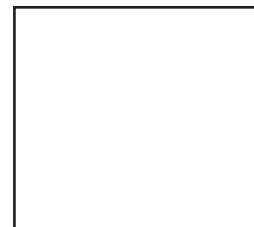


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Grady Johnson

Grady is a Sophomore at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill studying Geology. Brother Grady has been cleaning the Hall after rentals this summer to earn money for general college expenses. Then beginning, in mid-June, JFMHA retained Grady to complete various odd-jobs around the Hall and grounds. Recent activities have been painting the dining room chair rail, ceiling tile replacement, cleaning/dusting of vents & fans, and landscape/yard work. The Hall looks spotless with all the work he's done!! Grady's actions truly represent the spirit of council 6557, and reflect highly upon his brother Knights, this Council and the Knights of Columbus.



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| 10 | Michael Chaney         | 22 | Rudolph Palkowetz   |
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## Recent Supreme Court Ruling Explanation by State Advocate Diego Pena

Brother Knights:

I have received several questions regarding the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, the case that now requires States to license marriage between two people of the same sex and to recognize same sex marriages performed lawfully in other States. The questions I am receiving are:

- Has Supreme taken a position on this decision?
- What is Supreme's policy regarding acceptance of gay/bisexual/transgendered men into the Order?
- Has Supreme issued guidelines in the event a lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgendered couple wishes to rent a Council owned home association facility for a wedding or reception?

The short answers to these questions are as follows:

- *Yes, Supreme has taken an official position. Supreme's statement regarding the Obergefell decision can be found on Supreme's website, <http://www.kofc.org>*
- *Supreme's requirements for membership in the Order has not changed. To be a member of the Order, a man must be 18 years of age or older and a practical Catholic.*
- *Supreme encourages all Councils and their associated home corporations to comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations applicable to the operation of their hall facilities. Please see Supreme's recent policy on home corporations issued last year. This policy can be found in the Supreme Advocate's Officers' Desk Reference located on the Supreme website. [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).*

I encourage all Brother Knights and Catholic families to educate themselves fully regarding the Supreme Court's Obergefell decision. Same sex couples from Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee filed suit claiming that state officials wrongfully denied them marriage licenses or refused to recognize their legal same sex marriages from other states. Federal district courts in Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee held that the state officials wrongfully denied the same sex couples marriage licenses or legal recognition of their out of state marriages. The state officials appealed those rulings to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, a federal appellate court. The Sixth Circuit ruled in favor of the state officials—reversing the lower court decisions. The same sex couples appealed the Sixth Circuit's decision to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court decided to hear the case because several courts across the country were deciding this issue differently—what lawyers call, a “split” among the federal and state appellate courts.

In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court decided in favor of the same sex couples. Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote the majority opinion, which was joined by Justice Ginsburg, Justice Breyer, Justice Sotomayor, and Justice Kagan. The majority held that the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution



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requires a State to license a marriage between two people of the same sex and to recognize a marriage between two people of the same sex when their marriage was lawfully performed in another State. Chief Justice Roberts, Justice Scalia, Justice Thomas, and Justice Alito authored three dissenting opinions highly critical of the majority opinion. The ruling in Obergefell—for now—applies to States and State officials responsible for issuing marriage licenses. As a result of this ruling, States can no longer deny same sex couples the right to obtain a marriage license and cannot refuse to recognize same sex marriages legally performed in other states. So, what does Obergefell mean for the Order? Short answer: at this point, it's too early to say.



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Not long after the Supreme Court released its ruling, Supreme issued the following statement:

The Knights of Columbus has regularly reaffirmed its commitment to Church teaching on marriage, and we take this opportunity to do so again in union with our country's bishops, whose statement provides clear guidance. Supreme also referred members to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website which contains a statement authored by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville. (<http://www.usccb.org/news/2015/15-103.cfm>). Archbishop Kurtz calls the Supreme Court's decision a "tragic error," but encourages the Faithful with the following:

I encourage Catholics to move forward with faith, hope, and love: faith in the unchanging truth about marriage, rooted in the immutable nature of the human person and confirmed by divine revelation; hope that these truths will once again prevail in our society, not only by their logic, but by their great beauty and manifest service to the common good; and love for all our neighbors, even those who hate us or would punish us for our faith and moral convictions.

Lastly, I call upon all people of good will to join us in proclaiming the goodness, truth, and beauty of marriage as rightly understood for millennia, and I ask all in positions of power and authority to respect the God-given freedom to seek, live by, and bear witness to the truth.

Our Texas bishops were also quick to issue statements echoing Archbishop Kurtz. Cardinal DiNardo of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has called upon all people of good will to promote and defend marriage as the union of one man and one woman for life:

Our Church will continue its efforts to support public policy issues, including a version of the marriage and religious freedom act, which would prohibit the government from discriminating against those who act in accordance with a religious belief or moral conviction that marriage is the union between a man and woman.

Bishop Michael Sis of the Diocese of San Angelo firmly reaffirms the Church's teaching on marriage,

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but reminds us that in our disagreement with ruling, we need to conduct ourselves as disciplines of Christ:

The Catholic Church will not perform same-sex marriages or promote them in any way. We will continue to teach the beliefs that have been passed on to us from Scripture and Christian tradition. Throughout all of this, we must resist any temptation to hatred, scorn, or violence. We must speak the truth as we understand it in our conscience, and we must always speak the truth in love.

While these fundamental differences of worldview can be deeply painful in families, communities, and nations, I believe it is possible to dwell together peacefully in a society alongside those with whom we agree to disagree.

Our other Texas bishops have issued similar statements. I encourage all Brother Knights to read the statements issued by their respective bishops and to educate yourselves more fully on the Church's views regarding same sex unions.

As the State Advocate for the Texas State Council, I do not speak for Supreme on issues regarding member-

ship or home corporation policy. At this time, membership in the Order is limited to men over 18 years of age who are practical Catholics. With regards to home associations, Supreme's recent policy regarding home associations remains the definitive and controlling policy. This policy can be found on the Supreme website in the Supreme Advocate's Officers' Desk Reference, under Home Corporations.

In closing, Bishop Kevin Farrell's statement summarizes our responsibilities as Catholics and Texas Knights of Columbus going forward:

As Catholics we believe in the dignity of each and every human being made in the image and likeness of God. As such, we accept all persons with respect, compassion, and sensitivity and must be mindful that, even in polarizing times, there is no place for derision or smugness. I pray that all persons who hold dear the civil liberties afforded by the United States Constitution will join us in working to safeguard the rights of people of faith to live and exercise that faith as they believe God requires.

I ask all to pray for the sanctity of the Sacrament of Marriage and to join me in continuing to always pray for our country. Thanks for everything all of you and your families do for our Country, our Church, and our Order.  
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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY



*Brother Knights, we have completed another year with record heights in charitable giving and volunteer service as reported by the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. This past year knights gave from the heart with over 173.5 million dollars in charitable giving and more than 71.5 million hours of service.*

*Our councils have elected their officers for the upcoming fraternal year and our new Grand Knights are about making their appointments for council directors. This is an exciting time, this is a time of renewal as our councils build on their great traditions and reach for new heights that will help shape our councils for years to come.*

*A big "THANK YOU" goes out to the officers and directors that served this past year. Their labor of love helped perpetuate the vision of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. Congratulations to our new officers and directors that will serve this coming year. We owe a debt of gratitude those Brother Knights, that came before us in setting a true path for us to follow and now it is up to us all to build on that legacy.*

*Brother Knights we are an organization of Catholic gentlemen reaching out in our faith to the many needs that come our way. May God the Father be our goal, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be our way and the Holy Spirit be our guide to even greater works of charity in service to our families, our parish and the community.*

*God Bless,  
James Hatcher-District Deputy*

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## BOWLING

The 2014-2015 Bowling season came to an end on April 21, 2015 with the Roll-Off and Fun night with The Renegade's winning first and the Bowl Aholics taking second. Lookin Good was our third place team. It was a record season! Some of the hi-lites was a 300 game, a 299 game, 4 - 11 in a row games, a 247 triplicate which is very difficult to attain, and several 250+ games. There are some very good bowlers on our League. The League had their Awards Banquet on May 5, 2015 where awards and prize fund was distributed and everyone enjoyed a catered Bar-B-Que meal from Hickory Hollow.

The 51st K of C State Tournament was held the weekends of April 11 & 12 and April 18 & 19, 2015 at Copperfield Lanes in Katy with 65 teams participating. The participants from our League I feel made a statement at this year's tournament. Some of the achievements are as follows: HDI won 1st in TEAM (our team was 23rd). In DOUBLES - Jimmie Kainer/Greg Okonski won 3rd, Charlie Brossman/Tommy Gorski won 4th, Nick Cuellar/Rudy Cuellar won 6th, and David Polasek/Danny Spurlock won 7th, (David Lindinger/Pat Thibeaux came in 18th). In SINGLES - Nick Cuellar won 6th, Pat Thibeaux won 14th, Eddie Okonski III won 15th, (Marion Lewandowski placed 20th, Greg Okonski placed 21th and David Lindinger placed 24th). In ALL-EVENTS - Greg Okonski won 5th, Pat Thibeaux won 7th, Nick Cuellar won 8th, and Eddie Okonski III won 14th. A few other hi-lites were Deanna Polasek won a bowling ball, Martha Koch won a bowling ball, Freddie Dominquez won a bowling ball, Jennie Dominquez won a 50/50, and Martin Garcia won a 50/50. Next Year's Tournament will be held in Port Arthur.

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Copperfield Lanes. It was unconfirmed at the time of this report that Judy Wendt's team won 3rd and Judy Polasek's team won 4th. As you can see we made quite a SPLASH from our League at this year's tournaments. GREAT BOWLING!!!!

-David Polasek  
dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net

## The 2015 JFMHA Board of Directors:

WGK David Polasek  
John Groneck; President (1-Year remaining)  
Ken Scales; VP (3-Year)  
Dan Armbruster; Treasurer (1-Year)  
Harold Schambach; Secretary (2-Year)

Paul Ybarra (1-Year)  
Fred Balmes (1-Year)  
Jerry Leiker (2-Year)  
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Ricky Rogers (2-Year)  
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Jose Ruvalcaba (3-Year)  
Billy Mayo (3-Year)



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### HOME ASSOCIATION

I wanted to provide you with a listing of the positive improvements we've made over the past fraternal year: Coming into June 2014:

- Winstead PC engagement (April)
- Understanding with horseback riders access to property (May)

Beginning July 2014,

- Rummage sale with share of proceeds to hall improvements (July)
- Property insurance / D&O, out-buildings, etc. (August)
- Ball field lease - TM Sports Conditioning Agreement (September - October)
- Block house clean-out (September)
- Hall's A/C lightning strike; A/C replacement (September)
- Septic field repaired (October)
- Bride's / Conference Room refurbished; Council furniture (November)
- Mailboxes installed (November)
- Kitchen updated walls/floor tiles/cabinet-SS tabletop/grills cleaned; (January 2015)
- Hall A/C unit ducts repaired; ending ceiling leaks (January)
- Kitchen restroom updated foyer repainted (February)
- Grand Knight / Property Manager office refurbished (March)
- JFHallRental signage on Hall building (amended per Supreme; March)
- Audit as prescribed by the By Laws; favorable (March)
- Website specific to JFMHA created (March)
- Electrical panel upgraded / replaced (April)
- Kitchen refrigerator (renters) replaced (May)
- Ladies / Men's restroom renovation (funded/ planned in May)

- Hall Rental Contract (minor amendments following Supreme guidance; June)
- Grounds - grass cutting / Landscaping (June)
- Exterior security lights (June TBD)
- Income Sources remain under contract: Crown Castle (tower); American Tower and TM Sports Conditioning (ball field lease). Hall Rental bookings remain steady.
- In July, we will be presented with the year-to-year Profit & Loss statement that will document that the JFMHA remains financially sound.

We, the JFMHA Board of Directors and Council 6557 members, are truly blessed with so many talents, commitment, perseverance, and the finances to maintain/improve this Hall and its property now and into the foreseeable future.

Fraternally yours, John  
President, JFMHA



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## SCHOLARSHIP

The Herman Konczewski Memorial Educational Scholarship Committee is chaired by Worthy District President Bill Moeller. The scholarship program is responsible for getting scholarship funds to worthy recipients. They establish the rules, the requirements and the amounts that the council gives.

The council will provide four \$1000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Two scholarships will be awarded to relatives of our council members (son or daughter, nephew or niece, grandson or granddaughter), as well as one scholarship each to a high school parishioner at Sts Simon and Jude and St. James.

E-mail brother Bill Moeller at:

Bill.Moeller@hp.com to Help out.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2015 HERMAN KONCZEWSKI MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Briana Garza, granddaughter of Phillip Rangel  
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Victoria (Tori) Klabunde, was the recipient of a KOC Scholarship award 4 years ago (2011), and she has just graduated UT Austin with a BS in Nursing

## MEMBERSHIP

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS  
OF COUNCIL 6557!**

Brothers, please recruit. New members are the life blood of any organization. I would like to Welcome Visente Coronado and Thomas Hughes to our order. We need many more, so please continue to promote our Order and encourage good Catholic men to join.

Fraternally,  
Rich Eimer  
Membership Chairman  
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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

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Visit with Veterans at the VA Hospital

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW 3RD DEGREE MEMBERS

The following brother knights made their 2nd & 3rd degrees last Saturday, June 27th. They are:

- Grady Johnson,
- Vince Coronado,
- Jay Kemper
- John Rubel.



## 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

## NEWSLETTER

The newsletter committee is pretty simple. You just carry a camera or a cell phone with you and snap a few pictures of our events. Then just send them with a small blurb of what you saw to Bob Castro bob@marloe.com and we will get it in the newsletter. It's a great way to show everybody what is happening and keep us all informed. Articles or changes requested by the 25th of each month.



## GOLF

The Knights of Columbus Golf League began our Spring 2015 Session on March 5 at Wedgewood Golf Club in Conroe, just off of Highway 105 west of the 336 Loop. All are welcome and the ability to play golf is only a marginal requirement! Come on out and enjoy the company of fellow Knights and friends. At the same time, you will be helping a local charity, as the winner of each session picks a worthy organization of his choice for which to donate the prize fund. Our first week featured 9 hearty golfers, who enjoyed a nice, warm afternoon and finished before the cold and rain set in once again. We meet on Wednesdays around 3:00 pm (you can usually tee off a little earlier if desired) and stay for food and refreshments, good cheer and conversation. It's a great way to meet not only Knights from our Council, but other Knights in the area. Daylight Savings Time is now in effect, so we have plenty of time to finish our 9 hole rounds. Come and join us!!

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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: SUN July 5 8:00am - 12:00***

## **YOUTH**

Our Boy Scout Troop had a successful Camporee. Our Troop came in 1st place in Knot Tying among the 10 troops participating and the new scouts had a great time. We had to dodge a few thunderstorms but that what camping is all about, being prepared for the unexpected. Like most of Texas we have also had an impact from the rain. We had a planned camp out on June 5th thru 7th at Bastrop State Park but the dam broke and flooded the park. We are preparing for Summer Camp at the end of June. Thank you to the Council for

its continued support and I ask for your prayers that our boys are always protected.

YIS

John Tatman, Scoutmaster Troop 589

## **FUNDRAISING**

Our Fundraising Committee is chaired by Eric Salley and he can be reached at [vanhect@gmail.com](mailto:vanhect@gmail.com). We are always looking for opportunities. The committee meets periodically to discuss possible events or fundraisers that the council can explore.

## **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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## COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

### What are benefits of being a Squire?

The program develops leadership by allowing the Squires to plan and carry out activities with advice, suggestions and encouragement from Knight leaders. Squires also have fun and bond while helping their Church and community through service.

We, Brother Knights must rise to the occasion. Recent events in our country show that if people do not stand strong in faith the youth of our country fall. The Squires truly are our future, our strength and legacy. The following are just some examples of what can be accomplished thru the Squire Program.

Our youth, our future Catholic Gentlemen & Future Knights the Squires would be involved in the following activities:

- Support a local cause in your community by volunteering or raising awareness and/or funds
- Honor your father prior or parish priest by holding an investiture ceremony and dinner in his name.
- Be sure to recognize all they do for your Church community.
- Hold a living rosary for the innocent victims of abortion
- Run a vocations awareness campaign for youth and young adults in your parish
- Roll up your sleeves and organize a clean-up project for your church
- Recognize altar servers with a special event
- Visit a senior citizen center
- Hold a concert, puppet show or similar event for children with disabilities
- Sponsor a drug and alcohol abuse seminar and invite guest speakers
- Run an open house for your members' friends, schoolmates, CCD class members and other quali-

fied prospects

- Organize and serve a communion breakfast for prospects, family members, counselors, Knights, clergy members and civic leaders
- Honor the Knights who act as counselors to your circle with a special appreciation dinner or activity.

They progress and learn valuable life lessons as they achieve the following levels

1. Page
2. Shield Bearer
3. Swordsman
4. Lancer
5. Squire of the Body of Christ

We need a total of 3 counselors to reactivate the Squires. I am asking all of you to find it in your heart to consider this great honor. If you are interested please let me know so that I can help you go thru the steps in becoming a counselor.

I myself will be taking the VIRTUS training this July 18, 2015, a Saturday. I am hoping that those that arise to this great honor may complete their training in July so that we can start recruitment in late August or early September.

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## SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE PARKING TEAM

Saints Simon and Jude Parking Team needs help parking cars and driving the golf carts. The St. Simon and Jude Parking Team does not require volunteers to sign waivers in order to work in the church parking lot and to drive the golf cart. If you would like to help or need more information about it, contact:

Richie Spurlock at 832-455-3187  
spurrichie@sbcglobal.net  
or Johny Hennigan at 832-563-8772  
btprodinc@aol.com

## 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:

john.e.groneck@exxonmobil.com  
New members report to John at the next meeting:  
Visente Coronado  
Thomas Hughes  
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## CHARITY

The Charity Committee is chaired by Larry Hawkins (lhawkins1945@yahoo.com) who is the contact person for any organization that could use some help. The Charity committee brings suggestions to the officers and we vote on them during our council meetings.

We are in need of gardening volunteers for the mowing brigade. If you have lawn equipment that works and can help out see Larry.

*And as always, if you want to know more about what the Charity Committee does - join it!*

## 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 June 16th*

## CLEANUP TEAMS

The Cleanup teams will be re-instated in January and the team Captains will now be in competition for prizes. If you are a Captain or want to be a Captain contact Larry Hawkins - lhawkins1945@yahoo.com  
Team names will be accepted in January and all members will be on a team, it is suggested you get on a good one. Prizes include dinner for the whole team.

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## RESPECT LIFE

Pope Francis has captivated the world with his humility, warmth and compassion for each person. Vivid accounts of his tenderness for “the least of these”-the elderly, the imprisoned, those with disfiguring disabilities, the unborn, and many more-seize our attention. Why?

At the heart of each of these interactions is a truth which resonates in our hearts, revealing to us something essential to understanding ourselves and our purpose. We are Loved.

Please join us on Saturday July 18, 2015 for the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants for an 8:15 am Mass at St. Michael’s Catholic Church, 1801 Sage Rd. Houston, Tx. 77056 followed by a Rosary at Aaron’s, 5607 Schumacher Rd. Free luncheon to follow with guest speakers at Parish Life Center.

Remember Brothers as Knight of Columbus, we stand up for the voiceless and give Life to possible. Because as we work together much can be accomplished.

Pro-Life Director  
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## Knights help save historic Jesuit Martyrs Shrine

\$600,000 donated in honor of  
first Jesuit Pope

Stating that the history of America would be incomplete without a recounting of the events that took place in Auriesville, N.Y., Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson delivered a \$500,000 check from the Supreme Council for the renovation and upkeep of the shrine that honors three North American martyrs and marks the birthplace of the first Native American saint.

Joined by Knights from throughout New York, the supreme knight made a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine on June 13 to tour the grounds and deliver the donation, which was provided in honor of Pope Francis, the first Jesuit pope, who will visit the United States for the first time in September. The New York State Council, represented by State Deputy Carmine Musumeci and State Deputy-elect Robert Weitzman, made an additional contribution of \$100,000. K of C councils in the nearby Albany area also have pledged monetary support.

“Places like Auriesville are spiritual heritage sites,” Supreme Knight Anderson said during the check presentation which followed a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated in the shrine’s spacious Coliseum Church. “They are holy places where people changed the spiritual future of our nation. The history of America is incomplete without the memory of such places — and especially of this place. Here, the New World was made truly ‘new’ because the Gospel message was proclaimed: sometimes by preaching, other times by living, and in the end by dying.”



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## 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](mailto:Votsmier@sbcglobal.net)



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## KITCHEN

The kitchen staff hopes all Brothers are enjoying the meal 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". If you are interested in assisting fellow Knights prepare meals for business and family nights, as well as our fundraising events, please feel free to join us in the kitchen.

## INSURANCE

Where did 2014 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2014. Now, the first quarter of 2015 is flying by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

Jose R. Oviedo  
Field Agent, Knights of Columbus  
(832) 910-5061



Activity Schedule

THU	Jun 4	Officer's Planning Meeting JFMHA Meeting 7:00 PM
THU	Jun 11	Council Business Meeting
SAT	Jun 13	Loaves and Fishes
TUE	Jun 16	Convalescent Bingo 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
SAT	Jun 20	GH Squires Meeting – KofC Hall Council 8960 at 2320 Hatfield Rd Pearland, 77581
THU	Jun 25	Family Night
THU	Jul 2	Officer's Planning Meeting JFMHA Meeting 7:00 PM
THU	Jul 9	Council Business Meeting
SAT	Jul 11	Loaves and Fishes
SUN	Jul 5	Visit With Veterans at Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center 8:00am - 12: pm
TUE	Jul 21	Convalescent Bingo 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU	Jul 23	Family Night
THU	Aug 4	Officer's Planning Meeting JFMHA Meeting 7:00 PM
SAT	Aug 8	Loaves and Fishes
THU	Aug 13	Council Business Meeting
TUE	Aug 18	Convalescent Bingo 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU	Aug 27	Family Night
THU	Sep 1	Officer's Planning Meeting JFMHA Meeting 7:00 PM
THU	Sep 10	Council Business Meeting 1st Degree at Council 6557
SAT	Sep 12	Loaves and Fishes
SUN	Sep 13	Visit With Veterans at Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center 8:00am - 12: pm
TUE	Sep 15	Convalescent Bingo 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU	Sep 24	Family Night
THU	Oct 6	Officer's Planning Meeting JFMHA Meeting 7:00 PM
THU	Oct 8	Council Business Meeting
SAT	Oct 10	Loaves and Fishes
TUE	Oct 20	Convalescent Bingo 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU	Oct 22	Family Night
SUN	Oct 25	Sts Simon and Jude Octoberfest
THU	Nov 3	Officer's Planning Meeting JFMHA Meeting 7:00 PM
THU	Nov 12	Council Business Meeting
SAT	Nov 14	Loaves and Fishes
TUE	Nov 17	Convalescent Bingo 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
SUN	Nov 22	Visit With Veterans at Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center 8:00am - 12: pm
THU	Nov 26	No Family Night
THU	Dec 1	Officer's Planning Meeting JFMHA Meeting 7:00 PM
THU	Dec 10	Council Business Meeting
SAT	Dec 12	Loaves and Fishes
TUE	Dec 15	Convalescent Bingo 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU	Dec 26	No Family Night
SUN	Dec 27	Visit With Veterans at Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center 8:00am - 12: pm
FRI	Jan 22	Clergy Night 2016
THU	Mar 10	1st Degree at Council 6557

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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 Bob Castro bob@marloe.com 713-582-0442 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:**

Hannah Henry, granddaughter of Mary Jo Henry, kidney transplant (May 20) and Hannah's mother Lisa, who donated the kidney  
Tom Kurland, (Jun 15) eye surgery  
Karen Potter (Jun 14) complications brain tumor  
SK Yogi Ybarra, FDD, (Jul 2) health issues  
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)  
SK Rudy Charest (Health)  
Diane Curtin (Cancer), proposed by Mike Curtin  
Henry Dishberger (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  
Linda Gonzalez (lung cancer) wife SK Rudy Gonzalez, Co 14512  
Becky Jeffries (Diabetes), proposed by SK Jerry Leiker  
Jeremy Jimenez (Muscular Dystrophy), proposed by SK John Tatman

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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  
SK Matt Maciejewski, stroke recovery  
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  
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  
Margaret Romeo (Health)  
Maria Jose Romero (Leukemia), proposed by Terry O'Donohue  
Henrietta Siragusa (Health)  
Verna Strickland, founding parishioner Sts S&J, losing her eyesight and hearing  
Leo Torzewski (bladder cancer)  
Tony Trahan (Blood Cancer)  
Edward Trahan (esophagus cancer)  
Lillian Trahan (Stage 2 Multiple Myeloma of the blood)  
Mary Watkins (cancer)  
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

SK Robert Cobb

SK Rudy Charest, FDD, PGK

**Walter Tingley**

### **Family / Friends**

Mary Hanson, sister of Henry Boyle

Lori Pais, daughter of SK Randy Pais