



Knighly News - January 2017

Holy Spirit Council 7264

Weatherford, Texas

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Grand Knight's Report:

Brothers,

I would like to wish you and your families a very healthy, prosperous, and happy New Year! It's hard to believe that 2017 has already arrived. We had a very busy December. On Friday, December 9, we held our annual Christmas Party. There were 72 people who attended. I wish to thank all who helped with setting up the clubhouse, checking in our guests, participated in the games, and especially Mr. Matt Casey for showcasing his talents on the guitar to everyone's enjoyment! Everyone's hard work contributed to the success of our party! On Dec 9 & 10, we did a second collection to benefit the parish food bank. I am happy to report that with

the money we collected and the Knight's contribution of \$1000.00, we were able to contribute \$4452.00. I am sure that money will provide much needed assistance and go a long way towards helping those who are less fortunate than us. Also, over the same weekend, we passed out Candy Canes to our parishioners. Let me say, this was much easier than marching in a parade! Thanks to all who took up collections and passed out Candy Canes. Finally, on this busy weekend, we held a Burrito Breakfast on Sunday. Once again, I would like to thank all of you who helped cook on Saturday night and got to the kitchen early Sunday to make the Burrito's. You guys did a great job! It's amazing how many complements we get about our Burrito's. Keep up the good work!! On Friday, December 16, we made our annual visit to the Weatherford Nursing Home. What a great day! Santa Claus made a visit, and as usual, we put smiles on people's faces by bringing gifts, laughter, and love. This truly is a wonderful experience seeing the joy on the people's faces, knowing they are loved and have not been forgotten. I wish to thank Ray and Sheila Carr for helping sort through all of the "gifts" provided by our parishioners, Tim Aziere for playing Santa Claus, and all of you brother Knights who participated. I want to also thank Matt Casey for submitting an article of our visit to the Weatherford Democrat. Hopefully, you all read John's email and clicked on the link to read what Matt wrote. Matt, great article, we actually made the front page of the Democrat. Finally, on Sunday, Dec 18, Santa Claus paid a visit to the children of St. Stephen's. We had 61 children visit Santa and give him their wish list. Many thanks to Tim Aziere again for playing Santa Claus and to Tim, Larry, John, Hector, and Jean for helping to decorate on Saturday and to all of our brothers who helped when Santa arrived on Sunday. I know that the children really enjoyed their visit and it was a great opportunity for us to meet and greet potential Knights!

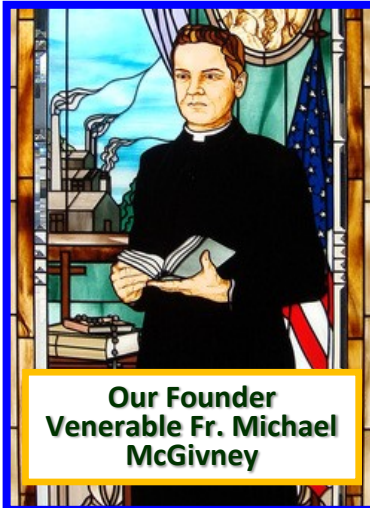
On Sunday, January 8, we will host a Burrito breakfast. If you can make it, your participation will be greatly appreciated. Also, on Tuesday, January 10, we will be having our Business meeting. Rosary will begin at 7:15 with the meeting to follow. Please plan on attending this meeting. We will be discussing the Hike for Life. As you know this is very important event, and I have a feeling we will be preparing for a lot larger crowd.

God Bless you and your families,

Dave Straka, Grand Knight

OUR  LINK

Do you every buy things on Amazon? Did you know that you help raise funds for our council simply by clicking on the "Our Amazon Link" on our website www.kofc7264.org before doing your shopping on Amazon? **Even your friends and family can do it!**



Our Founder Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney

Upcoming Events:

Jan 7th @ 6:15 pm
Culture of Life Dinner
Council 15882
(Holy Family School Cafeteria)

Jan 8th @ 6 am
Burrito Breakfast

Jan 15th @ 1 pm
Ft. Worth Diocesan Conference

Jan 17th @ 7 pm
Patriotic Rosary

Jan 28th @ 10:00 am
Hike for Life

Jan 29th @ 10:45 am
Corporate Communion

Upcoming Meetings:

Jan 10th @ 7:30 pm
Business Meeting

Jan 24th @ 7:00 pm
Planning Meeting

Feb 9th @ 7:30 PM
Business Meeting

Please send inputs and/or suggestions for the newsletter to:

Matt.Casey.7264@gmail.com

Business Meeting Dec 13, 2016

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Grand Knight Dave Straka
Roll Call: (P)resent, (E)xcused, (A)bsent
Chaplain (Fr. Mike O'Sullivan) (E) Advocate (Lawrence Bierschenk) (P)
Grand Knight (Dave Straka) (P) Warden (Charles Hill) (A)
Deputy Grand Knight (Ray Carr) (P) Inside Guard (Robert Picha) (P)
Chancellor (Francis Rotering) (P) Outside Guard (Leonard Wright) (E)
Recorder (Matt Casey) (P) Trustee 3rd Year (David Yaniko) (P)
Financial Secretary (John Achtyl) (P) Trustee 2nd Year (Joe Wright) (P)
Treasurer (Derrick Rice) (P) Trustee 1st Year (Stan Stanislav) (P)
Lecturer (Robert Tracey) (P)
Chaplain Report: N/A
Minutes of Previous Meeting were: Approved.
Membership Report: None.
Grand Knight Report: Thanks to all who helped in November with the burrito breakfast and tootsie roll drive. We raised about \$2,700, for about 3 hours' worth of work. That's about \$200 per person. Also, thanks to all who helped with distributing the candy canes after the Masses, spreading the keeping Christ in Christmas message.
Thanks to those for helping with the December burrito breakfast. Received compliments on the burritos.
Christmas Party, 71 people attended. Thanks to all who came, and those that helped set up, thanks to Matt for the entertainment, thanks to Ray for trivia questions, and thanks to everyone who participated.
Shout out to Brother Ray & wife Sheila, everything for Weatherford Health Care was sorted on Friday.
This has been a really, really busy month and it's not over yet. We have 2 more events: this Friday we'll be taking gifts over to Weatherford Health Care. Still need a few things, Dave Straka and Stan will get Walmart gift cards, a few things to buy including shampoo, and other toiletries. Meet here Friday @ 12:45 to load everything up, have lunch at Wild Berries, then go to the Nursing Home by 2 pm, spend 2 to 2 1/2 hours at Weatherford Health Care. Please support this activity. It means a lot to the residents, helps them to know they are not forgotten and they are loved by us. Thanks to Gene Anastas for suggesting this activity for us.
Santa Claus on Sunday. Need to start setting up for Santa on Saturday morning, meet here @ 8 am to decorate. Already have tree. Tim has 9'x6' backdrop for pictures, need to stack tables & stack chairs, Dave bought and will play Rudolph the Red Nose reindeer, have "dear Santa letter" for children to make wish list, have coloring books and package of 4 crayons. Dual purpose, bring kids to see Santa, and also targeting dads to be new members of the Knights. Hope to have 12 to 15 guys to help greet parents, promote membership, trying to get younger guys. Goal to sign up 4 members. Same thing in the spring when Easter Bunny comes. Wear blue or white shirt. Sunday from 2-4 pm, meet at 12:30 pm. Dave Straka to order/get cake, will have coffee, drinks for the kids. It is in the bulletin and Father will announce.
Merry Christmas to you and your family and have a happy and prosperous year. Looking to keep up the pace, looking to get more members, doing more things together as Knights.

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ATTENTION

Looking for a caring, compassionate person to replace a member of the Meals on Wheels Team. Please contact Matt Casey 817-458-2039

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Prayer Intentions

At the last Business Meeting, we were asked to remember the following individuals in our prayers:

- Tim Autin
- Jerry Austin, Sr.
- Gene Anastas
- Jerry Alexander
- Blair Family
- Lee Perkins
- Father Elvis
- Betty Young
- Stephanie Ortiz
- Bernardo Ortiz
- Mark & Gail Laduke
- Carole Austin
- Robert Casey (RIP)
- Donald Casey (RIP)
- Joe Mesa (RIP)
- Joe Jungman (RIP)
- Earleen Sprankel (RIP)
- Patty Wallenty (RIP)
- John Young (RIP)
- Jimmy Dixon (RIP)
- Andy Blanchard (RIP)
- Patricia Tracey (RIP)
- Joe Bayer (RIP)
- J. W. Wright (RIP)
- Violet Verstraete (RIP)
- Tom Newton (RIP)

- ❖ Treasurer’s Report was:
 - Approved as Read
- ❖ Communications:
 - Received letter from CASA thanking us for our past contributions and seeking an additional “onetime special contribution.
 - Received letter from Father Michael L. Cremin, St. Vincent Pallotti Parish, Wyandotte, MI thanking us for our \$1000 contribution.
 - Received thankyou card from Michele Wright for rosaries donated by us. She included pictures of those helped.
 - Jacket awarded to Mark and another to Merle Lenfest for 50 hours of service. Shirt and hat awarded to Bill Robinson.
- ❖ Financial Secretary’s Report:
 - Dues collected from 48 members, still have 84 to go, collected 3 tonight. Also, can pay dues with credit card tonight! See John Actyl. We’re in good standing with Supreme, on top of reports. Over \$990 collected for nursing home, someone donated \$200, cash collection for pantry \$4,452.
 - GK thanks to Brother John Actyl as financial secretary for doing a great job.
- ❖ Trustees’ Report:
 - Semiannual report in January. Need to recommend charities for us to contribute to. Need detail to know who and description of why we should support the recommended charities to the trustees.
- ❖ Chancellor’s Report:
 - Nothing to report.
- ❖ Program Chair Report:
 - No planning meeting in Dec on account of Christmas.
 - Next month 28 Jan is Hike for Life can discuss at next business meeting.
- ❖ Old Business
 - None.
- ❖ Unfinished Business:
 - None.
- ❖ New Business:
 - Chuck Clark propose as an incentive for kids who ever shows up for the Hike for Life with the biggest group have a \$200 pizza party for which ever parish or Church. Dave Yaniko made motion and Bob Tracey 2nd; motion approved. Suggest put something in the Weatherford Democrat to advertise. Suggest do a town challenge. Chuck perhaps talk to Dana from Grace House for list of contacts, letters out to District Deputy Jerry Austin.
 - Matt Casey requests 50 candy canes for Elva prison ministry. Approved.
 - Lawrence brought up need applications for Educational Grants based on need, minimum one grant per Diocese, more depending on size of Diocese, \$1000 deadline is March 1st, need current transcript, Chuck is already working with a new member. Can put in Newsletter, for Knights of Columbus family member, GK suggests putting in bulletin, Lawrence suggests NOT in bulletin. TKofC.ORG look for download link, put in newsletter. It can be filled out on computer but it needs signatures from Grand Knight and the parish priest so it will need to be printed.
 - Ray Carr: Father Mike is looking for greeters at all the Christmas Masses. Need volunteers, will have a training session of things to do/not do. If interested in being a volunteer sign up on sheet that Ray is passing around.



Links to other Publications



Remember to visit our Council Website: kofc7264.org

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- Ray Carr has been approached by CDA about having a periodic casino night, other types of co-shared activities.
- Ray Carr pointed out that our council made the Knightline mailer for the Charity Dinner Awards Banquet.
- ❖ 4th Degree Report:
 - None.
- ❖ District Deputy Report:
 - Stan Stanislav awarded the Columbian Award for last year as GK. Really is an award for all of us in the council.
 - At 108% for charity goal, 20th year in a row!
 - Looking for quality brothers to join the Knighthood, think of it as a Christmas gift.
 - At mid-point of the year, looking forward to next 6 months. Merry Christmas to all of us and family members. Thanks for the opportunity to serve as District Deputy.
 - Planning meeting of district meeting officers Jan 15th is mid-year meeting in Bedford.
 - Invite -vs- recruit, not formal distinction just trying emphasize being more personal.
- ❖ Member's under ill or duress.
 - See prayer intention sheet. Lee Perkins to have hip replacement on Friday 16 Dec.
- ❖ Under Good of the order by the Lecturer:
 - Handel's Messiah was written in the year 1741 by George Frideric Handel, entirely scriptural, "from unto us a child is born" which draws from Isaiah.

Jesus wonderful councilor. What makes Him such a wonderful councilor? Jesus is the Son of God, combine experience of man, Jesus wants to give council, wants to help, all we have to do is ask. Unconfessed sin can block us from hearing Jesus, celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, set aside time each day, 30 minutes exercise, same is true for prayer, always willing to give guidance, especially when we need it, 15 minutes of prayer each day.

Meeting closed at 8:30 PM by Dave Straka

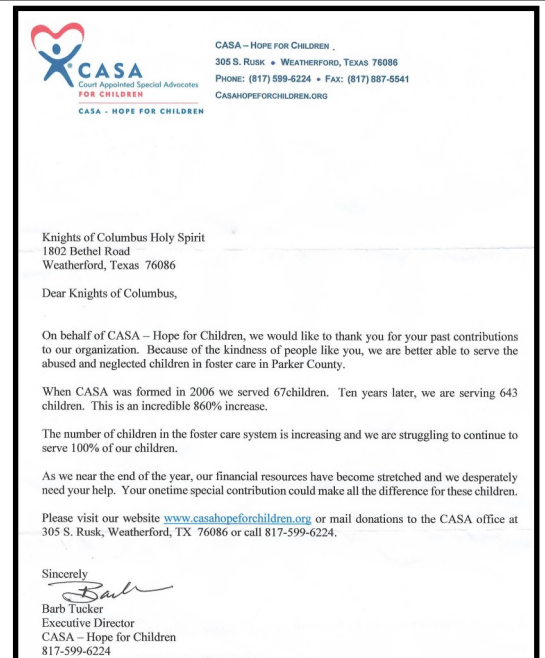
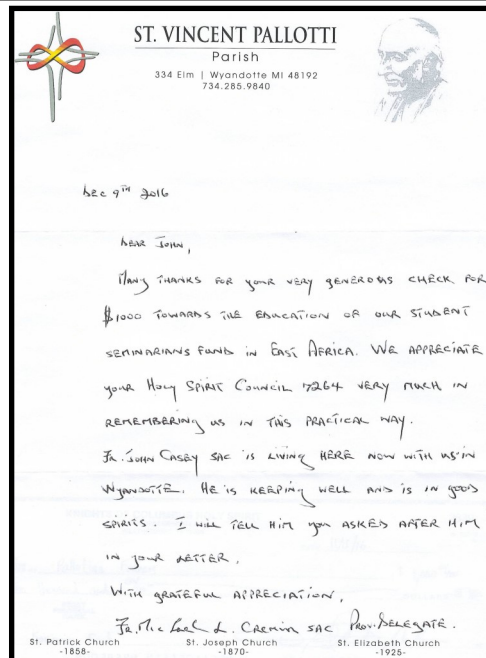
Prayer for Vocations

Father, you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.

Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this in Jesus name.





IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Membership Dues

Brothers; Reminder the Membership Dues for 2017 is due, Bill Notices were sent out the end of November. If you wish to pay by Credit Card you may do so either at the upcoming Burrito Breakfast January 8th or at the next Business meeting January 10th; or mail a check to John Achtyl, F.S. 143 Hedges Cir., Weatherford, Texas 76085. 2nd notices will be going out by January 15th. To those 64 Brothers who have paid their dues we Thank You.



IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY: \$1000 Educational Grant

Applications must be submitted by 1 Mar 2017. Grants are awarded based on need. A current transcript is required with submittal. Go to <http://www.tkofc.org/downloads/v/texas-state-council-educational-grant-application> for more information or click on the link.

An applicant must be a KofC member in good standing of a council located in Texas, his wife, son or daughter. A granddaughter or grandson of a member in good standing in a council in Texas may apply if their father is not a Knight or is not in good standing. Descendants of deceased members or grandfathers who were in good standing are also eligible. Any graduating senior of a Catholic High School in Texas is eligible when sponsored by a local Council in Texas – even when the student’s parent or grandparent is not a Knight.

Applicant must meet all qualifications for entry into, and be accepted by, an institution of learning as defined in guidelines.

















January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Years Day						
 8	9	 10	11	12	13	14
Burrito Breakfast, 6:00am		Business Meeting, 7:30pm				
15	 16	 17	18	19	20	21
	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Patriotic Rosary, 7:00pm				
22	23	 24	25	26	27	 28
		Planning Meeting, 7:00pm	Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting			Weatherford Hike for Life
 29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Corporate Communion Mass, 10:45 am						

January Birthdays	2 - Daniel Martin	11 - Joseph Wright	19 - James Albrikes	24 - Douglas Cormier
	4 - John Pilkington	15 - Edward Cattuzzo	23 - Paul Claffey	29 - Thomas Davis
	5 - H. Mark Wood	16 - DVM James Gieb	23 - Sean Vandercook	31 - David Yaniko
	6 - Christopher Newton	19 - Andrew Allen	24 - Douglas Cormier	

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Corporate Communion Mass						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
 12	13	  14	15	16	17	 18
Burrito Breakfast, 6:00am		Valentines Day Business Meeting, 7:30pm				Diocesan Free Throw Contest (tentative)
19	 20	21	22	23	24	25
	Presidents Day		Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting			
26	27	  28	1	2	3	 4
		Fat Tuesday Planning Meeting, 7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Texas State Council Educational Grant App Due!!! Family of the Year App Due!!! State Service Program Award App Due!!!			Council 7641 Casino Night

February Birthdays	1 - John Achtyl	6 - Reginald Bouthillier Sr	11 - David Levesque	19 - John Huff
	3 - Lewis Brandin	7 - Gerald Kelly	11 - Jonathan Demma	22 - Johnny Sosa
	5 - Vernon Greenlee	7 - Richard Angona	11 - Ronald Westendorf	
	6 - Ray Carr	9 - Victor Jungman	17 - Charles Hill Jr	