



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
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Inside Guard

Peter Palen

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Robert Perrotta

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Jim Ledwig (2 yr)

Bob Castro (3 yr)

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Culture of Life Director

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Retention

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Health

Dan Armbruster

Vocations

Deacon Rene Ramon

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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

Mark Votsmier

Welcoming Committee

John Groneck

Parking

Danny Spurlock

This is an active council.

You joined to be a part of something, so be a part, not apart. There are opportunities, and everything you do for the Knights of Columbus is compounded tenfold. Standing in the sun parking cars will help a charity reach its goal, buy a wheelchair or help the community directly. Don't waste the opportunity, get out there and participate. Being a Knight is more than just a pin on your lapel. Join us for our events, pick a position and volunteer. We need good men who do good work.

WANTED:

Council Positions open for -

Liaison for St. James Parish

Membership Chairman to either assist Bill Moeller and/or take over at some point in time.

Ushers Needed

St. James is searching for volunteers interested in creating that good first impression by serving as an Usher. Contact Deacon Ray at:
dcnray@stjta.com

Acolytes Needed

He is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion serving only when sufficient ordinary ministers are not available. To learn more about becoming an acolyte at St. James, contact Deacon Ray at: dcnray@stjta.com

Columbian Squire Counselors

It has been a long time in the making. The Columbian Squires are a GO! We had a successful recruitment drive on January 23rd and 24th at ST. James. 28 young Catholic men signed up to be Squires.

We will be having Orientation for the Counselors, New Squires and Parents on February 6th at 6 pm at ST. James in the main hall. The State Chairman for the Columbian Squires will also be there in support of our efforts (GH Squires Chairman Richard Mondelli).

The orientation should last 30 minutes, 15-20 minutes for questions and 15-30 min for paperwork.

I hope that everyone has completed their VIRTUS and ARMATUS training. If you need assistance please contact me so that I can help you. For those that have completed all your training, don't forget to turn your paperwork to WGK David Polasek as he needs to get it submitted.

Please confirm your attendance for February 6th, 2016 Orientation so I can get a feel for how many counselors will be available.

The Columbian Squires have risen to the call, now its our turn as Knights of Columbus to rise as well and be roll models.

Vivat Jesus,
SK Jose Ruvalcaba
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"Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

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Jose Ruvalcaba

Jose Ruvalcaba is a member of St James Parish. Jose has come into the Council hitting the floor running. It wasn't long and Jose helped out the Council with a major air conditioning issue. He's also been our liaison to St James. Just recently He organized a sign up for our Squires Circle and what a response. There were 28 young Catholic candidates respond. Congratulations and thanks Jose on your efforts and all that you do for your Council

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FAMILY OF THE
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Larry and Sandy Hawkins

Larry and Sandy Hawkins are members of Sts. Simon & Jude and were instrumental in making our Super Bowl Party a success. Both were involved in selling the squares on two boards, and Sandy was keeping track of the monies and making sure the Silent Auction was running smoothly. Larry is a PGK and currently heads our charity committee. Both Larry and Sandy continue to stay very active in our Council. Thanks again Larry and Sandy for all that you do for our Council.



"It is in the parish that one becomes engaged with the Church community, learns how to become a disciple of Christ, is nurtured by Scripture, is nourished by the sacraments, and ultimately becomes an evangelizer. Successful evangelization and catechetical initiatives must be focused on the parish."

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY

Brother Knights,

Brother Knights, thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut State Legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity. (K.C. website).

The vision of Father McGivney is carried on in our service and in our faith as good Catholic gentlemen. We contributed over 170 million dollars and over 71 million hours to charitable service last year. Our Order has now grown to over 1.9 million Catholic gentlemen.

March 29th is founder's day and all Brother Knights should look to each other with pride and admiration as the strong right arm of the church. Our Order is founded on the teachings of our Holy Mother Church to serve our families, our parish and our communities.

As we progress through this Lenten season, let us be thankful for the vision of Father McGivney, a Catholic Priest, who understood the challenges of life for mankind but Father McGivney also understood the greatness of the love of our Heavenly Father, the sacrifice of his Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and the continual guidance of the Holy Spirit as we reach out to all we serve as Brother Knights.

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District Deputy
James Hatcher

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

February started out with a Great Super Bowl Party on February 7, 2016. We had about 60 patrons that came and had a very good time. The Scouts did the cooking serving grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and several of the other attendees brought some sides and desserts. We had some very good fixings. This year's Super Bowl Party was dedicated to the youth of our Council. At the end of the day we were able to give our Scout troops and our newly reforming Squires Circle a very nice donation. This is all due to the ones that bought those football squares from brother Larry Hawkins and had a great time participating in the silent auction. After a one month delay we were able to reschedule our White Elephant night which always proves for everyone to have a good time. This year was no exception. Things started off a bit slow, but once the first steal occurred, things just escalated from there. There was the ever popular bottles of wine, which everyone went to maximum 3rd steal. We had a great meal and about 75 people had an evening to remember. Be sure and put this event on your calendar for next January.

The last weekend of February ended with the Big Top Vintage Market fund raiser. This event turned out to be bigger than OTS expected and profitable for us. We could have used more help, but God does provide. Thanks to all that were able to come out and help and keep Ken's sanity in tack. Great job Ken and thanks for all your effort's .

On Sunday afternoon February 28, 2016 another step was taken to reinstate our Squires Circle with the investiture of 13 new Squires at St. James. The ceremony was highlighted with 6 Sir Knights giving honor guard and our Father Prior Fr. Charles Samperi giving the opening prayer and some very encouraging comments to these young men at the end of the ceremony.

Remember our veterans this coming weekend. Peter Palen and some fellow brother Knights will be going to visit our veterans at Michael DeBakey VA Hospital this Sunday March 6, 2016. They will be leaving from Lowe's at about 8:00 AM. Volunteer if you can.

Our next event that is coming up is the Paw Fest in OTS March 12th and 13th. Give Ken Scales a call if you can volunteer. It is not too soon to commit. Ken would appreciate the early response.

Remember to keep recruiting!!! Ask that Catholic gentleman next to you if he would like to join the Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally,

David Polasek
Grand Knight



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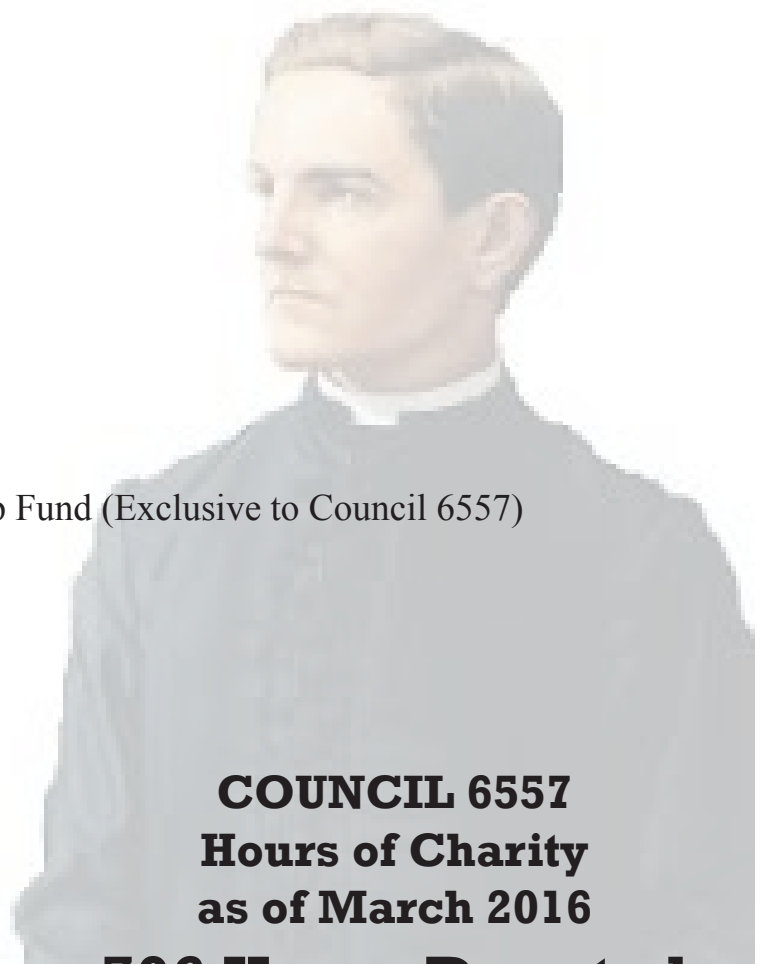
If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life.

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

St. Simon and Jude Parrish Support
St. James Parrish Support
St's. Simon & Jude Pro Life
St. James Pro Life
Boy Scout Troop 589
Cub Scout pack 1234
Clergy Night Celebration
Annual Cardinal Dinardo Golf Fundraiser
Brookwood Community
Catholic Daughters
Convalescent Bingo
Herman Konczewski Memorial Scholarship Fund (Exclusive to Council 6557)
Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston
Loaves and Fishes Downtown Houston
Mowers of Faith
Montgomery County Food Bank
Northeast Assistance Ministries - NAM
Operation Military Embrace
Pregnancy Assist CTR
Spring Assistance Ministries
Seminarian Support
Special Olympics
State Charities
Tamina Community Center
Ultrasound Program
USO
Visit with Veterans at the VA Hospital
Wheelchair Mission



COUNCIL 6557
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706 Hours Donated

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SQUIRES
Youth Organization.

The emblem of the Squires symbolizes the ideals which identify a squire. On the arms of a Maltese cross are the letters "P", which represents the physical development necessary to make the body as strong as the spirit; "I", which stands for the intellectual development needed

for cultural and mental maturity; "S", which represents the spiritual growth and practice of our faith and "C", which stands for the development of citizenship and civic life. The larger letters: "C", representing Christ and also Christopher Columbus; "S", the Squires; and "K", the Knights of Columbus, by whom the Squires program is sponsored, are intertwined in the center of the cross. They are the three foundations of the program.

The Latin motto, "Esto Dignus", encircles the emblem. Translated into English, it means "Be Worthy."

On January 23 & 24 of this year we held a recruitment drive at St. James where 28 young Catholic men heard the calling to become Squires! When he announced his Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis highlighted today's Gospel episode (3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time), in which Jesus proclaims in his hometown synagogue his Spirit-anointed mission to fulfill the promise of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus' mission then, says Pope Francis, is our mission now as Jesus' disciples this Jubilee of Mercy: to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord, a year of God's mercy. Pope Francis challenges us to translate Jesus' mission to contemporary needs: to console by word and deed those materially or spiritually poor, to liberate those bound by modern society's new forms of slavery, to open the eyes of those blinded by their own self-interest, and to restore human dignity to all those from whom it has been stolen. To act with mercy in a spirit of Joy!

The Knights of Columbus in Texas lead the nation in many good things. Texas holds the largest amount of Squires, Dallas Diocese holds the second largest amount of Squires and our Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston boast the largest number of Squires in the country!



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March

BIRTHDAYS

1	Fr. Robert Brennan	12	Ryan Dalton	25	William Janacek
2	David Novotny	12	Thomas Zievert	25	Timothy Ross
4	John Lacey	12	Gerald Sargent	26	James Linden
5	John Pachecano	13	James McCormick	26	David Polasek
6	William Schultz	14	Stephen Bussiere	28	Michael Curtin
8	William Christiansen	19	Deacon Glendon Schmidt	28	Theodore Dematteo
9	Francis Hodel	21	Manuel Melchor	28	Jacob Odom
10	David Dancsak	23	Herbert Sommer	30	James Ledwig
11	Norbert Narvacan	24	Victor Palermo		

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!

YOUTH

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

There are nine boy scouts attending and two of our older scouts will serve on staff for the week. We have had multiple camp outs this fall but our most memorable included a six mile canoe trip down the San Marcos River north of Lockhart. Some of the boys had never seen clear, green water in Texas. I ask for your continued prayers for our boys safety.

Fraternally Yours
 John Tatman, PGK
 Scoutmaster



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FOURTH DEGREE

We had a full turn out for the first Corporate Communion this year at St. James The Apostle. A special Thank You to John, Bill & David and all the Sir Knights who made this turn out a success!!! We are starting this year STRONG! After the mass we met at Tequila Patio for an excellent breakfast buffet and enjoyed the fellowship of brother knights.

VA ASSISTANCE

The goal of the VA Assistance Committee is to have an active corps of Knights serving as volunteers at every Veterans Administration medical facility in the nation. We meet once a quarter and venture down to the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX to mingle with the veterans and take them to mass if they choose to go.

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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.

RESPECT LIFE

January has been a vs very busy month for the council. We observed the Mass for Life which was held at the Charismatic Center as we observed the anniversary of Roe vs Wade. The Mass was followed by a Pro-Life March to the Planned Parenthood Facility at 4600 Gulf Freeway which happens to be the largest abortion clinic in the Western Hemisphere. Our great city of Houston is known for a lot of things, but this monstrosity is something we don't need to be known for. Please keep Praying the Right to Life and be the Voice of the Voiceless and those that were not given the opportunity for that Right.

Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants on February 20, 2016 at St Anne Catholic Church 2140 Westheimer Rd Houston, Tx 77098. Mass will be at 8:15 am followed by a Rosary at the Houston Wom-

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Your Brother In Christ

Paul(Yogi)Ybarra Jr

Pro-Life Chairman

FISH FRY

Lent is upon us brother Knights. Beginning February 12th, St James will be hosting a weekly Lenten Fish Fry, put on by the Knights of Columbus, Friday's during Lent from 5:00:pm to 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall, Followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm in the church. You can volunteer to help prepare the food, cook the food, package the food and for clean up. The dates are as follows:

3/11/2016 3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00

3/18/2016 3:00PM Serving Starts at 5:00

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.

Elections for four (4) JFMHA director positions will be held during the June Council meeting. Outgoing directors include: Groneck/Armbruster/Ybarra/Balmes.

These 4 positions are for a 3 year term (expiring June 2019); and any 3rd degree member is eligible to be nominated and serve on the board. If interested, please send your name to John Groneck at groneck@msn.com

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SCHOLARSHIP

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

CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

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

5. Must be enrolled or enrolling to attend an accredited college or university during the 2015/2016 school year as a full time student.
 6. A two part essay totaling no more than 500 words or less. Part I – “Why I wish to pursue a college degree” and Part II “What I am doing to practice my Catholic Faith” will be submitted with the application
 7. All available OFFICIAL and most recent high school transcripts (including current grades, class ranking, and overall grade point average) and copy of your SAT (M+R) or ACT test scores will be required to be submitted.
- For application or additional information contact:
Bill Moeller, billmoeller78@gmail.com or
(832)594-4980.

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 the a member of this committee please contact the Grand Knight David Polasek dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net

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

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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

VISIBILITY

Recently at one of the meetings it was mentioned that we (KofC) do not have a lot of visibility at SSJ. I find that an interesting comment from the standpoint that if you look at the congregation in SSJ you will find that both priests, two of the deacon's, most of the lectors, most of the extraordinary ministers and most of the ushers are members of our council and it goes much deeper than that in the various organizations. I think

where we have dropped the ball is that we do not wear our badges, pins, shirts to church to bring attention to ourselves. I would like to suggest that we have our members wear their KofC pins, badges or shirts when and where possible to announce that we are a large part of the SSJ community. Having attended St. James yesterday I feel the same situation applies there as well. Three of the four ushers are members of our council along with Fr. Samperi and Deacon Art Zepeda at that mass.

To carry it one step further and to assist in recognition of the KofC at SSJ I am asking that brother KofC and their wives sign up to assist with the "Fellowship after the Mass's". I think most of our members are aware that Fr. Pat is big on fellowship after mass. Currently SSJ has coffee and donuts after each Sunday morning service. I think that they pass out cookies at the evening mass. I am asking our SSJ members to sign up for whatever mass they attend to pass out the donuts / cookies etc after their mass. They are using a team structure of four people, one person is designated the team captain. It is expected that you would only be called upon to do this perhaps every 2-months so it is not a weekly request but rather one every 8-weeks or longer if we have a lot of people sign up. Peggy Micko is heading up this ministry and will contact the team captain the week before their team is up. I do hope that we will have a big response for this ministry by YOU our members and your wives. Once again this is for the guys and the girls so we should get a lot of teams to assist SSJ. By the way this will give us additional exposure as we can wear our colors while handing out the donuts and we can also have KofC information on one of the tables. What I need from you is the following:

- 1> your name and your wives,
- 2> mass that you normally attend,
- 3> phone number,
- 4> e-mail address to contact you.



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One last thing this should not mess up your day:
 The donuts / cookies will be in the room, you will have
 to make coffee for the next mass and clean up after
 your mass. You will be in and out in less than 30-min-
 utes, your assistance on this is endeavor is very much
 appreciated. Please respond as soon as you can as
 Peggy is in the process of putting together the master
 list. If you have any other questions or comments
 please give me a call.

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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

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 appre-
 ciated. Brothers, if you enjoy the KC dinners, please
 do not forget to leave a donation in the "kitty".



The 'C' Team

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CHARITY

KofC #6557 Charity Committee Information:

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

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

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

Members should be aware that in addition to the line items we also have requests to fund numerous causes throughout the year. These request are presented to the charity committee who evaluate them and then pass them on to the officers at the officers meeting then to the floor for an up or down vote. We have been limiting these requests to a dollar amount not to exceed \$500 to allow us to support as many requests as possible. A few years ago it was agreed that we would concentrate our donations to the local area. There have been a few exceptions but for the most part our donations are now supporting worthy deeds in our backyard. As you are all aware the number one principal of our order is charity it is what we are all about.

Larry Hawkins

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

Next visit is: Tuesday MAR 15th

GOLF

The Knights of Columbus Spring Golf League will start March 2, and every Wednesday for the next 17 weeks at PANORAMA VILLAGE GOLF COURSE. After checking their calendar, River Plantation raised their rates to \$19.00 plus tax (approx. \$21.00) for 9 holes of golf for our league. This was unacceptable to me, and I was able to make the deal with PANORAMA to play there.

The cost is still \$15.00 including tax, and \$5.00 for charity prize, totaling \$20.00. After our golf match, head to the café for a sandwich and beverages. PANORAMA features a "Happy Hour", and Wednesday is Burger night, and if you buy a burger, you get the second one for half price. As you remember, we each teamed up for burgers and split the bill. Of course they have other items on the menu, and feature a full bar, for drinks. (Remember to throw two dollars in

the pot for the wait staff tip)

Tee off is 3:00PM tomorrow, come early and hit range balls, and practice putting (all included in the price).

The tee boxes are different at Panorama. They have senior tees (BLACK) so our over 80 group, and Gary will tee off from the Blacks. The over 70 group will tee off from the White tees. Those of us not yet 70 years old are hitting from the Blue tees. We are using the same K of C league rules as last year. I will update them to reflect the changes at Panorama and get them out to everyone. Just remember, maximum strokes on each hole is 4 over par. Putts within the leather can be picked up, but still add the stroke as if you hit it. No belly putters. Any other questions, see me or Rich Eimer.

Here's to good weather, good golf, and great camaraderie. Vivat Jesus!

Rich LaBoda,

League President.

INSURANCE

Only Having Insurance "Through Work" Doesn't Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there's a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary. But only having "through work" insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insur-

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ance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family's actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

Open enrollment is coming for most of you. Allow me to conduct a full review of your coverage so we can close any gaps you might have and, at the same time, protect your insurability. Call me today!

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RETENTION COMMITTEE

Brothers,

The second notice for our Annual Dues has already been sent out. If you have not received either an e-mail or USPS dues mailing please contact our Financial Secretary Pete Palasota to update your contact information.

If you are unable to pay your dues or know of a member who is unable to pay their dues (or should be under the Disability Exemption Program) please contact our Grand Knight David Polasek, Financial Secretary Pete Palasota, or PGK Jim Ledwig.

All of our members are important! Together, let's continue the charitable work of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney.

God Bless,

Jim Ledwig PGK

Retention Committee Chairman

SQUIRES CIRCLE

This Sunday February 28th, 2016 our youth became Squires! This week Wednesday March 2nd, 2016 we will be having our first meeting.

Selection of Officers

1st Level Page - Instructions and paperwork. Selection of activities for March 2016

We will meet at St. James The Apostle Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m. the meeting should last 1 hour. Parents are welcomed to attend the formation of the Parent Booster Club for the Squires also meeting at the same time.

We look forward to seeing you all.

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"Be Worthy"

Jose Ruvalcaba

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BOWLING

This year's League is flying by. There are only 8 weeks left and another fun filled year will be coming to a close. Good bowling still continues with games like 279, 276 and a 272 being bowled just in the last two weeks. Our Knights of Columbus State Tournament will be in Port Arthur this year. It will be held the weekends of April 9th -- 10th and April 16th -- 17th.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Activity Schedule

THU Mar 3	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
FRI Mar 4	St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00
SUN Mar 6	VA Visit 7:45 AM Lowes Parking Lot
THU Mar 10	1st Degree at Council 6557
THU Mar 10	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
FRI Mar 11	St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00
SAT Mar 12	Paw Fest in Old Town Spring 10a-5p
SUN Mar 13	Paw Fest in Old Town Spring 11a-5p.
TUE Mar 15	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
FRI Mar 18	St. James Fish Fry Start at 3:00 PM Serving Starts at 5:00
THU Mar 24	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
FRI Mar 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU Apr 7	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
SAT Apr 9	The Texas Wine and Art Festival from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
SUN Apr 10	The Texas Wine and Art Festival from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.
THU Apr 14	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE Apr 19	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
MON Apr 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU Apr 28	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
FRI Apr 29	Texas Crawfish Festival 6 PM thru 11 PM
SAT Apr 30	Texas Crawfish Festival Noon thru 11 PM
SUN May 1	Texas Crawfish Festival Noon thru 6 PM
THU May 5	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
FRI May 6	Texas Crawfish Festival 6 PM thru 11 PM

EAT FISH

Come join your hard working fish frying brothers for a catfish dinner with coleslaw, hushpuppies and French fries, all for just \$9.00. For one dollar more you get three shrimp as a bonus. We would love to see you and your family. We want you to eat well, so be there –

St. James from 5:00 PM thru 6:30 PM every Friday in Lent (Except Good Friday).

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SAT	May 7	Texas Crawfish Festival Noon thru 11 PM
SUN	May 8	Texas Crawfish Festival Noon thru 6 PM
THU	May 12	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE	May 17	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
WED	May 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU	May 26	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
THU	Jun 2	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
THU	Jun 9	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE	June 21	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU	Jun 23	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
SAT	Jun 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU	Jul 7	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
THU	Jul 14	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE	Jul 19	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
MON	Jul 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU	Jul 28	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
THU	Aug 4	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
THU	Aug 11	Business Meeting, Dinner Starts at 6:30
TUE	Aug 16	Convalescent Bingo @ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Center
THU	Aug 25	Family Knight, Dinner starts at 6:30 All Welcome
THU	Aug 25	Call for Reports ALL Chairmen
THU	Sep 1	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
SAT	Oct 1	The Autumn Art and Texas Wine Festival 10am – 6pm
SUN	Oct 2	The Autumn Art and Texas Wine Festival 11am – 5pm



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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:

Kimberly Binkle – daughter of Bob and Kathy Binkle, - back surgery recovery (Feb 26)

Greg Hasselberger – motorcycle accident broken arm recovery

Bill Jancek – cardiac ablation (Feb 25)

Richard Nash's Brother-in-Law Heart Attack recovery, (Jan 21)

Margaret Romeo, wife of Mike Romeo - hospice

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 Keese's daughter, (progressive paralysis)

Kim Finnerty (cancer) wife of Jerry Finnerty

Helen Foltyn, mother of David, health

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

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

Thomas Gleason (leukemia) father of SK Mike Gleason

Linda Gonzalez (lung cancer) wife SK Rudy Gonzalez, Co 14512

Frank Hodel (Alzheimer's)

Becky Jeffries (Diabetes), proposed by SK Jerry Leiker

Jeremy Jimenez (Muscular Dystrophy), proposed by SK John Tatman

Dave Johnston (cancer)

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Jessie Klosterman (health) granddaughter of Herman Konczewski
Michelle Koenig (cancer)
Tom Kurland (Health)
Paul Ledwig (Cancer)
SK Jerry Leiker (Health)
Helen Van Keulen (Stage 4 Breast Cancer) wife of Field Agent Daryl
Beryl Lucia (ALS) proposed by SK Dennis Pomonis
Susan Marong (Cancer) proposed by Steve Kane
Gretchen Manchester (Blood Disorder) David and Judy Polasek niece
Rose Merrill (Alzheimer's), sister of SK Rudy Charest
Ben Miele (liver and nasal cancer), proposed by Pat Testa
Paul Moarman (heart problems), proposed by Henry Brownfield
Jean Morgan (cancer), sister of Mike Cali
Elsey Mudackalil (stroke), sister of Father Mathew Thottiyil
Hannah Navarro, grand-niece of Deacon John Charnisky, rhabdomyosarcoma cancer
Carmen Oviedo (liver cancer) wife of Field Agent Jose Oviedo
Servando Osorio, friend of Terry O'Donohue, liver cancer, 3 months to live, and young family
Karen O' Sullivan (Multiple Sclerosis) cousin of Robert P. O' Sullivan
Kathy Pace (Healing from Cancer)
Karyn Posella (back pain) wife of Rick Reed
Margaret Romeo (Health)
Maria Jose Romero (Leukemia), proposed by Terry O'Donohue
Anthony San Miguel (Brain Cancer), proposed by Mark San Miguel
Jaime Sepulveda (Parkinson's disease)
Richie Spurlock (Health recovery)
Verna Strickland, founding parishioner Sts S&J, losing her eyesight and hearing
Bobbie Torguson (Cancer)
Leo Torzewski (bladder cancer)
Tony Trahan (Blood Cancer)
Lillian Trahan (Stage 2 Multiple Myeloma of the blood)
Dean Welter (bladder cancer) proposed by Chad Uselman, brother in law
SK Walter White (health)
Our Men and Women serving in the Military

We also remember our Brother Knights and Family Members that have died:

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed; through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace in company with Christ a may they rejoice in your Kingdom. AMEN

Family / Friends

Michelle Manore, daughter of SK Mickey and Susanne Manore
Romeo Ortiz Brother-in-law of Don Hollis
Karen Potter, wife of Tony Potter
Henrietta Siragusa, wife of Charlie Siragusa
Edward Trahan, Brother of Mike Trahan
SK Del Uhl