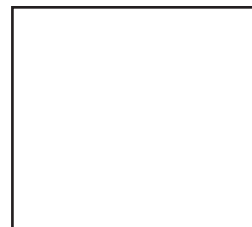


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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

By Robert J. Castro
Grand Knight

The Knights of Columbus organization values each charity hour at \$22.55. That means that for only the first six months of this year our council has donated over \$67,500 worth of charity hours. As a whole organization the Knights of Columbus have donated \$170,135,754 in contributions. It doesn't come without sacrifice, it doesn't come without work, but we can make that effort fun. That is the key.

As volunteers it becomes harder and harder to see our work as anything more than work, especially when people are bitching and moaning about having to park so far away or, that they can't drive through the crowded streets and park in front of their store. As we continue to do good for others, Christ becomes greater in each of us. I try and remember that, even after moments like this:

This last weekend at Petfest, it was the last day and after 5:00. I had just relieved Goose and his wife Henrietta when the vendors began to want to get into the streets. I pulled the barricade to one side to let a man and his truck through, his wife was directing from down the street, telling him where to park, but he had backed into the wrong spot.

He looked at me when he heard his wife and I immediately sympathized. He was frustrated and slightly embarrassed, as she was yelling at him and shaking her hands like she was on fire. I could see it in his eyes.

I pulled the barricade back into place, and just stepped out of the way when instead of backing up, he hit the gas and drove forward and blew through the barricade. You would think those barricades are soft, especially if you watched TV Private Eye shows from the 70's, but I can attest they are not.

All is well however, no one was hurt. Luckily there were no pedestrians in the way or 'Gooses'. The driver was embarrassed, his truck was messed up pretty good, but the barricade was not damaged. I felt honoured to be the one person to witness that, it was pretty awesome.

If you are a new member we invite you to come out and see how dangerous it is. If you have ninja skills, you could be a great asset! Really, we don't do anything of great difficulty except maybe park cars.

Well actually that can be complicated too.

The Pope this week spoke about our gifts and how we should use our gifts for everyone not to benefit ourselves. He says, "It is like that kind of a person that everyone has heard about who says, 'Oh, I have this talent, I know how to sing so well,' And yet no one has the courage to tell him, "Hmm, it's better that you keep your mouth shut. You torment us when you sing."

I laughed so hard. I think my neighbours heard me.

Anyway the Holy Spirit is the one that creates the multiplicity of gifts he said, so let us all pray to the Holy Spirit that we use our gifts wisely, especially the one that every Catholic gets first, the ability to Love. Don't just love your wife and your kids. Love everybody. It's not easy. But out of that gift you will find a multitude of needs, and through that discovery may you find the single grace that was given to you by God.

Next month is our Council 6557 Memorial Mass. It is on Thanksgiving Day November 27 at Sts Simon and Jude. Please come in your Sunday 'go to meetin' clothes, this is not a 4th degree turnout day, but our special time to give thanks to all those who came before us and did so much for our council and community. Bring the whole family, cousins, friends, neighbors, and business associates. We should be very thankful. We have a busy council, a busy council is a gift in itself.



This image requires no explanation

Knight of the Month



George Adams

Brother George has been our fearless leader at OTS events for some time now, and no matter what he does he always seems to have a full tip jar. Some people say he does a little dance for the ladies, but we have not caught that on film yet. Without his efforts our relationship with Old Town Spring and our four major fund raising events would be in serious jeopardy. Uncle George we appreciate all the effort you put into this and the constant worrying. We will try and keep up the effort in the future, but it may be pretty hard without you there!



What is in all these boxes going to Veterans for Christmas?

Family of the Month



Ronnie and Peggy Husky

Peggy answered the call when we were in need of Winefest people. From selling tickets to pouring wine she was very helpful. Her husband was there too. Just kidding, Ronnie is the glue that keeps that process going and although he is not calling the shots, his expertise is very precious to us and we all appreciate his family's efforts. Thank you both for making the Knights of Columbus Council 6557 work like a well oiled machine. We cannot seem to function without you guys.



Vet Supplies! Goodies that would make a grizzled old gunny smile.

The blockhouse. I think there is a bat in here.



STANDING COMMITTEES

Get Involved!

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter committee is pretty simple. You just carry a camera or a cell phone with you and snap a few pictures of our events. Then just send them with a small blurb of what you saw to Bob Castro bob@marloe.com and we will get it in the newsletter. It's a great way to show everybody what is happening and keep us all informed.

BOWLING

The Bowling Committee is tasked with bringing home trophies and putting other councils to shame. If you bowl or would like to get started contact the council Bowling Committee, chaired by David Polasek dpolasek7388@sbcglobal.net.

DEGREE TEAM

The Degree Team Committee is responsible for our ceremonies. There are parts that have to be memorized and delivered to the council during our ceremonies, and it just requires someone that can memorize lines. If you can act or have been on stage before, you must sign up, you'll really enjoy bringing new knights into the council. To volunteer to help or perform a role, contact Mark Votsmier at: Votsmier@sbcglobal.net

Skeptical are we? One of these guys had Texans Cheerleaders all over him...



FUNDRAISING

Our Fundraising Committee is chaired by Eric Salley and he can be reached at vanhect@gmail.com. We are always looking for opportunities. The committee meets periodically to discuss possible events or fundraisers that the council can explore.

CHARITY

The Charity Committee is chaired by Larry Hawkins (lhawkins1945@yahoo.com) who is the contact person for any organization that could use some help. The Charity committee brings suggestions to the officers and we vote on them during our council meetings. We first must determine 'how can we help'. Sometimes our time, sometimes charity funds are in order, but the committee gets to decide.

VA ASSISTANCE

The goal of the VA Assistance Committee is to have an active corps of Knights serving as volunteers at every Veterans Administration medical facility in the nation. We meet once a quarter and venture down to the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX to mingle with the veterans and take them to mass if they choose to go. Next visit is Sunday December 28th. Contact Peter Palen at: pjpalen@hotmail.com

STANDING COMMITTEES

Get Involved!

WELCOMING

The Welcoming Committee is Chaired by Brian LeCour and needs some support. All new Knights are automatically part of the Welcoming Committee. The committee is tasked with introducing new members to committee chairs and programs. Knights start in the Welcoming Committee and quickly get involved in council operations. Contact Brian at: brian.lecour@rsp.com

SCHOLARSHIP

The Herman Konczewski Memorial Educational Scholarship Committee is chaired by Worthy District President Bill Moeller. The scholarship program is responsible for getting scholarship funds to worthy recipients. They establish the rules, the requirements and the amounts that the council gives. The council will provide four \$1000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Two scholarships will be awarded to relatives of our council members (son or daughter, nephew or niece, grandson or granddaughter), as well as one scholarship each to a high school parishioner at Sts Simon and Jude and St. James. E-mail brother Bill Moeller at: Bill.Moeller@hp.com to Help out.

YOUTH

The Youth Committee works with kids to do the Free-throw contest, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Squires. Boy Scouts meet on Mondays at the Hall and Cub scouts meet on Tuesdays. If you can help with our youth activities please contact the Youth Committee chairman, John Tatman: jg_tatman@sbcglobal.net

BINGO

The Bingo Committee meets every third Tuesday from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Houston Health & Rehabilitation Center 17600 Cali Dr. off F.M. 1960. They host the Bingo games and offer commeraderie and fun to the elderly in our community. Please donate an hour of your time and get back much more than you could imagine.

OTS

The OTS or Old Town Spring Committee is responsible for most of our revenues that we get to send to charity. Unlike many 'charity organizations' when we send money to charities we don't tack on a charge. All the proceeds go to the charities we chose. To do that however we have to have some fund raisers. OTS is a big one, from the Crawfish Festival to the Rod Run. We park cars and man barricades in cooperation with the Old Town Spring Association. We need volunteers for events as well as volunteers to help organize and coordinate events with OTSA. See the Grand Knight Bob Castro or contact him by e-mail at: Bob@marloe.com



Why is Pete Smiling so much? He just bought forks.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Get Involved!

GOLF

The golfing committee is chaired by the President of the K of C Golf League, Brother SK Rich Laboda. Our golfers meet on Wednesdays and over the past 4 years have donated over \$7000 to various charities. Contact Rich Laboda at: richardlaboda@consolidated.net

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

For the month of October, the kitchen prepared a dinner of two pots of chicken and sausage gumbo. One pot was enjoyed for lunch at Old Town Spring during Pet Fest. Spaghetti, meatballs and garlic bread, were served for Family Night.

Upcoming meal plans consist of chicken noodle soup made from scratch with baked chicken. The kitchen is always searching for volunteers to help prepare the business night and family night dinners as well as our fundraising meals. Even if you are able to only assist a few times throughout the year, your help is appreciated.

Please do not forget about donating to the “kitty” to help defer the cost of the meals. Where can you find meals like this, prepared by Knights, for Knights and their families?



INSURANCE

Only Having Insurance “Through Work” Doesn’t Work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic down-

turn? It’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary. But only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.

This is the time of the year when open enrollment happens in most workplaces. Let me review your coverage free of charge without obligation.

Jose R. Oviedo Phone: (832) 910-5062

Email: jose.oviedo@kofc.org

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Get Involved!

RESPECT LIFE

Sts Simon and Jude Parish –
Respect for Life Masses October 4 and 5, 2014
Sir Knights from our Council and from Our Lady of
the Pines Assembly 1759 were present at the 5:00
pm Mass on Saturday, and the three Sunday morning



Masses.

Sir Knights Don Fisher, Dan Armbruster, Larry
Hawkins, and Phil Rimoldi carried the roses in their
Social Regalia, while Sir Knights Harold Schambach,
Dan Armbruster, Jack Edwards, Robert Hannasch, Bill
Moeller, and Rich Eimer provided the Honor Guard



Harold Schaumbach

Don Fisher

Rich Eimer

in full regalia. Joan Prochaska, the Pro Life Ministry
head at Sts Simon and Jude, sent this message on the
following Monday.

Knights of Columbus,
THANKS SO MUCH for your time, sup-
port and service at our Respect Life weekend
Masses. You brought reverence, dignity and
pageantry to our special Celebration of Life!
Your presentation of the red rose at Mary's
feet brought deeper meaning to the Day.
God's Blessings to You!
Joan Prochaska
SSJ Pro-Life

This is just one more example of how we, as
Knights, can become more visible in our parishes,
encouraging other Catholic men to join our ranks in
our defense of Church and Christian values.

Vivat Jesus!
Rich Eimer
Membership Chair – Council 6557
Faithful Comptroller – Assembly 1759

Good Job Gentlemen! Thank you for properly
representing our council.

HOME ASSOCIATION

Members of the Home Association Committee take
care of the hall where the council meets. They sug-
gest ideas, perform handyman tasks, trim the grass
and other projects around the hall. If you like work-
ing outside or with your hands, this may be a great
place to start. Contact John Groneck, he's not just the
chairman of the Home Association, he's the President.



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New Additions are in Bold for all categories. Illnesses are usually left on this list for a period of 30 - 45 days.
For updating, please contact GK Bob Castro bob@marloe.com 713-582-0442 or
PGK Bill Moeller billmoeller78@yahoo.com 832-594-4980

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness and need. Oh dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate the worry and sorrow with your gentle love and grant us the peace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place those on our prayer list under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us.

We pray for our Brothers and family members that are ill or in distress:

Jonathon Castro (9/9), son of GK Bob Castro, unknown illness diagnosis
Butch Halpen (9/22) upcoming pacemaker surgery
James Keesee (10/10) Special intentions
Trevor Pauley (9/15) student at Peggy Husky's school, tumor
Tricia O'Rourke (9/1) daughter of Jack and Shirley Elliot, surgery
Deb Richardson (10/1) niece of Phil Rimoldi, heart surgery
Arnold Rodriguez (10/21) knee pain relief and upcoming knee surgery
Karla Ruvalcaba (10/21) wife of Jose, surgery
Linda Salley, newborn (9/12) daughter of Eric Salley, in NICU, born 8 weeks early
Fred Stash (10/5) Colon Cancer surgery and chemo
PGK John Tatman (9/10) surgery
Our Country and Religious Liberty

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Pope Francis
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Our Cardinals and our Church
Our Bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians
Pat (cancer) and Mike Aaron proposed by Danny Spurlock
Cathy Barcello, proposed by Terry O'Donohue (kidney cancer)
Teresa Bratcher, daughter of SK Robby Westbrook (cancer)
Brian Berger, proposed by GK Jim Ledwig (Crohns Disease)
Kathy Binkle (Cancer) and Bob Binkle (Brain tumor)
Dick Brayer (ankle surgery recovery)
Jack Chapman (cancer) proposed by Larry Hawkins
SK Rudy Charest (Health)
SK Stan Cillesson (cancer)
Diane Curtin (Cancer), proposed by Mike Curtin
Rachel Davis, wife of Mitchell, Co 14512, (healthy pregnancy)
Henry Dishberger (cancer)
Helen Foltyn, mother of David, health

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PRAYER LIST



Brent Fry (Brain cancer), nephew of Bill and Bridget Moeller
Maria Jose Garcia de Romero, sister-in-law of Terry O'Donohue, Leukemia
Thomas Gleason (leukemia) father of SK Mike Gleason
Linda Gonzalez. (lung cancer, recently admitted to hospital), wife of SK Rudy Gonzalez, Council 14512
Dennis Hruby (ALS)
Becky Jeffries (Diabetes), proposed by SK Jerry Leiker
Jeremy Jimenez (Muscular Dystrophy), proposed by SK John Tatman
Dave Johnston (cancer)
Michelle Koenig (cancer)
Pauline Kubecka (Stroke), proposed by SK David Polasek
Tom Kurland (Health)
Paul Ledwig (Cancer)
SK Jerry and Jenni Leiker (Health)
Helen Van Keulen (Stage 4 Breast Cancer) wife of Field Agent Daryl
Beryl Lucia (ALS) proposed by SK Dennis Pomonis
Susan Marong (Cancer) proposed by Steve Kane
Robert McDermott, father in law of SK Dan Armbruster
Rose Merrill (Alzheimers), sister of SK Rudy Charest
Ben Miele (liver and nasal cancer), proposed by Pat Testa
Paul Moarman (heart problems), proposed by Henry Brownfield
Elsy Mudackalil (stroke), sister of Father Mathew Thottiyil
Hannah Navarro, grand-niece of Deacon John Charnisky, rhabdomyosarcoma cancer
Karen O' Sullivan (Multiple Sclerosis) cousin of Robert P. O' Sullivan
Kathy Pace (Healing from Cancer)
SK Arnold Rodriguez, knee pain and upcoming knee replacement
Margaret Romeo (Health)
Maria Jose Romero (Leukemia), proposed by Terry O'Donohue
Henrietta Siragusa (Health)
Leo Torzewski (bladder cancer)
Tony Trahan (Blood Cancer)
Edward Trahan (esophagus cancer)
Lillian Trahan (Stage 2 Multiple Myeloma of the blood)
Dean Welter (bladder cancer) proposed by Chad Uselman, brother in law
Our Men and Women serving in the Military

We also remember our Brother Knights and Family Members that have died:

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed; through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace in company with Christ a may they rejoice in your Kingdom. AMEN

Brother Knights:

Ken Bacon
SK Joe Zepczyk



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Daniel Armbruster
- 2 Kenneth Polka
- 2 John Robles
- 3 William Dick
- 3 Sputnik Two, 1957
- 6 Randy Diehl
- 6 Harold Schambach
- 7 James Bryson
- 7 Richard Nieto
- 7 Andrew Ozog
- 8 Robbie Westbrook
- 9 William Moeller II
- 12 Daniel McHenry
- 13 Ronald Davis
- 13 Andrew Hruby
- 13 James May
- 14 Thomas Kurland
- 15 Terence Bitowf
- 17 Luis Nieto
- 17 Michael Romeo
- 21 Richard Brayer
- 23 Vincent Perusic
- 24 Kenneth Hooper
- 26 Cecilio Obregon
- 27 James Harrison
- 29 Mark Rummell



Friday Knight Lights

If you can identify this object in the rafters of the blockhouse, please contact John Groneck at: john.e.groneck@exxonmobil.com



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OTS Winefest

Old Town Spring Meetup Areas



This is the only entrance by car

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly Schedule:

- 1st Thursday Officer Meeting
- 2nd Tuesday Chapter Meeting
- 2nd Thursday Council Meeting
- 3rd Tuesday Convalescent Bingo 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Houston Health & Rehabilitation Center
- 4th Tuesday 4th Degree Meeting
- 4th Thursday Family Knight

Activity Schedule

- THU Nov 6 Frassati Catholic High School 2nd Annual Gold Tournament 8:30 Shotgun \$150 per golfer
Windrose Golf Course
- THU Nov 6 Home Association Meeting 6:30, Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 Hall.
- SAT Nov 8 9:00-5:00 OTS - Preservation Lot, Steve's Lot, 1 Barricade
- SUN Nov 9 10:00-5:00 OTS - Preservation Lot, Steve's Lot, 1 Barricade
- TUE Nov 11 Chapter Meeting (Leave Lowes Parking lot at 5:45)
- THU Nov 13 Council Meeting
- SAT Nov 15 9:00-5:00 OTS - 1 Barricade
- SAT Nov 15 Chili Cookoff (at the Hall)
- SAT Nov 15 8:15 Mass at Rose of Lima followed by Rosary at Aaron's Ambulatory Clinic 2505 N. Shepherd Running of the Silver Rose ***Pro life
- SAT Nov 15 St. James 3rd Annual Golf Tournament Windrose Golf Course 6:30 AM Signup, Shotgun at 8:00 AM \$60 Each Golfer
- SUN Nov 16 10:00-5:00 OTS - 1 Barricade





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- TUE Nov 18 Convalescent Bingo 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Houston Health & Rehabilitation Center 17600 Cali Dr. off F.M. 1960
- SAT Nov 22 9:00-5:00 OTS - 1 Barricade
- SUN Nov 23 10:00-5:00 OTS - 1 Barricade
- THU Nov 27 Thanksgiving Memorial Mass Sts Simon and Jude 9:00 AM Business Attire
- THU Nov 27 No Family Night (Thanksgiving)
- FRI Nov 28 9:00-5:00 OTS - Preservation Lot, Steve's Lot, 1 Barricade
- SAT Nov 29 9:00-5:00 OTS - Preservation Lot, Steve's Lot, 1 Barricade
- SUN Nov 30 Corporate Communion at St. James 9:00 AM Mass Meet at 8:30
- SUN Nov 30 10:00-5:00 OTS - Preservation Lot, Steve's Lot, 1 Barricade
- THU Dec 4 Home Association Meeting 6:30, Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 Hall.
- SAT Dec 6 9:00-5:00 OTS - 1 Barricade
- SUN Dec 7 10:00-5:00 OTS - 1 Barricade
- TUE Dec 9 Chapter Meeting - Departure 5:45 from Lowe's on I45 between Louetta and Cypresswood.
- THU Dec 11 Council Meeting
- SAT Dec 13 9:00-5:00 OTS - 1 Barricade
- SUN Dec 14 10:00-5:00 OTS - 1 Barricade
- SUN Dec 14 Christmas Party
- TUE Dec 16 Convalescent Bingo 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Houston Health & Rehabilitation Center 17600 Cali Dr. off F.M. 1960
- SAT Dec 20 9:00-5:00 OTS - 1 Barricade
- SUN Dec 21 10:00-5:00 OTS - 1 Barricade
- THU Dec 25 NO Family Night
- SAT Dec 27 Feast of Holy Innocents Vigil 5:00 PM Mass at Queen of Peace on Telephone Road followed by Candle Light Rosary at Planned Parenthood 4600 Gulf Freeway
- SUN Dec 28 8:00am - 12: pm Knights Visit With Veterans at Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
- SAT Jan 24 Yearly Major Degree at Council 6557

Council 6557 is very busy but we are busy to support the charities that we happily give to. Here are some of them:

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| Abandoned Animal Rescue | March for Life | St. Simon and Jude |
| Armor of God Military Ministry | Montgomery Co Food Bank | St. Simon and Jude Pro Life |
| Brookwood Community | My Service Dog | St. Vincent DePaul Society |
| Cardinal Golf Fundraiser (Shepherd's Cup) | Operation Military Embrace | Tamina Community Center |
| Catholic Daughters | Pregnancy Assistance CTR | Thomas Scott Moore Scholarship |
| Fisher House | Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) | Endowment Fund |
| Food for Families | Scholarships | USO |
| Habitat for Humanity | Seminarian Support | Wheel Chair Mission (American) |
| Herman Konczewski Memorial Educational Scholarship (By Council 6557) | Special Olympics | |
| Interfaith Community Clinic | Spring Assistance Ministries | |
| | St. James | |
| | St. James Pro life | |