



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

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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

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

Diaconate Ordinations

(Transitional Deacons): Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 10:00am; Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. Seminarian Paul Foltyn of the Archdiocese was ordained to the Sacred Order of Diaconate through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Most Rev. George A. Sheltz, Auxiliary Bishop of Galveston-Houston.



Diaconal Ordination of

*Paul Anthony Foltyn
Jose Luis Gutierrez
Robert David Hust
Matthew Gilbert Suniga*



*The Most Reverend George A Sheltz
Auxiliary Bishop of Galveston-Houston
Ordaining Prelate*

*Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Houston, Texas
May 13, 2017*



Our Brother Knight and Worthy Lecturer David Foltyn shared the great news about his brother Paul.

Paul's parents, Helen and Phil Foltyn, brother David, sister Barbara Foltyn, sister in law Sharon, nephew Philip Foltyn, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends attended.

Later at The Queen of Peace of La Marque, TX, Paul Foltyn assisted in service giving his first homily. After mass the parish threw Paul and congregation a BBQ dinner to celebrate the occasion.



Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2017 Recipients



Noah Tatman

Attends Sts. Simon & Jude and is sponsored by SK & PGK John Tatman Graduates in June from The Woodlands HS with a GPA of 5.06 Plans to attend University of Texas-Austin or University of Pennsylvania Wants to pursue electrical engineering Academic Achievements include National Honor Society; ASME Think Outside the Box National Finalist; Regional Winner of the FIRST Robotics Lone Star Central; Regional Finalist at the FIRST robotics Hub City; and Regional Chairman's Award - Most Prestigious award in FIRST robotics earned at Lone Star Central Regional.

Alexandria Castro

Attends St. James the Apostle and is sponsored by SK & PGK Bob Castro Graduates in June from Klein Collins HS with a GPA of 4.8612 Plans to attend either Lone Star; Sam Houston or St. Edwards Wants to pursue a major in criminal justice Academic Achievements include: National Honor Society; National Technical Honor Society (Treasurer)

Mallory Eaton

Attends Sts. Simon & Jude and is sponsored by SK Phil Rimoldi Graduates in June from The Woodlands HS with a GPA of 4.5370 Plans to attend either Texas A&M; University of Missouri or Arizona State University Wants to pursue pre-veterinary studies Academic Achievements include: College Board National Hispanic Scholar; National Honor Society; National Spanish Honor Society; Silver Award on National Spanish Exam; TWHS Highlighted Highlander and Rotary Club Student of Year nominee

Lauren Garon

Attends Sts. Simon & Jude and is a parishioner Graduates in May from Oak Ridge HS with a GPA of 3.4 Plans to attend the University of Houston Wants to pursue hotel & restaurant management Academic Achievements include National Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta National English Honor Society

Habitat for Humanity Build Completes



The photos were taken at the Habitat for Humanity House that Sts. Simon & Jude and St. Anthony's Churches supported this past season. The dedication was held June 3 and the owner will be taking possession of the house shortly after closing on the loan. Thanks to the Knights for supporting this effort!

Thanks - Jay Kemper



V.A. Visitation

Once again the Knights visit the sick at the DeBakey Veterans Hospital in May. We helped conduct mass and tried to bring some cheer to everyone we met.



Pictured Brothers
Ray Wert.
Fr. Innocent,
Robert Hannasch
Larry Hawkins

The philosophy behind "Serving Those Who Served" is simple: the men and women of the Armed Forces didn't let the Nation down on the battlefield, and the Knights of Columbus will not let these veterans down now. In the United States, the VA hospitals, clinics and facilities need all types of volunteer services – from program planning to visiting veterans. For more information on this outstanding program, please contact Brother Robert Hannasch

Past Grand Knights

From Left to Right:
 Bob Castro, Jim Ledwig,
 Jim Witovec, Dan McHenry,
 Bill Moeller, Bernie Borski,
 Brad Spurlock, David Danscak,
 John Tatman,
 (kneeling), Walter White, &
 Larry Hawkins.



Our Family Knight Dinner last month was a very special occasion. We were honoured to have some of the original founding members of council 6557 join us. They gave a few minutes of their time to regale us with some of the starting days of our history as a council. It was a very cool event for our council family.



*Seen loitering in the background.
 John Pacecano and Ken Scales*

In Celebration of 60 Years of Marriage.



Walter and Jerri White celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary and the entire Knights of Columbus Council would like to wish them the best. Our prayers are with you! God Bless!

“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

More Pictures From the 2017 Scholarship Awards Ceremony



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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Our month of May began with our Corporate Communion on May 7, 2017. I would like to thank all those that were able to participate. It turned out to be one of our largest corporate communion's we have had in some time. Not only did we have 7 Sir Knights, but at least 20 Brother Knights and spouses attended. It was Great that you all could all be there.

On May 25, 2017 we had our monthly Family Night. It turned out to be one of our best Family gathering. All four of our scholarship winners were able to be present. Mallory Eaton, Alexandria Castro, Lauren Garon, and Noah Tatman were each presented with their scholarship check in front of a full house of Brothers with their families.

To top off the evening we had the pleasure of having three of our Past Grand Elder Knights. Jim Witovec, Dan McHenry, and Bernie Borski were our Past Grand Knights #2, #4 & #5. All three filled the hall with stories of the early beginnings of our Council and our Hall proper. They all played a part in obtaining the property from Bishop Markovsky at the time from the diocese. All present were held in their grasp of the happenings in those early years of the birth of our Council. Now fort-three years later and the vision of these early Past Grand Knights, through the support of several charities, we have been able to help many in our Spring-Woodlands community. Also, as I looked around the room and much to my surprise I saw several other Past Grand Knights, so I asked them to stand, there were 11 Past Grand Knights present at this very special gathering. What a night!!

Now, this is my final report as your Grand Knight. It was not only an Honor and a privilege, but a humbling experience to be your Grand Knight. It was an experience I would not have traded for anything. This was probably the fastest two years of my life and here we are at the end of my term. I believe we were able to put in place (BINGO) to help secure our funding of our charities for the years to come. I came in looking for something new to help that funding for the charities, and due to the foresight of two Brother Knights, Pete Palasota and Ken Scales we were finally able to do this. I want to thank all of my Brother Officers during my two year term, for their help, support, and counsel. I want to thank those past Grand Knights I sought counsel and advice to help make some of those important decisions that needed to be made guiding the Council in the right direction. Lastly, I want to thank all those Brother Knights for their support that came to the monthly meetings month after month to vote and take care of the business at hand. I plan to continue to be involved in the Council for as long as I can and I will now be moving to the position of Trustee for next few years. I ask all to continue to support your Council so we can continue to help those in need in our community.

Fraternally Yours,
David Polasek
Grand Knight

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RETENTION COMMITTEE

Dues Notice

Please Respond

Dues for this year are \$48.00 for most members. We still need a response from approximately 38 members. If you do not intend to renew your membership please send an e-mail to Jim300@sbcglobal.net stating your intention not to stay in the Knights of Columbus.

Otherwise, you may mail your dues to:

Financial Secretary Pete Palasota

3602 Alderwood Dr.

Spring, TX 77388-5701

Dues may also be paid at the 2nd Thursday monthly meeting.

Thank You,

Jim Ledwig

Retention Chairman

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!

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.

Council Officers 2017 – 2018

Grand Knight	Harold Schambach
Deputy Grand Knight	Ted DeMatteo
Chancellor	Phil Rhimoldi
Recorder	Ray Wert
Treasurer	Ken Scales
Advocate	Ed Varosky
Warden	John Groneck
Inside Guard	Danny Spurlock
Outside Guard	Charlie Siragusa
Outside Guard	Chuck Keesee
Trustee 1 Year	Bob Castro
Trustee 2 Year	Robert Perrotta
Trustee 3 Year	David Polasek
Financial Secretary	Pete Palasota
Chaplain	Father Pat Garrett
Lecturer	

We Still Need A Lecturer

SALESMAN NEEDED:

Please contact WGK Harold Schambach
if you can help.

John Flanagan

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RESPECT LIFE

My Brother Knights,

Children truly are the family's greatest treasure and most precious good. Consequently, everyone must be helped to become aware of the intrinsic evil of the crime of abortion. In attacking human life in its first stages, it is also an aggression against society itself. Politicians and legislators, therefore, as servants of the common good, are duty bound to defend the fundamental right to Life, the Fruit of God's Love.

We will stand up every time that human life is threatened, when the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, we will stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy human life. When a child is described as a burden or is looked upon only as a means to satisfy an emotional need, we will stand up and insist that every child is unique and unrepeatable gift of God with the right to a loving and united family. As Knights of Columbus, it is our calling to defend the attack on the sanctity of Life, especially the most vulnerable, the unborn.

Our presence each month at the Pro-Life Masses and peaceful and prayerful Rosary Vigils at abortion clinics sponsored by the Helpers of God's Precious Infants is a commitment from the Knights of Columbus that as an order of Catholic gentlemen we will continue to pray for the abolition of the evil of abortion and we will do this without apology.

Our next opportunity to publicly support the dignity of Life, is scheduled for Saturday June 17, 2017 for an 8:00am Mass at Annunciation Catholic Church 1618 Texas Ave Houston, Tx 77003 followed by a Rosary at Houston Women's located at 4820 San Jacinto. Parking is along Caroline St. The more Knights spouses, family, and friends that participate, the louder the prayer message will be for the protection of the unborn infants. Please show your support by attending and

asking all that are available to join us because together much can be accomplished!!

Your Brother in Christ
Paul(Yogi)Ybarra Jr

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

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Boyd Schafer	bwschafer2000@yahoo.com

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June

BIRTHDAYS

1	Richard Rogers	9	Leo Torzewski	21	Richard Eimer
4	Sam Lovorn	10	Stephen Pagel	21	Marc Young
4	Peter Palen	12	Jerzy Cupial	24	Pete Palasota
5	Bill Skinner	14	John Brandon	26	James Lowney
6	Michael Manore	17	Michael Cirincione	27	Kenneth Bizzell
7	Jay Kemper	17	Frederick Haberle	27	Stuart Hoelscher
9	Frederick Ebers	18	Jack Edwards	27	Eugene Bussolati
9	Craig Grazak	19	Roger Balog	28	Thomas Landrith
9	Patrick Sullivan			28	Peter Walkoviak

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CALENDAR OF
 EVENTS

Activity Schedule

SAT	Jun 17	4th Degree at St Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church
SAT	Jun 17	St. James Men's Prayer Group 8:00 AM
THU	Jul 20	First Degree conducted by the Rangel Agency (Would depend on candidates)
THU	Aug 24	Award/Appreciation Dinner
SUN	Sept 10	Family Picnic (Texans vs Jaguars)
SUN	Dec 17	Christmas Party

The Need is Dire

With Christians facing increased pressure in the Middle East, the Knights of Columbus has launched a nationwide digital and television ad campaign to raise awareness and funds on their behalf.

A bus attack in Egypt last week resulted in almost 50 casualties. In Iraq, the situation has become dire, with money running out for food for the Christian refugees who fled ISIS. Without immediate support, Iraqi Church leaders warn that the country's Christian population – already 90 percent depleted – could be reduced to unsustainable levels.

“We must act and act quickly if Christianity is to survive in the Middle East,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “Three years after ISIS rolled through their country, these minority communities of Christians could face extinction without our help, and if they disappear, the chance for a pluralism and tolerance of minorities will be increasingly lost in that country.”

Supreme Knight Anderson also said the Knights will match up to \$1 million in donations. The commercial can be viewed here.

The Knights' commercial includes an appeal by Father Douglas Bazi, who headed the Mar Elia refugee center in Kurdistan and was himself previously kidnapped and tortured by terrorists in Iraq. In the commercial, Father Bazi notes: "Genocide is an easy word compared to what's happened to my people." He then adds a plea to the viewers: "Help my people and save my people."

The Christian population has fallen from as many as 1.5 million in 2003 to only about 200,000 today, according to the Chaldean Catholic Archdiocese of Erbil, which cares for the largest Christian population still in Iraq and the largest community of displaced Christians in the country (12,000 families). The archdiocese now faces a shortfall of \$600,000 a month in food aid.

While ISIS has been pushed back in many places and Christian towns have been liberated, people have not been able to return because there is not enough money for reconstruction or security.

"We face a serious shortfall in the money needed just to cover the costs of providing food to the displaced Christians in our care," said Chaldean Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil. "Having to decide between rebuilding homes and feeding the displaced is not a choice; it is a potential death sentence for our Christian communities."

In addition to raising funds for the beleaguered Christian community in Iraq, the Knights of Columbus is also urging Congress to pass H.R. 390, which would help ensure that American government aid dollars reach Christians and other religious minority communities that faced genocide in Iraq and Syria.

The Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$12 million for Christian refugee relief since 2014 in support of communities too often ignored by direct U.N. or U.S. government assistance. The bulk of the funding has aided Christian communities in Iraq with food, clothing, shelter and education, and has also helped threatened or displaced communities in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt. Other religious minority groups targeted by ISIS, including Yazidis, have also been recipients of the Knights' aid.

The K of C will match donations received by July 1 up to \$1 million, and 100 percent of the money raised will be used to assist with food programs for Christian refugees in Iraq. Donations can be made at ChristiansatRisk.org or by calling 1-800-694-5713 and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Knights of Columbus Charities Inc. is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a charitable organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.



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 2017 we donated over **676 hours** by March
of our time to charity,
that is worth over **\$15,210**

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PRAYER LIST



Bishop Nold Council 6557

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:

Deanna Bashinski, Wife of Casmer Bashinski - fractured vertebrae in her back (May 8)

Jack Elliot's Granddaughter – medical tests (April 18)

Walter Ebel - council charter member, cancer

Amy Ferris, daughter of Alberta & SK Mike Curtin – high blood pressure (May 19)

Mack Githens, grandson of SK Ted Dematteo - Trigeminal Neuralgia

Gary Joppich, friend of Larry Hawkins – inoperable cancer

Joe Kubeczka – health

Tom Kurland – heart catheterization (May 8)

Margaret Romeo, wife of Mike Romeo – hospice

SK Charlie Siragusa – medical tests

Kevin Wert, Son of SK Ray Wert - pancreatic cancer

Our Country and Religious Liberty

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Pope Francis

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Our Cardinals and our Church

Our Bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians

Pat (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)

Bob Binkle (Brain tumor)

Diane Curtin (Cancer), proposed by Mike Curtin

Donna Cymbala (cancer)

Henry Dishberger (cancer)

Sandy Effler, wife of Mike Effler (Health)

Shirley Elliott wife of Jack Elliott (cancer)

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

Helen Foltyn, mother of David, health

Brent Fry (Brain cancer), nephew of Bill and Bridget Moeller

Maria Jose Garcia de Romero, sister-in-law of Terry O'Donohue, Leukemia

Thomas Gleason (leukemia) father of SK Mike Gleason

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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
Michelle Koenig (cancer)
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
Bill Miski Brother-in-Law of Jack Edwards – cancer
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:

SK Dick Brayer

Deacon CJ Magano

BK John McGrath, Council 4066 Maplewood, NJ, uncle of Robert O'Sullivan,

Family / Friends:

Kathie Binkle, wife of Bob

Paul Ledwig, brother of Jim

Eleanore Sommer, wife of Herb

Carol Ann Young, wife of the late long time brother Knight Walter Young Sr.