



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 Shambach

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 Shambach

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

BREAD RUN



ALL CALL

Brothers we need help.

If you have a truck and can spare three hours during the week, we need you.

Brother John Lacy is in the hospital, he and Casmer Bashinski have been doing a bread run and a lot of people depend on this bread for their daily sustenance. They pick up bread at a couple of grocery stores and deliver it to St Jude two Tuesdays of every month and to low income apartments the rest of the month. It takes about 3 hours of a morning.

Contact Casmer Bashinski directly at 281 799 9848 or casmerb@aol.com

WELCOME TO DISTRICT 93

That is correct.
Council 6557 is now part of District 93



Habitat for Humanity House Complete

The Dedication / Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Habitat for Humanity House sponsored by the Sts. Simon & Jude and St. Anthony Parishes.

The dedication was on June 18 after approximately five months of construction. Several Knights from 6557 participated in the construction.

John Flanagan

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Meeting place of the  Knights of Columbus

Your Help is Needed

Southern Louisiana is being hit by what is called “the worst natural disaster since Superstorm Sandy.”

Several people have died, with tens of thousands of others forced to leave their homes. More than 30,000 people have been rescued from the flooded areas, many seeking refuge in emergency shelters.

In response to the devastation, the Supreme Council has launched an online donation drive to assist with local relief operations. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to relief efforts.

“The Knights of Columbus has a long tradition of providing disaster relief,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “Our communities, like the people of Southern Louisiana, need our time, our efforts and our financial assistance. We are going to do all that we can,



working with the Louisiana State Council and local councils, to help those most in need as a result of the flooding.”

Your support is urgently needed.
Please DONATE TODAY to help those suffering such devastation.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/secure/charities/louisiana-flood-relief.html>

Welcome to Our Council

Dennis Kosak

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Sts Simon & Jude had their “Come and See” the weekend of August 27 & 28. It was very well attended as we had 13 Catholic gentleman sign up for the Knights. We also had 3 transfers into our Council. We are having an Orientation on September 7 to give more information to these candidates. I hope they are all able to attend and decide to become part of the Knights of Columbus.

Beginning here in September we have some fund raisers starting up. We have been awarded two Football concessions and our first game is Friday September 9. This game between Woodlands and Katy is expected to be one of the biggest games of the year. I’d like to take a moment and thank all those that have signed up for our Football concessions. We needed at least 40 people for the games and 42 have signed up. As I’ve said before “many hands makes light work”. Our second game is September 30th and it is also expected to be a big game with Woodlands playing Lufkin. There is still need for some volunteers, but we have some time.

We just got word of the Autumn Art and Wine Festival being held on October 1st and 2nd in Old Town Spring. We will be selling beer, wine tasting tickets, parking cars in one lot, and selling wine by the bottle for the wineries of Old Town Spring. Please consider volunteering to help out on this major event. Please send your responses to Ken Scales at ken.scales@att.net as soon as you can so Ken can start planning. Even if you’re only able to volunteer for part of a day let Ken know so He can work out the details.

Continue to recruit Catholic gentleman to the Knights of Columbus and specifically to our Council. Remember the saying from the Diocesan Conference “if you’re not growing your dying”.

Fraternally,
David Polasek
Grand Knight

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Arnoldo Rodriquez

Arnoldo Rodriquez is a Knight that has stepped up to help a family in our St James Parish that is in dire need of assistance. Arnoldo has also taken on the role of liaison between St James and the Council to keep our members informed of the upcoming events. You’ll also find Arnoldo volunteering at our Football concessions as well our fund raisers in Old Town Spring. Thanks Arnoldo for all that you continue to do for your Council.

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RESPECT LIFE

My Brother Knights,
The contention between the culture of life and the culture of death is not a battle of our own choosing. We are not the ones who imposed upon the nation the lethal logic that human beings have no rights we are bound to respect if they are too small, too weak, too dependent, too burdensome.

That lethal logic, backed by the force of law, was imposed by an arrogant elite that for over forty years has telling us to get over it, to get used to it. But "We the People" who are the political sovereign in this constitutional democracy, have not gotten over it, we have not gotten used to it. And we will never, agree that the culture of death is the unchangeable law of the land.

A calling to continue our efforts for the eradication of the legal right to an abortion. In support of the right to life doctrine of the Catholic Church, we, the Knights of Columbus, our Families, relatives and Friends, will not rest until there is a reversal of Roe vs Wade.

We respond by our prayer, both private and public, praying for an end of this evil, the destruction of Life. Visibly and in support, the Knights of Columbus join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants in monthly prayer starting with a Pro-Life Mass followed with a Peaceful and a Prayerful Rosary Vigil at an abortion clinic.

Our September Pro-Life Mass and Rosary vigil is scheduled for Saturday Sep 17, 2016 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church located at 6921 Chetwood (Bellaire Blvd at Chimney Rock Rd) mass is scheduled for 8:10

am followed by a Peaceful and Prayerful Rosary Procession at the Planned Parenthood 5800 Bellaire Blvd. Remember Brothers, as we work together much can be accomplished!

Your Brother in Christ
Paul (Yogi) Ybarra Jr.

KITCHEN

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



The 'A' Team

Larry Hawkins *	(713) 823-5290
Luis Nieto*	(281) 367-5687
Micky Manore	(832) 250-9154
Gerald (Jerry) Mulvihill	(281) 353-5574
Alex Cheyney	(281) 802-5145
Robert Hannish	(713) 213-2133
Lupe S. Nunez	(281) 798-8248
Phillip Rangel	(832) 419-9644
Don LaBarge	(832) 256-7376
Chuck Keese	(936) 494-8021

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BOWLING

The Officers meeting was held on August 14, 2016 at AMF Diamond Lanes. Our League Meeting was held on August 30, 2016. We as a League made some minor changes to the rules primarily related to substitutes. After a little shuffling of personnel from other teams and two new teams wanting to join our League we are still able to field 20 teams to begin the 2016 – 2017 Fall Season on a 30 week schedule. We will begin September 6, 2016 and end April 11, 2017. Our Roll off / No Tap night will be April 18, 2017. Planning to have the Awards Banquet May 2, 2017.

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.

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 Sept 11

HOME ASSOCIATION

Officers for 2016-2017:

President John Groneck

Vice Pres. Ken Scales

Treasurer Dan Amrbruster

Secretary Billy Mayo

Appreciate Brothers Arnold (brick tuck-pointing; entrance sign repairs) and Luis (asphalt parking lot bids) stepping up and assisting JFMHA with these tasks. All 4 contractors feel existing parking lot requires cleaning; pot-hole repair and installation (rolled/com-pacted) 2-inches of fresh asphalt. Stay tuned.

Planning a October or November (preferred) Work Party around the Hall & grounds. These include gravel driveway; landscaping against Hall and gazebo; cleaning the kitchen/refrigerators; painting & reshelving pantry; general cleaning.

Previously approved: Ladies restroom. I have an Interior Designer scheduled to review plans for updating the Ladies restroom - paint, mirror, sinks, etc. The ladies enjoy that spa-like treatment!!

Previously approved: Parking Lot Security Lights. Awaiting cooler temperatures to undertake this activity.

Ballfield: Our tenant awaits Montgomery County permit for an aerobic septic field assigned to the block house. Angel has been drawing the teams and most days/nights there are kids out there practicing or playing.

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

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	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
Mowers of Faith	

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

So far this year we have donated over 4,760
hours to charity, that is worth over **\$107,100**



Activity Schedule

THU Sep 1	Home Association Meeting, Officer Planning Starts at 6:30
TUE Sep 6	Bowling Begins
FRI Sep 9	Friday Knight Lights
SUN Sep 11	Visit with the VA
THU Sep 22	Family Knight
FRI Sep 30	Friday Knight Lights
SAT Oct 1	4th Degree Exemplification Clear Lake
SAT Oct 1	The Autumn Art and Texas Wine Festival 10am – 6pm
SUN Oct 2	The Autumn Art and Texas Wine Festival 11am – 5pm
THU Oct 6	Home Assoc and Officer Meeting
SUN Oct 9	Breakfast for Squires at St James
THU Oct 13	Business Meeting
SAT Oct 15	PetFest in Old Town Spring (OTS)
SUN Oct 16	PetFest in Old Town Spring (OTS)
SUN Oct 23	Fall Festival Sts Simon and Jude
THU Oct 27	Family Knight
SUN Oct 30	Corporate Communion Sts Simon and Jude 7:30 AM Mass 4th Degree Social
THU Nov 3	Home Assoc and Officer Meeting
THU Nov 10	Business Meeting
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
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
THU Mar 23	Family Knight



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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:

SK Albert Halphen – health and surgery recovery (Aug 3)

Chuck Keesee – gall bladder surgery (Aug 20)

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

Don LaBarge – back surgery (Aug 12)

PGK Dan McHenry – back surgery recovery (Aug 5)

SK John Lacey – heart surgery (Aug 15)

Dick Nash's brother in law Nick – medical tests (Aug 31)

Paul Nestor – knee surgery recovery (Aug 15)

Joshua Ochoa, 19 year old grandson of Dick Brayer – melanoma (June 2)

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

Margaret Romeo, wife of Mike Romeo – hospice

Genevieve Wolinski – wife of Ed, health

SK Yogi Ybarra – health (Aug 21)

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 Keesee'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

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PRAYER LIST



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)
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
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)
David Vorpahl, brother of Peggy Husky (brain tumor)
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

Brother Knights:

Family / Friends

Gabriel Ledwig – miscarriage baby of Albert and Bekah Ledwig
Virginia Wilson, mother of Tim Wilson