

Knights of Columbus Bishop Nold Council 6557

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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

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

Eric Salley

Kitchen

David Foltyn

Cleanup Crews

Larry Hawkins

VA Assistance

Peter Palen

Degree Team

Robert Perotta

Welcoming Committee

John Groneck

Parking

Danny Spurlock



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



Robert Perrotta getting his Golden Ticket from brother Bill Moeller December 2016

Brother Robert Perrotta Stops Paying Dues and somehow gets an award for it.

One of the old salts of the Knights of Columbus, Robert Perrotta is a free man. He gets to eat and drink for free at council 6557 after being a knight for 25 years. Robert is a trustee with the council and has put so many hours into our events and causes he has become a staple. A stapler - he handles the stapling for the Trustees. Seriously, thanks Robert for all your efforts, you reflect highly upon your council and the Knights of Columbus.

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

I hope than everyone had a Safe and Blessed Christmas and New Year's. This month is already proving to be a busy month.

On January 14, 2017 all girls and boys ages 9-14 as of January 1, 2017 are invited to participate in the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Competition. This is a District competition with youths from St Anne's, Christ the Good Shepherd, St Edward's Sts Simon & Jude and St James Parishes. The competition will be held at the St Edwards Parish Gym. The Free Throw Competition registration will begin at 9:00 AM with the youth groups starting at 9:30 AM. Additionally, winners in each separate boy and girl age group; will advance to the regionals to be held at St Pius X High School.



*WGK receiving the Columbian
Award Plaque.*

Please be advised that proof of age and written parental consent are required.

On January 21, our Council will be Sponsoring our Major Degree (2nd & 3rd) at our hall beginning at 9:00 AM. Registration begins at 8:15 AM. If you are a 1st Degree Knight please consider completing your journey to full Knighthood and becoming a 3rd Degree Knight. Please contact Pete Palasota at kcfs6557@yahoo.com or myself at dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net as soon as possible. There will be a meal provided for all candidates and the Degree team at no charge. As third Degree Brother Knights I encourage as many of you that are able to attend this Major Degree and support your brothers as they take that step to full Knighthood.

As our month continues we are planning to once again have our famous "White Elephant" at our Family Night on January 26, 2017.

Bring that great gift, or that gag gift, or the ever popular, bottle of wine.

This Family Night proves to always be a fun evening for all. See you there.

Please make plans to attend our annual "Super Bowl Party" on February 5, 2017. The party will begin around 4:00 PM. We started the super bowl party as a fund raiser, but for a specific purpose. This year all funds after expenses will go to Sts. Simon and Jude, St. Vincent de Paul fund and St. James, Food Pantry. We plan to have a silent auction and Football squares.



*Worthy Grand Knight overheard saying,
"Wow, this stuff never happened in a
Castro Administration."*

(Grand Knight Report Cont...)

The council will provide chips and dips and I'm asking everyone to bring a snack to share. This evening not only will have a great football game, but great fellowship with our brothers and their Families. Plan on bringing a few dollars to spend for our specific charities and your friendship to share with your fellow brother's families. See all of you there.

As always continue to recruit those catholic gentlemen so we can continue to meet our charitable needs.

Fraternally,
David Polasek
Grand Knight

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KNIGHT OF THE
MONTH

Luis Nieto

Luis Nieto is our Knight of the Month for January. Luis has been working very diligently on some of our Council projects to make sure we are getting the best result for our efforts. Luis continue the good work and thank you for all that you continue to do for your Council.



Commercial Electric starting setting the parking lot light footings this past week.... Asphalt paving should start soon and be done by 12/31. Thanks to the Watkins!! Council 6557 trailer 'advertisement' wrap is done. JFM-HA advertisement is done; I need to get it hung on the ball field fence. Ceiling tiles were placed in the kitchen foyer; electrical room; half-bath; and pantry. Kitchen ceiling and walls were cleaned/sanitized this past week. We've got bids coming on the restrooms and enclosing the back carport.

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RESPECT LIFE

My Brother Knights,

The Fifth Commandment is at the heart of the church's teaching on the sanctity of human life. It is the core of the Gospel of Life, which the Church constantly proclaims in fidelity to her Lord who came to give us abundant Life. The lives that Jesus came to redeem are sacred by their very nature. Each person was created in God's great gift of human life, which should always be treated with respect and love.

Pro-Life initiatives-such as those undertaken by the Knights of Columbus-are inspired by the conviction that the Creator, not the state, endows each person with the inalienable right to life. and in defense of the inalienable right to life, I ask all Knights, as part of your New Year's resolution, to consider adding your monthly visible presence at The Helpers of God's Precious Infants Pro-Life Masses and Rosary Vigils.

Saturday, January 14 2017-Houston 2017 Mass and Rosary Procession For Life 8:

10 Mass at Hoy Ghost 6921 Chetwood followed by Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood Clinic 5800 Bellaire Blvd. Special talk on Bioethic's by Rev William Bueche.

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

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Meeting place of the  Knights of Columbus

Parking lot lighting in progress



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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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.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Award for Patrick Polasek

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

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 'A' Team

Larry Hawkins *	(713) 823-5290
Luis Nieto*	(281) 367-5687
Micky Manore	(832) 250-9154
Gerald (Jerry) Mulvihill	(281) 353-5574
Alex Cheyney	(281) 802-5145
Robert Hannish	(713) 213-2133
Lupe S. Nunez	(281) 798-8248
Phillip Rangel	(832) 419-9644
Don LaBarge	(832) 256-7376
Chuck Keese	(936) 494-8021

New council rules require that kitchen help that does not show up to clean will have all the dirty pots and pans delivered to their home for cleaning. We know where you live.

I just made that up.

-Unknown Comic

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January

BIRTHDAYS

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

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!

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

BOWLING

The Knights of Columbus Bowling League finished up the first half with a position round on December 20, 2016. Team named "Boanerges" came in first for our first half. The League will begin the second half on January 3, 2017 and continue for 15 weeks plus a roll-off/fun night ending in mid April. Keep up the Great Bowling.

We need your support at Events -

Come out and join us!

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 of Columbus**

Keep our work in front of people

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GOLF

The golf league had 112 charity hours in December, 2016. For more information contact Rich Laboda: richardlaboda@consolidated.net

JFMHA

From the JFMHA -

Our monthly BOD meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm. The meetings are open to all Council 6557 members. If you have New Business, please provide John Groneck (groneck@msn.com) with a brief narrative and project cost at least 48-hours before the meeting.

The JFMHA Board of Directors has completed the following tasks around the Hall & Property during November-December:

- 1) Contracted with Ceil Tex to clean and sanitize the Kitchen ceiling tiles and paneling.
- 2) Contracted with Ceil Tex to replace the ceiling tiles in the kitchen foyer, pantry, small restroom and electrical room.
- 3) Brother Jay began the early stages of cleaning & painting & minor repairs to the gazebo.
- 4) Contacted to have overgrown branches trimmed



LET THERE BE LIGHT

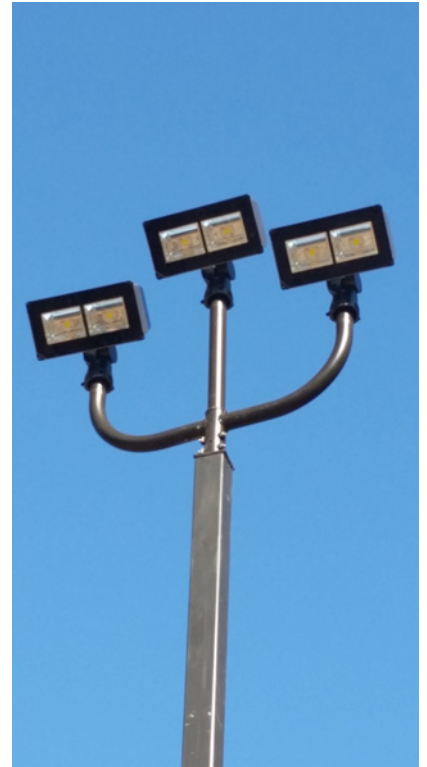
from around the tractor shed.

5) Reviewed an Interior Designers' plans and samples for revitalizing the Ladies Restroom.

We are also in discussions with the ball field tenant regarding his vision and expansion plans for the coming years.

The JFMHA is planning a January or February Work Party with activities that might include:

- 1) Gazebo restoration (e.g. painting)
- 2) Landscaping expansion (e.g. drought tolerant plants) near the front of the Hall
- 3) Replace the fence posts along the entranceway and facing Plum Creek drive



AND THERE WAS LIGHT

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Activity Schedule

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
SAT	Jan 21	MAJOR DEGREE at Council 6557
THU	Jan 26	Family Knight
THU	Feb 2	Home Assoc and Officer Meeting
SUN	Feb 5	SUPERBOWL PARTY -Proceeds will go to help fund St. Vincent DePaul at SSJ and the food pantry at St. James
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

Council 6557 participated in Wreaths Across America



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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:

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)