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

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

NEWSLETTER
COLUMBUS CLUB 1ST Tuesday - 7PM

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Brother Knights,

The month of November begins with the celebration on the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st and with All Souls Day on November 2nd. Council 4204 will remember all of our departed Brothers at a Memorial Service on **Sunday November 18th**. All widows and their families and all Brother Knights and their families are invited and urged to attend this service as we remember all of our departed Brothers from Council 4204. We will begin with a social at 4:00 PM with the Memorial Service beginning promptly at 5:00 PM. It will be immediately followed by a delicious meal prepared by our chief cook Brother Steve Kalmus and his crew. Please circle this date on your calendar.

Now to all members (about 125 of you) who are still 1st Degree members. We are making it very easy for you to advance to the 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Council 4204 will host a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree exemplification on Saturday December 8. The 1st Degree will begin at 8:00 AM with the 2nd and 3rd Degree beginning at 10:00 AM. ***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 8. I urge you to take the time and join us in full knighthood in the 2nd and 3rd Degrees.***

To all Brother Knights, we will need a lot of help on December 8th with set up and cooking and serving a meal. Please circle the date and come out and help make this a success.

Finally, I wish all Brother Knights and their families a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Calvin Sommer
Grand Knight.

Financial Secretary's Report

Brothers,

Council members elected by their Brothers for September honors are: Knight of the Month – Mike Jones; Rookie of the Month – Nicholas Archibong; Family of the Month – Dominic Kutra family; Lady of the Month – Debbie Kutra; Youth of the Month – Beatrice Hermann; Squire of the Month - Michael Hermann. Congratulations all!

A reminder the KC/CDA turkey dinner is cancelled.

The annual Memorial meeting will be held on Sunday November 18. This is an open meeting (anyone including prospective members can attend) and all widows are invited. A roll call of departed Council members will be read in a very solemn ceremony. The meeting then has a delicious meal and awards are presented. Please try to attend. A reception/social starts at 4:00 pm; the ceremony starts promptly at 5:00 pm and the meal is immediately after the ceremony completion. Awards are then presented.

The combined KC/CDA Christmas Party is on December 2.

On December 8, there will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree conducted at our Council Hall. The 1st Degree will be at 8:00 am. The 2nd/3rd Degree will start at 10:00 am. There will be a meal following completion of the degrees. I highly encourage all Council 1st Degree members to attend the 2nd and 3rd Degrees. There is no cost – just your time. The 3rd Degree has recently been changed and it is a very spiritual experience.

Dues notices will be mailed in December for 2013 dues of \$36 for most members. As in previous years, you may make a donation for the Supreme initiative "Culture of Life"; the recommended donation is \$2. I will also send out the form for members to report their hours and money donated during 2011 in certain specific categories. This information is important because ALL councils report this to Supreme and Supreme uses this data to report to the IRS and retain their tax-exempt status as a 501 (c)(8) organization. I ask that the forms be completed and sent in with NO names – this data will be consolidated for the council and reported in total. The individual responses will be shredded. If anyone wants to save the Council postage they can bring me their 2013 dues at the meetings in November and on December 3.

Clergy night is Friday Jan 18 at the Stafford Centre in Stafford – the same location as the past several years. The price is \$30 per person. I am accepting reservations now WITH payment. For all you new members, this is a great way to show appreciation to all our clergy. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, retired Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza, the clergy from St. Theresa and hundreds of priests and deacons will attend. This is open to the entire Archdiocese Knights of Columbus so early reservations will insure seats. Last year reservations were turned away. The cutoff for reservations and payment to the FS is December 1.

One of our council's Brother Knights, Roland Millare, is editing a new Catholic website

<http://www.truthandcharityforum.org/>.

Brother Paul Stoessel provides this link to a page that nicely addresses myths about Christopher Columbus and corrects many errors in those who attempt to rewrite history

<http://www.tfp.org/TFP-home/focus-on-history/the-catholic-spirit-of-christopher-columbus.html>.

There is a 5K walk on Nov 17 in Dallas in honor of Dyrk Burcie. Details and registration can be found at www.colorinmotion5k.com. Use the code DYRKSTRONG to ensure that 15% of the proceeds go the Dyrk Burcie's family.

The Supreme office of the KC's has a new news website <http://www.catholicpulse.com>. It brings news from around the world together with commentary from the nest Catholic minds, analyzing today's most important issues.

The joint KC/CDA Christmas Party is on Sunday December 2. The schedule is: social at 2:30; CDA coloring contest at 3:30; Night before Christmas reading at 4:00; Visit from Santa at 4:15 (this is voluntary and if you want Santa to give a present to your child bring a wrapped present to the Annex when you arrive); traditional Christmas story at 5:15; meal prayer at 5:25; meal at 5:30. The adult gift exchange at 6:30 (bring a wrapped gift (cost limit is \$10) labeled for either a male or female. The "Light up for Christ" will be at 7:00 pm in front of the Hall.

Peter L. Muceus
Financial Secretary

District 74 Deputy



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Council News and Information

Something to think about:

A friend of mine opened his wife's underwear drawer and picked up a silk paper-wrapped package:

'This, - he said - isn't any ordinary package.'

He unwrapped the box and stared at both the silk paper and the box.

'She got this the first time we went to New York , 8 or 9 years ago. She has never put it on , was saving it for a special occasion.

Well, I guess this is it.

He got near the bed and placed the gift box next to the other clothing he was taking to the funeral house, his wife had just died.

*He turned to me and said:
'Never save something for a special occasion.
Every day in your life is a special occasion'.*

Read more and clean less.

Sit on the porch without worrying about anything.

Spend more time with your family, and less at work.

Understand that life should be a source of experience to be lived up to, not survived through.

Use your crystal glasses every day...

Wear new clothes to go to the supermarket, if you feel like it..

Don't save your special perfume for special occasions, use it whenever you want to.

If it's worth seeing, listening or doing; see, listen or do it now....

Each day, each hour, each minute, is special.

Live for today, for tomorrow is promised to no one..

History of the Silver Rose

Our Lady of Guadalupe had done so much for her people in Mexico that the Columbian Squires, the youth group associated with the Knights of Columbus wanted to give something back to her.

The group, headed by Brother Miguel Martinez Estrada, Grand Knight Andreas Saucedo and Fray Margil De Jesus of Knights of Columbus Council 2312 in Monterrey, Mexico, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. The Squires were so enthused that they wanted to invite other Squires from two other countries on the North American Continent to participate. They called Squires from Laredo, Texas, and London, Ontario, Canada. The Canadian Squires asked to start the relay running of the Rose from there through the United States and finishing up in Mexico.

The first Rose was blessed by Bishop John C. Cody in London. It was then flown to New York where it was received by Grand Knight Joseph Thomasen, who in turn took it to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Mr. Hart then took the Rose to Dallas, Texas and delivered it to district officers of the state of Texas. Brother Knight Jack Collierin received the Rose and sent it to Laredo, Texas, where it was given to the Squires from Monterrey, Mexico, at the International Bridge in Laredo. They ran the Rose from the International Bridge to Monterrey through Sabinas Hidalgo N.L. Mexico to Cienega de Flores and on to the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico on December 12, 1960.

The first rose was a natural rose, and after a year it had decomposed. The Squires were so full of inspiration they decided to make yet another relay run in 1961, but due to the condition of the Rose it was not able to be used again. After contacting Grand Knight Arthur Mount at Council 1134, Reverend Edward Gatfield (Father Ted) and Bishop John C. Cody decided to make a bronze rose and sent it to Our Lady in Monterrey, Mexico.

When Fray Antonio de Jesus Sacedon and the Squires of Circle 660 in Monterrey heard of the bronze rose, they decided to call upon Brother Miguel Martinez Montoya (owner of Joyeria Rosine) in Monterrey to make them a similar rose. The idea was to make a silver rose because silver is one of Mexico's precious metals.

The jeweler saw a beautiful bed of roses in a garden owned by Mrs. Shirla Ostwowk. He asked if he could have a rose as a model for the making of the "Silver Rose." She first refused, stating that she worked very hard to make her garden beautiful and her roses perfect. However, after talking to Mr. Montoya, she saw something in his eyes and how he spoke about the roses. She asked him to explain about his interest in the rose in more detail. Mr. Montoya explained what had happened to the original rose in 1960 and what Canada was doing for Our Lady in Monterrey. Once she heard about the making of the "Silver Rose" she gladly gave him the rose and the stem to which it was attached.

Mr. Montoya, knowing that the rose would eventually wilt, took a series of photographs and made some sketches. Since then the Montoyas family has made all of the "Silver Roses" from 1961 to 1997.

The rose bush from which the rose was removed was called "Rose of Peace." The first "Silver Rose" was blessed by Bishop Alfonso Espino Silva. This rose was then sent on to New Haven, Connecticut, to William L. Piedmont, Director of Fraternal Services at the Supreme Council Office. The Bronze Rose was blessed by Bishop Cody. It was received by Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York so admired both roses he kept them for a special mass. Both roses were then flown to Dallas, Texas.

Texas State Deputy Jack Collierin, State Secretary Ed Gunter and Grand Knight Scott Grant of Fort Worth sent the roses on to Laredo. Laredo Council 2304 received the roses and turned them over to brother Knights from at mid bridge of the International Bridge in Laredo. Brothers' Louis G. Alanis received the "Silver Rose" and Brother Enrique Garcia received the Bronze Rose. Again the roses were taken to Sabinas Hidago and Cienega de Flores and on to Monterrey. This tradition symbolizes unity and especially the international brotherhood that has been jointly nurtured three countries.

In 1997 during a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Kingsville, Texas, a "Silver Rose" (which was made a year before, especially for the council and assembly of Laredo) was present at the exemplification.

A representative from Monterrey along with the keeper of the rose from Laredo (Sir Knight Alfredo McCabe) was also present during this exemplification.

After seeing the reception the rose received, it was decided to have another rose made by the jewelers in Monterrey. This special one would belong to all assemblies, councils, and Squires circles encompassing the fourth district of Texas of the Guadalupe Province. That rose was made of solid silver with special emphasis on its design.

There are two large roses representing the two dioceses of the fourth district of Texas, a smaller rose between them indicating life and future growth. The stems of the roses circle each other indicating unity and at their base are twelve additional small roses representing the twelve Disciples. The base is made of marble from the mountains of Mexico, silver from its mines and labor from its people. Together with the help from many in the most southern region of Texas and the northern region of Mexico, a tradition is alive and growing.

Today four roses are run along different North American routes from Canada to México through 38 U.S. states and five Canadian provinces before meeting in Laredo, Texas, for transfer into Mexico crossing the International Bridge. In 2013, there will be four roses traveling simultaneously. (Efforts to establish a fifth route are underway and may become reality in time for the 2013 program.) One route begins in Ontario and runs through the central U.S. to Mexico. A second route runs from Manitoba, west through British Columbia before traveling south along the U.S. Pacific coast and turning east to Texas. A third route begins in Connecticut and travels through the east central U.S. to Texas and the fourth route begins in Virginia running along the Eastern seaboard into Florida before turning west along the Gulf coast to Texas. If established, the fifth route will run through the New England states. The first four roses finally meet in Laredo, before the journey to Monterrey. The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose One Life, One Rose Program concludes at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe on her Feast Day, Dec. 12, 2013.

Columbus Club News

Brothers,

Your Columbus Club meets the first Tuesday of the month to conduct your Knights business. Be at the annex at 7 PM on November 6, after you vote, for the short meeting.

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.

Our monthly newsletter and calendars are on the web site under the Newsletter tab.

Knights of Columbus web site links. Council 4204 is www.kc4204.org; Our Galveston-Houston Chapter is www.ghkofc.org; Texas State Council - www.tkofc.org; Supreme - www.kofc.org. Hall rental <http://www.kc4204.org/hall-rental>

KC Insurance

Vince A. Loper (A-L) 281.844.8867 or vincent.loper@kofc.org

Henry T. Rangel, FICF (M-Z) 281.731.8635 or henry.rangel@kofc.org

Birthdays

St. Basil 4204 November Birthday Report

Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday
Nicholas J. Stulak	11/01	Donald R Perry	11/13	Dr Herbert M. Emejulu	11/20
Mrs Rose Cangelosi	11/02	Loftus A. Fitzwater	11/13	Mrs Cecilia Krolczyk	11/20
Craig N. Alwine	11/02	Fredrick J Trlicek	11/14	Christopher T Manthei	11/21
Dennis L. Lawrence	11/03	Mrs Betty Bednarsky	11/15	Ron D. Giaimis	11/22
Oscar V Luera	11/04	Emmanuel Garcia	11/15	Mrs Henrietta Pospisil	11/23
Gregory J Harris	11/04	John P Pausewang	11/16	Lawrence G Dunbar	11/24
Rocky C. Meza	11/04	J Edward Siegfried	11/16	William D Cleveland	11/25
Robert Hartensteiner	11/05	Scott A. Furnish	11/16	Henry Saenz	11/25
Thomas F Nauck	11/06	Moses S Khano	11/18	Percy B. Libranda	11/25
Dominic D. Ybarra	11/06	Charles E. Zocco	11/18	Moises C. Vasquez	11/25
Marvin E Kasper	11/07	Rev Eddy Mendoza	11/18	Emil S Macha	11/26
Bret J. Ramsey	11/08	Paul E. Blubaugh Jr	11/18	Victor C. Ezemba	11/26
Martin G Morales	11/11	Lee J. Curcio	11/18	Edward A. Orta	11/26
William F. Ross Sr	11/11	Jim L. Anderson	11/19	Mrs Vlasta Barrett	11/28

COUNCIL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2011-2012

Chaplain-	Rev. Stephen B. Reynolds, Pastor	Program	Jeff Manica	832-595-6611
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	Jaime Ibarra 281-491-0924	Vocation	John Sudela	281-491-4055
Recorder	Michael Abbot 281-242-8356	Community	Dave Kiger	281-242-4144
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	Glenn Redding 281-277-2210	Youth	John Clennan	281-491-8090
Advocate	John Clennan 713-306-5013	Family	Mike Mule`	281-277-9429
Inside Guard	Fred Stratton 281-491-4676	News Letter Editor	Bob Sullivent	713-689-1580
Outside Guard	Joe Spera 281-242-1185	Teen Dance	Mike Matalka	281-494-7617
One Year Trustee	Bill Tallas 281-980-1682	Football Sweepstakes	Pete Muceus	281-491-9671
Two Year Trustee	Jeff Schumann 713-206-7176	Bereavement	Joe Welsh	281-491-4027
Three Year Trustee	Dennis Marek 281-980-3314	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	VA Hospital visits	Joe Williams	281-344-8426
	Jaime Ibarra 281-491-0924	Clothing Sales	Pete Muceus	281-491-9671
Chief Cook	Steve Kalmus 281-240-5991	Blood Drive	Paul Cinquemani	832-594-6753
BBQ Coordinator	Dominic Kutra 281-565-0787	Fish Fry	Ed Sebesta	281-242-4563
	Todd Heath 281-491-0747		John Clennan	713-306-5013
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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. Names remain on the list for 90 days from last update.

For Good Health & Well Being:

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

Fr. Roy Ogerro
St. Theresa prayer List
VETS at VA

Fr. Robert Ritz
Pope Benedict
Members of Armed Forces

DECEASED

Maria Luisa Martinez Debbie Shaffer Dyrk Burcie Florian Bartos
Bill Sitka Rudy Zertuche

AS LISTED: (colors are for dating being listed only)

Bob Morgan – Cancer & Stroke	Mrs. Edgar Santiago – Cancer	Karyn Guillary – Cancer
Robert Martin -- Gen Health	Getulio Brito – Alzheimer	Tom Sas – Cancer
Henry Heitman – Prostate Cancer	Jorge Cavazos – Hospitalized	Tom Lycka – Cancer
Octavia Reeding – heart Cath.	Michael Abbott – spinal surgery	Frank Osina -- Hospice
Ken Kilgore – medical issues	Irene Zertuche – Medical	
Emil Zbranek – Health	Evelyn Bartos – cancer	Harry Richards – stroke
Larry Moller – Good Health	Donna Vacik – Kidney	Martin Riggs -- Medical
Jenny Studebaker – Leukemia	Bob Sullivent -- broken foot	Wayne Buse – Diabetes
Jesus Cagigal – Prostate Cancer	Carman Cagigal – heart attack	Gina Orta – cancer
Rafael Gijon – Amputated Leg	Carol Ann Barley – Medical	Tom Nauck -- Surgery
Lori Rahmtulla -- Various Illnesses	Donna Blanchette – Heart	Fred Stratton --
Prostate		
Ann Neslony – Broken Ankle	Sally Bentz – Shoulder Surgery	Eddie Orta – surgery
Claire Crites -- Breast Cancer	Wilma Strik – Illness	Jerry Byrd: Blood Infection
Sarah Vannek – Hip Replaced	Rosie Jenson: Bad Heart	Fr. Roy Ogerro – surgery
Michael Dionne – Knee Replaced	Mary Ann Hines – Hospice	Al Bartz – Cancer
Jose Bolivar: Spiritual Healing	The unborn for eternal life	This Country for freedom
Paul Cinquemani – Post colonoscopy	Deacon Frank and Karen Cromer -- car accident	

August
September
October

Columbus Club Officers and Directors

Current Directors and Officers for the 2012/2013 year are:

<u>President</u>	Dan Rega	<u>Directors:</u>	Paul Cinquemani	Peter Vogt
<u>Vice President</u>	Lloyd Waguespack		John Hermann	Joe Spera
<u>Secretary</u>	Mike Mule'		Ralph Stolarski	Fred Stratton
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mike Matalaka		Bob Sullivent	Gene Travis
			Grand knight Calvin Sommer	

Green team's term expires in June 2013, Red in June 2014 and Blue in June 2015,. The 13th director is the Grand Knight, Calvin Sommer, of council 4204.

CCBS Officers and Directors

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>Leasing Manager</u>	Bob Sullivent
<u>Maintenance Manager</u>	Dan Rega		

As with the Columbus Club, officers and directors will be elected in July for the CCBS. If anyone would like to serve as a Director or Officer of the CCBS, please contact the current president Bob Sullivent at 281-491-4204 or email at rsullivent@slb.com.

For those that do not have internet, here are the Five Myths About Christopher Columbus mentioned by Pete in his letter to the council from above.

1. MYTH: Columbus was sailing to prove the world was round.

FACT: Every educated person at the end of the fifteenth century knew the earth was a sphere, a fact known since antiquity. What was in dispute was the earth's circumference, which Columbus underestimated by one-fourth.

2. MYTH: Queen Isabella sold her crown jewels to finance the first journey.

FACT: The royal treasury of Spain was depleted after the completion of the conquest of Granada early in 1492. However, Luis de Santangel, the royal treasurer, was able to secure funding by reaching out to the Crusading societies throughout the Mediterranean, as well as other financial backers from Spain and elsewhere. The crown put up very little to finance the journey.

3. MYTH: There was a priest on board the *Santa Maria* in 1492.

FACT: Because of the dangers involved, there were no priests or friars on the first voyage, despite the deep piety of Columbus. Many of the paintings of the first landfall in the new world on San Salvador show a priest with Columbus—contrary to the facts. There were five priests on the second voyage: Benedictine Father Buil; the Jeronymite Father Ramon Pane; and three Franciscans.

4. MYTH: Columbus introduced slavery to the New World.

FACT: Slavery was already widespread among the native Indians when Columbus arrived. Columbus was insistent on the fair treatment of the Indians, a policy which gained him many enemies as governor of Hispaniola. Bartolome de las Casas, a Spanish friar who worked for the protection of the Indians, is quick to excoriate his fellow Spaniards in their grave abuses, but is filled with nothing but respect and admiration for Columbus. The mass subjugation and importation of Africans to the Americas did not begin until a generation after Columbus' death.

5. MYTH: Columbus died a pauper, in chains, in a Spanish prison.

FACT: Despite the fact that the Spanish crown retracted some of the privileges promised to Columbus, he was relatively wealthy at the time of his death. Although he returned to Spain in chains in 1500 after his third voyage, the King and Queen apologized for the misunderstanding and had them removed.

On May 20, 1506, the Vigil of the Ascension, Christopher Columbus lay on his deathbed in his apartment at Valladolid, surrounded by his fellow Franciscans and his sons. As the friars chanted Compline, his last words echoed those of Christ on the cross: *In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum.* (Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.)