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St. Monica Catholic Church
Converse, Texas

Santa Maria

Nov/Dec 2019

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Hello Brother Knights,

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of a former Brother Knight of our council. Past Grand Knight and Sir Knight Leroy Fey passed away this past month. We pray for the repose of his soul and God's Mercy be with him and the Peace of Christ be with his family. His obituary can be read on page 11.

Please make plans to attend the Memorial Mass for our Deceased Brothers on 16-Nov. More details on page 4!!

This is the time of year when we all have the opportunity to grow a bit closer to our families and friends as we contemplate Gratitude. I am very grateful to God for all that He has given me, including all in our council who are great examples of Catholic Gentlemen. I pray that each of you can point to the blessings that God has placed in your life and that you will continue to count your membership as a Knight as one of them.

Once again, it appears that the Knight's Food Drive for Thanksgiving Baskets will be a fantastic success for the parish. Our organization continues to lead the way towards the Mission of the Church and we are directly helping families in a time of need. We are very proud of this worthy project to help the needy and appreciate all the donations from our community.

We had a very busy month of activities including the Public Solicitation (Tootsie Roll) Drive, the Fall Fish Fry for St. Monica School and many Brother Knights participated in painting the home of a Purple Heart Veteran in Converse. We also sold hot dogs at the St. Monica Cup Soccer Match and held a pancake breakfast too. We really appreciate all the help that was provided from our members for each of these events and we look forward to celebrating our Brotherhood some more in the weeks ahead.

As we continue our work to promote Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, there are several important events planned for November and December. First and foremost, we look forward to hosting the widows and family members of deceased members at the Council Memorial Mass on Nov. 16th. This will be a special Celebration in memory of our deceased Brothers. We encourage every member of our Council to make plans to attend this special service where we will pay tribute to all the Knights from Council 9681 who have passed. We will honor Brother Fey and all our Brothers who have gone on to their great reward.

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Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul offers assistance to those who have fallen upon times of hardship and personal crisis. We learn from the Gospel of Matthew that whatever we do for the least of our brethren we do for Christ. With this in mind, Brother Knights should bring a canned food or dry good to each council meeting or support the monthly food drive by donating food or collecting donations from parishioners.

We also will be leading a special prayer service with the Silver Rose on Dec. 5th, and make plans to attend the Council Family Christmas Party with your families on Dec. 7th. The Christmas party is always a great opportunity to celebrate with our families and we are planning another fun afternoon and evening, so we hope you will attend. We look forward to celebrating with you again!

I want you all to know that I give thanks to God for this Brotherhood and for the opportunity to walk together with you in our journey as Knights!

Vivat Jesus!

Tony Cañez
Grand Knight



ST. MONICA THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Council Food Drive to provide Thanksgiving Baskets in Support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our Council is leading a Food Drive to collect all the needed items to make Thanksgiving Baskets that will be provided to many needy families this year. Once we have collected everything we need, we will assemble these items into care packages that will be given to many families who rely on the St Vincent de Paul Society for assistance. Our Council will fund the turkeys and hams that we be included with these donations to make Thanksgiving special for up to 25 families this year!

If you are able to donate, we can use the following items:

Chicken Stock, Yams, Cranberries, Cake Mix & Frosting, Fried Onions, Pie Filling, Cornbread Mix, Cream of Mushroom, Drink Mix

Bereavement / Crisis Notifications

If you become aware of a death of a Knight or a Knight's family member, please notify the Grand Knight, Tony Canez at 210-857-0789. If you know of a hospitalization of a Knight or know of a crisis situation where Knights may be in a position to help others, please call Brother Julio Rivera at 210-452-1650.



For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

- Matthew 25:35



Rosewood Nursing Center



Bingo at Rosewood Nursing & Rehabilitation Center October 19, 2019:

Today we were Blessed to have a whopping **17 Residents** join in on the fun. They were assisted when needed by **Brothers /Sir Knights Gil Chagoya, Joe Luera, W.D.G.K. Thomas Cantu, Chris** and his faithful mascot **Oliver Zellner**, and yours truly **Howard Gilluly**.

We started as usual with a Regular Bingo for a fifty cent prize that was grabbed up quickly by newcomer **Mr. Mike Butro** and veteran player **Ms. Sheila Brown** (who will return). We moved stealthily into a Cover-All that newcomers **Mr. Tony Morin** and **Ms. Nancy Orbane** each took a dollar prize for.

Here comes Ms. Sheila Brown as predicted to take the fifty cent prize at the Letter "X". We had two more newcomers win fifty cents each at the Large Picture Frame who were **Mr. Paul Carbahal** (and he'll be back too) and **Ms. Marilyn Case**. Our final game because we ran short on time and change was a game of Small Picture Frame for fifty cents going to (remember) Mr. Paul Carbahal. Congratulations to each of the winners and many Thanks to each of the Brother Knights who were there to assist where needed.

Bingo at Rosewood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Sept. 21, 2019:

Today's games were overshadowed by the significant absence of Brother Barney Ross. Please remember to keep Brother Barney in your Prayers during this difficult time for him and his family.

We started with only 3 Residents that grew slowly to 12 by the time we finished, and were Blessed with the assistance when needed by the Residents by **W.G.K. Tony Canez, Brother Chris Zellner** and his loyal mascot **Oliver Zellner** and yours truly **Howard Gilluly**.

Our first game was as usual a Regular Bingo that the fifty cent prize was grabbed up by new-comer **Ms. Ann Cowart**. Watch what she does now.....We transitioned gracefully into a Cover-All for a dollar prize that you guessed it Ms. Ann Cowart joyfully accepted. Next it was time for a good game of Letter "X" and since there were so few players at this point I decided to bump the prize up from the normal fifty cents to a dollar. Now new-comer Ms. Ann Cowart not only wins, but wins on both of the cards she's playing!! I cheerfully reminded her of my likes at McDonald's. Moving on we then played a game of Large Picture Frame for only fifty cents that was won by veteran player Ms. Marilyn Lane. Ms. Ann Cowart returned from her piles of money to again win fifty cents at the Small Picture Frame. This game also had another winner who is also a new-comer by the name of **Ms. Jovita Maldonado**. Our final game of Regular Bingo was also a victim of it's prize being bumped up from fifty cents to a dollar. "I got a baaaad feeling about this Mo". Veteran Player **Ms. Janet Sauner** won as did veteran Player **Ms. Sheila Brown**, and new-comer **Mr. Soloman Wells**. And just to make sure she wasn't left out of all this money being handed out veteran Player **Ms. Amy Cowger** won with a postage stamp on both of her cards.

This high-stakes, fast-paced hour takes place on the third Saturday each month from 10:00 - 11:00 am at Rosewood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center located at 7700 Mesquite Pass off Kitty Hawk in Converse Texas. This activity also counts as one of the five required to qualify for the A.C.E. award if you are pursuing that effort. For questions, comments, or concerns please contact Howard at (210)849-7188 or e-mail to hgilluly@gmail.com God Bless.



**The next BINGO will be held on Nov 16!!
We invite all Knights, their spouses and
families to come and help support the
residents of Rosewood!!**



Service Programs

With many fond memories of Easter in our hearts, our focus turns to the coming new Fraternal Year. We look forward to continuing to execute our Faith in Action service programs and pray that we will make a positive impression on all who attend our events. We appreciate all the help we will receive from our Knights to host activities that benefit our community and we hope that our families will be brought closer through our works.



FAITH

A MEMORIAL MASS WILL BE HELD IN NOVEMBER FOR OUR DECEASED BROTHERS

Come celebrate a special Memorial Mass for all our deceased Brother Knights who we remember fondly, we miss dearly, and we honor always. Please invite those family and friends that you know would like to pay their respects for these fine Catholic Gentlemen.



There will be a small reception after Mass to provide an opportunity for us to reminisce about the members in our council who we have lost throughout the years. Plan on bringing a dish to share in the parish hall afterwards.

More info will be provided prior to the event. If you would like to participate in the Liturgy or have an interest in arranging the event, please contact Tony Canez (210) 857-0789



**Saturday
November 16, 2019
10:00 am
St. Monica
Catholic Church**

Father Thumma Prathap will be the celebrant.
Wear your council shirts and badges.

This Mass is open to everyone in the parish to attend. Invite any family and friends that you may still be in contact with!



FAMILY

THE ANNUAL COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE ON DEC 7!! DON'T MISS THIS FUN EVENING!

Come to a Christmas Party that has everything! This year we will celebrate with our families on Saturday, December 7th in the Parish Hall. We invite everyone in our Council to bring your families to a enjoy a great meal and share a ton of fun! This event is FREE to attend and there will be plenty of excitement for the little kiddos and the big kiddos.

We want to show our appreciation to all our members and your families for sharing your time and talent with us throughout the year. Please invite your friends to join us for this special time together. They are sure to have a nice time playing games, sharing stories, and having a great time getting to know each other a little better.

We are planning an event that will run from 3 to 10 pm in the Parish Hall, to allow for some kiddie fun in the afternoon and more sophisticated jocularly in the evening. Don't forget about the white elephant exchange! Bring a small gift to play in the game.

Look for more info and an RSVP link in your email inbox in the coming week. Contact Tony Canez if you have any questions about the event.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Council 9681
St. Monica Church
Converse, Texas

**SATURDAY
DEC 7
STUBBEN
HALL**
3:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

**FAMILY
CHRISTMAS
SOCIAL**

DINNER SERVED
AT 6:00 PM

FREE FOR EVERYONE!

LOTS OF FUN & EXCITEMENT
FOR ALL AGES

ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO
FOLLOW!

COMMUNITY
FRATERNITY
FUN & GAMES



COMMUNITY

THE FALL FISH FRY WAS A TERRIFIC TIME WITH OUR PARISH AND A GREAT WAY TO GIVE BACK TO THE SCHOOL!

We were very excited to be able to hold a special fund raising event in support of St. Monica School. Our Fall Fish Fry was a great way to bring the community back to the cafeteria and it gave us the opportunity to earn some funds that were dedicated to the school. It was an awesome evening filled with happy customers, plenty of fried catfish, and lots of Brother Knights on hand to help out! As usual, we served up scores of plates to our community.

This was our first time holding fish fry at this time of the year, and it was on a Saturday, which was new for us. As usual, the kitchen ran like a well-oiled machine and everything was delicious. THANK YOU to all the guys who helped make this night go so smoothly; and to all the others who came with their families to eat! We look forward to our regular Lenten Fish Frys and will look at doing this event next year!!

The final tally for the event is still be calculated and should be available at the Council meeting on November 12. We are very grateful to the members of our council for electing to dedicate this event to the school for all that they provide to us throughout the year!



BRING THE FAMILY FOR BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY!



COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

7:30 TO 10:30 AM SCHOOL CAFETERIA

BREAKFAST INCLUDES:

PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE, FRUIT COCKTAIL, COFFEE & ORANGE JUICE

Come by the cafeteria and help cook and serve for all the hungry parishioners every 2nd Sunday!!

Nov 10

Dec 8

Jan 12

Feb 9

Mar 8

Apr 12

May 10
(Mother's Day Brunch)



ADULTS	KIDS
\$4.50	\$2.50
EACH*	EACH*

*Bring in 2 cans for St.VdPaul and save \$.50!



COUNCIL #9681 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS
NOV - DEC 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 NOV	4	5	6 First Degree Ceremony - St. John Neumann	7	8	9
10 Community Pancake Breakfast	11	12 General Council Meeting	13 Chapter Meeting - Open Meeting	14	15	16 Council 9681 Memorial Mass
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Officer's Meeting	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30 Erect Life-Sized Nativity Scene Bingo at Rosewood
1 DEC 1st Sunday of Advent	2	3	4 First Degree Ceremony - St. John Neumann	5 Silver Rose Prayer Service 40 Hours of Adoration	6 40 Hours of Adoration	7 Council Family Christmas Party! 40 Hours of Adoration
8 Community Pancake Breakfast	9	10 General Council Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Officer's Meeting - Cancelled	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28



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July

7/1	Roger R Scherbenske	7/10	Jorge A Castellanos
7/4	Antonio L Rodriguez	7/11	William A Ohler
7/5	Scott P Winfield	7/14	Gregorio R Barron
7/6	Hector U Ramirez	7/22	Wallace L Babcock
7/8	Alberto Villarreal	7/25	Jose M Marroquin
7/9	Johnny W Herring Jr	7/28	Patrick J Donovan
7/9	Mr Rudy M Garza		

August

8/6	Hector J Castellanos	8/17	Wilfredo Del Montano
8/7	Julio Zamago	8/20	Robert J Welch
8/10	Hector Lozada-Principe	8/20	Sergio Aguilar
8/10	Samuel V Garcia Jr	8/24	Peter Laracuenta
8/11	John W Lauby Jr	8/26	Trinidad Cantu
8/13	Shawn A Ramirez	8/27	J T Waggoner
8/14	Thomas J Kielbasa Sr	8/30	Luis M Garcia
8/17	Milton J Ploch		

September

9/2	Gil S Chagoya	9/22	Barney L Ross Jr
9/4	John W Lauby	9/22	Brian A Gonzales
9/4	Brendan M Sheehan	9/24	Nicholas Villado
9/6	Adrian D Galaviz	9/25	Jerome F Syring
9/10	Rafael E Diaz	9/28	Martin T Rodriguez
9/11	Robert G Gentner	9/29	Charles C Rehome
9/13	Mr Thomas G Cantu	9/30	Larry J Petron
9/13	John B Miller	9/30	Lane M Bourgeois
9/14	Sebastian Rodriguez	9/30	Tony M Trevino Jr
9/14	Deacon Jack Karam	9/30	Robert J Dixon
9/16	Lyle M Pearce	9/30	John A Ramon



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October

10/1	Jose Mendoza	10/18	Edward Flores
10/5	Richard Gonzales	10/22	Wallace Vaughan
10/4	Mauricio Lopez	10/22	Guy Desmond
10/5	Jesse Rodriguez	10/23	John Vanderdrink
10/9	Lorenzo De La Cruz	10/24	Rafael Torres
10/10	William Henderson	10/25	Jose Saucedo
10/11	Steven Gonzalez	10/27	Tony Canez
10/16	Domingo Flores	10/27	Jeremy Martin
		10/29	Charles Hall

November

11/2	Donald Cook	11/18	Brandon Pesqueda
11/2	Alexander Prado	11/20	Edward Headley
11/4	Jose Rosas	11/20	Richard Marshall
11/7	Ernesto Diaz	11/20	Raul Salinas
11/9	Arthur Reyna	11/23	Kenneth Tillman
11/10	Gustavo Rivera	11/23	Julio Rivera
11/11	Layi Oyelowo	11/28	Ronnie Pruett
11/14	Arnoldo Salinas	11/30	Jacques Rancour

December

12/4	Alfred Villareal	12/20	Blaise Mika
12/6	Stephen Miliano	12/23	Anthony Lang
12/8	Duane Finch	12/24	Richard Garcia
12/10	Edward Lopez	12/25	Hilario Montalvo
12/17	John Yelverton	12/26	David Rodriguez
12/18	Oscar Resendez	12/30	Julio Ruiz
12/20	Joe Luera		

Calling all 1st Degree Knights! Save the date!! 01-25-20



St. Monica's
Council 9681
Converse, TX

ADVANCE INTO FULL KNIGHTHOOD!

Major Degree Ceremony
Sat., Jan 25, 2020

hosted by St. Brigid Council 1159
St. Brigid Catholic Church
6907 Kitchner Rd.



Start the year off
with your 2nd
and 3rd Degrees!!
Contact Tony
Canez (210)
857-0789
for more info
or to arrange to
attend this event!!



Saturday
November 16, 2019
10:00 am
St. Monica
Catholic Church



LeRoy Vincent Fey

May 06, 1947 - October 15, 2019

Past Grand Knight and Sir Knight LeRoy Vincent Fey, age 72 of Seguin, passed away on October 15, 2019.

PGK Fey was interned with military honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. LeRoy was born on May 6, 1947 in Guadalupe County, TX, to Hugo P. Fey and Elise (Scharmann) Fey.

He was an active and faithful member of St. James Catholic Church.

LeRoy served his country honorably in the United States Army. He started work for Ewing-Records and retired at Meadow Burke in Converse TX as a Production Supervisor for most of his 44 years.

LeRoy was an active member of the Knights of Columbus Council #3412 in Seguin. He served as Grand Knight of St. Monica Council 9681 in Converse TX from 1997 – 1999 and was named Knight of the Year 2016 – 2017. Brother Fey was also a member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus #2055. LeRoy enjoyed memberships in the American Legion H.U. Wood Post 245 in Seguin, and the McQueeney Lions Club. He enjoyed being the facilitator for bingo at the American Legion Post meeting many people, he also enjoyed volunteering at Guadalupe Regional Medical Center, and the Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center. LeRoy loved the outdoors and had a great love for his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his nieces and nephews. LeRoy was preceded in death by his first wife of 34 years, Mary A. Fey, his parents, brothers, Frank and Edward Fey, his stepson, John (Tim) Sims and his brother-in-law, Robert Courtney. Survivors include his loving wife, Jo Ann Calhoun Fey; grandson, John J. Sims and wife Sarah Anderson, granddaughter, Tiffany J. and husband Davey Hagen; great-granddaughters, Caydence Hagen, Aryia and Devina Sims; sisters, Estella and husband James Wiley, Alice Courtney, and Rose Marie and husband Butch Homann; brothers, James Fey, Jerome and wife Janice Fey, and Joseph and wife Lynda Fey; aunts, Angela Jandt and Anita Fey; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, other loving family members and many friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Keith Wiley, Shane Courtney, Dustin Cox, Blayse Cox, Dale Damerau, and Brent Grimsley.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 followed by the recitation of the holy rosary under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus at Tres Hewell Mortuary Chapel. The Mass of Christian burial was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 10 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church with Rev. Msgr. Dennis Darilek officiating.

**Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.**

**May his soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.**

REMEMBER TO PRAY

FOR THE HEALTH AND HEALING OF OUR BRETHREN, FAMILIES,
SOLDIERS, POLITICIANS, OUR PRIESTS, AND RELIGIOUS, AND FOR
THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

In Remembrance

Please continue prayers for the repose of the souls of St. Monica's deceased
Knights of Columbus members and their families.

Idelfonso Pillot-PGK	Jul-90
Robert L Price	Aug-92
Rudolph C Canales	Feb-93
Charles Fisher	Jun-93
William Churchill	Jan-94
Gilbert Poore	Apr-97
Alfred Hernandez	Sep-98
Robert Frost	Mar-01
Phil M DiPiero	Oct-01
Abel A Sanchez	Apr-02
John Garcia	Aug-03
Bill Wallace	Nov-03
Wilfred Ott	Dec-03
John Zavoski-PGK	Dec-03
Morris Flanigan	Jun-04
Joseph Mansfield	Jul-04
Richard W Rea	Oct-06
William Nelson	Sep-07
Mario G Henriquez	Apr-08
Wilson Petefish-PGK	Feb-09
Ivan Robinson	Oct-09
Charles Cook	Sep-11
Wayne K Travis	Sep-11
Mark B Singer	Nov-11
Patrick Schmidt	Mar-12
Seveiano Delgado	Aug-13
Garthwait Gilluly	Sep-13
Doroteo Flores	Feb-14
Jose Aguilar	Jun-14
Juan Deleon	Apr-15
Luis T Flores	Apr-15
Alfredo "Al" Alvarez	Dec-15
Gary Allen Rogers	Apr-16
Theodore Pathan Prieto	Aug-16
Florencio T Ybarra	May-18
Onufruy "O.A." Cielencki	Jul-18
John "Jack" Putalavage	Mar-19
Leroy V. Fey	Oct-19



COUNCIL 9681
CONVERSE, TEXAS

O Almighty God, Who by the love which You have for men, have willed to take our humanity, to live a life of hard work, to suffer a most cruel Passion, and finally to die on a Cross. I beseech You, by the infinite merits purchased for us with Your Precious Blood, look mercifully on the suffering which is endured by the holy soul of Purgatory. Accept, O merciful God, the prayers which I offer for them to the glory of heaven. I commend to You, the souls of my relatives, friends, and benefactors, and in a special manner of those to whom I may have provided an occasion of sin by my bad example.

Most Holy Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Comforter of the Afflicted, intercede for those souls, that, by your powerful intercession, they may be admitted to enjoy that kingdom which is prepared for them. We ask this through your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.