



From the Grand Knight Don Delorenz

Brother Knights,

Here are some recent accomplishments that should make you all proud to be Council 8954 Knights:

- The Fall Festival, a major fund-raise for the parish, was a big success thanks to the 25 brothers who volunteered their time and talent. The turnout was great for the spaghetti we cooked and the bingo we called on Saturday night and the lines for our burgers, brats and hot dogs didn't stop all day Sunday.
- Thanks to the efforts of the Knights who solicited donations during the weekend of October 2 and 3, St. Joseph parishioners raised \$5907 in support of various pro-life causes.
- At the parish's request, Council members led the Rosary before the All Souls 7 pm Mass.
- On Saturday November 6, Knights led a rosary after Mass to remember and pray for all of our Council's departed Brother Knights (see page 3).

If you were not at our meeting on Thursday, in addition to some delicious chicken, you missed Fr. Jason's very excellent and detailed talk on politicians and the Eucharist.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner is one of our biggest social events of the year. Brothers and their families are invited on Thursday November 18 and enjoy the camaraderie. For planning purposes, it's critical that those who plan to attend so indicate by signing up on the sign-up genius that is being circulated.

After Masses on November 20 and 21, our Council will be doing a recruitment drive. I'm sure you all know men who should be Knights. So please encourage them to stop by our table in the courtyard to meet some current members, learn more and sign up.

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Council Calendar

Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov 11

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

Monday, Nov 15 7:00 pm Council #7850
(see page 8 for details) (Plano)

Thanksgiving Social

Thursday, Nov 18 7:00 pm TBD

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, Nov 25

Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 30 6:45 pm TBD

Membership Meeting

Thursday, Dec 2 7:30 pm Upper Rm
Food at 7 pm & Social after meeting

1st Saturday Mass & Rosary

Saturday, Dec 4 8:00 am Sanctuary

Christmas Social

Thursday, Dec 9 6:30 pm TBD

Santa's Breakfast

Saturday, Dec 11 8:00 am Dining Hall

Nativity Scenes Setup

Saturday, Dec 11 10:00 am Courtyard

Christmas Eve in the Courtyard

Saturday, Dec 24 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Christmas Day

Sunday, Dec 25

Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 4 6:45 pm TBD

Membership Meeting

Thursday, Jan 6 7:30 pm Upper Rm
Food at 7 pm & Social after meeting



From the Grand Knight - cont'd

This is your Council and your parish. Please do not be a ghost Knight. Even if you're busy (and who isn't), there will be plenty of upcoming opportunities to serve for as little as an hour (manning the table to help recruit new members this month, Santa's Breakfast and Christmas Eve Nativity set-up and photos in December, leading the rosary before a Mass the last weekend of the month, and Casino Night in January) and for fellowship with your brothers (Christmas Social on Thursday December 9). If there's something else you feel we should be doing that we're not doing currently, just let me know.

Hope to see you soon!

Vivat Jesus!
Viva Cristo Rey!

Don Delorenz
Grand Knight



From the District Deputy - cont'd from page 5

As of June 30, 2021 total membership stands at 2,014,569 with Texas accounting for approximately 109,000 members.

Pretty good numbers, right? Maybe, because another often heard utterance is "you can't drop members therefore the numbers just grow unchecked". Not so. There is a proscribed process that must be rigidly adhered to before a member can be dropped. The process is based on doing everything possible to retain members before dropping them. If the process is followed, members can be dropped from your roles. I hear from other District Deputies and other State Leaders every year stories of Councils trying to drop members and not doing it the proper way. This is where stories are heard about Councils trying to drop the 99 year old who has been a member for sixty years because he hadn't paid dues in two years (he was in assisted living but the Council didn't keep up with him), the member who had been deceased for five years, but again the Council didn't keep up with him, or the Council who turned in a list of drops which included their Financial Secretary.

So, take another look at the membership totals from the Supreme Secretary's report. In the 2020-2021 fraternal year Order wide membership grew by 87,410. membership gain was 15,094. That is about eight tenths of a percent net growth.

Pray for the Sick and Distressed



Joe and Julie Horan	Pat Hansen
Roger and Jan Flesch	Clark Taggart
Jacqueline Clark	Jesse Bean
Alice Ducote	Tim High
Steve Ducote	Lydia Perez
Sandra Ducote	Gary Olson
Sandra Stephens	Joey Diaz
Rosemary Crocker	Anna Davoli
Lupe Rodriguez	Jess & Alma
Vanessa Kigore	Shannon Tooley

Please remember them in your prayers



In Texas net gain was 605. That equates to a little under six tenths of one percent net membership growth.

If you believe the Knights are a force for good in the world and you want the Order to be here for you, your sons and your grandsons and your family, net membership growth of less than one percent a year is not particularly impressive.

Yes, the KofC wants you to recruit new members!

SUMMARY

Brothers, each of you joined the Knights of Columbus for your own reason. As in any organization there are things each like and don't like. Please embrace the vision of Father McGivney to protect Catholic families, continue to be in the words of Saint John Paul II "The Strong Right Arm of the Catholic Church", grow and promote the Order and have fun along the way.

Vivat Jesus!

Kevin Quinn
District Deputy 103



**MEMORIAL MASS
KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #8954
ESTABLISHED APRIL 11, 1985**

Raymond G. Wagner	William H. Fulkerson	Edward G. Biewer	Albert DiNicola
Carl T. Abrams	Raymond A. Maciel	John E. McClung	Friday G. Nasamu
Edward J. Baker	Gordon W. Riter	Fred A. Long	Mark A. Barnett
Eugene A. Brennan	Joseph M. Ferreri	Charles J. Maltese	Richard C. Kashmitter
Louis D. Smith	James E. Smith	John M. Stubbs	Rev. Bob Shortall
David R. Sepulvado	Samuel G. Thompson	Jason M. Crane	Anthony Pascarelli
Gilmore T. Callier	Jerry A. Nauyokas	Clement E. Renaud	William B. Mozley
Jack C. Rouse	Douglas M. Shaw	Ethan L. Smith	Victor R. Eagle
Steve L. Becker	John D. Mohrie	Tracy L. Smith	Richard D. Dumais
James T. Mullen	Mark O. Kanu	Francis T. Farrell	Don R. Bordelon
Ernest L. Ferdinand	James A. Cavanaugh	Tom B. Schaffner	John A. Jagielski
John J. Schleback	Jack Fleming	Loren L. Nichols	Nick Mowery
Francis A. Scott	Joseph Laubacher	Raymond F. Caffrey	William L. McKinney
Zoltan M. Balogh	James McMullan	John M. Aust	Richard Dale
Amamdo B. Isip	Pat L. Patrick	James M. Layden	Joseph Cuevas
Albert J. Hanish	David Peay	David J. Endress	Isaac Sandoval
Matthew J. Deltuva	Bob Reading	Thomas R. Holland	Emil Bolcik, Jr.
William V. Valva	John S. Kolich	Paul L. Sine	Max Liebold
Ronald S. Donie	Randall J. Bodin	William P. Miller	John James
Adam A. Kuzniewski	Millard J. Underwood	Elmer M. Resko	Carl Kocorek
Murdoch J. Buchanan	Henry H. Horton	Jerome A. Elisha	Aiden Pierce
Ludwig C. Kummer	Charles R. Boutell	Fernando M. Labrada	William Ruminapp*
Francis A. Heines	Joseph P. Nalley, Jr.	Tom D. Westendarp	Bill Button
H. C. Budjenska, Jr.	Richard A. Stanford	Larry N. Bruce	
Roland A. Belanger	John B. Bartolo	Eugene Horn	* Charter Grand Knight

98 DECEASED - NOVEMBER 6, 2021

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

AMEN

The Memorial Mass for deceased Brothers of Council #8954 was held on November 6 (1st Saturday). **Brother Derek Storey** served as Lector, **Brother Brian Roeten** served as Extraordinary Minister and the gifts were presented by **Brothers Harold Hansen** and **Brian Tooley**, along with two vases of roses that were laid upon the altar in remembrance of our departed Brothers.

After Mass, **Brother Ken Ducote** led the first decade of the Rosary, followed by the names of our first 20 departed Brothers. **Brothers Brian Tooley, Tom Brady, Harold Hansen** and **Jon Wagner** each led a decade of the Rosary, with Brother Ken reciting the names of the next 20 departed Brothers after each decade. Several family members of departed Brothers joined in praying the Rosary.



Faith

Program Director
Tom Brady



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Join your Brother Knights and parishioners on Friday, November 12 and Friday, November 19 to pray and sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, beginning at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.



ROSARY PROGRAM

To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, our Knights will be leading the Rosary before the Vigil and at all Sunday masses, except for the 8:45 am, on the last weekend of every month.

If you would like to join the Rosary Program team, please contact **Brother Tom Brady** at 214-846-8872 or tjbrady94@gmail.com



Shrine to Mary after
Memorial Mass

November 6, 2021

Shrine to Joseph after
Memorial Mass

November 6, 2021



Community

Program Director
Art Perez



KofC #8954 FALL 2021 FUNDRAISER

Brothers,

Over half of the tickets for our Council fundraiser have been sold! **Tickets are \$100 EACH** and a maximum of 100 tickets will be sold.

The goal is to raise **\$5000 for charitable giving** (since we have been unable to raise funds due to the pandemic) with a **GRAND PRIZE of up to \$5000** to the lucky winner.

The drawing will be held during the Council #8954 Christmas Social on December 9.

For more info or to purchase tickets, contact:

DGK Eric Lagneaux
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337-263-1839



FALL FESTIVAL RECAP

Thanks to all those Knights who volunteered to serve at the Fall Festival on November 23 - 24! It was a great success.

Thanks to **Brother Roger Flesch** who did it again with a wonderful spaghetti and meat sauce! With much support in the kitchen and the serving line, Council #8954 was well represented at the dinner on Saturday evening.

Next was Bingo with the dynamic duo of **Brothers Bob Procsal** and **Ken Ducote** leading the games. Much fun and excitement was had by all.

Then, on Sunday, the Knights served up burgers, brats and beer. Well over 200 burgers and 100 brats and dogs were sold, as well as lots of beer and wine! Thanks to **Brother Mark Wilson** for tending bar for much of the event.

At least 25 Knights volunteered over 155 hours during the festival. (See photos on page 9 & 10)



From the Field Agent Jim Tower



Insurance Update November 2021

With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy! From what I've read about shipping and trucking delays of getting shelves restocked it looks like Christmas shopping will need to start even earlier for many.

As busy as you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done online at www.KofCSurvey2021.com. Your responses help me understand your current situation better. That in turn allows me to be of better service to you. For some of you that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance plans. With our new financial needs analysis tool and a few minutes together I can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows me to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and desires. With the help of computer modeling we can look at a variety of scenarios and help ensure you are on the right track regardless what lies ahead.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area, but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them. Thank you to the many brothers who have met with me so far this year. I've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year gets busy, I look forward to helping more.

Call me to learn more – 940-597-4461.

Email – james.tower@kofc.org

From the District Deputy Kevin Quinn



The Knights of Columbus is not a parish ministry. This is a startling fact to some. Yes, in Texas we intentionally align Councils with parishes and yes, the Supreme Council is pushing for Councils to align that way in all jurisdictions and yes, this can cause confusion as to what the KofC really is.

Because our members are passionate about supporting their parishes and their priests important aspects of the KofC are often misunderstood or not known. In this vein, here is a summary of important facts every Knight should know.

INSURANCE

The Venerable Father Michael McGivney founded the Order explicitly as a "lay organization, the goal of which would be to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies whose membership was antithetical to Church teaching, to unite men of Catholic faith and to provide for the families of deceased members."

The KofC was founded to provide life insurance for members. Too often members are heard uttering a variant of "all the Knights want to do is sell insurance". That is not all the Knights want to do although it is at the core of what we do.

The truth is our insurance program is why we were founded and helps keep us financially strong.

In 2020, Knights of Columbus donated more than \$150,000,000 to charity. In the last decade over \$1,500,000,000 has been donated to charity by the Knights of Columbus.

Approximately 28% (556,010) of members have life insurance, long term care, disability insurance or an annuity with the Knights. Just imagine what we could do if that number were higher!

Yes, the KofC does want to insure members.

MEMBERSHIP

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world.

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For the Good of the Order
by
Lecturer, Brother Ken Ducote

HISTORY OF NOVEMBER FEASTS

Everybody knows the secular holiday of Halloween, but not everybody knows it derives from a holy day, All Saints' Day on Nov. 1st which is followed by All Souls' Day on Nov. 2nd. The root word of Halloween – "hallow" means "holy" and the suffix "een" is an abbreviation of "evening". It refers to the Eve of All Hallows, the night before the Christian holy day that honors saintly people in the past.

More than a thousand years ago in Ireland and Britain, a common custom of Christians was to come together on the eve of the Feast of All Hallows Day to ask for God's blessing and protection from evil in the world. Often, they would dress in costumes of saints or evil spirits and act out the battle between good and evil around bonfires. That's the source of the modern observance of Halloween.



Every year, on Nov. 1st, Catholics and other Christians around the world observe All Saints' Day which honors all saints of the church deemed to have attained heaven. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, All Saints' Day is observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Christian concept of

the importance of the individual soul underlies All Saints' and All Souls' Day which are observed worldwide primarily in the Catholic and Anglican traditions. Here's a look at the tradition of this holy day. While now observed on Nov. 1st, All Saints' Day was originally celebrated on May 13th. Pope Boniface IV formally started what would be later known as All Saints' Day on May 13, 609 AD when he dedicated the Pantheon in Rome as a church in honor of the Virgin Mary and all martyrs. The current date of Nov. 1st was established by Pope Gregory III during his reign from 731 to 741 AD, when he dedicated a chapel in Rome in St. Peter's Basilica in honor of All Saints'. While the celebration was originally limited to

Rome, later, in 837 AD, Pope Gregory IV ordered the official observance of All Saints' Day every Nov. 1st, and extended its celebration to the entire church.

All baptized Christians who have died and are now with God in glory are considered saints. All Saints' Day is intended to honor the memory of countless unknown and uncanonized saints who have no feast days. We thank God for giving ordinary men and women a share in His holiness and heavenly glory as a reward for their faith. This feast is observed to teach us to honor the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession for us before Christ, the only mediator between God and man. The church reminds us that God's call for holiness is universal, that all of us are called to live in His love and to make His love real in the lives of those around us. Holiness is related to the word wholesomeness. We grow in holiness when we live wholesome lives of integrity, truth, justice, charity, mercy, and compassion, sharing our blessings with others.

Here are some reasons why we honor the saints:

- The saints put their trust in Christ and lived heroic lives of faith
- The saints are our role models
- The saints are our Heavenly mediators who intercede for us before Jesus, the only mediator between God and us
- The saints are the instruments that God uses to work miracles at present

Traditionally, All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning Catholics must attend Mass, unless they are prevented by illness or another sufficient excuse. However, Mass attendance was not mandatory this year because the holiday fell on a Monday. When Nov. 1st falls on a Monday or a Saturday adjacent to the Sunday Sabbath, Catholics are encouraged, but not required, to attend Mass.

I'd like to share a story with you told by Father Anthony Kadavil, who is Chaplain at Sacred Heart Home in Mobile, AL. "What is it like to be a Christian Saint? It's like being a Halloween pumpkin. God picks you up from the field, brings you in, washes all the dirt off you. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out the yucky stuff. He removes the pulp of impurity and injustice and the seeds of doubt, hate and greed. Then, he carves you a new smiling face and puts His light of holiness inside you for the whole world to see. This is the Christian idea behind the carved pumpkins during the Halloween season."

For the Good of the Order (cont'd)



November 2nd is All Souls' Day, a day to pray for the souls of all who have died. Among Catholics, prayers are offered for those in purgatory waiting to get into Heaven. In the Americas, church ritual mixed with native celebration of ancestors. Mayans, Incas, and other native Americans had great reverence for the dead, and ancestor worship was culturally important. That tradition blended into the Catholic holy days of the dead. In many Latin countries, Nov. 2nd is a national holiday – the Day of the Dead or Dia de los Muertos, the climax of the Day of the Dead. It's the climax of three days of celebration: All Hallows Eve, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. People often dress as skeletons as a way of remembering the dead and celebrating their ancestors.

In Catholic Churches on Nov. 2nd, for All Souls' Day, one of the readings during Mass is from the Book of Wisdom, which is biblical for Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, but not for Protestants who don't include it in their Bible: "The souls of the just are in the hands of God, and no torment shall touch them", the Book of Wisdom says. "They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead: and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace".

In closing, I would like to remind you of Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 28th. Please try to attend Mass if possible – it is usually celebrated at 9 AM. I'd also like to give you an all-encompassing Prayer of Thanksgiving written by John J. Cardinal Carberry, Archbishop of St. Louis on December 8, 1977. It is a beautiful prayer and I hope you feel inclined to pray it at your Thanksgiving Dinner.

*Information excerpted from several relevant Internet articles.



Blast from the Past

Excerpts from Knight Talk - November 2005

Community Activities



Jon Hagarman
Community Activities
Director

Veterans Committee Report

The VA hospital visit was conducted by 12 Knights of Columbus volunteers. We performed our program as usual and the patients so enjoyed our company. Our first year has been very successful and I want to continue to urge your support. We still need some donations of coffee, creamer and sweeteners. And of course your time if you want to go and help us. We have contacted the St Joseph Circle of Friends about putting together some small gift bags for Christmas. They will make up about 125 this year. We are looking for donated items, such as comfort items like combs, pens, stationary, toothpaste/brush, playing cards, socks, hankies and so on. Think small items because bags are small. Mary Helen Ford is again point of contact for the Circle of Friends. Of course call Chuck Maltese or me as well. Thanks for your help, and continue to pray for our young troops serving today and their families.

Council Activities



James Aston
Council Activities Director

Garage Sale

Mark your calendar for the council's next garage sale scheduled for Saturday, November 19th. Clear out the closets and garage, it is nearing that time. The procedure is the same. Drop off items Friday night (18th) in rooms 124PC and 125PC. Room 124 PC is available Thursday night (17th) for drop off of items during the Thanksgiving Social. Garage sale starts 7:00 am Saturday morning and ends at noon. Asking for volunteers to help Friday night from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and/or Saturday morning from 6:00 am to 1:00 pm. In addition, volunteers with trucks are needed that Friday night and/or Saturday morning. Contact Jon Hagarman (972) 680-9519 for additional info and to sign up to volunteer.



Membership Meeting Recap

31 Brothers were in attendance

50/50 Drawing: Brother Mike Wagner

\$100 Member Drawing: Brother Ed Long
(must be present to win) (not present!)



Texas State Charities Honor Roll Award



DD Kevin Quinn presented the Honor Roll Award to **GK Don Delorenz** and **Chaplain Fr. Jason Cargo** for Council #8954's contributions in the 2020 - 2021 fraternal year.



Miscellaneous News & Info

Did You Know: 25 Brothers have November birthdays (see Calendar on website; Click on 'Show Birthdays')

- Meeting Minutes are posted at www.kofc8954.org under Council Meeting Minutes Library and the Members Only Section.



Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

Tuesday, Nov 15 7 pm Council #7850 (Plano)

Calling all 1st Degree Knights - This is an opportunity to obtain Full Knighthood.

For those Knights wishing to attend, a group will be leaving St. Joseph Catholic Church at 6 pm for the ceremony at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Faith Center in the Chapel (located just inside the east entrance).

For more info, please contact **Brother Steve Snyder** 972-496-4111.



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FALL FESTIVAL - 2021



Brother Roger Flesch preparing delicious spaghetti



Thanks to the bartending team of Brother **Mark Wilson** and Kathy Serrago and **Brother Oliver Iheme**. Also pictured are **Brothers Ken Ducote** tasting the wine and **Brothers Terry Ryan** and **Doug Murdoch**, who just hung out at the bar...



Brothers Derek Storey and **Jim Dulac** along with **Brothers Don Delorenz** and **Jason Clark** (left, below) serving parishioners.



Brothers Ken Ducote and **Bob Proscal** calling Bingo numbers. What a great team!



Brothers Ad Cometa and Joe Sendrowski along with Brother Mark Woodyard and son got setup and started the cooking.



Brothers Harold Hansen, George Mones and Mark Woodyard hard at work.



Brothers George Mones, Mark Woodyard, Harold Hansen, Joe Sendrowski, Don Delorenz and Ojas Inamdar at the Knights' booth on Sunday.