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Holy Spirit Council 7264 Knightly News November 2011

*We ask Father McGivney
and
St. Stephen, Pray for us.*



GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

MY DEAR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND SIR KNIGHTS;

We had several great accomplishments and activities during October. First of all, we need to make welcome three new Knights to our council: Adam Mann, Brian Snell and Edward Herrera. We welcome you to the council and hope to see you at all the meetings and as many events as you can find the time to attend. Also, Brother Dan Brown joined the ranks of Sir Knighthood by making his fourth degree. Congratulations to all of you and thank you to those Knights who accompanied these men to their degrees.

After several months of preparation, our 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, which was held on October 8th, was a huge success. The day was cool and slightly overcast, the greens were in great shape and the golfers were treated to a day they will never forget. A huge thank you goes out to the entire golf committee and all Knights involved in rounding up their golfer friends or have spent hours knocking on doors and talking to sponsors. I want to also thank all the Knights that did their part by responding to my letter and donated some of their treasures to the event. (A list of those Knights can be found in this newsletter) The final tally for the day was 96 golfers and 77 sponsors. All golfers were treated to a great breakfast and lunch, and every single one of them walked away with a door prize. Our raffle items (over \$4,000 worth) helped round up the golfer's opportunity to take home something, as well as, kept them in their seats long after the golf carts were put away.

That evening, and the following morning, several Knights participated in the St. Stephen's Ministry Fair. Following all the masses, we handed out information about what it means to be a Knight, along with a Form 100. We had several interested candidates stop by our table to talk about our ministry and we even received two candidates that filled in and returned their forms. I can honestly say it was well worth our time and effort to be there - and it only cost us a few hours of our time and a plate full of homemade cookies.

On Sunday morning we held our first Burrito Breakfast of the new school year. Over 25 Knights came out to cook, prepare, serve and clean up after the event. I'm pleased to say that we had another great event that weekend as we sold out of every Burrito and doughnut. By the end of the morning it was easy to see that we had a bunch of very tired and very proud

Knights. (It's absolutely amazing what we can accomplish if we all pull together.)

During the burrito breakfast we had the drawing for the statue of St. Mary. Sister Mildred did the honors by pulling the winning ticket from over 800 entries. And the winner was....Janie Blanchard. Yes indeed, my wife won the statue. We were both very surprised and pleased. Thanks to all of you who took time out of your busy schedule to make this fundraising effort a very successful event.

Don't forget that our Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on Saturday morning (November 19th). We will meet at the clubhouse at 8:30 A.M. and be at our street corners by 9:00 A.M. Let's take a minute and do a little simple math: a dollar collected every minute for an hour: sixty dollars – three hours work: one hundred eighty dollars – twenty five Knights volunteering their time: four thousand five hundred dollars – the chance to raise money for our charity goals: priceless.

In November we are also going to sponsor a drive to help fill up our own St. Stephen's Pantry. During the weekend of November 12th and 13th, Council 7264 will be orchestrating a second collection after all masses to raise money for our pantry. We will match every dollar donated by our parishioners - up to \$1,000. This is a worthwhile cause, so sign up to be a collector at our next business meeting and let's try to be very generous when the basket passes your way.

As we get a little older, time seems to go by just a bit quicker every year. Another holiday season is almost upon us and it seems like the last one was only a couple months ago. For many Knights, and our families, this is a great time to count our blessings. The best way to make Thanksgiving Catholic, of course, is to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day. The Church provides a special Mass for the holiday, the theme of which is gratitude for the gifts of God. And as Knights, let's not forget to dedicate ourselves to serving others who are less fortunate.

To all my Brothers and your family, may you have safe travels, be surrounded by friends and family, enjoy a bountiful dinner table, and have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus
Andy Blanchard
Grand Knight

Prayer Intentions



At the last Business Meeting we were asked to remember these individuals in our prayers:

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| Betty Young | Pat Tracy | Charlie Phillips |
| Carolyn Libby | Duane Tallman | James Andre |
| Joe Meza | Kathy Bourgeois | Judy Frary |
| Matt Gleason | Cathy Bitto | Betty Meza – R.I.P. |
| Andy Allen | James Dixon Jr. | Peter Miscinski – R.I.P. |
| Joanie Rapkoch | Kent Rotering | Travis Austin |

PRAYER FOR RAIN: as we continue to experience the effect of both the extreme heat and the drought, Bishop Vann has asked that the following prayer be used through the Diocese of Ft. Worth in the coming weeks.

God our Creator, maker of all things and protector of your people, in Your love look upon us in our time of need and give us Your help. Open the heavens for us and send us the rain we need for our lives and crops. As our hearts long for You, so we seek rain to refresh the earth; as we long for life, so let the earth produce its harvest in abundance. May we rejoice in the good things of the earth and raise our eyes to You the source of all blessings. Hear our cry for mercy and answer our prayer, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Linn Wetwiska | Nov. 1 | Christopher M. Lane | Nov. 19 |
| Leo Davis | Nov. 4 | Robert Mallet | Nov. 20 |
| Robert Phillips | Nov. 5 | Paul J. Boatman | Nov. 27 |
| John P. Engels | Nov. 6 | Joseph R. Gerlich | Nov. 27 |
| Norbert E. Stanislav | Nov. 7 | Leon W. Hitner | Nov. 27 |
| Truman Hornsby | Nov. 13 | Fr. Liam A. Sweeney | Nov. 29 |
| Lawrence A. Bierschenk | Nov. 14 | | |

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

John Young at john.youngtx@gmail.com or by calling (817) 596-4359



Our Councils 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament



Our annual golf tournament was a great success. We exceeded our goal; Thanks to all who participated before and during the event. The following Brother Knights donated to the Charity Tournament:

John Achtyl
Lawrence Bierschenk
Andre Blanchard
Daniel Brown
Dale Burchfield
Jesse Chavez
Leo Davis
Peter Henz
Leon Hitner

Fred Payne
Lee Perkins
Dr. Robert Phillips DDS
John C. Pickington
Horace Remero
Francis Rotering
David Yaniko
John Young



MEMBERSHIP



New Members

ADAM MANN – Green Tree Dr., Weatherford, TX
BRIAN SNELL – Meadow Ridge Dr., Weatherford, TX
EDWARD HERRERA – Sagewood Dr. Weatherford, TX

****If you have any friends or family member that you believe would be a good Knight
Please give their name to Dale Burchfield – 817-313-0721**



Deputy Grand Knights Report

October 25th: Planning Meeting attended by 21 members, discussion topics:

- Burrito Breakfast – November 13th 6 am start for cooks.
- Tootsie Roll Drive – November 19th, mark your calendars, discussed meeting at club house at 8:30 am.
- Christmas Parade – James Nowak – Meet at club House at 7 AM and move to staging area by 9 am, Candy Canes are in we will be passing out with little story attached and theme of “Putting Christ back into Christmas.
- Our Council Christmas Party, December 16th, to be held at Parish Club House, more to follow.
- Resurface wall in entrance of Club House for Councils plaques and pictures – work started if you wish to help contact Greg Libby.
- Fat Tuesday event on Feb. 21st with the joint effort of the Catholic Daughters of America committee meeting and will report at business meeting.

Council 7264 Committees & Chairman:

Prospective New Members Committee– Dale Burchfield

Knight’s Recognition Committee– Dan Brown, see info in news letter

Feed Our Families – to fill the Parish Pantry Nov. 12th & 13th.

Tootsie Roll Drive – All members – Saturday November 19th

Christmas Parade – Dec 3rd – James Nowak

Christmas Party December 16th, Andy Blanchard and John Achtyl



Upcoming Council Meeting

Nov. 8th – Business meeting 7:15 pm

Nov. 22nd – Planning meeting 7:00 pm

Feed the Families Weekend Nov. 12 & 13

This holiday season, let’s join together to feed families in need. On November 12th and 13th, the Knights of Columbus will hold a second collection after all masses to help fill the shelves of St. Stephen’s Pantry. The Knights will match collected donation – dollar for dollar; up to \$1,000 – so that all of us can put smiles on the faces, love in the hearts, and warm food in the stomachs of families in need here in our parish. Let us show our thanks and appreciation for all we have been blessed with by bringing blessings into the lives of others. If you wish to help during the second collection please contact Andy Blanchard or John Achtyl.

Saturday November 19th Councils Tootsie Roll Drive

On this Saturday we will gather to do our Annual tootsie roll drive at the Weatherford street corners. The more brothers that come to help will mean a greater success. Please give this event consideration to join us. We will meet at the Club House at 8:30 am.



Weatherford Christmas Parade December 3rd

The Council will have a float in the parade with the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas". Brothers will meet at the club house around 7:30 am to work on the float and be at the parade staging by 9 am. This year we will be passing out candy canes with a poem about the canes and Christmas, on the other side our council # and wishing a Merry Christmas. Consider Joining us on the float and wear your blue shirts & red jackets.



Council Christmas Party



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7264



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH, 6:00 PM

AT ST. STEPHEN CLUB HOUSE

COST IS \$10 PER PERSON

PLUS A \$10 UNWRAPPED CHRISTMAS GIFT (PER ADULT)

FOR A CHILD (1 TO 12 YEARS)

FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS CONTACT

LAWRENCE BIRSCHENK - 817-597-6032

OR

CHUCK SCHABOW - 817-597-6120

RSVP BY: DECEMBER 9th

**** THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY FUNCTION ****





7264 Council Knightly News Letter

Please send your E-Mail address to jlachtyl@yahoo.com to receive your News letter via

E-Mail. At present we send out 56 postal mailings of the news letter and would like to be able to cut that down to save on postage and copy cost. So if you do have an e-mail address, please consider giving it to us. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any comments on the news letter or suggestions please send to John Achtyl at 143 Hedges Circle, Weatherford, Texas 76085 or my e-mail at jlachtyl@yahoo.com.



Knight of Columbus Web Sight it out

Also Known as UKnight <http://www.kofcknights.org/Council.asp?CNO=7264>

If you have not checked out the web sight, please do and if you have a person that is interested in joining have them check out the sight. We are trying our best to update the information and pictures as it becomes available to us. If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, which stays on for 30 days, you can do so by clicking on the prayer list site. Entering your membership# and then enter the name and info if you wish. You can also check out other councils to see what they are doing if you use the "kofcknights.org" site. Please e-mail me at jlachtyl@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



Knight / Family of the Month Nominations



Chairpersons are: Dan Brown and James Dixon

The committee is accepting nominations from fellow Brother Knights for "Knight of the Month" or "Family of the Month". You can send your nominations to either Brother Dan or Brother James. The nomination rationale should be in writing and must include at least one of our Knights of Columbus Principals:

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

All nominees must be in good standing in the Catholic Church.

You may contact Dan Brown at his e-mail: danbrown@aledobb.com

Or Phone # H 817-598-1757

Or send by mail to: 116 SE Rambling Trail

Weatherford, Texas 76087-7646

Or; you can contact Jimmy Dixon at his e-mail: jddjld@swbell.net

Or Phone # H 817-596-8443

Or send by mail to: 2106 Maplewood Dr

Weatherford, Texas 76087-3823

Or; when you are attending a meeting you can hand them your nomination.

K of C Chapter meetings

Dates to Remember: 2011 - 2012

Dec 14th Chapter Meeting – Co. 4709 Ft. Worth

Jan 25th Chapter Meeting – Co. 14549 Arlington



MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on wheels continue on each Thursday, Thanks to those of you that participate in this Council project. We deliver hot meals to seniors in the Weatherford area. If you are interested in giving 2 hours a month, contact

Leo Davis at (817) 443-3870 or e-mail at leodavis@hotmail.com

NOVEMBER - Thankful

November 1st All Saints Day and November 2nd All Souls Day

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS; **BENEDICT XVI**, *Wednesday, 1 November 2006*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, we are celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints, and tomorrow we will be commemorating the faithful departed. These two deeply felt liturgical celebrations offer us a special opportunity to meditate upon eternal life.

Is modern man still waiting for this eternal life, or does he consider it part of a mythology now obsolete?

In our time more than in the past, people are so absorbed by earthly things that at times they find it difficult to think about God as the protagonist of history and of our own existence.

By its nature, however, human life reaches out for something greater which transcends it; the human yearning for justice, truth and full happiness is irrepressible.

In the face of the enigma of death, the desire for and hope of meeting their loved ones again in Heaven is alive in many, just as there is a strong conviction that a Last Judgment will re-establish justice, and the expectation of a definitive encounter in which each person will be given his reward.

For us as Christians, however, "eternal life" does not merely mean a life that lasts for ever but rather a new quality of existence, fully immersed in God's love, which frees us from evil and death and places us in never-ending communion with all our brothers and sisters who share in the same Love.

Thus, eternity can already be present at the heart of earthly and temporal life when the soul is united through grace with God, its ultimate foundation.

Everything passes, God alone never changes. A Psalm says: "Though my flesh and my heart waste away, God is the rock of my heart and my portion for ever" (Ps 73[72]: 26). All Christians, called to holiness, are men and women who live firmly anchored to this "Rock", their feet on the ground but their hearts already in Heaven, the final dwelling-place of friends of God.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us meditate on these realities with our souls turned toward our final and definitive destiny, which gives meaning to the circumstances of our daily lives. Let us enliven the joyous sentiment of the communion of Saints and allow ourselves to be drawn by them towards the goal of our existence: the face-to-face encounter with God.

Let us pray that this may be the inheritance of all the faithful departed, not only our own loved ones but also of all souls, especially those most forgotten and most in need of divine mercy.

May the Virgin Mary, Queen of all the Saints, guide us to choose the world of eternal life at every moment, "and life everlasting", as we say in the *Creed*; a world already inaugurated by the Resurrection of Christ, whose coming we can hasten with our sincere conversion and charitable acts.



November 8th – Election Day

Election Day in the United States is the day set by law for the general elections of public officials. It occurs on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The earliest possible date is November 2 and the latest possible date is November 8. The next election will be held on November 8, 2011.

Did You Know? Logistics

There are tens of thousands of voting precincts in the United States, each of which must be supplied and staffed with election judges on Election Day, usually a workday in most of the country.



November 11th – Veteran's Day

History:

The U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed an Armistice Day for November 11, 1919. In proclaiming the holiday, he said

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The United States Congress passed a concurrent resolution seven years later on June 4, 1926, requesting that the President Calvin Coolidge issue another proclamation to observe November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday; "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'."

In 1953, an Emporia, Kansas man named Alvin King, the owner of a shoe repair shop, had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in World War I. King had been actively involved with the American War Dads during World War II. He began a campaign to turn Armistice Day into "All" Veterans Day. The Emporia Chamber of Commerce took up the cause after determining that 90% of Emporia merchants as well as the Board of Education supported closing their doors on November 11 to honor all veterans. With the help of U.S. Representative Ed Rees, also from Emporia, a bill for the holiday was pushed through Congress. President Dwight Eisenhower signed it into law on May 26, 1954.

Congress amended this act on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans," and it has been known as Veterans Day since.

Although originally scheduled for celebration on November 11 of every year, starting in 1971 in accordance with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. In 1978, it was moved back to its original celebration on November 11. Since this change, there has been a trend against being closed on the holiday. It began with businesses (excluding banks) and in recent years some schools and local governments have also chosen to remain open.

Veteran's Day Prayer posted by Nick Senger

Dear Heavenly Father,

In every age, You call certain persons to defend the human family from oppression, tyranny, and evil. Since our founding as a nation "conceived in liberty," countless American men and women have stepped forward to defend our country and many others from aggressors, and to liberate those held captive.

Today we revere all our veterans: those who rest in honored glory, those who still suffer from the wounds of war, and those who, with us, enjoy the blessing of living in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O God, thank You for the selfless sacrifice of these veterans and of their families. Help us to remember them, to pray for them, and to care for them. Please bring all our departed veterans into Your Kingdom, and console their families with Your unfailing love. Please heal our wounded veterans through the power of Your Holy Spirit, and give to all our veterans the satisfaction of having served You even as they have served us.

Thank You for Your gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. May we fight to keep these rights available to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

November 24th, Thanksgiving Day

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and
hands and voices, Who wondrous things has
done, in Whom this world rejoices*

-Martin Rinkart



NOVEMBER 2011

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| 6 Happy Birthday John P Engels | 7 1st Degree at Saint Joseph's in Cleburne Happy Birthday Norbert E Stanislav | 8 Ellection Day  Council Business Meeting | 9 | 10 | 11 Vetren's Day  | 12 Feed The Families weekend |
| 13 Burrito Breakfast feed the Families weekend Happy Birthday Truman A Hornsby | 14 Happy Birthday Lawrence A Bierschenk | 15 | 16 4th Degree Meeting | 17 | 18 | 19 Council Tootsi Roll Drive Happy Birthday Christopher M Lane |
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