



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

January 2017

Council #7613

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COUNCIL CORNER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2017


DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
1/01/2017, Sun	New Years Day	
1/01/2017, Sun	Mary, Mother of God	
1/04/2017, Wed	CHOC Meeting	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
1/05/2017, Thurs	Mass & General Meeting	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
1/07/2017, Sat	Monthly Rosary	4:30 pm – Church
1/08/2017, Sun	Squires Meeting	9:00 am – Christopher Hall
1/12/2016, Thurs	Assembly Meeting	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
1/16/2017, Mon	Martin Luther King Day	
1/18/2017, Wed	Chapter Meeting	
1/19/2017, Thurs	Officer’s Meeting	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
1/21/2017, Sat	Casino Night!!	6:15 pm Aquinas Hall
1/24/2017, Tues	1 st Degree	7:00 pm – Christopher Hall
1/28/2017, Sat	4 th Degree Exemplification	7:30 am St Mark’s Community Gym
1/29/2017, Sun	Knights Family Communion	10 am Mass, Gather - 9:45 am - Narthex

FORTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

To all Major Degree Knights, here is your opportunity to advance to your 4th degree and be honored as a “Sir Knight.” Assembly 3018 has scheduled the 4th Degree Exemplification for January 28, 2017, at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church. However, all paperwork (Form 4) and fees for candidates, members, and guests must be received by our Assembly Comptroller, Jesse Govea, prior to our Assembly meeting on January 5, 2017. It is during this Assembly meeting that all candidates will be voted on for approval to proceed with the applications.

To receive information regarding the exemplification process and a copy of Form 4, or if you have any questions, contact SK Pete Peterson as indicated in the following announcement.

Membership Drive



**4th Degree
Exemplification**

Saturday
January 28, 2017

Hosted by Assembly 3018

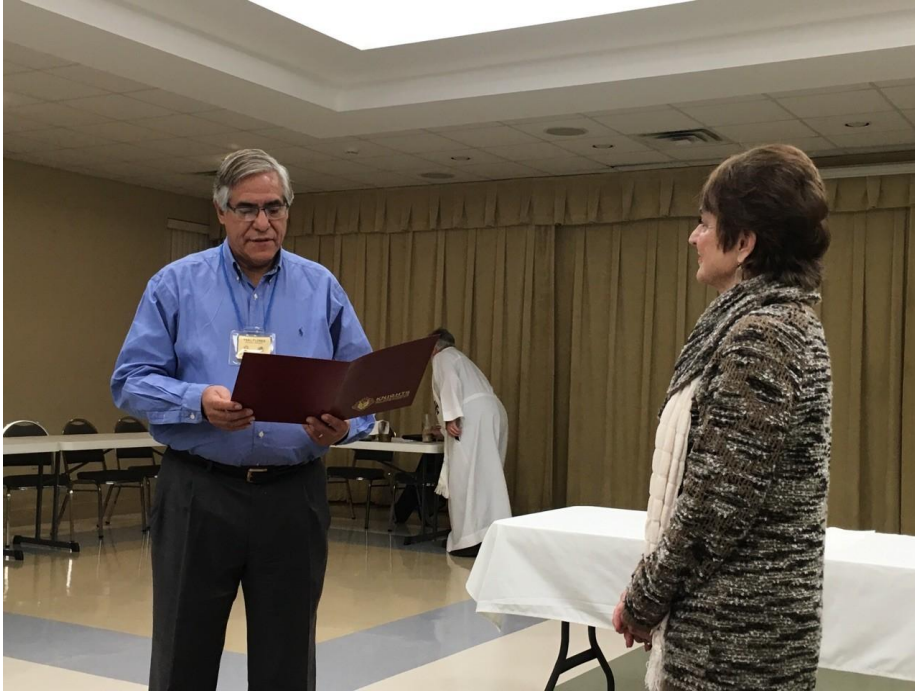
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**St. Mark The Evangelist
Catholic Church**

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HONORABLE RECOGNITION

GK Ysau Flores presented Mrs. Judy Ellsworth a KC 7613 letter of Condolence regarding her deceased husband, SK Paul D. Ellsworth. GK Ysau then gave Mrs. Ellsworth a bouquet of flowers, a gift from the Council.



Presenting Letter of Condolence to Mrs. Judy Ellsworth



Mrs. Judy Ellsworth receiving flowers from the Council

SK Willie Boes recited the “Recognition of Condolence” and presented Mrs. Ellsworth a Chalice, held by FN Ron Hrcir, with her husband’s name inscribed honoring her husband, SK Paul Ellsworth.



SK Willie Boes Reciting Recognition of Condolence

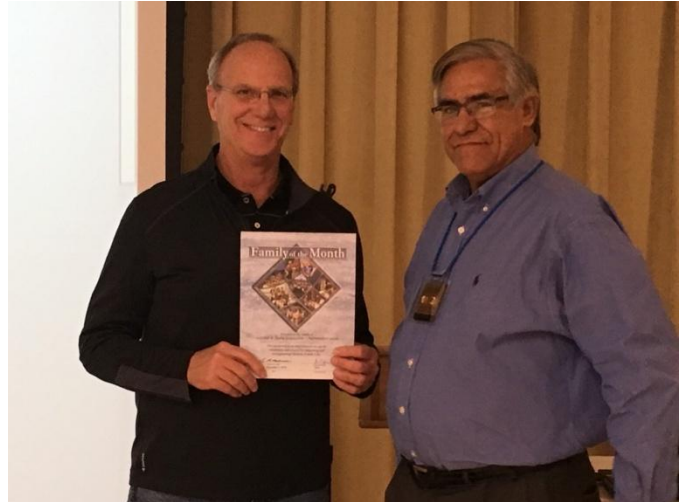


Mrs. Judy Ellsworth Receiving a Chalice from SK Willie Boes

COUNCIL AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



**Knight of the month of November
SK Joshua Frilling**



**Family of the Month of November
Judy and SK Gerald Gaenslen**



**SK Bill Faucher, shown receiving a \$2,500 check
from Council 7613 for the Habitat for Humanity**

GABRIEL PROJECT DINNER

Approximately 190 people from all over the city, including St. Mark's parishioners, Seminarians, Priest, Deacons, and Brother Knights were in attendance at the Gabriel Project dinner and its Silent Auction Fundraiser at Christopher Hall. The following three photographs are views of the dinner project.

The Gabriel Project was started in 1973 by a Pastor in Spring, Texas who put up a sign outside his church conveying the Parish commitment to provide practical love and support to mothers facing an unplanned pregnancy. He wanted to echo the same encouraging message to the Virgin Mary by the Angel Gabriel: "Fear not for God is with you".

Trained volunteers and mentor moms and dads in a loving and supportive way, provide encouragement and help in assessing local services. The project serves all girls or women in unplanned pregnancies without pressure toward any faith, parenting decision, or adoption.

The items collected will be distributed to those in need throughout the East Texas area, regardless of religious affiliation.



Darlene Berlangar, Gabriel Project Chair, providing information to the attendees



Darlene Jimenez is shown giving a lecture on the Tilma of the Virgin de Guadalupe

AWARD OF THE HUNT

This 82 year old PGK, SK Elroy Tschirhart, bagged this nice 8 point buck on November 21st at the T99 Ranch in Medina County. Who said Elroy is too old to hunt?

This last March “Zappie” (SK Gerardo Zapata) provided us his “world famous” gluten free, low fat, high carbo, and wine marinated deer stew using the deer he also had killed.

What is Elroy going to do with his 8 point buck? Should we encourage him to provide us a “Zappie” style meal?



PGK Elroy Tschirhart with his prize Buck

SK AC Rogers also has his one and only “buck”. This “buck” has been staring at AC for over 40 years.



SK AC's Buck

DONATION TO CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ZAMBIA AFRICA

At our Seminarian “welcoming back” *pot luck* dinner in Christopher Hall this last August we had the pleasure of meeting Fr. Benson (shown below). This very nice soft spoken man is the priest at Nchanga Twelve Apostle Roman Catholic Church located in Nchanga North Chingola, Zambia (Central Africa).



Fr. Benson at the Seminarian “pot luck” dinner

His parish has 2500 members and a seating capacity of 600, not including children, is desperately in need of additional seating space (see below).

Fr. Benson recently dedicated a small expansion project for their parish. They have about 20% of the funding secured. They are struggling to raise the remaining amount. Many of the local community work at a large mine. This mine has had various closures leaving many parishioners without jobs. They had to reduce the size and scope of the project.

Fr. Benson reached out to us at the “pot luck” dinner in hopes of support.



Father Benson serving Mass in small capacity church needing expansion

Fr. Benson is shown below at the dedication pedestal which serves as an announcement of the expansion. The front of his church is shown behind him (and the dedication pedestal) in the following photograph. Also shown in the photograph to the left of the church is a separate school for children.

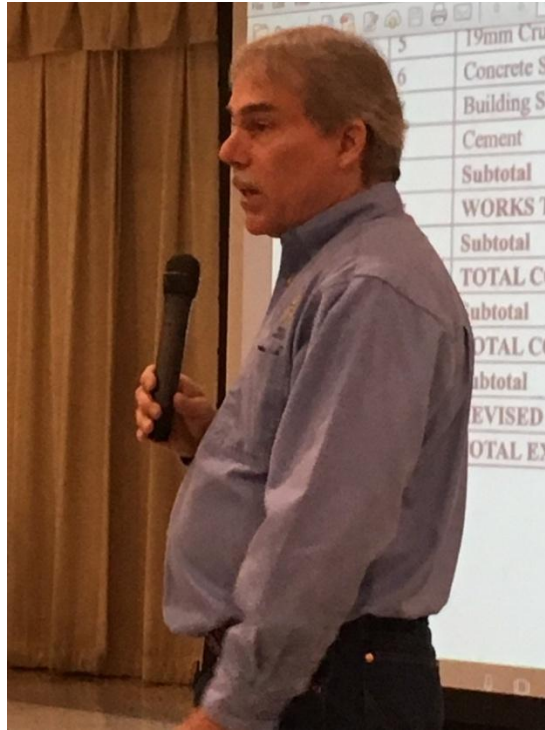


Father Benson at the dedication pedestal

A view of some of the work just started to expand the church is shown below.



At our December 1st Council meeting, Brother Knight Gary Richmond (Shown below) discussed this expansion project for Fr. Benson. It was decided that the Council would donate \$1,000 in support of Fr. Benson and his parish. To fund this commitment, we passed the hat and collected \$573.



**Gary Richmond Presentation to the Council
Fr. Benson's Expansion Project**

By way of this message, Brother Knight Gary is reaching out to the entire Council in hopes of collecting additional funds for this \$1,000 commitment. We can accept cash, checks, and credit card donations. All funds for this commitment should go to Richard Lee, payable to KC7613, noted for Fr. Benson

FIREWOOD DELIVERY

John Zapata (Zappie's brother) and Mike Wauters shown below delivering wood to St. Mark's from Liberty Hill Texas. This wood and more will be in much need for a number of upcoming events such as our Chicken BBQ.



John Zapata (Zappie's brother) and Mike Wauters "unloading donated wood"



A "pose" of John and Mike lifting/transferring wood

BLOOD DRIVE

The blood drive on Sunday December 11 was a success in that at least 32 pints of blood was donated. Shown below are photographs of our Knights expressing happiness in donating their blood.



SK Gerald Gaenlsen & Bill Hanson



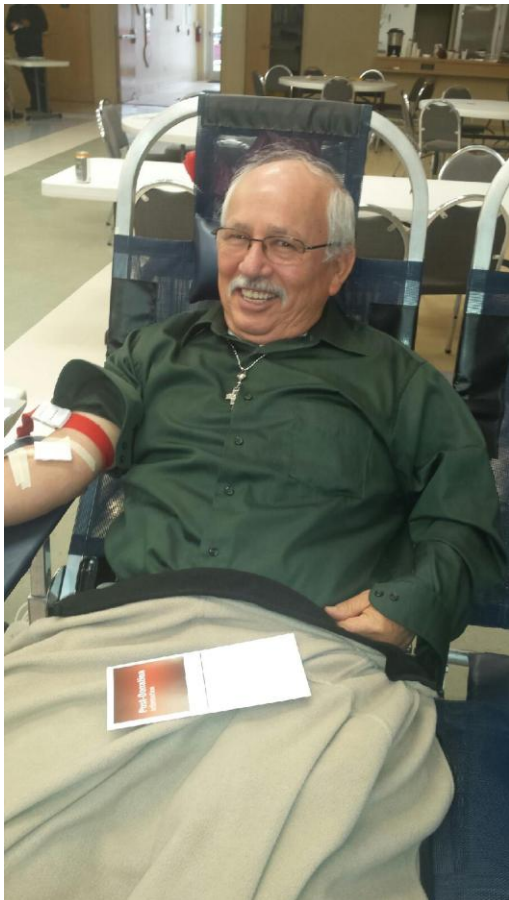
Brother Knight/Father James



Brother Frank Elridge



GK Ysau



Brother Jesus Sanchez



SK Al Gil



Parishioners Dr Green, Doc's wife; Sylvia Richmond, Gary's wife, and other donors showing that giving blood brings smiles

THE KNIGHTS CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 11



Happy Families sharing their good time together



Santa with a big lap wishing many a Merry Christmas

WHEELCHAIR DELIVERY

Brother Ramon DeHoyos coordinated the distribution of 25 Wheelchairs to the Veterans Administration. Shown below are “our workers” loading and unloading the wheelchairs during the delivery process.



Scott Traeger from the San Antonio VA Hospital and Brother AJ Sanchez loading wheelchairs



Chpt Pres. Chris Rodriguez and Ramiro Ramos unloading wheelchairs

CASINO NIGHT COMING UP – JANUARY 21

Come and have fun at the “Casino Night” at the time and place indicated in the following announcement. For tickets, table sponsorships, and/or more details, contact Ed Garcia (edward@salawyer.com) or Ph: (210) 491-0915) or Velma Spruel Williams (iamset@swbell.net or Ph: (210) 416-5563)

A promotional poster for a casino night event. The background is white with a green curved bottom section. It features several casino-themed graphics: a blue and white roulette wheel, a green chip, a red chip, and a red die. The text is arranged in a central, eye-catching layout.

ST. MARK'S
1st Annual Community
CASINO NIGHT
January 21, 2017
6:15 – 11:00 p.m.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
prizes • auction • raffle
heavy hors d'oeuvres • fun

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