

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2019**



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS®**

**St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church**

**November, 2019**

**Council #7613**

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**COUNCIL CORNER**

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME &amp; PLACE</b>
11/01 & 02/2019, Fri & Sat	All Saints Day	
11/02/2019, Sat	Monthly Rosary	4:25 PM – Church
11/02 & 03/2019, Sat & Sun	Chicken BBQ	
11/05/2019, Tues	CHOC Meeting	7:00 PM – Christopher Hall
11/05/2019, Tues	Admission Degree, Host: Council 8306	
11/06/2019, Wed	Admission Degree @ St John Neuman Family Center, Host: Council 9291	
11/07/2019, Thurs	Mass & Council Meeting	7:00 PM – Christopher Hall
11/11/2019, Mon	Veterans Day	
11/12/2019, Tues	1 <sup>ST</sup> Degree Exemplification, Host St. Brigid Council 11596	
11/14/2019, Thurs	Assembly Meeting	7:00 PM – Christopher Hall
11/18/2019, Mon	1 <sup>ST</sup> Degree Exemplification Rehearsal, Host Council 8521	St John’s Hall
11/18/2019, Mon	Admission Degree – Portables 3 & 4, Host Council 7983	
11/20/2019, Thurs	Chapter Meeting	St. Brigid Council 11596 6907 Kitchner Rd
11/21/2019, Thurs	Council Business Meeting	7:00 PM – Christopher Hall
11/23/2019, Sat	Silver Rose	St. Marks Mass
11/28/2019, Thurs	Thanksgiving Day	

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## **GET TO KNOW YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS BETTER** **Jerry Gonzales, RN, MHA, LTC (Ret Army)**

I first became a Knight when I was living in Houston after I left the Army in 1978 to get my Masters in Healthcare Administration there with my wife, Grace a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE). I joined the KOC at Holy Family Catholic Church in Missouri City, a suburb of Houston in 1980. I worked as a Head Nurse at MD Anderson Cancer Center in their Head & Neck and Melanoma-Sarcoma Wards for 3 years. It was hard for me to do much work at the KOC because of my work hours, our new child, Elizabeth, me working on my Masters full time, and being husband. I joined Council 7613 last year but we have been members of St. Mark's since 1989.

As far as serving my country, I served in the AF as a Flight Medic in the Flight Surgeon's Office for 4 years and then completed my degree from UTHSC@SA in Professional Nursing. I worked in Psychiatry for 1 year at the Audie Murphy Medical Center and then married my lovely wife, Grace in 1976, the same year we both went into the Army at Ft. Dix, NJ. I stayed there for 2 years before we moved to Houston for 5 years after which we both went back into the Army to be stationed at Walter Reed Medical Center in DC for 3 years.

We then were stationed in West Germany where I was a Chief Nurse of a large outlying Clinic. We moved back to SA when I immediately went to be stationed in South Korea for 1 year by myself as Chief Nurse by the DMZ, coming back to Brooke Army Medical Center where I retired from in 1998 as Chief Nurse (Lieutenant Colonel) of the country's largest Army Medical Center.

I have since worked in civilian medical centers and large clinics in leadership and teaching roles in SA most notably at the Wounded Warrior Project at BAMC and around the country doing Interims in Nursing Management. I finally retired a year ago but remain active as a RN, having worked in almost every Nursing Specialty.

We were blessed with Anthony, our son born in 1977 in New Jersey. He is now an Architectural Engineer and married with 3 children, living in Austin where he owns his own business composed of 6 offices around the country.

Our daughter blessed us in being born 1983 when we were in Houston where she now lives with her husband, both in Finance jobs. Three of us graduated from the UT System and Grace attended UIW in SA.

I am presently a Eucharistic Minister, have been a Gospel Reader, and am presently in the KOC as a volunteer. I am also the Precinct 3 Civil Service Commissioner as a Volunteer Negotiator, and have volunteered for numerous military functions and organizations around the city.

I was San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger's' Representative to the Veteran's Affairs Commission 2006-09. I am the Republican Chairman of Precinct 3154, was nationally selected to critique Cancer of the Prostate Research Proposals in DC sponsored by the DOD, and am a Member of the Alamo Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOAA).

I also have a deep interest in enhancing our healthcare system to a more fair, transparent, and lower healthcare cost system through national panels from all interested parties.

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## **ACHIEVEMENT'S & RECOGNITIONS**

Our Recruiter and Knight of the month of September is Brother Pete Blozis shown below being recognized for such achievements at the Council 7613 meeting on October 3, 2019.

### **RECRUITER OF THE MONTH**



**PETE BLOZIS**

Bill Elliot, as Membership Director of the Texas State Council, also sent Pete Blozis a special VIP Pen as a way to thank him for being an active Proposer for the Texas State Council and the Supreme Council.

## **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**



**PETE BLOZIS**

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## KOLBE PRISON RETREAT

SK Gerald Gaenslen, Co-Director of the Kolbe Prison Ministry, headed up our delivery of the Mama Margie's meals (located at Hwy 3009 and I-35 in Schertz, Texas) to the Kolbe Prison Retreat at the Brisco Unit in Dilley, Texas on Thursday (October 3, 2019). As before, this retreat was sponsored by the St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church and carried out by our Council 7613.

Shown below are views of "Luis", an inmate helping to carry the meals into the prison; PGK/SK Ysau Flores delivering meals from San Antonio, and a view of the Kolbe prison.



**Luis, an Inmate**



**PGK/SK Ysau Flores Delivering the Meals to the Prison**



**View of the Kolbe Prison in Dilley, Texas**

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## TREE TRIMING & WOOD SPLITTING CREW

In preparation for the Chicken BBQ project starting November 2 with two Important objectives similar to what goes on in our Romeo breakfast and lunch meetings – 1. **visiting with one another** and 2. **talking** – well, as shown below, much work has to also be accomplished to actually trim and split wood for the Chicken BBQ event. As shown below, wood trimming and splitting was not only the work needed, transporting and stacking also had to be done.

This work was done on two weekends at Christopher Hall and finished on Monday October 7. Splitting wood and tree trimming was done on October 5. SK Richard Lee, SK Sal Scalas, and GK/SK Andy Totah split and stacked all of the wood on October 5.

SK Gary Richmond and Bill Clyde worked both weekends trimming trees and SK Leo Whitley helped with tree trimming the first weekend. SK Bill Faucher, also helping with this work, provided the trailer used to haul all the wood off at dusk.





**Sk Gary Richmond**



**Bill Clyde**





**SK Sal Scalia & SK Richard Lee**

**WORKING THROUGH SUNSET & CLEANING UP**  
**(Two Following Views)**





**SK RICHARD LEE, SK SAM SCALIS, SK GARY RICHMOND, & WAYNE HARTMAN – Thanks to SK Bill Faucher for the Trailer**

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## **GUADALUPE HOME**

The Guadalupe Home is a transitional living program for homeless expectant mothers and homeless mothers with infants. During their stay, mothers have a safe place to live and to prepare for birth, as well as to improve their lives and the lives of their children.

It is noteworthy that St Marks Knights were personally involved many years ago in making the original facilities habitable, i.e., painting, carpentry, and installing fire escape (borrowed from St Marks old Knights two story building). The Knights involved in this early work were Lloyd Anders, PGK Elroy Tschirhart, PGK John Thabet, PGK Nieves Gonzalez, PGK Sam Szalwinski, Troy Tollette, SN Fernando Arellano, Allan Cleaveland, and others.

On October 12, our Council 7613 Knights (shown below with the inhabitants of the Guadalupe Home), happily provided everyone a good meal. As shown, everyone enjoyed the visit as well as the meal.

**PGK/SK Lon Klauenberg Overseeing Helpers**





**SK Bill Faucher with a baby friend**



**GK/SK Andy Totah with baby Friend**



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## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

“Wreaths Across America” is a program that started at Arlington National Cemetery in 1992. Our mission is to lay a wreath on EVERY fallen HERO's headstone for the holidays. “Wreaths Across America” is a national program started in 2007, so that we could continue year after year to make sure that our fallen heroes that are laid to rest will never be forgotten. The program is a healing process as well. To be able to stand at a headstone, speak the name and say "THANK YOU", whether it be for your family member or someone you do not know.....it will change your heart.

Shown below are views of some setting up wreaths and wreaths at many grave sites.





**Please review the following guidelines to be a part of this most honorable event to take place at the Ft Sam Houston Cemetery at 11:00 am on December 14. Also included below is the way to order such honorable Wreaths.**



REMEMBER..... HONOR..... TEACH.....

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



CUT OFF DATE.....  
**Nov 25, 2019**

Wreaths Across America

Ceremony  
14 December 2019  
11:00 AM

Ft Sam Houston National  
Cemetery

Wreaths Across America is a program of honor, respect and dignity!!! We are very thankful that you want to be part of this AMAZING program!!!! It will change your heart like nothing you have ever done before.

PLEASE.....help us by ordering your GRAVE SPECIFIC through us, and NOT ON LINE!!!! We want to make sure that we do not miss anyone, or any information!!! THANK YOU!!!!

Using group code: TX0013  
Cemetery code: TXFSHS

You **CANNOT** order grave specific on line!!!!!! You have to come to us to insure we receive your request!!!!!!

**sponsor a wreath**

Honor a HERO.....



POC  
Judy Carlile  
Wreaths Across America  
PO BOX 460043  
San Antonio, TX 78246  
210 861 8037  
[carlilej@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carlilej@sbcglobal.net)

Follow and like us on FACEBOOK  
Wreaths Across America—San Antonio  
[wreathsassamericasanantonio.com](http://wreathsassamericasanantonio.com)





Wreath Sponsorship Form

WE DO HONOR GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS.....BUT.....

YOU CANNOT ORDER GRAVE SPECIFIC ON LINE on WAA website!!!!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grave specific request name #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Grave location number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grave specific request name #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Grave location number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Group ID Number: TX0013
Cemetery Designation: FT Sam National
Cemetery ID Number: TXFSHS

Table with 4 columns: Sponsorship, Price, Quantity, Total. Rows include Individual= 1 Wreath (\$15.00), Family= 4 Wreaths (\$60.00), Small Business= 10 Wreaths (\$150.00), Corporate = 100 Wreaths (\$1500.00).

Please make checks payable to:

Wreaths Across America

PO Box 460043

San Antonio, TX 78246

Questions? Please call 210 861 8037

Or email----carlilej@sbcglobal.net

CUT OFF DATE
25 NOV 2019

Follow and like us on FACEBOOK.....Wreaths Across America—San Antonio
Visit us at.....wreathscrossamericasanantonio.com

Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to
Remember, Honor and Teach!

We are not responsible for wreaths that are picked up and
moved through the cemetery after they have been laid.....

You do not have to sign up.....JUST SHOW UP!!!!!!

YOU CAN NOT ORDER GRAVE SPECIFIC ON LINE!!!!!!

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# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL FAMILY PICNIC

As you can see from the pictures below, the “Fall Family Picnic” on Sunday, October 13, was a wonderful success. Thanks to the following Brother Knights for making this annual picnic a picnic of good food and fun:

PGK/SK Tex Liedtka  
PGK/SK Bruce Magnuson  
SK Gerald Gaenslen  
SK Fernando Arellano  
SK Richard Lee  
WDGK/SK Gerardo Zapata

SK Leo Forget  
SK Leo Whitley  
Stuart Beaulieu  
Arnold Sanchez  
SK Charles Guerra

SK Gary Richmond  
Chris Huggins  
Deacon/SK Steve Marques  
PGK Edward Garcia  
Allen Cleveland



