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Newsletter 2017



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - COUNCIL 8306

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Council 8306 General Meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As always, I pray that this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I would like to start off by wishing all of you and your families a very Happy New Year and I pray you have good health and prosper throughout. 2017 May the Lord willing, be a great year for Council 8306! Let me say once again that there is not a better group of men that I would rather be associated with. Through all our endeavors, your efforts make us a stronger, better council and leaders. If I were asked what is the best thing I've accomplished as Grand Knight these past months, I would have to answer that I have surrounded myself with dedicated, compassionate and hardworking individuals who have evolved into a team beyond compare and for that I am truly proud and thankful. December was quite an eventful month. Including our yearly pilgrimage walk to our sister parish Our Lady Guadalupe San Antonio. Though I was not able to participate I did encounter many of our faithful walking down Bandera Rd, an emotional sight for sure. We are blessed to be the church our Lord founded and even more blessed to have Blessed Mother as our name parish. The Christmas masses were very well attended and participation on handing out the cards for Online Book Program was a success. I hope you take the time to go through the website and view the wide variety of information that is filled within. Perhaps build a "book club" of sorts? Our gathering of Knights doesn't have to consist of once a month. Invite one another to share in the beautiful information allowed to us.

Who has their New Year's Resolutions written down? Is it to lose weight? Drink less? Eat a little healthier? How about becoming more involved in your organization? Did you only attend 6 meetings last year? How about making 8 this year? Were you close to maybe becoming an officer but weren't asked? Here is your invitation. Prayer life not where you want it to be? Maybe recite a Rosary once a week as a family or even before our meetings? Whatever it is, I encourage you to write them down and fulfill them. Let them not only be for the betterment of yourself but for your soul.

Once again thank you for reading and being involved.



May God, Bless You All. VIVAT JESUS!

Reynaldo Maldonado, Jr.

Grand Knight May God, Bless You All. VIVAT JESUS!

Reynaldo Maldonado, Jr.

Grand Knight

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I just would like to ask for your help. We have over 300 members and when we have a function we normally don't have more than a handful of Knights on hand. We need more participation from all our members to lessen the burden on the few that normally show up. I realize we all have things that conflict with our functions, so when possible and you don't have conflicts please step in and help. We can only be as successful as our members make us!

God Bless, Thad Taubert

Deputy Grand Knight

Financial Secretary NOTE:

Hello:

Brothers, please let me know anything that you need or are missing. For Example: Name Badges, Membership cards, not receiving emails, etc.

On December 15th, the Membership Dues for 2017 were assessed. All First notices for 2017 membership dues have been sent out by email and by regular mail and should have been delivered by now. The deadline for the first notice to pay for your 2017 dues is JANUARY 15TH. Please do your best to pay your dues by this date to avoid any further unnecessary council expenditures in stamps, printing, envelopes, etc. for when Second Notices are sent out on January 16th.

You can mail me any dues payments (only checks and money orders) or bring them with you to the meeting (you can pay cash at the next Council Meeting). You can now also pay your dues online at <https://squareup.com/store/Knights8306>. Please make sure your payment comes only directly to me and try to not give your payment to any other brothers including current officers as they will not be responsible if your payment is lost. 2017 Membership Cards will be ready for pickup at the January Council Meeting and will also be sent out by mail soon after. Please, let me know if you have any questions or financial troubles. All matters of financial issues will be handled privately. Brothers who have already paid, please disregard. We say thank you in advance for taking care of your dues in a timely manner.

It is the time of year where I will be submitting the volunteer hours of our council to Supreme.

The time and effort you take to improve our community and parish are what make the Knights of Columbus who we are. Don't let your hard work go unheard. Please gather all your volunteer ours and email them to me (kofc@olghelotes.org) or bring them with you to the January Council Meeting.

We have a brand-new website, please visit www.kc-olg.org and familiarize yourself with our new website. There are many great things to check out and navigate.

Happy New Year and Three Kings Day!

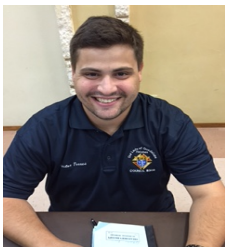
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December

Knight of the Month:

Charles E. Hassold

Family of the Month:

Charles M. Schill and Family

Brother Knights:

Note: If you have any photos of our Knights involved in a project, event, or accomplishment. We would love to see what our Knights are doing these days; Please email me at gtfreund@outlook.com.

On the Mend

Brother Knights, Thank you so very much for your concern and prayers. I am recovering well from my past two bladder surgery's. I will have another surgery on 10 Jan to remove a stent from my kidney that was inserted during the last surgery.

Bro. George

KC Scheduled Events

January 2017

4	8:00 AM	Mass-Special intentions for priests & Staff
4	6:00 PM	Officers & Directors Meeting
4	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting
8	8:00 AM	Taco & Donut Breakfast
24	6:30 PM	Pro-Life Rosary/Mass 7PM in Church
TBD	8-12 AM	Blood Drive KOC Room
TBD	8:30 AM	Riggs Road Clean-up
TBD	8:00 AM	Cemetery Grass/Clean-up



POC: Bro. Marcus Garcia
210 219 1458



Riggs Road Clean-up

POC: Bro. Larry Kovach
(601) 527-7849 or (210) 601 7023

Cemetery Clean-up

POC: Bro. Marcus Garcia (210) 219-1458



Road clean-up on December 17th: 11 brothers participated. With so much help, the clean-up went very smoothly. We appreciate so many knights helping. This is approximately double the number that usually participate.

Thank you.

Larry Kovach

601/527-7849

Brother Peter Rayon or I can be contacted. Thank you. (Bro. Larry Kovach)

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For sale: 2009 Harley Fat Boy. 4,000 miles. 16" Apes hangers, Vance & Hines pipes. Aftermarket air cleaner. LED lights. Riding foot pegs. Sale includes a new helmet, Bike cover, jumper cables, and charging tender. Goggles, size 13 new Harley boots. Owner's manual. Garage kept. One owner. g \$15,000.00, or best offer. Trey @ 210-895-0770, email trey.garcia96@yahoo.com



**Contact: Steve Villarreal @ email:
(svillarreal512gmail.com)**

**For Sale: Gazebo 1 month old, originally
cost \$590.00 will sell for \$350.00**

*Happy
Birthday!*

JANUARY 2017

1	Robert J. Estes
1	Raymond L. Pedrazine
2	James Trevino
3	Robert Shelton
4	Ruben Martinez
5	Rafael A. Morales
7	Douglas R. Echterhoff
8	Jaime E. Garcia, III
10	Jesus Mercado
11	David M. Hodgson
12	Miguel R. Gonzales, Jr.
12	Timothy S. Kirkpatrick
12	Richard Ruiz
14	Juan F. Hernandez
15	George W. DeRosa
15	Edwin A. Gonzalez

18	Andre C. Mendoza
19	Jason Lee Apodaca
19	Jeremy Luke Apodaca
19	David A. Pearson
19	Steven Villarreal
22	David D. Apodaca
22	Joe Perez
22	Christopher R. Wheeler
26	David E. Damian
28	Amulfo C. Ojeda
30	Edmundo Garcia
30	Steve A. Mendoza
31	Michael T. Ashburn
31	Jon Hernandez
31	Louis T. Kaluza
31	John F. Mayer

**Hello Brothers here is the information
on ordering shirts and hats:**

There are two current options available to the members.

Option 1 Process:

1. **The shirt** may be ordered from the catalog Albert Reyes maintains on the day of our council meeting.2. The order is required to be paid in full, either by cash (exact amount) or by check payable to the Knights of Columbus Council 8306.
3. The order will be placed, and the product will be delivered during the next meeting.
4. Should there be issues with the order, the delivery may be delayed until the following meeting?

Option 2 Process:

1. The member will purchase a new product they want to be embroidered from a store of their choice.
2. The member will deliver the product to Create a Stitch.
Address: 1613 Fredericksburg Rd. San Antonio TX 78201
3. The cost is \$10 to embroider the Knights of Columbus Council 8306 emblem and their name.
4. The turnaround time should be within a week.



5. The member pays for and picks up the product.
6. Hours of Operation
 - a. Tuesday – Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 - b. Saturday - 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM (call to assure their open on Saturday)
7. Owner – Gary and Darlene Vasquez.
Phone Number – (210) 733-7993

Caps

The cap may be purchased from Albert Reyes. The two-tone twill cap cost is \$14. Currently, the cap may be purchased with either yellow or white stitching. **Albert Reyes, (210-818-9772)**



“Resolved by this assembly: That Michael J. McGivney, Matthew C. O’Connor, Cornelius J. Driscoll, James J. Mullen, John J. Kerrigan, Daniel Colwell, and William M. Geary, and all other persons now associated with them under the name of the Knights of Columbus, together with all other such person as may hereafter become associated with them, and their successors, are constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of the Knights of Columbus.

“The purpose for which said corporation is formed are the following: (a) of rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families and beneficiaries of members and their families; (b) of rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled and needy members and their families; (c) of promoting social and intellectual intercourse among its members and their families, and (d) of promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and welfare, and public relief work.”

~ Excerpted from the Charter of the Knights of Columbus, Granted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, Approved March 29, 1882.

As the Connecticut winter ended in March of 1882, few could have imagined that the new Catholic organization just approved by the General Assembly would amount to much.

Secret societies and fraternal organizations were abundant. And besides, Catholics weren’t well-liked or highly thought-of. There was even some Catholic resistance to the idea of the Knights of Columbus. Local priests took issue with the concept. A similar Catholic group even refused to allow Father McGivney to establish a branch of their organization in Connecticut.

It was seemingly inconceivable that an organization, begun in such unwelcoming circumstances, would go on to become one of the world’s largest Catholic fraternal organizations.

It was baffling to think that a group of destitute Irish immigrants, fighting against unemployment, discrimination, and diseases in New Haven, Conn. would cause a spark that would light up the world with more than 1.9 million members, in more than a dozen countries.

It was so improbable that a group of men dedicated to serving the needs of their Catholic community would go on to donate nearly \$1.5 billion dollars to charitable causes, and spend 673 million hours volunteering in just the last decade.

And it seemed so unlikely that a Catholic priest, who spent nearly every waking minute attending to the spiritual and material needs of his parishioners, would be the founder of one of North America’s largest life insurance companies.

Inconceivable? Baffling? Improbable? Unlikely? Perhaps – but not to Fr. McGivney. And, not to the 75 men who dared to answer his call to found the Knights of Columbus. It is his vision – and theirs – that we celebrate each March as “Founder’s Day.”

And what, exactly, did they found? Father McGivney, we know, did not just found a charitable society, but a society of mutual aid through which members would insure their own well-being, and that of their families, with the help of their brother knights.

Father McGivney, we’re told in *Parish Priest*, began the founding of the Order and its insurance program with “an entrepreneurial zeal.” Determined to provide financial protection for his parishioners and their families, McGivney, “had to delve into the subject of insurance and read all of the fine print, of which there was plenty.”

Before deciding that a new group was in order, Father McGivney researched the finer points of the insurance programs of other fraternal benefit organizations, ultimately concluding that their coverage was insufficient.

And when it came time to crunch the numbers and establish the newly-founded Knights’ insurance program, it was Father McGivney himself who set down the terms and reported them to the members, and to other parishes in the diocese.

“In the way that Father McGivney had organized the insurance,” *Parish Priest* says, “nearly anyone could afford coverage.”

Father McGivney was devoted to his mission, working tirelessly until his premature death at age 38.

How proud must Father McGivney and his brother knights be to know that program he founded continues to provide affordable, quality insurance to knights and their families?

How proud must they be to know that the Knights of Columbus continues to provide insurance by brother knights, for brother knights, protecting Catholic families for generations?

How proud must they be to know that the Knights of Columbus, with over \$100 billion in force and more than 2 million active contracts, is protecting more Knights than ever before?

Not nearly as proud as we are to call Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney our beloved founder.

This year, let's make Father McGivney's priority our own. Let's continue his mission of protecting Catholic families from destitution and financial ruin by making sure that our families are protected with insurance for brother knights, by brother knights. After all, it's part of what being a Knight is all about.

Jerome Macfarlane

Knights of Columbus – Field Agent

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jerome.macfarlane@kofc.org





Firewood for Sale

Call: Bro. Joe Pedroza, 210 695-5112

New Evangelization. What is it? Did you know - it is the # 1 priority under the Proclamation of the Pastoral Vision of the Archdiocese of

San Antonio. To proclaim the Good News with joy, zeal and renewed spirit!

Evangelization has been around since the time of Christ. It was St John Paul II that coined the term new evangelization. It was his way of getting back to basics. Learn-it, live-it,

share-it. God (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit) wants to enter a loving relationship with you. Go back when you entered a loving relationship. This may have been your spouse and you wanted to learn everything about her or the time you came to know Christ. Once you know true love you are willing to protect that love. You want to live out the love you have for one another. Then what happens? You want to share the love.

So, it is for me, the more I learn about the love of Christ and the grace he continues to pour over me - he helps me become the better version of myself. I have learned that conversion is a continual life long process. This in turn helps me to live out our faith – it helps me become

stronger to be the man (son, brother, and father) he wants me to become.

Eventually it pours out with sharing your faith. It may be as easy of saying Grace before your meal in public or wearing your armor (Crucifix, KoC or ACTS clothing, or having items of your faith in your home, office, vehicle, etc.). Of course, the best way to share is to live by example. This will attract questions about the faith because others will want to have what you have – God in your life.

Think of new evangelization as a three-legged stool. Take away one legs and it falls. Without learning the faith, I was very limited in living out or sharing the faith. Initially, I felt my kids had a better formation about our faith than I did. Once I started to learn the faith and was not living out

the faith, I was becoming a hypocrite because I was saying “do as I say but not as I do”. Lastly once I started to learn and live the faith but not sharing It was like sitting on an infinite treasure that has no value – what good is it, if I do not share it?

How do I start? Get a tool box and load it with nothing but the best. FORMED.org has everything you need to get started. It was by far the best gift I received that was given out after the Christmas masses. Please don't let it sit – put it to work and watch the new evangelization grow in you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

YBIC (Your Brother in Christ),

David Guerra

----- 9 DAYS FOR LIFE: ANNOUNCEMENTS



The U.S. bishops online annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place Saturday, January 21 – Sunday,

January 29. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

Pro-Life Coordinator
Knights of Columbus Council 8306,
Our Lady of Guadalupe
(210) 681-6932



----- PRO-LIFE ROSARY: ANNOUNCEMENT --

PRO-LIFE ROSARY: It has been 44 years since the sad anniversary date of Roe vs. Wade decision was made Jan 22, 1973. Our parish will pray a rosary for “The Legal Protection Of Unborn Children” on Tue, Jan 24, 6:30pm in the Chapel, prior to our regularly schedule Mass at 7pm. Thanks to our Knights for suggesting and sponsoring this event.

----- ACE WINGS -----

The ACE Wings. Fellow Knights, reminder that is a great time of the year to earn the ACE Wings. From the Texas Knights web page <http://www.tkofc.org/programs/v/pro-life-ace-wings>

“The ACE in ACE Wings stands for - Pro Life without **A**pology, without **C**ompromise, without **E**xception. To earn the ACE Wings a Knight must do 5 public Pro Life events – a guide to these events can be found on the ACE Wing form located online. Please note that only certain events can be repeated, again this is outlined on the form itself. (see attachment).

In the past the ACE Wings were often thought of as an award. From this point forward please never refer to it as an award – Each set of ACE Wings represents a child that was lost to abortion – and you cannot “win” this...!! Please simply refer to them as “ACE Wings” and please wear them often, not just to KofC Meetings.

It takes a real man, a brave Knight, to earn and wear the ACE Wings!

Please treat them with the same respect you would any blessed object – ACE wings are sent to you blessed”.

Once again George – thanks for all you do & praying you continue to have a speedy recovery. Please let me know should you have any questions.

Respectfully,
David

DAVID GUERRA

