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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. BASIL COUNCIL 4204
 702 BURNEY ROAD, SUGAR LAND, TX 77498-2610

December 2011
 MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7:00PM

NEWSLETTER
 COLUMBUS CLUB 1ST Tuesday - 7PM

IN UNITY WITH OUR STATE OFFICERS and committeemen

Larry Zapalac

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State Secretary

Robert Vacek

State Audit Committee

Pete Muceus

State Communications Committee

Brother Knights,

This past Sunday, November 20, we held our annual Memorial Meeting honoring the deceased Brothers of Council 4204. I know those who attended will agree with me that it was a very moving ceremony. Thanks to all who made this a truly outstanding event. A special thanks to Bob and Schatze Sullivent, Marie and John Gambino, Glen Reading, and my wife Carol for helping set up the hall. Also a thank you goes out to Chief Cook Steve Kalmus and his helpers Ralph Stolarski, Ed Borski, and Todd Heath for an outstanding dinner. I am still getting complements on the meal.

On Sunday December 4, we will have our annual Catholic Daughter/Knights of Columbus Christmas party beginning at 2:30. Please bring you families and join in the fun. If you want your child or grandchild to receive a present from Santa, please bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it and give it to Santa.

Attention all 1st Degree Members: You will have a golden opportunity on Saturday December 10 to join us in full knighthood. Council 4204 will be hosting a 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplification beginning at 10:00. ***There is no cost to you other than your time and effort to go through the 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplification. Circle the date and make a true effort to attend on December 10. You will need to be at the hall at around 9:15.***

I wish all Brother Knights and their families a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Please remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas".

Calvin Sommer
 Grand Knight.

Financial Secretary's Report

Brothers,

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving!

Brother Tim Howard died on November 22. He has suffered from prostate cancer for many months and the Lord finally mercifully took him. As I prepare this the services have not been scheduled. Pray for repose of Tim's soul and for Amy and the children.

There will be a 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree on Saturday December 10. Let's have a good turnout of candidates; they will be able to do all 3 degrees on one day. Have all candidates at the Annex by 7:15 am. Because of a NEW Form 100, all prior-completed Form 100's will have to be redone; I will insure that is done. We need 3rd Degree members to attend all degrees to support Council 4204 candidates.

The Clergy Night celebration is on Friday, January 27 at the Stafford Centre (2610 South Main in Stafford), the same location it was held last year. This is an affair where over 1,000 Knights and their ladies will gather to recognize our priests and clergy. A social hour and cocktails will be start at 6:30 p.m. with Dinner at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. If you are planning on attending, please notify me ASAP and submit your payment to me prior to the close of the meeting on Monday December 5.

The annual dues bill will go out at the beginning of December 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 Calvin Sommer at 281-242-6072 or myself at 281-491-9671. Please complete the member worksheet and return it with your dues payment. Supreme has the Culture of Life \$2 assessment for each council member. Your \$2 voluntary contribution along with your dues will be appreciated. I will be using new software so your bill will look different. Your membership cards are the color white (again). You can bring your dues to the Christmas Party or the December 5 meeting and save the council some postage.

I wish all of you a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a blessed, safe and Happy New Year.

God bless,
Pete Muceus, FS

Council News and Information

There is a Pro-Life rosary the first Sunday of every month. It is in front of the respect life monument after the 10 am mass. There is also a rosary on the first Sunday before 7 am mass inside the church. The intention of these rosaries is to end abortion.

Thank you and God Bless,
Pro-Life Director David Wleklinski

Thursday December 8 is the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation.

On Saturday December 10 we will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree in our hall. If you have someone that might be thinking be at the annex around 7 AM for an 8 AM start. The 2nd and 3rd degree will follow shortly after the first degree. If you have not attended the new format for the 2nd and 3rd degree why not come out and have a good time with you brother knights.

The is a St. Theresa Blood Drive in our hall on Sunday December 11 from 7 AM to 2 PM. You can call Paul Cinquemani at 832-594-6753 to sign up or just drop in on Sunday.

Friday nihgt is the last Middle School dance of 2011. It starts at 7 PM but kids start arriving Around 6 or so. If you can come out and help your council make some much needed funds and assist our kids in having a safe and fun time.

Vocation spot light

Pray for Vocations!

John Sudela
Vocations Coordinator

Columbus Club News

Thank you to the Board of Directors and all Brother Knights who donated time to the Club in 2011. Your efforts keep the hall operational with a positive cash flow. Until you get involved you do not appreciate the time and effort it takes to keep the hall operational and the bills paid. Please consider donating a few hours of your time next year. We always need bar tenders and assistance in minor repairs, cleanup or improvements.

The Board of Directors approved funding for the new floor at the November meeting. In the next few weeks samples should be available for comment. Based upon our busy rental schedule for December it looks like the work will take place in January. This project will complete the use of the Columbus Clubs building funds.

The third quarter budget report is available. We are doing OK for the year and with a number of outside rentals in November and December we should finish the year with a small profit.

Keep Christ in Christmas.

Dan Rega
Columbus Club President

KC Insurance update

Connect The Dots...

“If you want to know your past, look into your present conditions. If you want to know your future, look into your present actions.”

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic family service organization in the world. At the heart of the Order is our Insurance Program. We can take great pride in knowing that there is no more highly rated life insurance organization in North America than the Knights of Columbus. But to truly understand the relationship between the Order and its Insurance Program, it is important to revisit the beginnings of this success story. Let's go back to the 1880's and examine an early gathering of the Council at St. Mary's Church ...

Devoted Catholic men gathered together somberly to fulfill the promises that each had willingly made to Fr. McGivney and to each other when joining the newly formed Knights of Columbus. In a spirit of charity and unity, they slowly passed an upturned hat. Each man reached deep into his pocket to contribute whatever he could to help the family of the Brother Knight who was now with God. Even those men who found it a hardship to drop in but a small amount did so without reservation, knowing that his Brothers would willingly do the same for his own family when the Lord calls for him.

An idea so simple in practice, the passing of an “upturned hat,” is the very foundation of the most highly rated life insurance organization in North America. The Knights of Columbus was formed for two reasons: to render financial aid to its members and beneficiaries of its members and to serve as a means for bringing Catholic men and their families closer together in service to the Church, the community, and their fellow man. As the Order grew, so did the number of ways that Knights found to be men of service and action. Over the Order's 129 years of existence, a myriad of various service programs sprang to life, and as the years passed these service programs evolved, as did the needs of the members and their communities. But the success of the Knights of Columbus lies in the fact that our values and core principles have always remained the same. The “how” of Knights of Columbus accomplishments may have adapted, but the “why” has never changed. Even today, every member of the Knights of Columbus takes the pledge to uphold the vision and mission of Fr. McGivney during his First Degree ceremony. And although some may not realize it, the symbolic “upturned hat” is still being passed today. It is passed at the crucial point in time when each member makes the personal decision whether or not to participate in the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program. Each member who purchases a life insurance certificate or buys a retirement annuity, Long Term Care coverage or Disability Income is actually making his own contribution to the upturned hat as it passes from one Brother to the next! It is our Insured Members who have accepted the upturned hat and have done their part to fulfill father McGivney's vision by not letting the hat just pass them by. They have contributed on behalf of their own families and on behalf of their Brother Knights, both present and future. Their contributions to the “upturned hat” are just as meaningful as those made by the Brother Knights of Fr. McGivney's day and will stand as testament to the Brother Knights of the future. Indeed, we can actually “connect the dots” between past, present, and future and see the unending devotion to Fr. McGivney's vision in that example of the “upturned hat,” and it is our duty to make sure that every practical Catholic man in Texas is aware that the “upturned hat” is coming his way.

Fraternally,

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Birthdays

December 2011 Birthday Report

Name	B' day	Name	B' day	Name	B' day
Nicholas J. Zapalac	12/01	Timothy E Sweat	12/11	Anthony J Valchar	12/21
Ponciano F. Dumantay	12/02	Marco Roncal	12/11	Charles R. Olvey	12/21
Bryan Dulock	12/02	Guy A. Baird	12/12	Jacob M. Rodriguez	12/21
Gary W Steuernagel	12/04	Jude Ezike	12/12	Anthony F. Mancuso	12/21
J Arnold Knoche	12/05	William M Tallas	12/13	David H. Shumpert, Jr.	12/22
Ben P Bono	12/06	Mrs Lucy Cavazos	12/13	Joseph W. Azzarello, Sr.	12/24
Frank A. Mba	12/06	Stephen W. Winzerling	12/13	Darrell F Pavlicek	12/24
David F. Becker	12/06	Garyl L. Hester	12/14	Abraham Thomas	12/24
Michael A. Mule'	12/06	Timothy L Schumann	12/15	Harry F Richards	12/26
Mrs Lena Ruffino	12/07	Neal O. Robichau	12/16	John S. Sudela	12/26
Rodney R. Smith	12/07	Martin T. Williams	12/16	Jeremy A. Zapalac	12/27
Jason J. Mikolajek	12/08	Gregory D. Fuller	12/17	Alois H. Grahmann, Jr.	12/28
Mrs Dina Zakrzewski	12/08	Donald E. Hensley	12/17	Anthony M. Rychlik	12/28
Fred W. Hodson	12/08	Jonathan P. Cherry	12/17	Paul K. O'Neal	12/28
Olin E. Ludwig	12/08	Donald W Mattern	12/19	Leonard A Simek	12/29
Curtis Osborne	12/09	Mrs Louise Bronikowski	12/19	John P. Pistone	12/29
Daniel W. Cawthon	12/09	Dale J. Stroyick	12/19	Daniel T. Korkmas	12/30
Matthew D. Johns	12/09	Robert W Bohuslav	12/20	Richard S Pena	12/30
Gary G. Turpin	12/09	Michael R Chisenhall	12/20	Mrs Genevieve Puskarz	12/30
Donald R. Dickens	12/10	Victor C Novosad	12/21	Daniel E. Rega	12/30
Emil D Zbranek	12/11	Michael J. DePaolo	12/21	Dennis W Marek	12/31

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 and guidance in our 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!”

Please remember the following in your prayers and ask for Gods healing power to come over these members of our faith community.

For Good Health & Well Being:

St. Theresa Ministries and Priest
St. Theresa prayer List
Widows of Deceased Brothers
Fr. Robert Ritz
Fr. Andy Sebesta
John Pistone
Charles Sullivent
Margarita Iglesias

Roy Gipson

Ex-Prisoners @ Isaiah house
Members of Armed Froces
Soldiers deployed over sea's
Deacon Frank & Karen Cromer
Emil Zbranek
Col. David Eskelund
Deacon & Peggy DuPont
Max Schumann

Fr. Bob Klem

Pope Benedict
VETS at VA
Fr. Roy Ogerro
Dorothy Raska
Lonnie & Susan Link
Fr. Jack Whitley
Ray Tanking
Bruce Buckles

DECEASED

Al Guerra
Joe Toner
Tony Marino
Matt kero, Ave Klepfer's Grand Son

Tim Howard
Ishael Segurdo
Al Clay's Mother Marg
Laverne George

Guadalupe De Leon
Dr. Jamie Olmo
John Barta

AS LISTED:

Kathy Moller – Cancer
Surgery
Dyrk(Hartensteiner)Burcie–Cancer
Jason Mikolajek – sp. Intentions
Benny Benevides – Bad Health
Mrs. Diana A. Blackwood – Cancer
Keith Borchardt – Back Surgery
Barbara Cacho – Breast Cancer
Susan & Charlie Compton–Cancer
Pain
Mark McClellan – Stroke
Thomas Quinterro – Leg Surgery
Netchy Meiselbach – Cancer
Mary Reynoso – Cancer/Surgery
Mrs. Edgar Santiago – Cancer
Napoleon Sulit – Lung Cancer
Marie Unarcaryl – Heart Problems
Ken & Valerie Richards – Sp.Inten.

Brad Dickens – Prostate Issues
Vincent Loper – Sinus Issues
William Boehm – Stroke
Cindy Rangel–Back surgery
John Boetlger Jr & Family-Cancer
Getulio Brito – Alzheimer's
Jim Claire – Back Surgery
Patty Felli – Breast Cancer

Richard Swvrek – Prostate Cancer
Floyd Tafelsky – Cancer
Bob Morgan – Cancer & Stroke
Tony Medina – Prostate Cancer
Bernard Shell – Prostate Cancer
Joe Williams-Knee Replacement
Jerren Pernell – Brain Cancer

Rafael Gijon – Leg

Susan Bower – Stroke
Bettly Guehring – Health
Karyn Guillary – Cancer
Tom Sas – Cancer
Clem Kotzur – Cancer
Fred Amlee – Cancer
Rosie Janssen – Back

Florian Bartos - cancer
Caulette Menard – surgery
Nicky Munguia – Surgery
Rudy Ruthak – surgery
Danny Podracek – Sp. Int.
Joe Payne – Cancer
Juan Carlos Corea – ALS

COUNCIL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2011-2012

Chaplain-	Rev. Stephen B. Reynolds, Pastor	Program	Mike Jones	281 342-0133
Associate Chaplain	Rev. Jose Tharayil	Membership	Ken Stilling	281-437-2216
Grand Knight	Calvin Sommer 281-242-6072	Retention	John Hermann	281-313-3819
Deputy Grand Knight	John Hermann 281-313-3819	Church	Deacon Frank Cromer	281-565-2776
Chancellor	Dave Kiger 281-242-4144	Vocation	John Sudela	281-491-4055
Recorder	Peter Vogt 281- 565-2581	Community	Sam Gonzales	281-980-8762
Financial Secretary	Pete Muceus 281-491-9671	Public Relations	Al Ewer	832-978-5022
Treasurer	Lloyd Waguespack 281-495-4422	Pro Life	David Wleklinski	281-494-4770
Lecturer	Paul Cinquemani 832-594-6753	Council	John Gambino	281-242-0847
Warden	Richard Pospisil 713-206-7963	Youth	John Clennan	281-491-8090
Advocate	John Clennan 281-4918090	Family	Mike Mule`	281-277-9429
Inside Guard	Fred Stratton 281-491-4676	News Letter Editor	Bob Sullivent	713-689-1580
Outside Guard	Phillip Ogwo 832-788-6429	Teen Dance	Mike Matalka	281-494-7617
One Year Trustee	Bob Sullivent 281-561-9533	Football Sweepstakes	Pete Muceus	281-491-9671
Two Year Trustee	Bill Tallas 281-980-1682	Bereavement	Joe Welsh	281-491-4027
Three Year Trustee	Jeff Schumann 713-206-7176	Coin Collection	Ken Stilling	281-437-2216
Insurance Agt(A-L)	Mauricio Munguia 7 13-203-9966	Golf	Gary Blanchette	281-240-1774
Insurance Agt(M-Z)	Henry Rangel 281-731-8635	Halloween	Ken Stilling	281-437-2216
Columbian Squires	John Clennan 281-491-8090	Turkey/Blood Drive	Paul Cinquemani	832-594-6753
Chief Cook	Steve Kalmus 281-240-5991	Clothing Sales	Bob Sullivent	281-561-9533
BBQ Coordinator	Dominic Kutra		Jeff Schumann	713-206-7176
	Todd Heath		Ed Sebesta	281-242-4563
		Fish Fry	John Clennan	281-491-8090

Columbus Club Officers and Directors

Current Directors and Officers for the 2011/2012 year are:

<u>President</u>	Dan Rega	<u>Directors:</u>	Paul Cinquemani	John Gambino
<u>Vice President</u>	Lloyd Waguespack		John Hermann	
<u>Secretary</u>	Mike Mule`		Ralph Stolarski	Fred Stratton
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mike Matalka		Bob Sullivent	Gene Travis
			Grand knight Calvin Sommer	

Blue's term expires in June 2012, Green in June 2013 and Red in June 2014,. The 13th director is the current Grand Knight of council 4204.

CCBS Officers & Directors

The Columbus created an organization to manage and run the rental and bar sales of our hall. This allows the Columbus Club to be tax exempt and not pay property taxes on the facility saving the Columbus Club, and thus, council 4204 money. The Hall and leasing managers are appointed by the Columbus Club President annually. The officers and directors can be any 4204 member in good standing and serve until they resign or the CCBS elects new directors at its annual meeting to be held in June each year. The current officers and directors are.

<u>President</u>	Bob Sullivent	<u>Directors:</u>	Bob Sullivent	Ralph Stolarski
<u>Co-Vice President</u>	Dan Rega		Dan Rega	Jeffrey Schumann
<u>Co-Vice President</u>	Jeffery Schumann		Lloyd Waguespack	
<u>Secretary</u>	Lloyd Waguespack			
<u>Treasurer</u>	Ralph Stolarski			

<u>Hall manager</u>	Ralph Stolarski	<u>Maintenance Manager</u>	Fred Trlicek
<u>Leasing Manager</u>	Bob Sullivent		