in college. We are finishing out the year at Winter Camp in Navasota which will run from December 26th through December 31st.

There are nine boy scouts attending and two of our older scouts will serve on staff for the week. We

have had multiple camp outs this fall but our most memorable included a six mile canoe trip down the San Marcos River north of Lockhart. Some of the boys had never seen clear, green water in Texas. I ask for your continued prayers for our boys safety.

Fraternally Yours

John Tatman, PGK

Scoutmaster



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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.

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FISH FRY

Lent is upon us brother Knights. Starting Friday February the 12th, we will be having our annual lent fish fry headed by PGK Bob Castro. We are in need of volunteers to make this a successful event. You can volunteer to help prepare the food, cook the food, package the food and for clean up. The dates are as follows:

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|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 2/12/2016 | 3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00 |
| 2/19/2016 | 3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00 |
| 2/26/2016 | 3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00 |
| 3/04/2016 | 3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00 |
| 3/11/2016 | 3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00 |
| 3/18/2016 | 3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00 |

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.



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SCHOLARSHIP

Our Council will award four Knights of Columbus Herman J. Konczewski Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$1000 in 2016. The Scholarship is available to high school seniors for use during the 2016-17 freshman year at college. Applications will be available in early January and due March 15.

CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

1. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic and related to a member of Council 6557 (living or deceased) in good standing, or a registered member of either Sts. Simon and Jude or St. James Parish.
2. Applicant must be sponsored by a member of Council 6557 in good standing, living or deceased, or registered parishioner of either Sts. Simon and Jude or St. James. Sponsor or relative can be the same person.
3. Applicant must have maintained a minimum of 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 point scale, or a GPA of 4.0 on a 5.0 point scale, or a GPA of 5.0 on a 6.0 point scale during his/her high school years.
4. Achieved a minimum of at least 1180 (M+R) on SAT or 26 on ACT.

5. Must be enrolled or enrolling to attend an accredited college or university during the 2015/2016 school year as a full time student.
6. A two part essay totaling no more than 500 words or less. Part I – “Why I wish to pursue a college degree” and Part II “What I am doing to practice my Catholic Faith” will be submitted with the application
7. All available OFFICIAL and most recent high school transcripts (including current grades, class ranking, and overall grade point average) and copy of your SAT (M+R) or ACT test scores will be required to be submitted.

For application or additional information contact:
Bill Moeller, billmoeller78@gmail.com or
(832)594-4980.



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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RESPECT LIFE

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 we recognize the importance of providing for and encouraging Catholic development of all of our faithful, with continuing concern for our children and the less fortunate. Please join us on:

Saturday, January 16, 2016-Houston's Mass and Rosary For Life Join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants in a peaceful, prayerful Mass and Rosary to solemnly mark the 43rd anniversary of the Roe vs Wade decision and the loss of over 57 million American children, 8:30 a.m. Mass at Catholic Charismatic Center, 1949 Cullen, Houston, followed by Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood 4600 Gulf Freeway.

Join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Austin Rally For Life Saturday, January 23, 2016. Buses are available from Houston, Pearland and Spring. Contact Life Advocates (713-682-LIFE email: lifeadv@lifeadv.net), Richard Lang-Pearland (713-298-4755 email: right.2.life@sbcglobal.net) or Christ The Good Shepherd-Spring at 281-376-6831. For more information go to www.texasrallyforlife.org

Join the USCCB Nine Days For Life 9daysforlife.com On January 22 our nation will mark the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the U.S. Since that tragic decision, more than 57 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and many suffer that loss -- often in silence. Join thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a Culture of Life from Saturday, January 16, 2016 - Sunday, January 24, 2016.

Pro-Life Chairman
Paul(Yogi)Ybarra Jr



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 – David Foltyn
- Beer Booth – Harold Schambach
- Steve's Lot – Eric Twardowski
- Preservation Lot – Ed Varosky
- Railroad Lot – Ronnie Husky
- Cashiers – Dan Armbruster



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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

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 JAN 19th

DEGREE TEAM

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

BOWLING

The League is on its Christmas break and will resume bowling for the second half on January 5, 2016. The winners of our first half are "Boanerges" in first place with 44 wins, "Pin Cutters" in second place with 42 wins, and "Wholly Rollers" in third place with 39 wins. Our highest game this first half was a "299" bowled just 4 weeks ago. Great Bowling!!!!



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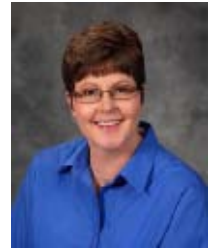
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KITCHEN

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".



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COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

Father Charlie has accepted the position of father prior. He has also granted the Squires to be under the Youth Ministry at St. James. We will be having an organizational meeting in January 2016. Father Charlie has also granted permission to set up recruiting tables on the weekend of the 23rd & 24th of January at each mass. The enthusiasm that the Squires are building among Father Charlie and the Deacons at St James is great. Along with the commitment of all brother Knights and Council will ensure that this program help our youth strengthen their faith and become new leaders, Future Knights, Future Lay Ministers and hopefully Clergy. If you are interested in helping please contact Jose Ruvalcaba at joseruval@yahoo.com

Kindest Regards,
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CHARITY

KofC #6557 Charity Committee Information:

Your Council has had a "Charity Committee" since our inception in 1974. The majority of requests come from members. We also receive requests from the community, diocese, church, supreme, state, etc.

Currently we have a large number of dedicated charities that we donate monies to. These charities are what we call line items and we expect to fund them with our fund raising events throughout the year. At this time these annual charity expenses include American Wheel Chair Mission, Brookwood Community, Inter-faith Community Clinic, Montgomery County Food Bank, Sts. Simon & Jude and St. James, Pregnancy Assistance Center, Seminarian support, Special Olympics, Pro Life, USO, Tamina Community Center, State Charities. and many more.

In the past, back in the late 70's, it was proposed that we make a big splash in the community. It was suggested that we let our charity funds build to possibly purchase an ambulance for one of the local volunteer fire departments at a cost of over \$50,000. Certainly this would have given us a lot of notice and accolades in the local community and would have been a worthy cause. After much deliberation it was agreed that rather than make one large donation every couple of years we could help more people and programs with the shotgun approach of many smaller donations and a lot more giving to good causes. This policy or philosophy has been our direction since that time.

Members should be aware that in addition to the line items we also have requests to fund numerous causes throughout the year. These request are presented to the charity committee who evaluate them and then pass them on to the officers at the officers meeting then to the floor for an up or down vote. We have been limiting these requests to a dollar amount not to exceed \$500 to allow us to support as many requests as pos-

sible. A few years ago it was agreed that we would concentrate our donations to the local area. There have been a few exceptions but for the most part our donations are now supporting worthy deeds in our backyard. As you are all aware the number one principal of our order is charity it is what we are all about.

Larry Hawkins

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ST. JAMES

St James is in need of ushers and acolytes. If you are interested please contact Deacon Oden at denray@stjta.com

FOOD DRIVE

St James will be having a monthly food drive every 3rd Sunday of each month. Please bring new non-perishables which have not yet reached their expiration date. This benefits those most needy in our community.

Brother Knights following the fish fry join St James parish in the Via Crucis as we all strengthen our faith and prepare for Easter, Vivat Jesus!

VIA CRUCIS

The meaning of the Way of the Cross
The Stations of the Cross in Jerusalem
The Way of the Cross is not a work of erudition. It is essentially a devotional exercise, a means which men and women can use to make contact with God, to adore Him, to thank Him, to increase their love for Him. Devotion to the sufferings of Christ, is particularly recommended for all who wish to live "upon the model of that charity which Christ showed to us when he gave himself up on our behalf" (Eph 6,2).

Finally, what really matters is to follow Christ on the Way of the Cross of his Passion, as humble companions.

The First Station - Jesus is sentenced to death

The Second Station - Jesus is given the Cross

The Third Station - Jesus falls for the first time

The Fourth Station - Jesus meets His Mother

The Fifth Station - Simon the Cyrenian helps carry the Cross

The Sixth Station - Veronica wipes Jesus' face

The Seventh Station - Jesus falls for the second time

The Eighth Station - Jesus talks to the women of Jerusalem

The Ninth Station - Jesus falls for the third time

The Tenth Station - Jesus is stripped of His garments

The Eleventh Station - Jesus is nailed to the Cross

The Twelfth Station - Jesus dies on the Cross

The Thirteenth Station - Jesus is taken down from the Cross

The Fourteenth Station - Jesus is laid in the Sepulchre

The Fifteenth Station - Jesus rises from the dead

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CLERGY NIGHT

The Galveston-Houston Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will host the Thirty-second Annual Clergy Appreciation Night on Friday, January 22, 2016, at the Stafford Center, 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.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Activity Schedule

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| SAT | Jan 16 | Diocesan Conference at Council Hall #2917 on East Whitney Rd. from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM |
| FRI | Jan 22 | Clergy Night 2016 |
| SAT | Jan 23 | Major Degree at Hall. 9:00 AM |
| SAT | Jan 23 | St. James Recruiting Man Tables Before and After Mass (5:00PM) |
| SUN | Jan 24 | St. James Recruiting Man Tables Before and After Mass (7:30AM 9:00AM 11:00AM 1:00PM) |
| FRI | Feb 12 | St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00 |
| FRI | Feb 19 | St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00 |
| FRI | Feb 26 | St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00 |
| FRI | Mar 4 | St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00 |
| THU | Mar 10 | 1st Degree at Council 6557 |
| FRI | Mar 11 | St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00 |
| FRI | Mar 18 | St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00 |



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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:

PGK Bernie Borski – stroke recovery

Caroline Castro, mother of PGK Bob Castro – recovery from fall (Dec 3)

Marissa Davis, friend of Danny Spurlock – seizures (Nov 21)

Greg Hasselberger – motorcycle accident, broken arm (Dec 7)

Victor Hernandez -Back Operation

Aurora Perez – seizures (Nov 22)

Santos Ramos – ICU Palliative Care (Nov 22)

Margaret Romeo, wife of Mike Romeo - hospice

Faith Saunders, 3 year old daughter of Brother Doug Saunders – unknown illness (Dec 5)

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)

Diane Curtin (Cancer), proposed by Mike Curtin

Donna Cymbala (cancer)

Henry Dishberger (cancer)

Amy Evans, Chuck Keese's daughter, (progressive paralysis)

Kim Finnerty (cancer) wife of Jerry Finnerty

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

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PRAYER LIST



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
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
Karen Potter (complications brain tumor) wife of Tony Potter
Margaret Romeo (Health)
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)
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

Family / Friends

Henrietta Siragusa