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Holy Spirit Council 7264 Knightly News January 2012



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

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

MY DEAR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND SIR KNIGHTS;

I can't believe that it's already a New Year. I pray that you all had a Blessed Christmas and everyone is ready to meet a challenging New Year. Have you been out to the Knights of Columbus Texas State Council web site lately? (<http://www.tkofc.org/>) Council 7264 has had several news articles published there. A big thank you has to go to our Deputy Grand Knight (John Achtyl) for his dedication to publishing this great newsletter every month, and for making sure our council receives recognition by getting information to outside sources like the Texas Knights web site.

Well the weather was wet and the air was very cool, but we still decorated our float and golf cart and was able to distribute over one thousand candy canes to both people in the parade and many more standing (and some sitting in their cars) along the parade route. After all was said and done, we were all soaked to the bone (except the guys driving the truck and golf cart) but every Knight had a very big smile as we knew we had accomplished our goal to get the message out that Christmas is a time for Christ.

What a great time was had by all at our Christmas party. It was a pleasure to see so many Knights and their guest enjoy an excellent meal and great entertainment. Thanks to all Brother Knights who helped with the meal preparation, clubhouse decorations, and clean up after the festivities. It was sure nice to see our very special guests: Sister Mildred and several widows of past Knights. It was also great to see our Christmas tree filled with over 60 unwrapped toys for the needy boys and girls in the St. Stephen Parish.

If you haven't been to the clubhouse in a while, you need to stop by and see the great job done on the inside wall by a handful of very talented Knights. We now have a place where all of our plaques can hang for all to see. A great big thank you to Greg Libby, who chaired this project, supplied all the wood and created the wood backing for both the name of our council and the Knights of Columbus logo. Ever wonder who the Grand Knight was in years past, the names of our deceased Brothers or wonder how many Seminarians we have supported? Thanks to the efforts of Chuck Schabow and John Young, we now have three plaques recognizing all of these men. Stop by and take a look.

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It was suggested we do something on our wall for the Military Veterans of Council 7264. Absolutely! We will dedicate an area of the wall with the American Flag and a plaque listing all Council 7264 Knights that have served in any of the armed forces. All I need is for you to send to me (email, mail or simply call me) with the branch of service you served and the years you were there. We'll do the rest.

Looking ahead - In January we will have our monthly Burrito Breakfast on January 8th starting at 6:00 A.M. On Saturday afternoon, January 21st starting at 1:30 P.M., we will be supporting our youth group by marching, then serving hot dogs and drinks to all in the Walk for Life event. We will also provide a pick up vehicle in the rear of the group that will give assistance to any walker who can't go all the way. On Sunday, January 29th, we will have our Corporate Communion Mass at the 8:00 A.M. Mass. Can't make the monthly meetings due to inflexible evening commitments; I've just given you three weekend functions that you can put on your calendar to support the efforts of your Council. Come, participate and enjoy the camaraderie.

We have come a long way in 2011 and I want everyone to feel good about this, but I also need you to look inside yourself and ask, "Have I done my share? Can I find more time this year?" Everything you do for the parish and the Knights of Columbus makes a difference. I read an interesting analogy the other day. It said, if you put a grasshopper on a train track it would not stop the train but if you put a billion of them on there it might. Hard to imagine a billion grasshoppers but I think you see the point. We have Knights that are finding the time to make a difference and others who are always too busy.....maybe you are too busy, believe me I am busy also, but I always seem to find a few hours every month to participate in an event or two. Want to make a new year's resolution that will make you feel better about yourself? Make 2012 the year you commit to become a better Knight by finding a few extra hours every month to get involved with Council 7264. It's a New Year's resolution that is easy to keep and I'm confident you'll be glad you did.

Vivat Jesus
Andy Blanchard
Grand Knight

Prayer Intentions



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

Betty Young	Pat Tracy	Charlie Phillips – R.I.P.
Carolyn Libby	Duane Tallman	Bonnie Wienke
Murielle Wright	Kathy Bourgeois	Jan Bateman
June Wetwiska	Cathy Bitto	Cindy Gunderson
Joe Meza	Betty Meza – R. I. P.	Andy Allen
Joanie Rapkoch	For an End to All Abortions	

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>
Daniel L. Martin	Jan. 2	John R. Young	Jan. 17
John G. Pilkington	Jan. 4	Andrew M. Allen	Jan. 19
John Rapkoch	Jan. 7	Carlos Elizondo	Jan. 19
Joseph Wright	Jan. 11	Douglas Cormier	Jan. 24
James Gieb	Jan. 16	David A. Yaniko	Jan. 31
Richard T. Leon	Jan. 16		

MEMBERSHIP

The Principles of the Order



Charity is the first principle of the Order. Knights are followers of Christ and men of faith. As St. James reminds us, "faith without works is dead." Therefore, as Knights we are committed to charity, easing the plight of those less fortunate.

Unity is the second principle of the Knights of Columbus. In

Unity there is strength. Existing in an environment that was openly hostile to Catholics, the founders of the Order relied on the strength of unity to remain steadfast in the Faith while claiming their rightful place in society. Today the Order uses that strength to speak out for religiously-grounded moral values in a culture that has forsaken them.

Fraternity is the third principle of Order. In 19th century America, life insurance was beyond the financial reach of many poor Catholics, and social services did not exist. Through the Knights of Columbus men were able to band together as brothers to help one another in times of distress, sickness and death.

Patriotism is the principle of the Fourth Degree. One of the reasons the Order was founded was to emphasize that Catholics are proud citizens of their countries. Today Fourth Degree Knights in full regalia, the visible arm of the Order, serve to witness to the values of devotion to God and country, the bedrock of patriotism

****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**

**IF YOU CHANGE PHONE #, ADDRESS, ETC. PLEASE NOTIFY
THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

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

******Note to membership that the 2nd Notice for dues will be delivered on
14 January 2012, approximate 60 Brothers have not renewed there
Membership for 2012. Current Membership Cards Will EXPIRE on
31 December 2011.**



Deputy Grand Knights Report

November 22nd: Planning Meeting discussion topics:

- Meeting with Youth Group – info to follow
 - Steven Metzler & Dan Brown
- Burrito Breakfast – January 8th, 6 am start for cooks.
- Corporate Communion – Sunday January 29th, 8 am Mass
- Hike for Life – January 21st (Saturday)
 - Expecting 150 – 200 Walkers
 - Escorts, trailing vehicle, and lunch
 - Should Knights donate \$\$ to the cause? – To be discussed at business meeting.
- 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

Fat Tuesday – Feb. 21st – Andre Blanchard, James Dixon and Ed Kosikowski



Upcoming Council Meeting

Jan. 10th – Business meeting 7:15 pm

Jan. 24th – Planning meeting 7:00 pm



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.



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

Council 7264 Joins in the Weatherford Texas Christmas Parade



"Float ready to go"



"Golf Cart with Candy canes ready"



On right GK Andre Blanchard and Center Left Chairman Brother Nowak check out candy canes



DGK John Achtyl and Brother Knights handing out candy canes

Neither Rain, Snow nor Sleet would keep this council down from entering their "Keep Christ in Christmas" float in the Christmas Parade in Weatherford Texas. On Dec 3rd the weather was rainy and cool but we dressed up our float and golf cart. Our goal was to spread the word to "Keep Christ in Christmas" by handing out candy canes with the following legend attached:

Many years ago a candy maker wanted to make a sweet that would symbolize the meaning of Christmas. He started with a stick of white hard candy that represented God's body; pure and innocent. He added red stripes to remind us of the blood that Christ shed on the cross for us. He then curved the end of the cane to form the letter "J" for Jesus so we wouldn't forget. So the next time you see a candy cane, take a minute to remember the real meaning of Christmas.

You could see that this brought smiles to both the parade watchers and our brother Knights as we passed out the candy canes. Our Thanks go out to the Chairman Brother James Nowak for making arrangements to enter the parade, to Brother Joseph Wright for his trailer and pickup truck, to Grand Knight Andre Blanchard for preparing the candy canes and the finding of the legend, and Brother James Dixon for use of his golf cart which carried the resupply of candy canes and pictures taken by Leonard Wright. They made this event a success for our council in spreading the word of Christ Birth.

Council Christmas Party



Council 7264 held its annual Christmas party on December 16th. Every Knight, and their guest, was asked to bring a gift for a needy child. Over 60 presents were collected and given to Sister Mildred who will distribute them to needy boys and girls of St. Stephen's Church in Weatherford Texas.

The highlight of the evening was a meal of Roasted Pork Loin, Baked Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Steamed Veggies, Salad and Assorted Pies and Ice Cream. After dinner, everyone was treated to a Christmas Carol trivia quiz game, hosted by our Grand Knight Andre Blanchard. Four couples won a prize for the most correct answers on the 20 question quiz while everyone in the audience played along. The evening ended with a drawing for 40 door prizes.

Our success for this night was due to the hard work of many Knights. Thanks to Brother Lenard Wright and his team of cooks who purchased and prepared an outstanding meal. Kudos to Grand Knight Andre Blanchard, his wife Janie and all those on the decorating committee for converting our hall to a Christmas wonderland. Brother Vic Verstraete and Brother Norbert Stanislav were responsible for gathering the many door prizes and Brother Lawrence Bierschenk and Brother Charles Schabow took care of guest reservations. The biggest thank you has to go to all for their support and generosity shown this night. Everyone left the party with a big smile knowing they had fun but also knowing their generosity will make many needy boys and girls feel the same way on Christmas morning.

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.

Layman's 10 rules

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. Why is a car's WINDSHIELD so large & the Rear View Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE; so, Look Ahead and Move on.
3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well; enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong; don't worry, they can't last long either.
5. Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.

K of C Chapter meetings

Dates to Remember: - 2012

Jan 25th Chapter Meeting – Co. 14549 Arlington

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Brother Knights in District 12;

As we approach the end of the first half of the year, we need to stop and review our progress in the areas of Membership, Insurance members, and our work towards our Charity goal.

We are at 28% of our membership Quota, a negative 7% towards our Insurance goal and 46% of our Charity. There is still time to talk with a fellow Catholic man and tell him the benefits of being a Knight.

Use every opportunity to spread the word. Every time you go to Mass or are involved in a function, ask the question "Are you a Knight?", and if not, "Why".

We should use this wonderful time of the year to reflect on your actions and make commitments to be a "Better Knight and a Better Catholic."

Leo Davis
DD12



New study released on shroud colors The Shroud of Turin has passed yet another examination

Scientists at Italy's National Agency for New Technologies, Energy, and Sustainable Development are saying that the colors on the famous shroud must have been produced using some form of electro-magnetic energy not available in medieval times.

After testing the colors, the scientific team concluded that their shade, texture, and depth must have been imprinted using something equivalent to ultraviolet lasers capable of generating extremely brief pulses of light.

As lasers weren't around at the time, the scientists think that the colors may have been created because of "some form of electro-magnetic energy (such as a flash of light at a short wavelength)."

The Vatican has never said the shroud was the authentic burial cloth of Christ - just that the image reminds believers of Christ's sufferings while the Italian scientific team called their findings "another piece of the puzzle."

The Three Theological Virtues

The three theological virtues (faith, hope, and charity) allow man to share in God's nature. These virtues relate directly to God who directly infuses these three virtues into the soul where they make the believers capable of living as God's children and meriting eternal life.

January – New Years a time for Resolution & Renew

RESOLUTION

1. The state or quality of being resolute; firm determination.
2. **A resolving to do something.**
3. A course of action determined or decided on.

RENEW

1. To make new or as if new again; restore: *renewed the antique chair.*
2. **To take up again; resume: *renew an old friendship; renewed the argument.***
3. To repeat so as to reaffirm: *renew a promise.*

A Happy and prosperous New Year to all Brother Knights and their families. We hope that 2012 will bring a renewed and resolved sense of enthusiasm and fraternity encouraging new and continued support for our Council and its activities for the New Year.

& Epiphany – known as 2nd Christmas or Little Christmas

[EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION](#) [ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD](#)

Exert from: HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI; Vatican Basilica, Thursday, 6 January 2011

Yet, for us too things are not so different from what they were for the Magi. If we were to be asked our opinion on how God was to save the world, we might answer that he would have to manifest all his power to give the world a fairer economic system in which each person could have everything he wanted. Indeed, this would be a sort of violence to man because it would deprive him of the fundamental elements that characterize him. In fact neither our freedom nor our love would be called into question. God's power is revealed in quite a different way: in Bethlehem, where we encounter the apparent powerlessness of his love. And it is there that we must go and there that we find God's star.

Thus, a final important element of the event of the Magi appears to us very clearly: the language of creation enables us to make good headway on the path towards God but does not give us the definitive light. In the end, it was indispensable for the Magi to listen to the voice of the Sacred Scriptures: they alone could show them the way. The true star is the word of God which, amidst of the uncertainty of human discourses, gives us the immense splendor of the Divine Truth.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us allow ourselves to be guided by the star that is the word of God, let us follow it in our lives, walking with the Church in which the Word has pitched his tent. Our road will always be illumined by a light that no other sign can give us. And we too shall become stars for others, a reflection of that light which Christ caused to shine upon us. Amen. ©

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JANUARY 2012

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8 Burrito Breakfast	9	10 First Degree Exemplification Business Meeting	11 Happy Birthday Joseph L Wright	12	13	14
15	16 Happy Birthday James E Gieb Richard T Leon	17 Happy Birthday John Robert Young	18	19 Happy Birthday Andrew M Allen Carlos Elizondo	20	21 Hike for Life
22 St. Mark Denton First Degree	23	24 First Degree in Mansfield 1st Degree at Council 7736 in Mansfield Planning Meeting Happy Birthday Douglas Cormier	25 Chapter Meeting	26	27	28
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