



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church

March 2017

Council #7613

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COUNCIL CORNER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MARCH 2017

| DATE | EVENT | TIME & PLACE |
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| 3/01/2017, Wed | Ash Wednesday | |
| 3/02/2017, Thurs | Mass & General Meeting | 7:00 pm – Christopher Hall |
| 3/03/2017, Fri | Lenten Fish Fry | 5:00 pm – St Francis Circle |
| 3/03-04/2017, Fri & Sat | 24 Hour Adoration | 4 pm Fri to 4 pm Sat – Blessed Sacrament Chapel |
| 3/04/2017, Sat | Monthly Rosary | 4:30 pm Church |
| 3/05/2017, Sun | Squires Meeting | 9:00am – Christopher Hall |
| 3/06/2017, Mon | Kolbe Prison Retreat Committee Meeting | Room 201, Christopher Hall |
| 3/08/2017, Wed | CHOC Meeting | 7:00 pm – Chriatopher Hall |
| 3/09/2017, Thurs | Assembly Meeting | 7:00 pm – Christopher Hall |
| 3/09, 10, &11/2017, Wed, Thurs, & Fri | Kolbe Prison Retreat | Briscoe Unit in Dilley, TX. |
| 3/10/2017, Fri | Lenten Fish Fry | 5:00 pm – St Francis Circle |
| 3/15/2017, Wed | Chapter Meeting | Council 15343, Our Lady of Manaog, 5655 Rigsby (Highway 87) |
| 3/16/2017, Thurs | Officers Meeting | 7:00 pm – Christopher Hall |
| 3/17/2017, Fri | Lenten Fish Fry | 5:00 pm – St Francis Circle |
| | St. Patrick's Day | |
| 3/24/2017, Fri | Lenten Fish Fry | 5:00 pm – St Francis Circle |
| 3/28/2017, Tues | 1 st Degree | 7:00 pm – Christopher Hall |
| 3/31/2017, Fri | Lenten Fish Fry | 5:00 pm – St Francis Circle |

LENTEN FISH FRY

Following Ash Wednesday (March 1) we will be serving on Friday (March 3) a fish dinner at the **Lenten Fish Fry**. The dinner is the same as last year - Fried Alaskan Pollack, Steak Fries, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, Drink, and Desert. Price per plate - Adults \$8 and Small Children \$5.

The last two years have been very successful. We raised over \$4000 each year. Please spread the word to fellow parishioners, friends, family, and neighbors.

The fish and other items for March 3rd have been ordered and the Women's Guild will have the deserts ready. For the rest of the efforts needed to bring this year's **Lenten Fish Fry** to a success, your help is much needed as indicated below. To sign up to support this effort, you can use the following **Signup Genius: [Lenten Fish Dinner 3/3/17](#)**

Tuesday February 28th - 6:30 pm - Set up the big tent - Need at least 4 people, 8 is better to get it done faster.

- **Thursday March 2nd** - Fish Prep and Table Set Up - following the Council meeting
- **Friday March 3rd**
 1. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm - 6 people - Set up cooking area, heat up oil, prep slaw, drinks, and food service area in Hall
 2. 4:15 pm - 7:00 pm - 6 people - Fry cooks start cooking fish, fries and hush puppies
 3. 4:45 pm - 7:00 pm - 8 people - Food Servers be ready to serve and Cashiers start receiving funds
 4. 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - 8 people - Cleanup crew

COUNCIL 7613 AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We are most proud of a most wonderous Brother of our Council 7613, Jake Danielson shown below, who is acclaimed the Knight of the Month of December 2016.



Knight of the Month Jake Danielson (right)

For his very active support of the 4th Degree Exemplification Team, GK Ysay Flores was presented the following “Appreciation Recognition” award at the Feburary Council 6013 meeting.



**GK Ysau Flores Receiving the
“Appreciation Recognition” Award
From the 4th Degree Reheasal Team**



**The “Appreciation Recognition”
award for strongly supporting the
4th Degree Exemplification Team**

ASSEMBLY 3018 AWARDS

During the February 9 Assembly 3018 meeting two awards were presented by Navigator Ron Hrcir as shown below. The first one was to Trustee Larry Zoller as the *“Knight of the Year”*.

The second award shown with Navigator Ron Hrcir and Admiral Terry Vlach was presented to the Assembly as a Civic Award for outstanding implementation of patriotic programming. This award, presented to our Assembly by the *4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus*, is classed as a *Provincial Award for Excellence*.



**Knight of the Year
Trustee Larry Zoller**



**Navigator Ron Hrcir &
Admiral Terry Vlach**

GUADALUPE HOME—IT’S BEGINNING

By Sam Szalwinski

The Guadalupe Home is a home for unwed mothers and single moms. At our general membership meeting in February there was a discussion involving financial support of the home. During this discussion it seemed obvious that some of our members are not familiar with how this home had its beginning. This home’s early beginning was the result of the dedication of many members of our Council. The purpose of this article is to give a very brief history of this facility and how we helped to get it started.

There was a vacant building located in Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish on Trinity Street. Three ladies from other parishes wished to open a home for unwed mothers and single moms. They petitioned the diocese to allow establishing such a dwelling. PGK Elroy Tschirhart attended a meeting at which the potential for establishing this home was discussed. He reported the matter to our Council stating that the vacant building was in need of maintenance. PGK Sam Szalwinski and SK Lloyd Anders inspected it. They found that it was a two story facility that needed lots of work. Interior paint was peeling, window panes were broken and termites were evident. Shelves needed to be constructed in what once was a car garage. The yard was a mess with weeds and trash in abundance. Trees needed trimming, etc. etc.

A donor source for paint was found, however, the paint offered was left over from jobs and from paint that had been mixed for customers who did not pick it up. There were 46 gallons that provided a rainbow of colors. It was free so it was accepted. It was brought to PGK Sam Szalwinski’s house where it was sorted. With careful blending Sam and Bev were able to mix and create three separate acceptable colors.

Many of our members worked many hours to make this facility operational. On two separate weekends 26 Knights from Council 7613 worked to make the place presentable. This number of men working in a two story building created an impressive sight. All of the interior of this home was painted. Subsequently, they worked individually or in small numbers. SK Leo Forget took the task of replacing window panes. SK Lloyd, with help, took the job of replacing drywall in a ceiling and building shelves in the garage. Shelf building extended into several additional days with SK Lloyd doing most of the work. Guadalupe Home soon opened and remained in existence for several years during which time our Knights maintained the facility and kept it presentable. Without the many hours of work performed by the men of our Council the opening of Guadalupe Home would have been delayed indefinitely.

After many years of operation a brand new facility was constructed on Buena Vista Street near downtown. It was opened about five years ago and remains as the *Guadalupe Home* serving the same purpose as its original name sake. Our Council continues to support this Home financially as SK Howard Godwin, one of our members serves on the Board of the Home.

FANDANGO-FUNDRAISING FOR GUADALUPE HOME

The need to donate \$1,500 for the purchase of a table (10 seats) for the Feb 25th Fandango-fundraiser for the Guadalupe Home was discussed during the Council 7613 February 2 General meeting. Due to the current budget condition, the Council decided to look into a way to make the donation and therefore, no vote for making the \$1,500 donation was conducted at this meeting.

On February 5th we now have a suitable resource from which we will be able to make the \$1,500 donation. SK Stephen Rohrbough, Bingo Director, suggested we transfer \$1,500 from the Bingo Reserves-stagnant funds accumulated from the old 281 Bingo Operations

ROMEO BUSY HAVING BREAKFAST

Looking from one end of the table and then from the other end, you see our ROMIO Knights being distracted from their breakfast by paying attention to Brother Pete Blozis as he is taking our picture. This ROMEO event of “Knights Retired Old Men Eating Out” which occurs every Wednesday, is one where much of the past, present, and future is covered from one end of the table to the other. It is a most interesting type of meeting where prescheduled topics for discussion are never set up before the meeting. All the topics covered during the meeting are formed as we enjoy our meal.



SUPERBOWL SUNDAY CHICKEN BBQ

The BBQ this Sunday, February 5, was a stupendous success, thanks to so many of our brother Knights that came out and supported the event. We met the goal of selling 25 cases of sausage; nearly 260 pounds of potatoes (6 potatoes left); and 1174 out of 1200 chicken halves. The 26 remaining chickens are currently in the parish kitchen's walk-in cooler and are available for sale with free potatoes for \$8 each. The receptionist in the office will be most happy to sell any of you the remaining "cooked chickens" with a free potatoe.

This was one of the best events for providing us the opportunity to visit and enjoy time with old friends as well as getting to know many new brother Knights. So, those of you that would like to experience such a most enjoyable opportunity, our next and last-of -the- fraternal year BBQ will be the weekend and Easter, 21-23 April.

Some of our Knights stay up past 3:00 am cooking all the chickens. See how they pose for the following picture at such a late time of the day (night) while cooking our chickens.



See our brother Knights in the pictures below having a grand time in selling our "Barbequed Chickens", potatoes, and sausages on their one day selling event. Some of them may have been the ones staying up as late as 3:00 am that morning doing the barbequeing and potatoe cooking.





KOLBE PRISON RETREAT

SK Gerald Gaenslen, Co-Director of the Kolbe Prison Ministry, announced at our February Council meeting (shown below) that the next Kolbe Prison Retreat at the Briscoe Unit in Dilley, TX will be held on March 9-11, 2017. As before, this retreat will be sponsored through St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church.

At present, team meetings held at St. Mark church in Room 201 at Christopher Hall on Monday evenings (January 30 through March 6). New team members are needed for the upcoming retreat. If you would like to help in some other way (such as providing meals), please let us know.

Let Co-Director Gerald Gaenslen know (by cell phone 210-789-2409 or preferably by email, ggaenslen@gmail.com) as to your interest in participating for the March Kolbe retreat.



SK Gerald Gaenslen presenting Kolbe Prison Retreat upcoming event

BLANCO BINGO UNIT REPORT

The Bingo Director, SK Stephen Rohrbough, provided the following report to the Council February 2, 2017:

Blanco Bingo UNIT Report to Council - February 2, 2017

4th Qtr 2016 Reports

UNIT sent Report to TLC January 20, 2017 - Due January 25, 2017

KOC sent Distribution Report January 25, 2017 - \$0

UNIT Charities Met Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 11:30 am

Unit Net Income for 4th Qtr - \$11,724.55

UNIT Net Income for Year - \$8,064

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| Had Changes in UNIT Equity | - 1st Qtr 2016 - \$25,799 |
| | - 2nd Qtr - (\$40,400) |
| | - 3rd Qtr - (\$48,473) |
| | - 4th Qtr - \$6,217 |

End of Qtr KOC Equity Balance - \$5,657.95 (down from \$14,289.15 in 1st Qtr)

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| Distributions Received - | 3rd Qtr 2015 - \$5,000 |
| | 4th Qtr - \$2,000 |
| | 1st Qtr 2016 - \$2,000 |
| | 2nd Qtr - \$0 |
| | 3rd Qtr - \$0 |
| | 4th Qtr - \$0 |

Reasons for downturn In Revenue:

Road Construction on Blanco Road - Reduce Player Attendance
 Starting 2nd Qtr 2016
 To Be Completed Feb 2017

Bingo UNIT Initiatives:

Sharing Computers from Austin Bingo Hall
 - Reducing Rental Costs \$140,000 & Saving \$70,000 per year
 Special promotions

**PARTICIPATION AT THE MONTHLY ROSARY &
THE 5 PM MASS**



**Sk Stephen Rohrbough leading our monthly
Rosary with SK Fernando, SK Roman,
Dr. Bauer, SK Gerald & SK Sal**



**SK & Mrs scalia delivering the wine
& bread at 5:00 mass, after rosary**

ST. MARK'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to all the *Council Winners* who competed in the K of C Free Throw Championship on 2/7/17. The Council competition was very close in several of the age brackets. "Tie-breakers" were required to determine the winners in a couple of instances, so there was good friendly competition. Two of the free-throw shooters made 11 out of 15 shots.

Photographs of the competing group and of the *Council Winners* are shown below for each of the different age brackets. These 8 winners earned the opportunity to compete in the *District level* competition on Friday 2/10/17. Each of these winners was awarded a new K of C engraved leather basketball. All of the participants received a certificate and a Free Throw Championship patch to recognize them as well. Our Council congratulates these St. Mark's youth for their good efforts and success. SK Fernando Arellano, as shown, presented all of the awards.



Age 9 - Leah Tovar



Age 10 - Lilly Von Dohlen



Age 12 - Emily Tovar



Age 10 - Peter Villalobos



Age 11 - Garren Burnell



Age 12 - Diego Cortez



Age 13 – Julian Sanchez



Age 14 – Cory Robinette

On February 10, our Council winners competed at the *District Level* with results listed and pictured below:

DISTRIC LEVEL WINNERS

(District Deputy Greg Thompson is pictured with the winners)

BOYS

- Age 10 – Peter Villalos
- Age 11 – Garren Burnell
- Age 12 – Diego Cortez
- Age 13 – Julian Sanchez
- Age 14 – Cory Robinette

GIRLS

- Age 9 – Leah Tovar
- Age 10 – Lilly Von Dohlen
- Age 12 – Emily Tovar



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At the **Regional** competition on Saturday 1/11/17, our **District level winners** competed with participants throughout the entire diocese and they did an excellent job. We give special recognition to our two 3rd place **Regional level winners** listed below:

Age 9 - Leah Tovar – 3rd Place
Age 12 – Emily Tovar – 3rd Place

A WOMAN'S HAVEN

In service to the *A Woman's Haven, a Pregnancy Crisis Center*, our Council 7613 provided the funds for an ultra sound machine. Following is a photograph of GK Ysau Flores presenting a \$14,700 check to A Woman's Haven president, Eddie Perez



***A Woman's Haven* President Eddie Perez receiving a donation from GK Ysau Flores**

Shown below is Brother Miguel Perez-Suarez, one of the founders of Woman's Haven, addressing St Mark's parishioners



Brother Miguel Perez- Suarez

SQUIRES CONVENTION

On January 14th Squires Circle 3296 attended the Squires Mid Year Convention held at St Helena's Church. On Saturday morning a group of over 25 squires and counselors went to Seton Home for Women to help clean up the grounds and take down Christmas decorations.

That evening the Squires attended 5:00 Mass at St Helena's (photograph below) and then had the banquet. Ryan Kuburski, Ryan Lee, Matt Bauer, Alex Bauer and Adam Nix participated in the convention. Steven Bauer, Richard Lee and Bruce Magnuson were also there as counselors.



Squires at Mass at St Helena's Church

VALENTINES DANCE

The Valentines Dance on Saturday February 11 was much fun. A great time was enhanced by listening and dancing to the good music.

Much thanks goes all who helped out. Co Directors Hilario & Sandra Lopez with her two sisters did a beautiful job taking the lead in decorating. Others who helped were SK Jappies wife Patti, SK Leo Whitely, John Goetz, and Stu Beaulieu with his wife Allie & children Emily & Ely.

We appreciate Deacon Steve and Anthony Langford who handled admission and the 50/50 tickets at the front table. Thanks also goes to Heath Thomas who manned the Ice/Soda setups.

Last but not least, congratulation Sylvia Richmond who held the \$130 winning 50/50 ticket. See some of the action going on in the following pictures.



SK Zappie & Daughter Allie



**Hilario Lopez & Deacon Steve
announcing the 50/50 Winner**



**Deacon Steve Awarding
Sylvia Richmond the 50/50 Award**



**SK Gary & Sylvia Richmond
Winner of 50/50**

SIR KNIGHT'S INVITATION TO ANSWER THE CALL

An invitation to all Sir Knights is offered to answer the call for maintaining the Visable Arm of the Knights of Columbus during the upcoming events listed below. You are requested to be in uniform, the official regalis dress. Note that on the March 18th event that the special guest will be Suprime Knight Carl Anderson at 9:15 am.

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

Texas Second District "Our Lady of Guadalupe Province"

FRIDAY - MARCH 17, 2017

St Patrick Cathilic Church
1114 Willow St.

- Showtime: 9:30 AM
- Mass: 10:00 AM
- Uniform: Official Regalia Dress

SATURDAY – MARCH 18, 2017

12th Annual Catholic Men's Conference
St. Mary's University Campus
Bill Greehey Arena
One Camino Santa Maria

- Showtime: 9:15 AM, *All Sir Knight's are to report in front of the arena Southwest end*
- Uniform: Official Regalia Dress
- Celebrant : Excellency Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller
- Special Guest: Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

Note: All Sir Knights are to report in front of the arena Southwest end.

SUNDAY – MARCH 19, 2017

San Fernando Cathedral
115 Main Plaza

- Showtime: 1:30 PM
- Knights of Columbus Mass: 2:00 PM
- Uniform: Official Regalia Dress
- Celebrant: Excellency Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
1602 Thousand Qaks

- Showtime: 1:30 PM
- Installation Mass of Our New Auxiliary Bishop Michael Joseph Boulette: 2:00 PM
- Uniform: Official Regalia Dress
- Celebrant: Excellency Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller

CLEANING OF HALL & 230 CHAIRS

It took a littkle over 4-hours for SK Gerardo Zapata to lead our following Brother Knights (a few pictured below) to clean a little over 230 chairs and to clean up Christopher Hall for the next event:

SK Loyd Anders
SK Gary Richmond

Bill Clyde
Al Gill

SK Dan Calvet
John Goetz

Hilario Lopez

Our thanks go to our Brother Knights for this work. It was quite something for SK Loyd Anders doing as much as he did with his busted arm tendons.

