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

February 2012
 MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7:00PM

NEWSLETTER
 COLUMBUS CLUB 1ST Tuesday - 7PM

IN UNITY WITH OUR STATE OFFICERS and committeemen

Larry Zapalac

Past State Deputy

Jim Collins

State Secretary

Robert Vacek

State Audit Committee

Pete Muceus

State Communications Committee

Brother Knights,

January has been another busy month for the council. The new floor was installed in the hall at the beginning of the month and what an improvement it is. Thanks to Brother Dan Rega and all of the Columbus Club for their efforts to continue to improve our facility. Brisket sales began the first weekend of January and as I am writing this it appears that we will have a good response. Thanks ahead of time to our chief bar-b-que chefs Brothers Dominic Kutra and Todd Heath and to Brother Bob Sullivent who is chairing the event. On Saturday January 14 we had our joint Corporate Communion with the CDA and had a very good turnout. The fajita dinner was excellent and thanks to Brother Bob Sullivent who chaired this event. Our annual Free Throw Contest was held on Sunday January 15. The turnout of participants was not what we wanted, but those that did participate had a good time. Thanks to Brother Ken Stilling for chairing the event and to all the Brother Knights who showed up to help. On Friday January 20 we had our monthly Middle School Dance. We had about 325 youngsters and 22 chaperones. Thanks to Brother Mike Matalka for chairing this event and to all Brother Knights and wives who helped out. On Saturday January 21 we had our semi-annual Knights Night Out. Attendance was low, but all that attended had a great time. Personal thanks to Brother Ralph Stolarski who came early and helped cook the chili. Later that evening, the bar-b-que team led by Brothers Todd Heath and Dominic Kutra cooked up 135 chickens and 100 sausages. All was sold by the end of the 10:00 Mass. A special thanks to Brothers Pete Muceus and Jaime Ibarra and Debbie Kutra and to all the other Brother Knights who helped in bagging and selling. Friday January 27 was Clergy Night. It was great to see the large number of our council that attended and I know it was enjoyed by all.

At the January 16 meeting I challenged all members in attendance to go out and recruit at least one new member for our council. I want to extend that challenge to **all** members of 4204. Brother Ken Stilling does an outstanding job as our Membership Chairman, but as I stated at the meeting it is not Ken's job to do all of the recruiting. Each of us needs to get out and do our part to bring a fellow Catholic gentleman into the Knights of Columbus.

Attention First Degree Members!!!!!!: You will have another opportunity to join us in full Knighthood at the next 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification on Sunday February 19 at the Council 7067 Hall in Needville. We will attend the 7:00 am Mass at St. Theresa and then leave after Mass and travel together to Needville. We should be back in Sugar Land by 3:00. **Remember, there is no cost to you other than your time. Put it on your calendar and plan to attend.**

February will also be a busy month for the Council. February 5 will be our Super Bowl Brisket deliveries and our Pro-Life Rosary after the 10:00 Mass, membership drive on the weekend of February 11-12, Middle School Dance on February 17, and a 1st Degree on the 20th. Wednesday February 22 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent which means on Friday the 24th we have our first Fish Fry. As you can see, there are many opportunities for you to get involved. Pick one or more of these events and come out and join in the fun.

Calvin Sommer
Grand Knight



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District Deputy Report

Worthy Brothers,

I want to begin by wishing each and every one of you a happy and prosperous New Year. That being said, there is so much going on in our little corner of the world that may make the new year *not* so happy and *not* so prosperous. There are major assaults aimed at disrupting our ability to enjoy not only the fruits of our labors but also our *rights* to Life and Liberty as defined in the *Declaration of Independence* as given to us by God, Himself.

This year will be filled with many political and social decisions that each of us will be asked to take a stand on. As Knights, will we stand with what our Church and Brotherhood espouses? Or will we succumb to the political correctness of a system that is, at best amoral and at worst immoral. As Knights of Columbus we espouse the principles, and follow the commandments of the our Holy Religion. Recall your first degree or one that you recently witnessed. In that each and every one of us is charged through our example and words to contend against the foes of the Church and state.

So how do we do this? The principles of our Order are a good place to start. Charity, not just in alms giving, but by being charitable towards others. Unity, will become a very viable ‘virtue’, if you will, of how we as Knights can respond to the assaults. Fraternity is the gathering of men who freely gather to promote mutually beneficial ideals, which is our religion and our citizenship.

This topic may cause some of you to say “Right on!”... some may think it is not our roll to become involved, some may actually boil under the collar. Whatever your own personal reaction is, that is GOOD, because it now has you thinking about what may be coming. And coming sooner than we expect.

Vivat Jesus Brothers

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WEB SITES

Links have been added to this newsletter. Click on the link below and go straight to the site of your choice.

Knights of Columbus web site links. Council 4204 is www.kc4204.org; Our Galveston-Houston Chapter is www.ghkofo.org; Texas State Council - www.tkofo.org; Supreme - www.kofo.org.

Financial Secretary's Report

Brothers,

The annual dues bills were mailed in early December and many of you have responded by the January 15 due date. Thanks to all who have paid your dues. The 2nd Notices were mailed on January 16. Please pay your dues now. If you have a financial problem contact me or the Grand Knight – the council can help you.

Congratulations to the following members, ladies and youth honored with monthly award election for December by Council members: Knight of the Month – Dan Rega; Rookie of the Month – Jaime Ibarra; Family of the Month – John Gambino; Lady of the Month – Carol Sommer; Squire of the Month – Jacob Hickman and Bobby Covarrubias; and, Youth of the Month – Michael Hermann. Congratulations all!!

On Sunday February 19 there is a 2nd & 3rd Degree in Needville at Council 7067. I am asking all 1st Degree members to mark this date on your calendar and do everything you possibly can to attend. We will meet at the KC Hall parking lot and at 7:30 am travel to the degree. Both degrees should be over by 1:00 pm and there will be a meal served afterwards that is free to all going thru the degrees. There is no charge to the candidates. I estimate we will be back to our KC Hall by 3:00 pm. Plan to come and increase your KC knowledge. The dress is church casual. If any questions either email me at peterkofc@comcast.net or call me at 281-491-9671.

Council 4204 was recognized at the Saturday January 7 Diocesan meeting with the following Supreme and Texas State Council awards. Fraternal Year 2010-2011 Supreme Star Council Award (Supreme's highest council award); Fraternal Year 2010-2011 Texas State Council Lone Star Award for Excellence with Distinction (Texas State Council's highest council award); Fraternal Year 2011-2012 Texas State Council Charity Quick Start Award; Texas State Council 15 Year Charity Award. These are some very significant awards!!

From Brother Rob Dickens - It's that time again! Our annual Steps for Students 5k on Saturday Feb 18 at 8:30 am on the University of Houston Main Campus. All proceeds raised by our school go directly to our school to offset cost/buy supplies. Stephanie and I have enjoyed doing this for three years now. Please consider sponsoring us or if you would like to sign up to walk/run please join the St. Theresa Catholic School – SUGAR LAND team and let me know so our class can get credit for your participation. Thank you in advance for your support! <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/robampstephanie-dickens/2012>

God bless,
Pete Muceus, FS

Birthdays

St. Basil 4204 February 2012 Birthday Report

Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday
Eric D. Lander	02/01	Raul Z Garcia	02/07	Mrs Ann Neslony	02/22
John A Bezecny	02/02	Vince DePaolo	02/09	Bruce Buckles	02/22
Jaime Rodriguez	02/02	John J Clennan	02/10	Chris Gussett	02/23
Deacon James Wright	02/02	Glenn J. Zamora	02/10	Richard S Lewis	02/24
Johnny A. Garza	02/02	Jake Foster	02/12	Gary L. Bishop	02/24
Rev Mathew Thottiyil,MSFS	02/03	Samuel Reynolds	02/13	Daniel Trlicek	02/25
Stuart M Riggs	02/04	Malcolm J Lewis	02/15	Allen M Cameron	02/26
Kirk L. Emiliani	02/04	Robert A. Smith	02/16	Mrs Jackie Gabel	02/26
Mark G. Dulyunan	02/04	Mrs Avenelle Klepfer	2/18	Mrs Jean Toner	02/27
David Chairez	02/06	Jorge Cavazos	02/19	Bill Louviere	02/27
Noel J. Clarke	02/06	Larry Bernal	02/19	William J Sitka	02/28
James L. Reynolds	02/06	David C Kiger	02/20	Eugene L. Osina	02/28

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

Annual St Theresa's Catholic Men's Retreat; March 9-11 at Holy Name Retreat Center. Theme" Awakened Heart—Encountering Christ on the Way"

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WEB SITES

Our monthly newsletter and calendars are on the web site under the Newsletter tab. You can read online or download to your PC.

If you are getting a mailed copy and would like to get it via email please send me your email address. Remember that there will be at least three attachments. One is the news letter and the other two are the current and the following months' calendars.

DATE CHANGE: The 4204 Golf tournament has been moved to Friday May 11 due to course scheduling. Please make a note on your calendars for this fun event.

Continue to keep our Brother Knights who are in the lay diaconate program in your prayers – Brothers John Kennedy and Gilbert Rodriguez who received the order of the Acolyte this past weekend (they will both be on the altar much more now) and Brother Jim Anderson who is several years behind them in the program.

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Brother John Gambino reports that on Christmas Day 3 Knights and 1 son visited the VA hospital – John McDonald, Fred Stratton, Fred Stratton Jr. and John Gambino. They visited 15 Catholic patients & John McDonald and John Gambino met and helped 5 additional patients. They attended mass at the VA chapel. Thanks guys! Also thanks for the 4 Brothers who visited the VA Hospital on Jan 1.

From a brother Knight:

My Commentary on the importance of the Council Newsletter and Overall Communications to the Membership:

Council 4204 has a history of being one of the top councils in the state - just look at the state awards received. However, through the years this has diminished and in part it is my opinion that this has to do with the inactive status of our overall membership. Throughout the state there are councils with outstanding communications, i.e., newsletters, up to date websites, member attendance at the council, chapter and diocesan meetings. Then there are those councils that have dedicated members, but the majority of membership activity is marginal or the fact that many never cross the threshold of a council hall after being initiated. From my experience in the KC's, this inactivity has a lot to do with programming and communications at the time of initiation. After each 1st Degree Pete hands out a 4204 new member packet. If not included in this handout, I suggest the council newsletter and calendar be part of this packet.

Columbus Club News

Our hall has a new floor some very nicely painted walls. Dan Rega and his team has done an excellent job in making our hall very presentable to the public and ourselves with all the updates. We have new external walls from last year, new paint and, as of the first week in January, a new floor. It looks very nice. If you have not been to the hall in a while why not drop by at one of the 4204 meetings on the first and third Monday, the Columbus club meeting on the first Tuesday, or one of the events scheduled in the attached calendars. The Columbus Club hopes and thinks you will be proud of the changes.

May God bless,
The Columbus Club

KC Insurance

Have you insured your most valuable asset?

Statistics tell us that 10% of North Americans between ages 18 and 64 have a disability and that there is a 33% chance of a person entering the work force today being disabled before he or she retires. As people earn more, the financial risk posed by a disability becomes more significant. Unfortunately, very few people have insured this risk. Seventy percent of employees in the private sector are not covered by any type of long-term disability insurance.

Ask yourself: "What is my largest asset?" Most people will say it's their home. But, the fact is that, it's usually their ability to earn a paycheck. Without this, all other assets are in jeopardy. If you lose your ability to work, what would you do? Is your income protected if you become too sick or hurt to work? Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings. Income Armor from the Knights of Columbus can pick up where your paycheck leaves off.

We would like to show you that Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you become too sick or hurt to work, Income Armor provides monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain your standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, and help your savings and retirement assets remain intact. In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. We look forward to meeting with you.

Call us. Let's talk!

Fraternally,

Mauricio Munguia, FIC (A-L) @ 713.203.9966 or mauricio.munguia@kofc.org
Vince Roper, FIC (M-Z) @ 281-844-8867 or vince.roper@kofc.org

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:

Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza
St. Theresa Ministries and Priest
Widows of Deceased Brothers
Fr. Roy Ogerro
Ex-Prisoners @ Isaiah house

St. Theresa prayer List
VETS at VA
Fr. Robert Ritz
Alex & Margarita Iglesias

Pope Benedict
Members of Armed Forces
Fr. Andy Sebesta
Emil Zbranek

DECEASED

Ray Tanking(12/5)
Tony Marino(12/5)
Lillian Abbott(1/27)
Basilian Fr. Peter Mosteller(1/6)

Al Guerra(12/5)
Barbara Cacho (11/14)
Brother Gary Schaefer(12/15)
mother of Fr. Vince Dulock(1/3)

Tim Howard(12/5)
Fr. Andy Sebesta(1/30)
Gussie Sciba(1/24)
Fr. Jack Broussard(1/10)

AS LISTED:

Jerry Byrd - Cancer
Dyrk(Hartensteiner)Burcie–Cancer
Dennis Marek – travel home safely
Philip Noduret – Heart Problems
Napoleon Sulit – Lung Cancer
Brad Dickens – Prostate Issues
William Boehm – Stroke
Benny Benevides – Bad Health
Mrs. Diana A. Blackwood – Cancer
Getulio Brito – Alzheimer’s
Susan & Charlie Compton–Cancer
Ken & Valerie Richards – Sp.Inten
Thomas Quinterro – Leg Surgery
Netchy Meiselbach – Cancer
Mary Reynoso – Cancer/Surgery
Mrs. Edgar Santiago – Cancer
Joe Williams-Knee Replacement
Marie Unarcaryl – Heart Problems

Kathy Moller – Cancer
Ed Sebesta – Knee
Mike Mule’ – recovery
Mary, God Mother to Kim Spera
Rafael Gijon– Leg Surgery
Susan Bower – Stroke
Bettly Guehring – Health
Cindy Rangel–Back surgery
John Boetlger Jr & Family-Cancer
Clem Kotzur – Cancer
Patty Felli – Breast Cancer
Richard Swvrek – Prostate Cancer
Floyd Tafelsky – Cancer
Bob Morgan – Cancer & Stroke
Tony Medina – Prostate Cancer
Bernard Shell – Prostate Cancer
Jerren Pernell – Brain Cancer

Vincent Loper – sinus
Mary DeHass – Embolism
Rosie Janssen–BackPain
Alana Sudela – personal
Karyn Guillary – Cancer
Tom Sas – Cancer
Jim Claire – Back Surgery
Caulette Menard – surgery
Nicky Munguia – Surgery
Rudy Ruthak – surgery
Danny Podracek – Sp. Int.
Joe Payne – Cancer
Juan Carlos Corea – ALS
Florian Bartos - cancer
Mark McClellan – Stroke

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 Matalaka	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)	Vince Loper 281-844-8867	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 Diner	Paul Cinquemani	832-594-6753
Chief Cook	Steve Kalmus 281-240-5991	Clothing Sales	Pete Muceus	281-491-9671
BBQ Coordinator	Dominic Kutra	Blood Drive	Paul Cinquemani	832-594-6753
	Todd Heath	Fish Fry	Ed Sebesta	281-242-4563
			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 Matalaka		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.

There are five directors as listed below.

<u>President</u>	Bob Sullivent
<u>Co-Vice President</u>	Dan Rega
<u>Co-Vice President</u>	Jeffery Schumann
<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		