

**Knights of Columbus Bishop Nold Council 6557**

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**Monthly Schedule:**

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

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

4th Thursday  
*Family Knight*

**Grand Knight**

David Polasek

**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**

Bill Moeller

David Polasek

Rich Eimer

**Insurance Agent**

Jose Oviedo

**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**

Eric Salley

**Kitchen**

David Foltyn

**Cleanup Crews**

Larry Hawkins

**VA Assistance**

Peter Palen

**Degree Team**

Robert Perotta

**Welcoming Committee**

John Groneck

**Parking**

Danny Spurlock

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## GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

The month of October started off very busy with the Autumn Wine and Art Festival immediately following the first Football concession the night before on October 1 & 2. It turned out to be a very busy weekend and was very rewarding for our charities. We had the Pet Fest the weekend of October 15 & 16. This was another busy weekend for our volunteers. We had limited help on those weekends, but thanks to David Foltyn, Ken Scales, John Groneck, and Pete Palasota everyone was taken care of as far as food and drink. I wish to "thank" all those volunteers that gave of their time to make both events a success.

On October 30, 2016 we as a Council had our 5th Sunday Corporate Communion at Sts Simon and Jude. Would like to thank those Sir Knights of Harold Schambach, Mark Votsmier, Robert Hannasch, Don Fisher, Rich Eimer in full regalia, and Don Hollis, Chuck Keese, and Fredrick Sunderman in social to make our corporate communion special. Our next corporate communion will be January 29, 2017 at St James. Let's plan to have a great turnout. This is not only for our Sir Knights, but also for our families.

Our next Family night will be in January, but we do have a Special Mass of the Silver Rose on Monday evening at 7:00 PM November 28, 2016 at St James. There will also be a rosary at 6:30 PM. Please plan to attend this Mass of the Silver Rose that is heading to Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral in Mexico City.

Be sure and save the date of Sunday December 11, 2016 for our Christmas Party and our famed visit from Santa Claus for the kids. We will begin at 4:00 PM with snacks and will have a meal of chicken fried steak and chicken with all the trimmings at about 5:00 PM. I will be sending out a request for RSVP later in the month. I will also be asking each family to bring a small dessert to share at this very special gathering. So be thinking of that special treat your family would like to bring.

NOTE: If you are a first degree member of our Council, please make plans to attend our Major Degree on Saturday January 21, 2017. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM with the exemplification beginning at 9:00 AM. This degree will not be any closer to home than this. Notify Pete Palasota or myself if you plan to attend. Brother Knights continue to recruit fellow Catholic gentleman so we can continue to have the necessary help to meet our charity needs.

Fraternally,  
David Polasek  
Grand Knight

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## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Don LaBarge

Don LaBarge is this month's Knight of the month. Don recently spent all day assisting our Lector cooking an excellent Bar-B-Que meal for our Family night. Don recently had back surgery, but as soon as He was able He was right back helping where He can. Don thank you so much for what you do for your Council.

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FAMILY OF THE  
MONTH

David and Stephanie Danscak

David and Stephanie Danscak are this month's Family. They both recently volunteered for both of our Football concessions, but the first game was Stephanie's Birthday. Even though I had to sing "Happy Birthday" to Stephanie they choose to spend that night with their fellow Brother Knights and wives. Thank goodness not very many heard me sing. Thanks so much to both of you for sharing your time to volunteer to help in reaching our charity goals.

## Iraqi Christians celebrated mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception

Surrounded by charred walls and in front of a ruined altar, dozens of Iraqi Christians celebrated mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Qaraqosh on Sunday for the first time since it was recaptured from Islamic State.

Church bells rang out in the town on the southeastern approaches to Mosul where Iraqi troops, backed by U.S.-led air and ground forces, have been driving back the Sunni Muslim jihadists ahead of a battle for the city itself.

"Today Qaraqosh is free of Daesh (Islamic State)," Syriac Catholic Archbishop of Mosul Butrus Moshe told worshippers. "Our role today is to remove all the remnants of Daesh," the archbishop said. "This includes erasing sedition, separation and conflicts, which victimized us," said the archbishop, who was born in Qaraqosh. "Political and sectarian strife, separating between one man and another, between ruler and follower, these mentalities must be changed," he said.

Christianity in northern Iraq dates back to the first century AD. The number of Christians fell sharply during the violence which followed the 2003 overthrow of Saddam Hussein, and the Islamic State takeover of Mosul two years ago purged the city of Christians for the first time in two millennia.



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## RESPECT LIFE

My Brother Knights,

When one person loves something, the thing has value to that person. When many people love the same thing it has value to the society. But when God loves something, it has eternal value beyond measure.

There is no doubt that God loves the unborn. With God's love comes value and worth. Each person, whether born or unborn, young or old, healthy or sick, has that eternal God given worth.

When we recognize the immeasurable value and worth of every person it becomes obvious that we should also love and cherish all people. The sick should be cared for, the hurting should be nurtured, the scared should be comforted, and the unborn should be protected.

Our worth and dignity as persons created by God is not in question. It is our response to those who would attack the weak and helpless that is uncertain. God is clear, we have a responsibility to stand for those in need. Stand for the weak, defend the helpless, and join God in recognizing the inestimable value of every person, born and unborn.

You have an opportunity to simply get involved by giving time, prayers and support to your local pro-life organizations. Our next opportunity will be the Running of the Silver Rose November 19 at 8:30 am Mass at St Charles Borromeo, 501 Tidwell followed by Rosary at Aaron's Ambulatory Clinic 2505 N. Shepherd. The Knights of Columbus "Silver Rose" travels from Canada to the basilica in Mexico City. Parking at Fiesta on N Shepherd.

Your Brother In Christ  
Paul(Yogi) Ybarra Jr.

## 2017 Clergy Appreciation Night

The Galveston Houston Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will host the Thirty-third Annual Clergy Appreciation Night on Friday, January 20, 2017, at the Stafford Centre, located at 10505 Cash Rd. Stafford, Texas 77477, (6:30 PM cocktails and 7:30 PM dinner). Once each year we Brother Knights welcome the opportunity to again express our thanks, respect, and solidarity with our Cardinal, Archbishop, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Religious

*John Flanagan*

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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 Nov 20*

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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.

## **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 a member of this committee please contact the Grand Knight David Polasek [dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dpolasek7388@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 appreciated. Brothers, if you enjoy the KC dinners, please do not forget to leave a donation in the "kitty".



## **BOWLING**

Good bowling continues on our Knights of Columbus Bowling League. Since my last report there have been two 11 in a row games. The first bowled three weeks ago by James Giacona and the second two weeks ago by Eddie Okonski III. Even the League secretary bowled a 258 which is really good for me. Plus there have been a host of 200+ games this past month. "GOOD BOWLING" everyone.



## **The 'C' Team**

Ken Scales*	(281) 716-1104
Buz	
John Groneck	(281) 409-9290
Rich LaBoda	(832) 592-3714
Jose Ruvalcab	(281) 624-8169
Robert Perrotta	(281) 825-7404
Mark Votsmier	(281) 362-9183

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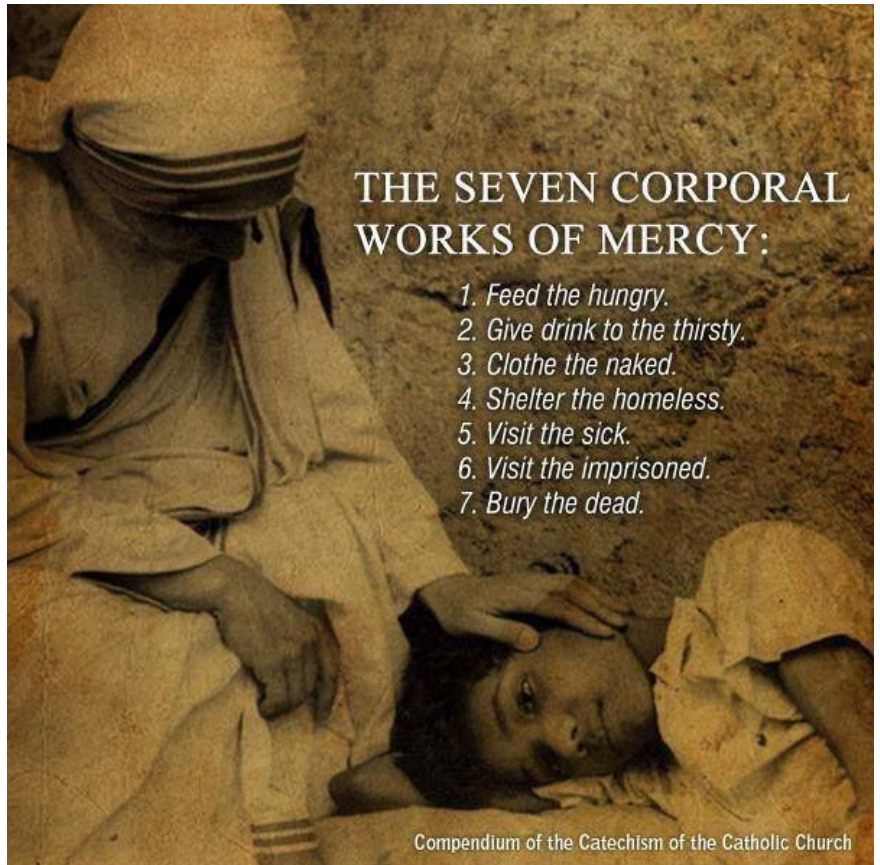
BIRTHDAYS  
 November

1	Daniel Armbruster	8	Robbie Westbrook	17	Luis Nieto
2	Kenneth Polka	8	Randall Colmer	17	Michael Romeo
2	John Robles	9	William Moeller II	21	Richard Brayer
3	William Dick	12	Daniel McHenry	23	Vincent Perusic
4	Eris Pickett	13	Ronald Davis Sr.	24	Kenneth Hooper
6	Randy Diehl	13	Andrew Hruby	26	Cecilio Obregon
6	Harold Schambach	13	James May	27	James Harrison
7	James Bryson	14	Thomas Kurland	27	Dennis Kozak
7	Richard Nieto	15	Terence Bitowf	28	Jose Gutierrez
7	Andrew Ozog	15	Xavier Ramos	29	Mark Rummell

**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!

*But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Luke 6:35-36)*



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## STANDING COMMITTEES

### COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

All,

Ok first of all apologies. I started a new job on October 17th near the Astrodome. I have been unable to lead counsel squire the last two weeks. Fortunately, I get off most weekends and I am going in as early as I can to spend evenings with my kids and assist with squire activities.

So other news:

We have a knights turnout this Sunday at 7:30am at St. Simon and Jude. All squires wear your shirts. All counselors wear your shirt or your fourth degree regalia. All parents are welcome to learn the pancake process with the St. Simon and Jude Men's Group who will serve pancakes that morning after mass. There will be a rosary after mass (attend). Squires are invited to serve the breakfast. This is a great opportunity to practice. Enough pancake supplies to serve over 300 is stored here for when we do our pancake breakfast.

I have not talked

Our next squire meeting is Wednesday November 2nd at 7 pm. Please work on your book so we can advance all squires in level. Have your parents sign off.

BIGGEST NEWS is that the Faithful Navigator has arranged for the fourth degree silver rose to be present for November 21st service with Father Charlie. Remember he has an event on the 22nd and the third degree rose was not available for that date. So now we have to invite all local squire groups to attend so bring a sample letter and we will write them at our November 3rd meeting. So we need to spend a lot of time recruiting for this in November. Ask your parents to email everyone. I will email and call all the new squire prospects.

The county (Montgomery) wants 90 days to approve traffic control plans for parades. We have the Knights Hall reserved for a breakfast very early that day if squires want to. We can also attend Wal-marts events that day. November 11th Friday.

The veteran's dinner in November 13th Sunday afternoon. We will serve then. Have your shirts ready.

I also want to thank Mr. William for all his help as we have asked for funding from the Knights for the squires. Knights will have a second vote on this next business meeting (\$300).

Lastly, do you all want to sing or play an instrument at the zoo for "Zoo Lights". This would be two performance at 700 and 800 pm. They have 7 dates unfilled. We could go with another group that is forming from the area. Discuss at Wednesday meeting.

God bless and thank you,  
Frederick Sunderman



*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."  
John 13:34-35*

## **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)

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

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

**This council alone has donated over \$27,000  
in cash to Charities like the ones above.**

**As of October this year we have donated  
over 5,913 hours to charity, that is worth over  
\$133,042**



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Activity Schedule

THU	Nov 10	Business Meeting
SUN	Nov 13	Veteran's Dinner St James
SUN	Nov 20	VA Visitation
THU	Nov 24	No Family Knight
TUE	Nov 29	Silver Rose at St. James
THU	Dec 8	Business Meeting
SUN	Dec 11	Christmas Party at the Hall
THU	Dec 22	Family Knight
THU	Jan 5	Home Assoc and Officer Meeting
THU	Jan 12	Business Meeting
SUN	Jan 15	VA Visitation
FRI	Jan 20	Clergy Appreciation Night
THU	Jan 26	Family Knight
SAT	Jan 28	Vocation Ministry Breakfast Sts. Simin and Jude
THU	Feb 2	Home Assoc and Officer Meeting
THU	Feb 9	Business Meeting
THU	Feb 23	Family Knight
THU	Mar 2	Home Assoc and Officer Meeting
THU	Mar 9	Business Meeting
SUN	Mar 12	VA Visitation
THU	Mar 23	Family Knight
SUN	May 14	VA Visitation



PET FEST

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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:**

**Norma Barton, SK Mike Trahan's Mother in Law (Oct 1)**

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**Hanna Henry, granddaughter of Mary Jo Henry, Hospital admission (Oct 28)**

Esther Kubeczka, wife of Joe – health (Aug 31)

**Daniel Nash, Son of Dick Nash – hospitalization (Oct 27)**

Dick Nash's brother in law Nick – Throat cancer (Sep 22)

**Susan Nash wife of our Brother Dick Nash, hospitalization for infection (Oct 18)**

Cristal Ohm, granddaughter of Chad Uselman, ATV accident (Aug 31)

Margaret Romeo, wife of Mike Romeo – hospice

**Karla Ruvalcaba wife of SK Jose Ruvalcaba – MRI (Oct 7)**

Scott Uselman's Sister Rita , neck surgery (Sep 11)

Genevieve Wolinski – wife of Ed, health

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)

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

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# PRAYER LIST



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)  
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  
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)  
**Major John Trahan son of Mike & Kathy Trahan, deployed to Kuwait**  
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:**

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:**

Jo Dolengowski, Wife of Brother George Dolengowski

**Bryan McLemore, son of William McLemore**

Teresa Ozog, the Mother of Brother Andy Ozog and wife of deceased Brother Bill

**David Vorpahl, brother of Peggy Husky (PGK Ron Husky)**