



## Knights of Columbus Council 8521

St Joseph-Honey Creek 25781 Hwy 46 West  
Spring Branch TX 78070-3613

March 2015 Newsletter

### KC Officers for 2014-2015

**Grand Knight**

Mike Lecoche  
210-219-3233

**Deputy Grand Knight**

Rudy Gonzales  
210-488-5431

**Financial Secretary**

Joe Vocks  
830-885-4340

**Chancellor**

Steve Guerrero  
210-499-5707

**Treasurer**

Terry Temple  
830-438-8058

**Recorder**

Hal B. Lane III  
830-980-6848

**Advocate**

Doug Beckwith  
830-227-5994

**Warden**

Michael Brady  
830-885-4231

**Inside Guard**

Skip White  
830-885-4399

**Outside Guard**

Martin Hernandez  
830-863-9146

**Chaplain**

Father Pancho  
830-980-7250

**Trustee 1st Year**

Donald Zaiontz  
830-980-2505

**Trustee 2nd Year**

Max Engel  
830-229-5657

**Trustee 3rd Year**

Gilbert Alvarado  
830-980-5918

**Lecturer**

Sam Haines  
830-438-4049

## Why do Catholics practice fasting and abstinence during Lent?

### Question:

Every year during Lent, I'm asked why Catholics fast and abstain. How can I explain our Lenten practice?

### Answer:

Explain that Lent is the 40 days before Easter in which Catholics pray, fast, contemplate, and engage in acts of spiritual self-discipline. Catholics do these things because Easter, which celebrates the Resurrection of Christ, is the greatest holy day of the Christian year (even above Christmas) and Catholics have recognized that it is appropriate to prepare for such a holy day by engaging in such disciplines.

(Archbishop Fulton Sheen noted that the Protestant attitude is summarized by the line, "First comes the feast, then comes the hangover," while the Catholic attitude is "First comes the fast, then comes the feast.")

The reason Lent lasts 40 days is that 40 is the traditional number of judgment and spiritual testing in the Bible (Gn 7:4, Ex 24:18, 34:28, Nm 13:25, 14:33, Jon 3:4). Lent bears particular relationship to the 40 days Christ spent fasting in the desert before entering into his public ministry (Mt 4:1-11). Catholics imitate Christ by spending 40 days in spiritual discipline before the celebration of Christ's triumph over sin and death.

Fasting is a biblical discipline that can be defended from both the Old and the New Testament. Christ expected his disciples to fast (Mt 9:14-15) and issued instructions for how they should do so (Mt 6:16-18). Catholics follow this pattern by holding a partial fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence from certain foods is also a biblical discipline. In Daniel 10:2-3 we read, "In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks." Catholics use a practice similar to Daniel's when, as a way of commemorating Christ's Crucifixion on a Friday, they abstain from eating meat on that day of the week during Lent. The only kind of flesh they eat on Friday is fish, which is a symbol of Christ.

Even the Ash Wednesday practice of having one's forehead signed with ashes has a biblical parallel. Putting ashes on one's head was a common biblical expression of mourning (1 Sm 13:19, Est 4:1, Is 61:3; see also Est 4:3, Jer 6:26, Ez 27:30, Dn 9:3, Mt 11:21, Lk 10:13). By having the sign of the cross made with ashes on their foreheads, Catholics mourn Christ's suffering on the cross and their own sins, which made that suffering necessary.



# Save the date for these upcoming events:



- **March Meeting: Wednesday March 11, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., St John Hall**
- **Respect for Life Assembly Fallout – Sunday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. Mass**
- **K of C Officers Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m., St. John Hall**
- **Lenten Fish Fry: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm each Friday during Lent (prep beginning at 3:00 pm)**
- **Corporate Communion Masses: \* (see schedule below)**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual K of Council 8521 Golf Tournament: Friday April 24. 11:30 a.m. (registration), 1:00 p.m. start – River Crossing Golf Club**

---

---

Brother Knights,

I wanted to let you know the dates and times of this year's **Corporate Communion Masses** so you can mark your calendars and try to attend as many as possible.

March 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. mass  
May 31 Sunday 8:00 a.m. mass  
August 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. mass  
November 29 Sunday 5:00 p.m. mass

If you are going to attend the March 28 mass and you are a Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Minister of Hospitality and would like to serve that day in your ministry, please let me know as soon as possible so I can try and coordinate to get you assigned before the schedule comes out. Please let me know which ministry you want to do. I hope you are able to attend.

God Bless,  
Paul Gittinger

# A Message from our Worthy Grand Knight



Brother Knights!

An assembly fallout is scheduled for Sunday, 03/15/2015 10am Mass for the Respect for Life and will be celebrated by Fr. Pancho.

I am requesting all 1st through 3rd degree Knights to wear your dress blue KoC shirt or Polo to the mass.

The Sir Knights will be in either Full Dress Regalia or Tux with Social Baldric. 1st through 3rd degrees will not parade in as the Sir Knights will. I do ask we all sit wherever you would like with your families, demonstrating both unity to the fraternity, support of Respect for Life and your continued unconditional love and respect to your wife and family.

I pray praise and thankfulness to Our Lady for saying YES to God the Father and to St. Joseph for accepting his major responsibility of raising and protecting our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In His service!  
Vivat Jesus!  
Viva Cristo Rey!

Mike, GK SK

# WINNER WINNER



# DINNER!!!

## FISH FRIES 2015

	Adult Plates	Child Plates	To-Go Plates	Total Plates	Donations	Meal Receipts	Total Receipts
Fish Fry #1	155	22	70	247	46.00	2480.00	2,526.00
Fish Fry #2	121	16	141	278	49.00	2430.00	2,479.00
Fish Fry #3	123	14	97	234	35.00	2405.00	2,440.00
Fish Fry #4				0			-
Fish Fry #5				0			-
Fish Fry #6				0			-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>\$ 130.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,315.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,445.00</b>

Fish Fries Total Revenue	\$7,445.00
Fish Fries Total Expenses	<u>3,888.00</u>
Net Profit	<b>\$3,557.00</b>

## 5th Annual Golf Tournament Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Brothers: Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual golf tourney is fast approaching. We need help from every member that can assist in the coming months with the below tasks:

1. For our \$1 can raffle on the day of the tournament, we need donations of good prizes. Examples are wine baskets, gift certificates (restaurants, services, etc.), gift cards, fishing reel, jewelry, etc. Bring any raffle prizes to the general meetings on March 11<sup>th</sup> or April 8<sup>th</sup>. Or contact our chairperson **Donald Zaiantz** (830-980-2505 or [dzaiantz@glazers.com](mailto:dzaiantz@glazers.com)).
2. Each of you should have received personally or in the mail 5 large raffle tickets valued at \$5 each. As of 1Mar, we have 805 raffles out to sell, and have sold 67. Please sell these to family, friends, relatives, bosses, people on the street, or purchase yourself. Request that you turn in your stubs and money NLT 17Apr to **Tom Rosol** or **Ron Janak** (or mail to Joe Vocks in the return envelope). If you cannot sell them, please turn them in to **Tom, Skip White, or Ron**(or mail to Joe Vocks as mentioned above)
3. If you are a golfer and can participate in the tournament we need your entry form as soon as possible, or, if you can put together a team of 2, 3, or 4, that would be even better. Our goal for participation this year is 32 teams. We need your help to spread the word!
4. After masses in March and April, we will be marketing this event in the vestibule trying to sign up as many teams as we can and sell additional hole sponsorships or large \$5 raffle tickets. Please sign up to help out before & after mass, come a few minutes early and stay a few minutes after each mass that you attend those weekends to help us maximize participation in our event. The more Knights, the better!
5. On the day of the event we need **12-18 volunteers** to help register golfers and sell raffle tickets from 10am to 1:15pm. If you are not playing in the tournament, please consider helping with this portion of the function. If you are golfing or not available that day, consider asking your wife or other adult family member to volunteer to help. Any volunteers are welcome to join us for the dinner at the conclusion of the event. It is fun, and we have a good time!
6. If you know of a business or company that you think would make a good hole sponsor, please contact **Skip White** (830-885-4399) to arrange a joint visit. A sponsor will get an advertisement sign on a green on tournament day, advertisement at the tournament banquet, advertisement in the newsletter and throughout the knights, and will be donating to a great cause.

This is the largest single event that the council does, and it accounts for about 30% of our yearly charitable giving budget. Help from all council members is much appreciated, and those organizations that we support with the profits from this event are very grateful. **PLEASE ANSWER THE CALL!** This is your council's activity; now is the time to help out and get involved! **Active Councils with Participating Members are Successful Councils!** Many of you have already committed and have done things to get a head start; Thanks for all your help!

If you have any questions about the event or any of the above points please contact **Tom Rosol**-210-413-8079, **Skip White**-830-885-4399, **Joe Vocks**-830-885-4340, or **Ron Janak**-210-745-0136.

Detach and return with your  
(payment)

Cost per Player \$100

Complete and return this portion of the  
registration with your payment no later  
than Monday, April 20, 2015.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Proper golf attire required – Collar  
shirts and no denim please

Make Checks Payable to:

Knights of Columbus Council 8521

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks and registration forms may be

Mailed to:

Joe Vocks - Financial Secretary

923 River Way, Spring Branch, TX

78070

Cut along this line

The Knights of Columbus is a national Catholic men's fraternal service organization, with over 1.8M members throughout the world. They are men of character and distinction, united by their faith and conscience, and live by the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Through common worship and charitable works in support of the church, community, family, youth and fellowship, they comprise an organization fortified by its past, and driven by its goals for the future.

## Knights of Columbus

### Council 8521 and

### Assembly 3439

St. Joseph—Honey Creek

25781 Hwy 46 West

Spring Branch, TX 78070



#### For More Information Contact:

Ron Janak (210) 745-0136 email: rjanak@jfwss.com

Tom Rosol (210) 413-8079 email: tdrosol@yahoo.com

Skip White (210) 219-3181 email: skipwhite@gmail.com



Council - 8521

St. Joseph-Honey Creek



## 5th Annual Golf Tournament

River Crossing Golf Club

500 River Way

Spring Branch, Texas 78070

(830) 904-4653

**Friday, April 24, 2015**

**1 PM Shotgun Start**

Registration Check-in Open at

11:30 AM

Registration Deadline: April 20th

Cost per Player \$100.00

Make Checks Payable to: Knights of  
Columbus - Council 8521

Mail checks and registration forms to:

Joe Vocks—Financial Secretary

923 River Way,

Spring Branch, TX 78070

For more information, see contacts on back  
of flyer



# Knights of Columbus



**Council 8521\***

**St. Joseph Catholic Church-Honey Creek**

## **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**



River Crossing Golf Club, 500 River Way, Spring Branch, Texas 78070 (830) 904-4653  
4 miles north of HWY 46 on HWY 281

**Friday, April 24, 2015 - 1 PM Shotgun Start**

### **Hole Sponsorship**

**\_\_\_ \$50 Course Sign (18 x 12)**

**\_\_\_ \$100 Course Sign (18 x 24)**

**Course Sign:** .....

**Make Checks Payable to:** Knights of Columbus Council 8521

**For more information contact:** Skip White (210) 219-3181 email: [skipwhites@gmail.com](mailto:skipwhites@gmail.com)

\*Tax Exempt under section 501(c)(8) of IRS Code





Do I smell  
birthday  
cake?

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

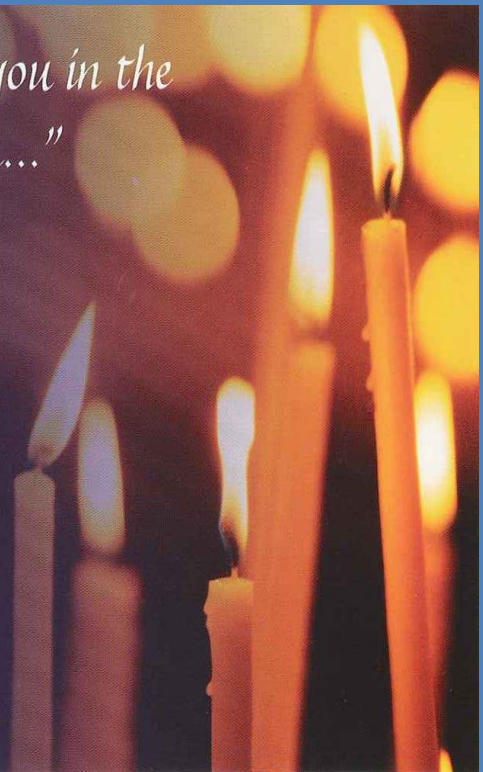
©AG.com, Inc.

**Happy Birthday to all of our brother Knights with March birthdays!**

Travis Alexander  
Robert Binovi  
Deacon Glen Bliss  
Bill Espinoza  
George Falkenberg  
Lawrence Forster  
Robert Grazioli  
Drew Harrison  
Martin Hernandez  
Fernando Palos  
Erasmus Valles  
Javier Zamago

*"Before I formed you in the  
womb I knew you..."  
Jeremiah 1:5a*

*Happy Birthday!*



**Welcome new members transferring in to the Council!**

**Ed Andrade**  
**Kenneth Shores**  
**Michael Tripp**



**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT FOR  
March 2015**

**Total Membership** (as of 3/1/2015)  
170 which includes 58 Insurance, 13 Honorary and 21 Honorary Life

**Awards Program**

	Quota	Month to Date			Year to Date			%
		Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	
<b>MBR</b>	11	7	5	2	7	5	2	18
<b>INS</b>	4	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0

***Dues were due on January 1, 2015***

**The 2015 due notices were previously mailed in December and payment was due on January 1, 2015. Second notices were mailed on February 1, 2015. Please make checks payable to: *Knights of Columbus Council 8521* and mail to: Joe Vocks, Financial Secretary, 923 River Way Spring Branch, TX 78070**

**There are 11 Knights who have not paid their dues yet for 2015 for a total of \$299.25.**





**STANDARD  
& POOR'S**

**AAA (Extremely Strong)**

**INSURANCE**  
*Your Shield for Life*



## **Insurance Q & A**

### **Do I need life insurance?**

Yes, the chances are you do need life insurance, whether it's for paying funeral expenses, replacing income, providing money for your child's education, protecting your home or many other reasons. Unfortunately, too many people don't know the value of a life insurance policy and go without any or adequate coverage.

### **Is the Knights of Columbus financially strong?**

Yes. The Order is one of the strongest organizations from which you can purchase insurance, as assessments by independent evaluators consistently show. Our margin of safety is among the best in the industry. The Knights of Columbus annually receives the highest ratings given by the A.M. Best Company and Standard & Poor's.

### **What exactly are dividends?**

Dividends are the divisible surplus the Order has left over after paying expenses and setting aside the necessary amounts to assure that future benefits are fully funded. Dividends develop from favorable experience, such as people living longer than expected or from interest earnings higher than those guaranteed in their policy. Remember, the payment of dividends cannot be guaranteed.

### **If I have questions about my insurance policy, or have an interest in learning more about the products the Order offers, whom should I ask?**

Your professional Knights of Columbus agent can answer any questions you may have. Even if you are not currently a policyholder, a field agent, who is also a brother Knight is available to meet with you at your convenience the needs of you and your family. To identify your agent, call 1-800-345-KOFC (1-800-345-5632).



# KNIGHTS

---

# OF COLUMBUS

---

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL