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

July 2013
MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7:00PM

NEWSLETTER
COLUMBUS CLUB 1ST Tuesday - 7PM

IN UNITY WITH OUR STATE OFFICERS and committeemen

Jim Collins

State Deputy

Larry Zapalac

Past State Deputy

Lloyd Waguespack

State Audit Committee

Pete Muceus

State Communications

Brother Knights,

I am honored and humbled by your support and confidence in selecting me as Grand Knight of Council 4204. The leaders in this council - all of you - have set a great example to follow and I will strive to take advantage of your leadership, counsel and advise to continue the good works and charity of our council. I am inspired and encouraged as we move forward for the next two years.

I think "encourage" is a good theme for this message. As leaders in our families, our church and our community we have an obligation and a duty to inspire and enhearten those with whom we encounter. In the theme of encouragement I ask you to:

1. Encourage someone you know to join you at church
2. Encourage a fellow Catholic gentleman to join the Knights
3. Encourage a brother to come join us at a meeting
4. Encourage the men sitting next to you to come to a Knight's event
5. Encourage a 1st degree member to join you at a 2nd and 3rd Degree
6. Encourage a brother to become a 4th Degree member
7. Encourage a brother to consider becoming an Insured Member
8. Encourage a brother to become involved in the Columbus Club

As the council looks forward, I expect that we will face some difficult decisions and changes ahead of us. But, with your support and leadership and our subscription to the principals of our society and founder - Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism - I am encouraged that Council 4204 will continue to grow and be a significant difference in our lives and the lives of others.

Yours fraternally,

John G. Hermann
Grand Knight

Thought of the day: "A change in the weather is sufficient to recreate the world and ourselves." -- Marcel Proust

Financial Secretary's Report

Brothers,

At the Officer Installation and Awards Banquet on Sunday June 23, the Grand Knight presented the annual awards voted upon by the members themselves: Knight of the Year – Calvin Sommer; Rookie of the Year – Jason Jesko; Family of the Year – Glen Redding; Lady of the Year – Debbie Kutra; Squire of the Year – Jacob Hickman; and Youth of the Year – Ryan Heath. The Grand Knight selected and presented the following awards: the David J. Hartensteiner Grand Knight Award to Pete Muceus; and the Robert Schumann Lifetime Achievement Award to Larry Zapalac. The winners of the \$1,000 scholarships are Dylan Dusek, Kate Ferniz and Eddie Stoessel.

At the KC meeting June 3 the monthly honorees were selected by those at the meeting. For May: May: Knight of the Month - Lloyd Waguespack; Rookie of the Month - Ryan Heath; Family of the Month – Ralph Stolarski; Lady of the Month – Maria Williams; Squire of the Month – Jacob Hickman; Youth of the Month – Brittany Heath. June: Knight of the Month – GK Calvin Sommer; Rookie of the Month – Dan Campbell; Family of the Month – Glen Redding; Lady of the Month – Patsy Kalmus; Squire of the Month – Anthony Orta; Youth of the Month – Bobby Wagner.

We start the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year on July 1. The Council has new goals for new members, insurance members and State Charity. You can help with new member goals by nominating a Catholic friend to become a member. The 1st Degree at Council 4204 will be on Monday August 19. You can help with the State Charity goal by purchasing a state charity pin for \$20. Contact the FS Pete Muceus at a meeting or send me a check saying you would like a charity pin.

The State Council has a fund raising activity that also provides monetary prizes for 10 weeks during the pro football season. It is an online discount webpage coupon that also includes 10 weekly pro football games. The cost of an individual card is \$10 for the online discount coupon and for 10 weeks of games. The 10 weekly prizes range from \$400 to \$40. Contact the FS, Pete Muceus if you would like to purchase some and/or get some to sell to friends or co-workers. The Council makes \$1 for every ticket sold.

Put your membership into action by trying to take part in one activity this fraternal year!

The Council grew by 4 members at the 1st Degree held on June 17. The newly initiated members are: Jose Contreras, Innocent Ike, Jeff Jesko and Timothy Oppermann. Welcome all!!!

At the 4th Degree Assembly 2243 meeting Jun 18 some 4204 brothers were elected as officers for the 2013-2014 fraternal year. Sam Gonzalez is the Pilot (no Council equivalent); John Hermann is the Purser (Treasurer equivalent); Fred Stratton is the Inner Sentinel (Inside Guard equivalent); and Joe Welsh is the Trustee (Trustee equivalent).

The Council has shirts and hats for sale. There are a few jackets and vests left over from prior years. Contact FS Pete Muceus if you are interested.

God bless

Brother Pete, FS

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>

There are 2 other websites that have Catholic information for everyone. One is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus www.catholicpulse.com and it is also on facebook and twitter. The other website is called Catholic online at the website www.catholic.org and then enter "Catholic online" in the search area. Once you get the main page, enter "Monday homily" to listen to a weekly homily by Fr. Reynolds.

Council News and Information

Please note that the officers and directors of the Council and Columbus Club are updated with what I have at the printing of this newsletter. Changes will be made as soon as everyone is in place in their new roles.

Pete has requested information on the following if you are aware of their location and or address. This was sent out in one of his email blast so I am reprinting it in the news letter for those of you that do not have email.

I have lost touch with 4 widows whose mail has been returned with no forwarding address. If you have any information, please let me know:

Mrs. Leota Lanclos. Mrs. Margaret McDowell, Mrs. Edelmira Rubalcava and Mrs. Joan Kovar.

KC Insurance

Don't assume you can't afford Disability Income Insurance

One of the biggest mistakes you can make regarding disability insurance is to assume you can't afford it or you won't qualify. Before you make that assumption, do some basic research and apply for coverage through the Knights of Columbus. The Order's Income Armor product gives you options that can help you fit this critical protection into your risk management budget.

For example, here are two ways you can reduce your premium:

1. Choose a two-year or five-year maximum benefit period.

Depending on your age, the best option is probably a policy that pays benefits until you reach age 67. But a two-year or five-year maximum benefit period would cover many types of partial or total disabilities you might encounter in your working life.

2. Choose a longer elimination period.

An elimination period is the number of days a total disability must exist before benefits begin to accrue. Typical elimination periods are 30, 90, or 180 days. Choosing a longer elimination period lowers the policy's premium. But be sure you have enough set aside in your business's contingency fund to account for the longer gap.

As your professional insurance agent, running a small business and the challenges of risk management are two of my specialties. Let's talk about how to protect your business income, your retirement needs, and your family's financial future.

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Columbus Club News

Our new directors are Calvin Sommer, Gene Travis, Todd Heath and Glen Redding. They server three years until June 30, 2016. Congratulate them when you see them and thank them for their service to your Knights of Columbus. The Columbus Club is a sub set of the council that manages the facility and all real property of the Knights. The Columbus Clubs business could not be handled efficiently without these dedicated men and the other 8 directors, plus our new Grand Knight John Hermann, that are currently serving as your director.

District 74 Deputy Message

July 2013

Congratulations to Brother **John Hermann** and the rest of the 'TEAM' that you, as a council, elected to be your representatives this Fraternal Year of 2013-2014.

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes to Brother **Calvin Sommer** and his team for the outstanding performance last Fraternal Year as your council officers.

So now it is Brothers **John Hermann** and **Peter Vogt's** time to step into the shoes of Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight and lead Council 4204 to a new level of greatness and accomplishment. Notice I said '*lead*'. It is the individual members of this council that step up to do those tasks that reflect great accomplishment, not only on you as members of Council 4204, but for the Knights of Columbus as a whole.

As with all structured organizations there is a succession of 'power'. For our great and good Nation... it is the President, followed by the Vice-President... and then it is the Speaker of the House who would assume duties of the Executive branch should it be needed.

In the Knights of Columbus, the third 'seat of power' belongs to the Chancellor. **Jaime Ibarra** has the honor of that post this year. It should be a very energized position this year because of the duties of the Chancellor. Among Jaime's duties will be that he is "... charged with the total participation of the membership in the activities of the council..."¹.

¹*Charter Constitution and Rules of the Order of the Knights of Columbus*, Chapter XV Duties of Council Officers, Section 137 - Chancellor

As a way of assisting Chancellors in the performance of this duty, Supreme has prepared *Member Interest Survey* forms. Can Jaime contact each of the 504 plus members in your Council to complete these surveys? If he had no other duties, or a job, or a family, or a life to tend to... probably by mid-January. What I am asking is that twenty (20) of you Brothers, step forward and HELP with this effort... Many hands working together make large tasks easy and manageable.

Reading this, you are probably asking yourself, why in the world would I even think of doing such a thing? The answer is rather obvious, because, **YOU** are a KNIGHT, and you espouse to the principles of the Order – *Charity, Unity, and Fraternity*.

The next question you may have is why I, as your District Deputy, am promoting this grand undertaking. The answer has a cascading effect that can only go to bringing good things to Council 4204. Contacting each member will:

- Provide that member with the opportunity to know he is important to the Council and the Knights in general. While this may sound a bit 'feel good', it does serve the purpose of attempting to get members to know they are more than welcome to the Council meetings and especially the Council activities and that their input is important and wanted.
- Assist Brother **Pete Muceus**, your Financial Secretary, with up to date information regarding phone numbers, spouses, addresses and other data to 'fill in the holes' in the Supreme Data Base (that is only visible to the Financial Secretary and Grand Knight).
- In keeping with information from **Pete Muceus**, members can be reminded of the financial responsibilities they have to the council, namely "... keeping your dues current..." as they heard when they took the 1st Degree.
- Another benefit is to your Program Director, who can find brothers who want to assist, but may not have felt comfortable in stepping forward to volunteer their services and expertise.
- Your Membership Director can take full advantage in several ways:
 - He may be able to assist some of the 131 1st Degree Brother Knights advance to the 2nd and 3rd Degrees
 - A re-engaged Brother Knight may know of several potential candidates for the Order, which as a Membership Director, is always welcomed.
 - In working with **Vince Loper**, your Insurance Agent, can assist some of the 302 Associate Members in seeing if the Knights Insurance Program is something that may benefit them.
 - With your Council's Retention Chairman, Brothers who are in need or distress can be helped through the Council. More on the Retention Committee later, it is much more than just chasing down delinquent dues.

If you have managed to read to this point, most likely you are reaching for either the aspirin bottle or a beer. I am hoping that **YOU** will take to heart what I am wanting for **YOUR** council to help it be the best. Not just in the District, or even the Diocese, but in the State. (Don't have to go any further because Texas is, and always has been the BEST!!)

I look forward to serving as your District Deputy for this year and urge you to contact me with any concerns or questions.

Vivat Jesus

Birthdays

St. Basil Council 4204 Birthday Report July 2013

Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday
Rev Jose J. Tharayil	07/01	Tom J. Simek	07/16
Jason B. Jesko	07/01	Julian M. Rodriguez	07/17
James R. Christ	07/02	John G. Hermann	07/18
Eugene Ortiz	07/02	Anthony M. Scarlatella	07/18
Donald L Downing	07/02	Clinton W Brown	07/19
Carlos Hernandez, Jr	07/04	Thomas Hernandez, Jr.	07/19
Gene A Travis	07/04	Bruce S Shimala	07/20
Mrs Doreen Matthiesen	07/04	Eugene Ortiz	07/21
Bennie C Rychlik	07/05	Timothy E. Oppermann	07/21
Paul R Schell	07/05	Patrick G Lee	07/22
Patrick J. Kilgore	07/05	Anthony R Segura	07/23
Robert W. Vacek	07/06	Jerome D. Pospisil	07/23
John P. Heitman	07/07	Charles H. Crowell	07/23
John B Rodriguez	07/08	Bernard F. Marek, Jr.	07/24
Jesse G. Mendiola	07/08	Mrs Amy Howard	07/24
George E. Abdo	07/10	Douglas W Blaskowsky	07/24
Mrs Lupe De La Rosa	07/09	John A Sullivan	07/25
Fred J. DeNisco	07/11	David L Miller	07/26
Richard P. Mudra	07/12	Rene J. Moreno	07/27
Charles D Broussard Sr	07/13	Miguel Rodriguez	07/27
Mrs Edelmira Rubalcava	07/13	Otto E. Ulrich, Jr.	07/28
Joseph S. Schillaci	07/13	Robert M Yur	07/29
Ismael G. Benavides	07/14	Rev Robert G. Ritz, CSB	07/30
Rev Stephen A. Lacroix	07/14	John J Harry	07/30
Kevin A. Muceus	07/15	M George Kubanda	07/31
Ronnie J Hornischer	07/16	Carlos A. Fernandez	07/31
Mrs Timi Beeler	07/16	Mark A. Serice	07/31
Enrique Ramon	07/16		

COUNCIL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2013-2014

NOTE: Some appointments have not been made so some names may change. Final names and numbers will be in The August newsletter. If you have any questions please contact Grand Knight John Hermann.

Chaplain-	Rev. Stephen B. Reynolds, Pastor	Program	Paul Cinquemani	832-594-6753
Associate Chaplain	Rev. Jose Tharayil	Membership	Ken Stilling	281-437-2216
Grand Knight	John Hermann 281-313-3819	Retention	Peter Vogt	
Deputy Grand Knight	Peter Vogt	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	John Sudela 281-491-4055	Council	John Gambino	281-242-0847
Warden	Mike Matalka 832-731-0591	Youth	John Clennan	281-491-8090
Advocate	Jason Jesko 979-517-0923	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	Jeff Schumann 713-206-7176	Football Sweepstakes	Pete Muceus	281-491-9671
Two Year Trustee	Dennis Marek 281-980-3314	Bereavement	Joe Welsh	281-491-4027
Three Year Trustee	Calvin Sommer 281-242-6072	Coin Collection	Ken Stilling	281-437-2216
Insurance Agt	Vince Loper 281-844-8867	Golf	Pete Muceus	281-491-9671
VA Hospital visits	Joe Williams 281-344-8426	Halloween	Ken Stilling	281-437-2216
Columbian Squires	John Clennan 281-491-8090	Free Throw Contest	Stephen Frontera	201-362-4247
	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

Columbus Club Officers and Directors

Current Directors and Officers for the 2013/2014 year are:

<u>President</u>	Lloyd Waguespack	<u>Directors:</u>	Paul Cinquemani	Peter Vogt
<u>Vice President</u>	Calvin Sommer		Todd Heath	Joe Spera
<u>Secretary</u>	Mike Mule`		Ralph Stolarski	Glen Redding
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mike Matalka		Bob Sullivent	Gene Travis
			Grand knight John Hermann.	

Red team's term expires in June 2014, Blue in June 2015 and Green in June 2016,. The 13th director is the Grand Knight, John Hermann, 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 for 2013/2014 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		

Hall manager: Ralph Stolarski Leasing Manager: Bob Sullivent Maintenance Manager: OPEN

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.

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
Pope Francis
Deacon Frank and Karen Cromer

St. Theresa prayer List
VETS at VA
unborn for eternal life
Deacon Joaquin Garcia

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI
Members of Armed Forces
Ft. Raison
Earline Watson

DECEASED

James(Chako) Thottiyil
Kathy Moller's mom Mildred
Julius Mason

Everett Swobda
Ray Anhaiser
Elizabeth Foltz

Anna Muehr
Carl Stolarski Jr.
Thomas Doellman

AS LISTED:

Bob Morgan – Cancer & Stroke
Getulio Brito – Alzheimer
Ken Kilgore – medical issues
Evelyn Bartosh – better Health

Mrs. Edgar Santiago – Cancer
Emil Zbranek – assisted living
Fr. Roy Ogerro – surgery
Alex Iglesias – relief

Karyn Guillary – Cancer
Tom Sas – Cancer
Fr. Robert Ritz -- recovery
Rafael Gijon – Good Health

Larry Moller – stroke
Deacon Sid Cammarisi – rehab
Ann Neslony – Eye surgery
New born Kyle Kosler, Mom & Dad
Lisa Butler – Cancer

Zita Cherry – nursing home
Jim Claire – Broken Leg
Mike Garcia – sick
Fred Stratton – Prostate Cancer
Miya Norst – Cancer

Tom Nauck – Surgery
Susan Link – Chemo
Sabrina Herman -- issues
Pat Alexander – Cancer
Tory Madena -- Health

Dennis Trainor sister-in-law–Dying
New Born Baby Carter Stone Maggnia, Mom & Dad

Marjorie Hayden – Rehab hospital

Victims of Boston Explosion

Families of injured and deceased from explosion in city of West, Texas

LuAnn Spiers – recovery from surgery

Larry Loper -- surgery
Monica Kilgore – career chg

Diane Grayum – Death in Family

Venia Syring – Husband and mom medical issues

Rick Foley – Sp. Intentions

Arthur Syring – Heart Surgery

Fr. Chris Volka – Moving to Canada

Deacon Pistone – Recovery

Brothers looking for work

Ken Stilling – Shoulder Surgery

Dave Kiger – Knee problems

Fr. Chris Nguyen father – blood cancer

Deacon Don Senger – recovering from motor cycle accident

Angie Waligura – strength

John Hermann – new Grand Knight

Ed Waligura – heart issues

Caleb Matthiesen – Heart

Taled Burnett – Heart Problem

Pete Muceus daughter – brain tumor

Kate Foltyn – Knee replacement