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## New Fraternal Year, New Challenges...and New Opportunities...

Brother Knights, as we begin our new fraternal year, we face some significant challenges, as well as, interesting opportunities in our charity and community activities. However, with our newly installed officers, new members, and seasoned veterans, I am confident that we will have another successful and meaningful year.

As we move forward this year, we have developed a busy calendar of events. These events are sure to capture your interest, and the advanced calendar makes planning your schedule easier. The calendar includes three major fund raising events (Sherman Arts Festival, Denison Main St. Fall Festival, and Armed Forces Day Rummage Sale), at least five pro-life events (includes Roe v. Wade Flag Display, Dallas March for Life, and McKinney 40 Days for Life), two new council faith-based activities (Trip to the play of Jesus' life "The Promise" in Glenrose, TX, and the North Texas Catholic Men's Conference), continued support to St. Patrick Parish (includes the Lent Fish Fry, Spring Fire Fall Picnic, St. Patrick's Day Hooley, and Calvary Cemetery Maintenance), and a New Year's Eve Dance (at the Palazzo Event Center). In addition, we will continue our strong support and participation in charity and community activities. We need the participation of all members to en-

sure the success of these activities and more. Additionally, we face a challenge to our finances that will require attention, thoughtful consideration, and new efforts.

Due to less revenue from the Hall's weekly Friday poker night, our annual charitable funds will be significantly reduced. This will effectively force us to use the funds from the first two fund raisers to pay for Hall expenses over the fraternal year. We need to both raise new funds and cut the costs of some fraternal activities. We can continue most of our fraternal activities, but we will need to adopt a pay-as-you-go approach if we are to maintain our priorities in charitable contributions. Some of the new fund raising ideas that have come forward are: (1) Heritage Park KC sausage/hot dog/beer tent in concert with the St. Patrick's Day Hooley (wider-Denison Community involvement), (2) hold a St. Patrick March Carnival to sell sausage/hotdogs, and (3) participate in two business sponsored charity programs (Kroger and Regency Car Wash) that will donate funds to the Council based on our patronage. All are good ideas. I ask each of you to give this funding issue some thought and help in a meaningful way.

Additionally, member participation remains a challenge. Due to the hard work of our membership director, DGK Mike Riley, PGK Ed Diaz, and other brother Knights, we significantly increased our membership last year. However, we have not had a corresponding increase in council activity participation. We recognize that many of you work and have busy family schedules. Realize, however, that many of our activities are on the weekend and are family-friendly. I am asking each of you to make an effort to attend our first-Wednesday-of-the-month meetings and participate in at least one of the major fund raisers, one of the pro-life activities, and one of the faith enriching activities, or

some combination of the activities on the calendar. The more we participate in our charitable and fund raising activities, the more unified and more effective we become. We are very excited about hosting a New Year's Eve dance at the Palazzo Event Center for 2014. Due to strong member interest, we will bring back an old and adored tradition and fill a community social void for the coming New Year. We have locked-in a great band, "Spur 503", and will continue planning under the leadership of Knight Gary Walton. Please consider supporting this exciting event as a planner/volunteer or as an attendee.

Also, we have added Fall and Spring faith enriching activities as mentioned above. I attended the Spring North Texas Catholic Men's Conference in Plano this year and found the speakers to be spiritually uplifting. The Catholic Men's conference is fully supported by Bishop Farrell and the Diocese of Dallas. As men of faith, I encourage all of our Knights to participate in these important events.

Moving forward this year we have challenges and opportunities. Our officers are committed to tackling the challenges and capitalizing on the opportunities, but we can not work it alone. Also, realize that our annual calendar and proposed activity does not capture all that we do as Knights. We need all of our members to support our charity, faith, parish, and fund raising activities. We are in a unique organization that supports our parish and community, and we do it by living our core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. I look forward to the new fraternal year and working with each one of you great Knights.

Viva Cristo Rey

Gary Cox, GK

## Monthly Meetings

- First Wednesday—General Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Second Wednesday of Sept Fourth Degree Meeting, 7:30 PM, Sherman
- Third Wednesday—Ladies Auxiliary
- Fourth Wednesday—Officers Meeting, 7:00 PM

Council 830 Meets at 2027 S. Austin, Denison, Texas



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## COUNCIL 830 HALL RENTAL POLICY

We are very fortunate in having our own council hall unlike so many other councils that rely on using church facilities which are subject to conflicts in booking by other parish groups. To ensure bookings are scheduled properly and the hall is maintained in good condition we have a volunteer hall manager, DGK Mike Riley. To make his job easier and less subject to misunderstandings by our members, the officers adopted the following policies several years ago.

The hall rental fees are \$400.00 for rentals up to four hours and \$500.00 for rentals from four to twelve hours. Set-up and cleanup time is included in the rental period. In addition, a cleanup and damage deposit of \$200 is required at the time the rental application is delivered to Mike. This deposit will be returned to the renter after Mike inspects the hall and finds it clean and in good condition.

Members of Council 830 in good standing (dues paid) and members of the Ladies Auxiliary are eligible for a **50% discount on the rental fee**. The member renting the hall is expected to be present during the entire rental period.

St. Patrick Parish organizations, i.e. LifeTeen, EDGE, RCIA, Altar Society may use the hall free of charge for an official function including parties. This exemption does not apply to individuals using it for a private function.

While it would be nice to provide the hall free of charge to community or school organizations, we cannot afford it. Operating costs for the hall are approximately \$1,000 per month and include utilities, insurance, security, etc. The monies collected from hall rentals are the funds used to pay these expenses.

All the detailed procedures and requirements for renting the hall are contained in the Hall Rental Application. DGK Mike has these forms available.

To avoid confusion and conflicts we ask that any member that is asked for information on hall rentals direct the inquiry to DGK Mike. He can be reached at the hall number 903-464-9930. He checks the answering machine on a regular basis. This will ensure consistency in policy implementation and avoid hurt feelings.

One person cannot do the entire job of hall management. We need to help by volunteering to clean the hall and arrange the furniture after every rental. Call up DGK Mike and tell him you are interested in helping out. We need your help in keeping this valuable asset in good condition and available for future rentals.

## Fourth Degree Membership and the Color Corps

Growing up I always looked forward to the Bishops visit as I knew I would see the guys with the capes, funny hats and brandishing swords. Now that I am one of those guys I understand and appreciate the significance of the Fourth Degree and Color Corps.

Any KC member who joined the Third Degree in the last 6 months is eligible to join the Fourth Degree, Several members of our council have expressed an interest in joining the Patriotic Degree of our order and I am happy to report that a Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held Sept. 27-29. The Exemplification will be held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel at DFW Airport. The actual Exemplification takes place on Saturday, Sept. 28 with welcoming Hospitality Suites on the evening of Sept. 27.

The Exemplification ceremony takes place during the day on Saturday with a banquet and dance that evening. Candidates and current members are **required** to wear a black tuxedo to the ceremony and dance.

Cost for the Exemplification ceremony costs \$70 with an additional \$25 for the ladies luncheon and \$35 for her banquet and dance ticket. You do not have to attend the Friday or Saturday night events if you do not wish to and therefore your total cost is \$70. A limited number of rooms have been set aside by the hotel at a rate of \$92 per night.

Participation in the Color Corps is not mandatory if you are a Fourth Degree member. However the role of the color corps is very important to the Knights and our Catholic community. When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His Apostles, especially on religious and other occasions when requested by our pastor.

Our Fourth Degree members belong to Assembly 1601 which consists of Council 830 members and members from St. Mary's in Sherman. We currently have applications from seven third degree members who intend on attending the Exemplification weekend. Our goal is that we have at least 12 color corps members from Council 830 at the 100 year anniversary Mass next year.

Deadline for submitting your Fourth Degree Application and your check is Sept. 4. Contact Ed Diaz for more information. Don't miss out on this great opportunity.



**Council 830 Officers for 2013-2014**

L to R Back Row, Br. Joe Bindel (Trustee), Br. Angelo Weda (Guard), Br. Gary Walton (Guard), Br. John Hanel (Recorder), Br. Daniel Kelly (Warden), Br. Mike Riley (Dep. Grand Knight), Br. Gary Cox (Grand Knight), Br. John Manning (Treasurer), Br. Tom Garlock (Trustee), SK Rev. Stephen Mocio (Chaplain), SK Andy Davis (Chancellor), SK Bonnie Ciaccio (Trustee). Not available for photo SK Carl Frietsch (Financial Secretary) , Br. David Phillips (Advocate) and Br. Peter Ang (Lecturer).



Three new members joined the order on July 15. They include (L-R) Paul Tully, Don Barg and Jim Smisek. Welcome Brother Knights.

**Members Dues**

Unfortunately we still have some members in arrears in their dues. I think these members don't understand that Council 830 has already paid their dues to the state and therefore we are out the money. We understand that money is tight but if they paid their dues in small installments (\$5-10) per month it should not represent a major hardship. If a member cannot truly afford their dues they should contact the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary so that the dues can be forgiven due to financial hardship. We need you and don't want to lose you.

**Newsletter Editor Needed**

After having produced this newsletter for many years I have decided to retire. I think it is important to continue to produce it as many members do not have access to the internet. I will be happy to work with any member that would be interested in assuming the job.

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### August Birthdays

- 28- Gerry Brundage
- 12- David Brycta
- 8- Charles Hauber
- 30- Joshua James
- 20- Joel Peterson
- 4- Coy Powell
- 5- Ben Ramirez
- 27- Michael Ramsey
- 1- Mike Riley
- 9- David Shock

### September Birthdays

- 22- Bonnie Ciaccio
- 21- Troy Diaz
- 13- Tom Garlock
- 6- Stephen Haltom
- 25-Thomas Linnebur
- 13- John Munson
- 12- Richard Todd
- 7- George Wilson

### Important Dates

- Aug 4-Celebrant Singers, Coffee & Donuts
- Aug 7-General Meeting
- Aug 28-Officers Meeting
- Sep 4-General Meeting
- Sep 14-Hispanic Heritage Festival, Sherman
- Sept 21-Sherman Art Festival
- Sept 25-Officers Meet
- Oct 5-Denison Main Street Fall Festival

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This is our website. Use your membership number to access it for the latest information.

Happy Birthday Brother Knights