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St. Basil Knights of Columbus Council #4204
702 Burney Rd. Sugar Land, TX 77498-2610

December 2020 Newsletter

www.kc4204.org

KC Meeting - 1st Monday at 7:30pm (no meal)

Officers & Chairmen Meeting - 3rd Monday at 7:00pm (no meal)

Columbus Club Meeting - 1st Tuesday at 7:00pm (in Annex)



Be Not
Afraid
2020-2021

Our State Officers and Committeemen:

Larry Zapalac - Past State Deputy

Jim Collins - Past State Deputy

Lloyd Waguespack - State Audit Committee

Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights,

Advent is upon us. *Advent* (Latin *ad-venio*, to come to) is a period beginning with the Sunday nearest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30) and embracing four Sundays. The first Sunday may be as early as November 27, and then Advent has twenty-eight days, or as late as December 3, giving the season only twenty-one days. During this time, the faithful are admonished to prepare themselves worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love; to make their souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in Holy Communion and through grace, and thereby to make themselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world.

Our next Membership Meeting is Monday, December 7 at 7:00pm. We will continue to practice social distancing and wear masks (or other facial covering). As always, please do not attend a meeting or any of our events/activities if you feel ill, uncomfortable, or vulnerable. Thanks for your continued cooperation and understanding. You may always email me, gk4204_sd@yahoo.com, or call me or a fellow Brother shall you need assistance, help, or just want to talk.

We remembered our deceased Brothers at our Memorial Meeting on Sunday, November 15. Thanks to all the Brothers that participated and showed their support to the widows and families. It was a light turnout but we should always remember our deceased Brothers, especially those that left us this year.

There are three **Holy Days of Obligation** that are coming. The first is on Tuesday, December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The second is Friday, December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas). And the third is Friday, January 1 – The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Please mark your calendar and attend Mass on these days.

I would like to thank, again, all those Brother Knights (and their wives) for their time and efforts at our KC dinner/fundraiser on Friday, November 20. Again, a special thanks to Brother Marvin Kasper for his donation of fish! Brothers, this was our last fundraiser for this calendar year. We have another event scheduled on Friday, January 15, 2021. Help was light at our last fundraiser, so please consider giving your fellow Brother a hand and come out to the next event and help. Thanks, Brother Gary Blanchette, for chairing these events.

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Grand Knight's Report continued...

For 1st degree members wishing to complete their knighthood, online exemplifications are being offered on Monday's, December 7, 14, 21, or 28 at 8:00pm. To participate in the Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, please click on the following link to register:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HbWtn3ZdBUCJrJlGeImSPo7t624oK1HkWF7PVrlda1URThDWFpVS09NRVNERkQ0STIXVkk1MEpBUi4u>

We will need help passing out Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards on Saturday and Sunday, December 19-20 before/after all masses and on December 26-27 before all masses. The prayer will be recited at all masses on December 26-27.

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." *Mark 13:33*

Michelle and I wish you and your families a blessed Christmas season and a fulfilled Happy New Year! Take time to enjoy your families. Stay safe. Keep Christ in CHRISTmas!

Vivat Jesus!

Sam DeMora

Grand Knight

Financial Secretary's Report



Brothers,

Winners for the month of October Knight of the Month, David Wleklinski; Family of the Month Calvin Sommer family; Lady of the Month, Octavia Redding; Youth of the Month, John Turner. We have no rookies. (Members with less than one year of service)

Thank you to all who helped at the November Fish Fry. We were a little short both workers and supporters but managed to add a few dollars to our accounts. This month we will pay our State Charities assessment.

The annual dues bill will go out around December 15th this year and will include the Annual Survey of Fraternal Individual Member Worksheet. The dues are payable prior to January 15. Regular member dues are \$36. Once you receive your dues notice, please pay it promptly. Thanks for keeping your dues current. If any member has a problem paying their dues, please contact the Grand Knight Sam DeMora 281-787-9019 or myself at 281-980-5183. Please complete the Member Worksheet and return it with your due's payment. I must submit the council's aggregate numbers to Supreme by January 31 for Supreme to use these numbers to report to the Federal Government to retain tax exempt status. Supreme has the Culture of Life \$2 assessment for each council member. Your \$2 voluntary contribution along with your dues will be appreciated.

I wish all of you a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a blessed, safe and Happy New Year. Please continue to pray for a resolution to the COVID pandemic.

God Bless,

Dan Rega, FS

4204 Birthday Report

Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday
Nicholas Zapalac	12/01	Gary G. Turpin	12/09	Michael J. DePaolo	12/21
Ponciano Dumantay	12/02	Donald R Dickens	12/10	Anthony J Valchar	12/21
Wilmer Gonzalez	12/03	Manuel R Barcelo	12/10	Anthony F. Mancuso	12/21
Gary Steuernagel	12/04	Marco Roncal	12/11	David Shumpert Jr	12/22
J Arnold Knoche	12/05	Kirk A. Heath	12/11	Mrs Helen Mattern	12/24
Chris Broussard	12/05	Guy A. Baird	12/12	Darrell F Pavlicek	12/24
Ben P Bono	12/06	Jude Ezike	12/12	Abraham Thomas	12/24
Frank A. Mba	12/06	William M Tallas	12/13	John S. Sudela	12/26
David F. Becker	12/06	Stephen Winzerling	12/13	Alois Grahmann Jr	12/28
Wilfredo Vallecios	12/06	Timothy L Schumann	12/15	Anthony Rychlik	12/28
Mark T Broton	12/07	Mrs Susie Rodriguez	12/16	Leonard A Simek	12/29
Fred W. Hodson	12/08	Donald E. Hensley	12/17	John P. Pistone	12/29
Olin E. Ludwig	12/08	Fr David T Angelino	12/18	Daniel Korkmas	12/30
German A Hernandez	12/08	Mrs JoAnn Byrd	12/19	Richard S Pena	12/30
Daniel Cawthon	12/09	Dale J. Stroyick	12/19	Daniel E. Rega	12/30
Matthew Johns	12/09	Fr Gregorio Mirto	12/20	Dennis W Marek	12/31

Wreaths Across America



The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus from 4204 are members of the Bishop Morkovsky Assembly 2243. The Assembly will be taking part in the *Wreaths Across America Program* this year. If you purchase a wreath for 15 dollars a portion of the sales are returned to the Assembly. The Assembly will use all proceeds from this fund raiser for the installation of a flagpole at St Theresa's School. To make a purchase just go to our team page <https://waahouston.salsalabs.org/2020a/p/knightsofcolumbusassembly2243>

You must use the web address above for the Assembly to get credit. With this one simple donation you are honoring the veterans in your family and promoting patriotism at the grammar school level.

Don't Worry, Retire Happy

Don't Worry, Retire Happy presented by Tom Hegna and sponsored by our KC Insurance Agents.

His SEVEN steps to have an optimal retirement:

1. Have a PLAN for retirement
2. Maximize your social security income
3. Consider a Hybrid Retirement
4. Protect savings from inflation
5. Secure more retirement income
6. Have a plan for Long-Term Care
7. Use your home equity wisely

Tom Hegna is an economist, author, and retirement expert. He has been an incredibly popular industry speaker for many years and is considered by many to be THE Retirement Income Expert!



\$2 Culture of Life Assessment

Brothers, our council is assessed \$2 per member, (both dues paying & non-dues paying members) to support building a culture of life. Please consider voluntarily supporting this missing with your voluntary \$2 (or more!) donation in addition to your normal dues.

From Supreme's Website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/charities/articles/culture-of-life.html>

One of the most effective ways in which the Knights of Columbus has helped thousands of women save their children is through its [Ultrasound Initiative](#).

Ultrasound exams, which are medically necessary throughout pregnancy for a variety of diagnostic reasons, use ultrasound waves to scan a woman's abdomen, creating a picture or "sonogram" of the baby in her uterus. Without K of C support, most pregnancy care centers would be unable to purchase the ultrasound machines, each usually costing tens of thousands of dollars.

Providing ultrasound machines to pregnancy resource centers has enabled many thousands of pregnant women to see that their unborn child is a living human being. Ultrasound technology allows a mother to see her developing child and recognize the miracle of life within her. As a result, thousands of mothers have decided to have their babies.

The Supreme Council shares the cost of ultrasound machines with state and local councils. Since the Knights of Columbus [Ultrasound Initiative](#) launched Jan. 22, 2009 on the 36th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States, state and local councils have assisted qualified pregnancy centers by raising half the cost of ultrasound machines.

This section is meant to pass on information happening in the Pro-Life front. The Knights of Columbus are strong supporters of Pro-Life, however, the editor, Knights of Columbus, and Council 4204 do not directly endorse these groups or the actions they take or suggest. These articles are included and intended for the sole purpose of providing information.

Pro-Life Corner - Article Insert

2020 PRO-LIFE ACHIEVEMENTS

You have sacrificed through your donations, rosaries prayed, and participation in parish events all year in support of Pro-Life once again. It is only fitting you know the fruits of your labor.

NATIONAL PRO-LIFE...

A Solid 5-1-3 Pro-Life Supreme Court.

8 more Solid Pro-Life Congressmen (+ women) elected to the House of Representatives with 5 contests as yet undecided at this time.

2 more Solid Pro-Life Senators elected to the U. S. Senate with 2 more contests in Georgia yet to be decided.

TEXAS STATE PRO-LIFE... TexasAllianceforLife.org

College Campus Pro-Life Organizations grew and their voices were heard ever louder harvesting thousands for the cause. Dozens of vulnerable hospital patients saved from the 10 day rule. This includes 20 month old baby Tinslee Lewis's victory in the state Supreme Court. No Infanticide for her!

Abortion icon Wendy Davis and many other Pro-Abortion candidates defeated at the polls by Solid Pro-Life Candidates statewide.

16 additional Texas towns are now Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn.

Thousands of women chose to have their babies thanks to Prayer Lines at over a hundred locations throughout Texas.

Texas no longer is forced to give Federal Funds received to Planned Parenthood through Medicaid to fund abortions. The major source of income to PP from women seeking abortion.

As well as numerous new state laws to protect the unborn.

GREATER HOUSTON AREA our local contribution... HoustonCoalition.com

Financial support for Pregnancy Centers throughout the metro area.

Paying for Big Blue and Little Blue expenses. Our two mobile units with volunteer Doctors, Social Workers, Nurses, and medical equipment offering free examinations for pregnant women. This includes free sonograms.

Housing for pregnant women. This includes elderly and retired empty nesters offering empty bedrooms in their houses.

Helping pregnant women train for gainful employment, free babysitting, medical bills paid, and free driver service as needed.

Post abortion support for women. (The Rachel Project)

Prayer lines maintained throughout the greater metro area. St. Theresa is responsible for assisting the prayer line at 8200 Wednesbury Lane in Sharpstown during 40 Days for Life Campaigns in Spring and Fall of each year.

The St. Theresa Pregnancy support group. (See the wooden sign outside the St. Vincent De Paul Society.)

Rosaries held in Church for Pro-Life before masses.

K of C Pro-Life Novena (Thank You Sam.)

Thanks to your sacrifices thousands of women have been able to give birth to their child this year.

REJOICE AND BE GLAD THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON as we celebrate Mary's decision as an unwed mother to give birth to her child who saved us all.

Good of the Order



“God, we offer up our prayers for the listed Knights, family, and friends in need of healing and care. Thank you Lord for your love, guidance and forgiveness in our daily lives. Please give the family and friends of these loved ones courage, compassion, and love as they heal and care for those in need. Amen!”

Brother Knights, please remember the following in your prayers:

(Requests from meetings and email are listed for 90 days.)

Perpetual Requests for Good Health & Well Being:

Archbishop Emeritus Joseph Fiorenza	Canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney	
Conversion of fallen away Catholics	Unborn for eternal life	Special Needs
Members & family of Armed Forces	Knights and their families	Vocations
Priests, Deacons, and all brothers	Deceased Brother Knights	Fr. Roy Oggero
St. Theresa Ministries and Priests	St. Theresa Bulletin prayer List	VETS at VA
Widows of Deceased Brothers	Pregnant Women for life	Pope Francis
Ex-Prisoners @ Isaiah house	Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI	Most Rev. Vincent M Rizzotto
Soldiers returning from war	Fr. Miguel Obregon - Cancer	Ann Neslony
Baby Danny Villasana	Gene Travis - Cancer	Deacon Glenn Haller
Edith Hartensteiner - Cancer	Eric Garcia - Cancer	Anthony Valchar
Laura French - Health	Doug Blaskowsky - transplant	Judy Cyril - Health
Fr. Bob Matzinger		

Deceased Requests:

September: Doris Gijon

October: John Oggero; Leroy Urbanek

November: All Deceased Brother Knights

Other Requests as Listed:

September: Ellie Fasbender - Illness; End to abortion and Politicians that support life at all stages; Victims of COVID-19 & Families

October: Donald Trump – COVID Recovery; Fr. John Rooney – Health Issues; Dennis Marek – Eye Surgery; Bob Laffredo – Health; Chad Graham – Health; Bob Vacek

November: Gus Kalmus – Stroke; Fred Stratton – Illness

Special Intention:

Prayer requests aged greater than 90 days still in need of prayer.

All others in need of prayer and God's healing grace and embrace.

If you are unable to attend the meeting to make a request, please email dpm114+kc4204@gmail.com with the subject line "**KC4204 Good of The Order Request**" If any name is misspelled, please also email me.

Council Officers and Directors for 2020-2021

Chaplain	Fr. David Angelino	281-494-1156	Program	Gary Blanchette	281-389-9672
Associate Chaplain	Rev. Jose Tharayil	281-494-1156	Faith	John Pistone	832-731-5689
Grand Knight	Sam DeMora	281-787-9019	Vocation	John Sudela	281-491-4055
Deputy Grand Knight	David Paul Morris	281-799-3821	Community	Dave Kiger	281-242-4144
Chancellor	Michael Horton	713-855-2598	Pro Life	David Wleklinski	281-494-4770
Recorder	Ray French	281-565-1961	Health	Vacant	
Financial Secretary	Dan Rega	281-980-5183	Public Relations	Vacant	
Treasurer	Ian Cyril	832-457-3803	Family	Dan Rega	281-980-5183
Warden	Marvin Kasper	281-491-7554	Membership	Vacant	
Advocate	Gary Blanchette	281-389-9672	Retention	David Paul Morris	281-799-3821
Inside Guard	Fred Stratton, Jr.	832-638-3444	Bereavement	Vacant	
Outside Guard	Joe Zanca		Newsletter Editor	David Paul Morris	281-799-3821
One Year Trustee	Larry Moller	832-594-2355	Football Sweepstakes	Pete Muceus	281-491-9671
Two Year Trustee	Sam Gonzalez	832-283-2797	Fish Dinner	Vacant	
Three Year Trustee	Joe Mays		Coin Collection	Paul Cinquemani	832-594-6753
Lecturer	John Sudela	281-491-4055	Golf	Lloyd Waguespack	281-495-4422
Insurance Agent	Supak Agency - Tom	979-968-9800	VA Hospital Visits	Fred Stratton	832-638-3444
Blood Drive	Paul Cinquemani	832-594-6753	Free Throw Contest	Stephen Frontera	201-410-1632
BBQ Coordinator	Vacant		Clothing Sales	Vacant	

Columbus Club Officers and Directors

President:	Glenn Redding	Directors:	Sal Salinas	Nicolas Kutra	Leon Anhaiser
Vice President:	Ralph Stolarski		Joe Spera	Gene Travis	Anthony Valchar
Secretary	Leon Anhaiser		Fred Trilicek	Marvin Kasper	GK Sam De Mora
Treasurer:	Ed Borski				

<u>Leasing Manager:</u>	Sal Salinas	281-491-3257
<u>Maintenance Manager:</u>	Fred Trilicek	281-491-9040

All members of 4204 are voting members of our Columbus Club. Come to the meetings and help manage our facilities.

Knights of Columbus Web Sites

Supreme: www.kofc.org	Texas State Council: www.tkofc.org	Houston Chapter: www.ghknights.org
St. Basil 4204: www.kc4204.org	Texas Knight Digital Edition: texasknight-news.net	St. Basil Hall Rental: www.kc4204.org/hall-rental
Mass Times: masstimes.org	4204 Newsletter: kc4204.org/newsletter	St. Theresa Church: sugarlandcatholic.com



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