

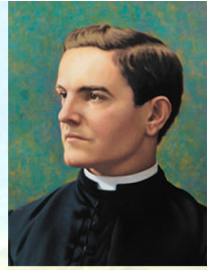


# FLEET NEWS

## Bishop Nold Council 6557



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### Knights of Columbus Bishop Nold Council 6557

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We meet at:  
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### Monthly Schedule:

1st Thursday  
*Officer Planning Meeting 7:00 PM*

2nd Thursday  
*Council Meeting Starts at 7:00PM*

4th Thursday  
*Family Knight*

#### Grand Knight

David Polasek

#### Chaplain

Fr. Pat Garrett

#### Deputy Grand Knight

Harold M Schambach

#### Assistant Diocesan Deputy

Bill Moeller

#### Chancellor

Phil Rimoldi

#### Recorder

Dan Armbruster

#### Financial Secretary

Pete Palasota

#### Treasurer

Ken Scales

#### Lecturer

David Foltyn

#### Advocate

Ed Varosky

#### Warden

Yogi (Paul Ybarra Jr.)

#### Inside Guard

Danny Spurlock

#### Outside Guards

John Groneck

Chuck Keesee

#### Trustees

Jim Ledwig (1yr)

Bob Castro (2 yr)

Robert Perotta (3 yr)

#### Delegates

#### 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

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## GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Beginning on April 12, 2017 the construction had begun on redoing the bathrooms at the hall. One main purpose was to make them ADA compliant for wheel chair accessibility. They will also be getting a well needed face lift and brought more up to date. All of the revamps we are doing to our hall is setting a goal to help attain additional rentals and secure a brighter future for the Home Association and our Council. There are additional projects planned in the future as time permits. I believe that not only will our faithful families that come to our family nights and our special gatherings will be pleased with the final results, but our future renters as well. We hope to have a setting that all will be pleased to hold their special occasion.

April is turning out to be a very busy month. The weekend of April 29th and 30th we have our annual Crawfish Festival to work in Old Town Spring and we have delegates we sent to Dallas for the annual K of C State Convention. Also coming up on May 6, 2017 we have a major Degree at #6456 Conroe Council located at 2655 FM 1488 Conroe, Tx 77384. So if you are a first Degree member, please consider completing your journey to full knighthood. As a third degree you are able to hold office and get more involved with your Council. You became a Knight for a reason. I don't believe it was to stay on the sideline. Please contact Pete Palasota or myself if you are able to make your major degree on May 6th.

If you are interested in running for an officer position for this next Fraternal year, we will be holding elections at our May member meeting. Contact Jim Ledwig, Robert Perrotta, or Bob Castro if interested.

Sunday May 7, 2017 we are having our Corporate Communion at Sts Simon & Jude 7:30 AM Mass. I'm asking for Fourth Degree turnout and that all Knights able to attend please wear their 'Knight Shirt' and bring your spouse. We will have some reserved seats near the back of the Church. Hope to see you there.

We only have two months left in this Fraternal year. Continue to recruit, recruit and ask that gentleman at church if He would like to be a Knight of Columbus and be part of the largest Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization.

Fraternally,  
David Polasek  
Grand Knight

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KNIGHT OF THE  
MONTH

Ed Varosky

Ed Varosky is our Knight of the Month for May. You will find Ed at most of our fund raisers especially in Old Town Spring. Ed is usually present for all shifts. Ed is our current Advocate of our Council and well versed in Robert's Rules of Procedure in our meetings. Ed also serves our community as an usher at 7:30 Mass at St Edward's Parish. Thanks for all you do for your Council and your community.

## DO NOT MISS A UNIQUE TALK AT OUR MAY FAMILY NIGHT

We are pleased to have three of our first Grand Knights discussing some of the problems and opportunities our council had at its inception. The second Grand Knight for our council "Jim Witovec Jr", our fourth G.K. Dan McHenry Jr and our fifth G.K. Bernes Borski. Your council is now 43-years old.

Come and hear an interesting discussion of the early years and some history of council #6557. It should be a most enjoyable evening and well attended, see you there.

Larry Hawkins

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### Corporate Communion at Sts. Simon & Jude

#### May 7, 2017 7:30 AM Mass

We will be having our Corporate Communion at Sts. Simon & Jude on Sunday May 7, 2017 at the 7:30 AM Mass. Please bring the family.

We will be assembling in the foyer of the church by 7:15 AM with the 4th Degree Knights. We will process in and will have some reserved sitting near the back of the church. Brother Knights attending "not 4th Degree" please wear your KC Shirt. Please plan to attend to support our Corporate Communion.



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## RESPECT LIFE

My Brother Knights,

When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the Pro-Life movement will not be alone. I think there'll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, "Spare Him, because he loved us!" Quote by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.

This should be an inspiration for every Knight to join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants each month in public prayer with many for the end to evil of abortion. I also believe that our sacrifice of sparing a Saturday morning, processing to and praying the Rosary publicly in front of an abortion clinic, sometimes in inclement weather, that we also will be rewarded for those efforts. How beautiful it would be to be greeted by the millions of beautiful voices who were never heard in this world at our judgment day.

Our next opportunity to join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 8:00am Mass at St Charles Borromeo, 501 Tidwell followed by Rosary at Aaron's Ambulatory Clinic located at 2502 N. Shepherd. I'm asking all Knights to bring their Families and Friends who are available to join us. Remember, your participation makes a difference, because as we work together, much can be accomplished!!!

Your Brother in Christ  
Paul(Yogi)Ybarra Jr.

## 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.

*John Flanagan*

*Serving Our Community Since 1989*

Reception Hall and Property Rentals

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Meeting place of the  Knights of Columbus

## BOWLING

Our Fall Bowling League came to an end April 18, 2017 with our "Fun Night" – No Taps and our Roll off teams for first half/second half winners with Boanerges winning first place and No Mercy taking second. It was a true roll off by two championship teams. It was a best two out of three with the championship determined by less than 23 pins. What a Grand Finish!! We will be having our Awards Banquet on May 9, 2017 Council #2917 will be hosting our Banquet this year. It is a night planned to have good food, good fellowship, good fun, and good rewards.

At our K of C State Tournament in Austin, Tx. we had three teams out of our League place third, fifth & seventh. We had the Doubles partners of David

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## BOWLING (CONT)

Lindinger and Patrick Thibeaux place sixth. Finally we had Greg Okonski place 13th in all events plus Greg bowled His very first “300” game and Patrick Thibeaux placed 15th in all events. I feel we made another big “Splash” this year at the State Tournament. It has been a great year. Hope to see all the teams back next season beginning in late August. Have a Great Summer and I’ll see everyone back in about four months.



## 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!

## 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 May 14*

## KITCHEN

The kitchen staff hopes all Brothers are enjoying the meals that are prepared for business night and family night. Please remember that on Family Night, please bring a side dish or dessert. Your help is greatly appreciated. Brothers, if you enjoy the KC dinners, please do not forget to leave a donation in the “kitty”.



## The ‘A’ Team

Larry Hawkins \*

Luis Nieto\*

Micky Manore

Gerald (Jerry) Mulvihill

Alex Cheyney

Robert Hannish

Lupe S. Nunez

Phillip Rangel

Don LaBarge

Chuck Keese

## SALESMAN NEEDED:

Please contact WGK David Polasek if you can help.

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Knights of Columbus  **May** BIRTHDAYS

1	Carl Carter	15	Bro. Nathaniel Lysinger	26	Crus Hinojos
4	Gary Woerz	17	William Treacy	27	Richard Stephen
5	Richard Kronenberger	21	Jose Alaniz	28	Anthony Brautovich
8	Matthew Acker	21	Henry Boyle	30	Deacon John Charnisky
8	Brian O'Neill	21	Walter Davis	30	Nicholas DancsaK
10	Doug Saunders	22	Robert Binkle	31	Michael Bowen
13	Walter Dishberger	22	Robert Castro	31	Greg Harper
13	Robert Hlozek	23	Steve Failla	31	Robert O'Sullivan
13	Joseph Kubeczka	25	Alex Cupial	31	Richard Romero

Knights of Columbus  **CALENDAR OF  
 EVENTS**

**Activity Schedule**  
 SUN May 14 VA Visitation  
 THU May 18 Family Night – Guest Speakers  
 SAT Jun 17 4th Degree at St Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church

**RETENTION COMMITTEE**

Brothers,  
 We still have 48 members who have not paid their dues for the year. This will be the final reminder published in the newsletter. Please mail payment to our Financial Secretary or drop by the meeting. Thanks to all who have already paid their dues.

As always if you know of a member in duress who cannot make their dues payments this year please let us know and we'll make arrangements to take care of it.

Sometimes it is so easy for a Brother Knight to lose contact with the Council when illness sets in. Please stay in touch with

our members who have not been around in a while.

God Bless,  
 Jim Ledwig  
 Retention Chairman

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## 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](mailto:dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net) 281-350-1921 or PGK Bill Moeller [billmoeller78@yahoo.com](mailto: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:

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

Gary Joppich, friend of Larry Hawkins – inoperable cancer  
Joe Kubeczka – pneumonia (Mar28)  
Bill Miski Brother-in-Law of Jack Edwards – cancer  
Margaret Nunez wife of Brother Lupe Nunez – back surgery (Mar 28)  
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)  
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  
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  
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**

**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.