



# The **Forty-Two O Fourward**



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

## November 2020 Newsletter

[www.kc4204.org](http://www.kc4204.org)

KC Meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7:30pm (no meal)  
Memorial Meeting – Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3:45pm

Columbus Club Meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> 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,**

Daylight saving time has ended (DST starts again on Sunday, March 14, 2021). The daylight hours continue to get shorter. We continue to practice social distancing, wear masks (or other facial covering), and provide no meal at our meetings and events until further notice. As always, please do not attend a meeting or any of our events/activities if you feel ill, uncomfortable, or vulnerable. Thanks to all for your continued cooperation and understanding. You may always email me, [gk4204\\_sd@yahoo.com](mailto:gk4204_sd@yahoo.com), or call me or a fellow Brother shall you need assistance, help, or just want to talk.

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament, prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead. A great feast of November is Christ the King, which is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. This, too, is a reminder of the end of days and the second coming of Christ in glory, as are the first weeks of Advent that begins November 29.

Being a month devoted to the deceased, we will remember our deceased Brothers at our Memorial Meeting on Sunday, November 15. We will not be having a meal this year, but will have a gathering time beginning at 3:45pm, followed by the memorial service beginning promptly at 4:00pm. To ensure we provide enough seating, please RSVP with the number of people in your party to me at 281-787-9019 or [gk4204\\_sd@yahoo.com](mailto:gk4204_sd@yahoo.com) by Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

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, October 16. It was successful again because of you! Again, a special thanks to Brother Marvin Kasper for his donation of 30 pounds of fish! Brothers, we will have another event on Friday, November 20. Help is always needed and appreciated. Further emails will be distributed. Thanks, Brother Gary Blanchette, for chairing this event.

The Novena for Life started Saturday, October 24, after the 5:00pm mass. Thanks to Brothers Calvin Sommer, David Wlekinski, and Sam Gonzalez for leading the Rosary. Thanks to all the Brothers that signed up and participated in the Life Chain on November 1.

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**Grand Knight's Report continued...**

The Galveston-Houston Chapter continues to have a conference call every Wednesday, 9:00pm. Any member of our Council may attend (listen). For information on what is happening in the diocese, go to the Galveston-Houston Knights website: [www.ghknights.org](http://www.ghknights.org).

Because of our Memorial Meeting, we will not have a Council officer's and director's meeting this month. Our next Membership Meeting will be Monday, December 7 at 7:00pm. Come to a meeting, support your council, and discuss our upcoming events/activities.

The CDA is having a Toy Drive for the children at Fort Bend Children's Advocacy and have invited us to participate. If you would like to participate, please bring an unwrapped child's toy or a gift card (for a teenager) to our Memorial Meeting or next Membership Meeting and I will ensure that the CDA receives your gift.

For planning purposes, the KC Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 13. The plans have not been finalized and will be communicated by emails. The Diocesan Winter Training Conference is scheduled for January 9, 2021, at Council 8960 Hall, Pearland. All council members are welcome to attend.

For you 1<sup>st</sup> degree members, online exemplifications are being offered on Monday's, November 9, 16, 23, or 30 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=HbWtn3ZdBUCJrJlGelmPo7t624oK1HkWF7PVrlda1URThDWFpVS09NRVNERkQ0STIXVkk1MEpBUi4u>

We have State Charities pins for sale for \$20. Buy a pin, wear it proud, and support our State Charities. See FS Dan Rega for a pin.

Happy Veteran's Day to our Brother veteran's and all veteran's. Fly your flag.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. We are truly blessed. Stay healthy. Be safe.

To honor the dead, we turn to the Mother of God and pray, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

Vivat Jesus!

**Sam DeMora**

Grand Knight

## 4204 Birthday Report

Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday
Craig N. Alwine	11/03	Donald R Perry	11/13	Ron D. Giaimis	11/22
Oscar V Luera	11/04	Loftus A. Fitzwater	11/13	Mrs Henrietta Pospisil	11/23
Gregory J Harris	11/04	Fredrick J Trlicek	11/14	Mrs Maurice Novosad	11/24
Rocky C. Meza	11/04	J Edward Siegfried	11/16	Mrs Donna Sweat	11/24
Ray N. French	11/04	Scott A. Furnish	11/16	William D Cleveland	11/25
Robert Hartensteiner	11/05	Moses S Khano	11/18	Percy B. Libranda	11/25
Thomas F Nauck	11/06	Charles E. Zocco	11/18	Dennis A Mattli	11/25
Joe A. Schulz	11/06	Rev.Eddy Mendoza	11/18	Dr. Henry Saenz	11/25
Marvin E Kasper	11/07	Paul E. Blubaugh Jr	11/18	Moises C. Vasquez	11/25
Bret J. Ramsey	11/08	Lee J. Curcio	11/18	Irvin O. Vivanco	11/25
Joseph O Mays	11/10	Mrs Susan Mule'	11/19	Emil S Macha	11/26
Mrs Olive Basse	11/11	Deacon Jim Anderson	11/19	Mike C. Valdez	11/27
William F. Ross Sr	11/11	Mrs Cecilia Krolczyk	11/20	Mrs Vlasta Barrett	11/28
		Christopher Manthei	11/21		

## Financial Secretary's Report



**Brothers,**

We pray that your family is doing well during this difficult time. With safe practices we have been able to hold a few fund raisers and face to face meetings.

Winners for the month of September were Knight of the Month, Gary Blanchette; Family of the Month Chris Spiers family; Lady of the Month, Michelle DeMora. The other positions were not filled. We have no rookies. (Members with less than one year of service)

Thank you to all that helped during our second Takeout Only Fish Fry. Again, we had a great response from our supporters. With a few corrections to the process the second time around ran smoother than the first.

We sold 25 football tickets this season. Thank you to our supporters.

God Bless,  
**Dan Rega, FS**

## 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!

## **1st Principle of our Order, Charity**

In Texas, we have a State Charities Program that relies 100% on donations – mostly from Councils. The State Council asks for \$10 per capita from each Council in the state. 70% of all funds collected go back to that diocese. In the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Cardinal DiNardo uses his donations for Catholic Education.

So, where does the other 30% collected go...

- Texas Special Olympics
- Priest Retirement
- Infirm Priest Program
- College Campus Ministries
- Catholic School Scholarships
- Disaster relief

Our Texas State Council Charity assessment for 2020-2021 is \$4440.

Our Council is a great supporter of Texas State Charities, meeting our charity goal for 23 straight years! We have contributed over \$134,500 in the past 32 years.

Consider a donation of \$20.00 or more, and you will receive a State Charity Pin. See our Financial Secretary, Dan Rega.

*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**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law" (No. 2271).

In response to those who say this teaching *has* changed or is of recent origin, here are the facts:

- From earliest times, Christians sharply distinguished themselves from surrounding pagan cultures by rejecting abortion and infanticide. The earliest widely used documents of Christian teaching and practice after the New Testament in the 1st and 2nd centuries, the *Didache* (Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) and *Letter of Barnabas*, condemned both practices, as did early regional and particular Church councils.
- To be sure, knowledge of human embryology was very limited until recent times. Many Christian thinkers accepted the biological theories of their time, based on the writings of Aristotle (4th century BC) and other philosophers. Aristotle assumed a process was needed over time to turn the matter from a woman's womb into a being that could receive a specifically human form or soul. The active formative power for this process was thought to come entirely from the man – the existence of the human ovum (egg), like so much of basic biology, was unknown.
- However, such mistaken biological theories never changed the Church's common conviction that abortion is gravely wrong at every stage. At the very least, early abortion was seen as attacking a being with a human destiny, being prepared by God to receive an immortal soul (cf. Jeremiah 1:5: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you").
- In the 5th century AD this rejection of abortion at every stage was affirmed by the great bishop-theologian St. Augustine. He knew of theories about the human soul not being present until some weeks into pregnancy. Because he used the Greek Septuagint translation of the Old Testament, he also thought the ancient Israelites had imposed a more severe penalty for accidentally causing a miscarriage if the fetus was "fully formed" (Exodus 21: 22-23), language not found in any known Hebrew version of this passage. But he also held that human knowledge of biology was very limited, and he wisely warned against misusing such theories to risk committing homicide. He added that God has the power to make up all human deficiencies or lack of development in the Resurrection, so we cannot assume that the earliest aborted children will be excluded from enjoying eternal life with God.
- In the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas made extensive use of Aristotle's thought, including his theory that the rational human soul is not present in the first few weeks of pregnancy. But he also rejected abortion as gravely wrong at every stage, observing that it is a sin "against nature" to reject God's gift of a new life.
- During these centuries, theories derived from Aristotle and others influenced the grading of penalties for abortion in Church *law*. Some canonical penalties were more severe for a direct abortion after the stage when the human soul was thought to be present. However, abortion at all stages continued to be seen as a grave moral evil.
- From the 13th to 19th centuries, some theologians speculated about rare and difficult cases where they thought an abortion before "formation" or "ensoulment" might be morally justified. But these theories were discussed and then always rejected, as the Church refined and reaffirmed its understanding of abortion as an intrinsically evil act that can never be morally right.
- In 1827, with the discovery of the human ovum, the mistaken biology of Aristotle was discredited. Scientists increasingly understood that the union of sperm and egg at conception produces a new living being that is distinct from both mother and father. Modern genetics demonstrated that this individual is, at the outset, distinctively human, with the inherent and active potential to mature into a human fetus, infant, child and adult. From 1869 onward the obsolete distinction between the "ensouled" and "unensouled" fetus was permanently removed from canon law on abortion.
- Secular laws against abortion were being reformed at the same time and in the same way, based on secular medical experts' realization that "no other doctrine appears to be consonant with reason or physiology but that which admits the embryo to possess vitality from the very moment of conception" (American Medical Association, *Report on Criminal Abortion*, 1871).
- Thus modern science has not changed the Church's constant teaching against abortion, but has underscored how important and reasonable it is, by confirming that the life of each individual of the human species begins with the earliest embryo.
- Given the *scientific* fact that a human life begins at conception, the only moral norm needed to understand the Church's opposition to abortion is the principle that *each and every human life has inherent dignity, and thus must be treated with the respect due to a human person*. This is the foundation for the Church's social doctrine, including its teachings on war, the use of capital punishment, euthanasia, health care, poverty and immigration. Conversely, to claim that some live human beings do *not* deserve respect or should *not* be treated as "persons" (based on changeable factors such as age, condition, location, or lack of mental or physical abilities) is to deny the very idea of *inherent* human rights. Such a claim undermines respect for the lives of many vulnerable people before and after birth.

## 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

### Deceased Requests:

**August:** Julian Villarreal; Jeremy Zapalac

**September:** Doris Gijon

**October:** John Oggero; Leroy Urbanek

### Other Requests as Listed:

**August:** Mary Morales - health; Thomas Russell

**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; Fred Stratton – Hospital; Gus Kalmus – Stroke; Bob Vacek

### 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](mailto: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

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

## Columbus Club Officers and Directors

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**Leasing Manager:** Sal Salinas 281-491-3257

**Maintenance Manager:** 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

<b>Supreme:</b> <a href="http://www.kofc.org">www.kofc.org</a>	<b>Texas State Council:</b> <a href="http://www.tkofc.org">www.tkofc.org</a>	<b>Houston Chapter:</b> <a href="http://www.ghknights.org">www.ghknights.org</a>
<b>St. Basil 4204:</b> <a href="http://www.kc4204.org">www.kc4204.org</a>	<b>Texas Knight Digital Edition:</b> <a href="http://texasknight-news.net">texasknight-news.net</a>	<b>St. Basil Hall Rental:</b> <a href="http://www.kc4204.org/hall-rental">www.kc4204.org/hall-rental</a>
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