

Knights of Columbus Bishop Nold Council 6557

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 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 7:00PM

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

Jerry Leiker

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/>



Brothers and Friends,

Wow, where did 2017 go? I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a blessed New Year. Our Christmas Party was a great success with over 150 in attendance. We had guest appearances by Santa and Donald Duck which the children enjoyed. Thanks to John Groneck for coordinating the event and special thanks to Bill Motiska and Jerry Leiker.

Still looking for a Membership Chairman. Our new member quota is 23 with only 3 recruited this year. Supreme has announce incentives for recruiting a new member:

- Each new member you recruit from December 1st to July 1st you will be entered in a drawing for an all expense trip to Dublin, Ireland to attend the World Meeting of Families. Ten knights will be chosen.
- Each member who recruits a new member will receive a Recruitment Reward Prize voucher for 500 points toward a purchase on Knightsgear.com,
- Each Council that recruits one member between December 1, 2017 and February 28, 2018 will receive a portrait of the Holy Family

We will be hosting a “Knight in a Day” at our hall on January 13. This is an excellent opportunity to bring in a new member into the KCs. Every knight needs to recruit one new member! A copy of the Membership Form 100 is available on our website www.koc6557.org in the Members Only, Council Document Library section

We will have our Corporate Communion at Sts. Simon & Jude on Sunday January 21st at the 9:30 AM mass. We will be assembling in the foyer of the church by 9:15 AM and will be escorted in by 4th Degree Knights. Third degree brothers knights attending, please wear your KC shirt. After mass, we will have breakfast in the Event Center and enjoy a pancake breakfast prepared by the SSJ Men’s Club. A donation would be appreciated. We will also be recruiting after the masses, if you can stay and help recruit, it would be appreciated.

This month Family Night will be our annual White Elephant on Thursday January 25. This is a night of fun and fellowship. Please plan on coming and bring that gift, unwanted gift, rewrapped gift, or the ever-popular bottle of wine. Bring a side dish or dessert and plan to attend. I am proposing one change this year since many of the gifts are alcohol related and the kids loose out, please bring your child gift with his/her name on it. A separated table will be setup for the kids - no stealing. We will also show a children movie in the bride’s room.

Vivat Jesus!

Harold Schambach
Grand Knight

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January

BIRTHDAYS

1/1	Rev Richard Paulissen	1/11	James R Fisher	1/22	SK Joseph M Lunsford
1/2	Michael E Effler	1/11	Mark K Hefferly	1/23	Timothy A Wilson
1/3	SK Fr. Patrick S Garrett	1/13	Salvatore M Cali	1/24	Dr Paul R Nester
1/4	Joel Morales	1/15	SK Brandon J Schambach	1/26	Dea Robert E Flynn, Sr
1/5	Phillip J Rangel	1/16	Renato B Aves	1/27	Raymond M Vaske
1/5	SK David Ybarra	1/16	Robert C Bartley	1/28	Luis A Abbott
1/6	SK Mark W Votsmier	1/16	SK Jose R Parra	1/28	James A Sirman
1/7	Michael K Nicklow	1/17	Brian K Crady	1/28	SK Frederick S Sunderman
1/8	John E Groneck, III	1/19	Ben H Hall	1/28	Robert E Wind
1/8	Roy M Martinez	1/19	Clarence E Mendel	1/29	Richard J Nash
1/9	William D Haughton	1/20	Dea Ray Oden	1/29	SK Jose J Ruvalcaba
1/9	SK Jaime M Sepulveda	1/21	Chad A Uselman	1/30	Gene A Illich
1/10	SK Alfred N Halphen	1/22	Henry L Brownfield	1/30	Larry J Richmond

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CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

THU	Jan 4	1st THU	JFMHA Meeting	7:00
THU	Jan 4	1st THU	Officer's Meeting	8:00
SUN	Jan 7	VA Visit – meet up at the Lowes Parking lot 20201 N. IH 45 by the portable buildings at 8:00		
TUE	Jan 9	2nd TUE	Chapter Meeting	5:00 Lowes Parking lot
THU	Jan 11	2nd THU	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	1st THU	JFMHA Meeting	7:00
THU	Feb 1	1st THU	Officer's Meeting	8:00
SUN	Feb 4	Superbowl Party		
THU	Feb 8	2nd THU	Business Meeting	7:00
TUE	Feb 13	2nd TUE	Chapter Meeting	5:00 Lowes Parking lot
THU	Feb 15	Yearly Audit – Due Feb 15th		
TUE	Feb 20	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center		
THU	Feb 22	4th THU	Family Knight	6:30
SAT	Feb 24	Cook Meal at Sts Simon and Jude Junior High Youth Rally 3:00 PM		
SUN	Feb 25	Committee Reports Due for Newsletter		



Tamina Project



Knights of Columbus Council 6557 replaced sand with crushed concrete at the Books on Wheels facility in the Tamina area of North Houston. The driveway is better able to carry busses and parent vehicles in the rain, instead of the soft sand that would turn into mud. This is what the council does best. Special Thanks to brothers Luis Nieto and Ray Wurt for their efforts. Your work is a great reflection on you as a Knight, Council 6557 and all the brothers of the Knights of Columbus.

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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 Mar 18



We had four of us today and we covered a lot of territory including taking down Fr. Innocence's Christmas Tree in the chapel. Thanks to our new Brother Knight Tom Gruidl who recently joined our council and has traveled with us to the V.A. in November and again today - thank you Tom.



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



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

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".

BOWLING

No Report

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

Next visit is: Tuesday Jan 16

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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



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Pray for a MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR and a DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

Knights of Columbus Council 6557 is a very active council. It requires however that Brother Knights step up to help maintain the order. Being a volunteer with the Knights of Columbus can be hard sometimes, as hours of charity work sometimes stack up unevenly to contend with your time as a father or employee.

Taking a step forward is challenging for several reasons. Primarily because it is out of your wheelhouse, but it is just like your job. You figure it out. And along the way you grow, whether you like it or not.

We are not obligated by law or held accountable by anything other than opinion, we are all volunteers. We are all Catholic men. We are all trying to be better. Join us. Step up.

It is not hard, it is challenging.





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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.'

John Flanagan



Reception Hall and Property Rentals

(281) 292 - 4275 JFHALLRENTAL.COM

Meeting place of the  Knights of Columbus

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!

**COMMITTEES NEEDING A
 CHAIR OR VOLUNTEERS**

CHARITY

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

Fundraising
 VA Assistance See Brother Robert V Hannasch
 Degree Team See Brother Robert Perrotta
 Membership

**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
- Health
- Vocations
- Squires See Brother Fred Sunderman
- Emergency Coordinator

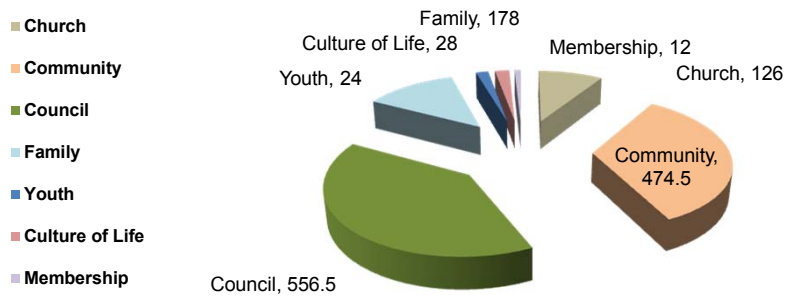


David Polasek and Jim Ledwig making final preparations for Christmas Party

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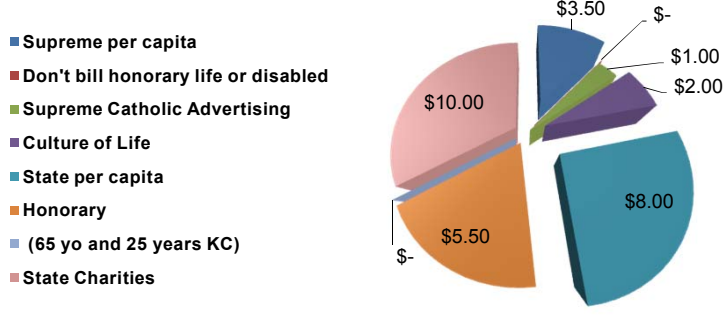
How Your Efforts Breakdown

This is how 1399 hours break up as of: December 2017



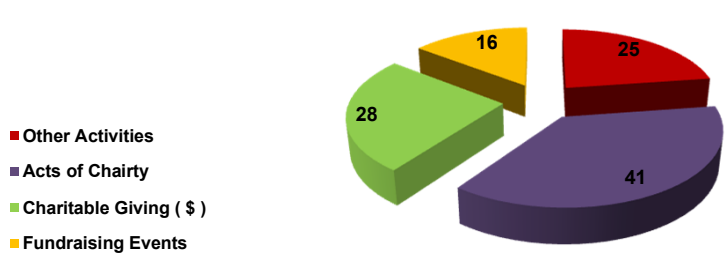
Helping out in the community is a fund raising event for us.

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



15% of our activities are fundraisers

39% of our activities are direct acts of charity

Hours of Work so far
1399.0

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 in December alone has donated
over 1,212 hours of our time to charity, that is
worth over
\$31,477.50**



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:

SK Javier Martinez, Past State Deputy - triple organ transplant (November 2017)

Kimberly Sunderman wife of SK Frederick Sunderman – hearing loss (November 2017)

Brian Balmes Cancer (November 2017)

Gary Jopich, firend of SK Larry Hawkins, (November 2017)

Juan Campa uncle of Robert Martinez – Back surgery (December 2017)

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)

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)

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

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PRAYER LIST



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 Keesee'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
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
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)

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PRAYER LIST



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 Tom Landrith (November 2017)
SK Paul Sauada St. Edwards (November 2017)
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)



*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*