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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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

December 2013  
MEETINGS 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAYS 7:00PM

NEWSLETTER  
COLUMBUS CLUB 1<sup>ST</sup> 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**

Brothers,

Our Grand Knight is over in Italy visiting the Pope with Father Reynolds, and it falls to me to write this month's newsletter introduction in his absence. Not a bad gig, really – I get to write about a wonderful holiday, my favorite (and probably yours): Christmas!

Now, in today's increasingly secular society, Christmas is very intentionally – very intentionally -- being stripped of its true significance, and converted into nothing more than a shopping opportunity. It gets worse every year. But as Knights, we can keep the true spirit of Christmas alive for ourselves and our families. If we can pull back from the pressure to buy, buy, BUY, and remember occasionally that the real purpose, deep down under all the manufactured craziness, is to commemorate the birth of the Savior, the Redeemer, the Teacher, our Shepherd. To commemorate the birth of the Child who would grow up to die a really horrible death to save all of us. In Christmas, we thank Him.

Want a good way to do this? Here it is: Sometime during this Christmas season, if you haven't done it before, take a break from the rush and stop by the Emmaus Chapel for some quality time with the Eucharistic presence of the Lord. Fifteen minutes, half-an-hour, an hour – you'll be surprised how peace will surround you and fill you – His Peace. It's a great reminder of what's really important. It's easy. A lot easier than shopping and fighting traffic. Just you and the Big Guy.

It would be great if we could remind society, through our example as Knights, that the word "holiday" started out as two words: Holy Day.

Happy Holy Days!

-- Pete Vogt, DGK

Thought of the day: "Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."  
– ***Mother Theresa***

# Financial Secretary's Report

Brothers,

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving!

We recently lost one of our widows – Betty Bednarski. Her services were held at St. Theresa Church. Pray for the repose of her soul.

At the meeting on November 4 the meeting attendees selected the October monthly honorees: Knight of the month – Anthony Valchar; Rookie of the Month – Nick Kutra; Family of the Month – Glen Redding family; Lady of the Month – Marie Gambino; Squire of the Month – Anthony Orta; Youth of the Month – Michael Hermann. Congratulations to all those recognized.

There will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on Saturday December 14 in the Youth Center. Let's have a good turnout of candidates; they will be able to do all 3 degrees on one day. Have all 1<sup>st</sup> Degree candidates at the Youth Center by 7:30 am. We need 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members to attend all degrees to support Council 4204 candidates. Candidates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree need to be at the Youth Center by 9:00 am to register. **ALL 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Members** – plan to come and experience the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees. There is no cost; just your time. Help is needed starting at 7:00 am to set up the gym for the degrees and the classroom for registration. Help is also needed with the cooking, moving and serving of the lunch following the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees. The entire day should be completed by 2:00pm.

The joint KC-CDA Christmas Party is Sunday December 15. It starts at 2:30. There will be Christmas stories read to the children. There will be a gift exchange for men and women. If you want to participate in the gift exchange bring a \$5 -7 gift gift-wrapped and indicate if it is for a man or woman. If you want to bring a gift for Santa to give to your child, bring the gift (wrapped) to the Annex with your child's name on it. Please only bring 1 gift per child. The CDA will present prizes for their coloring contest. It is estimated we will eat about 5:00 pm. The council is supplying 4 briskets for the meat. All are asked to bring a pot luck dish and/or dessert.

The Clergy Night celebration is on Friday, January 31 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 2. Men should wear suits or coat & tie, ladies should wear church dress.

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 John Hermann at 281-313-3819 or myself at 281-491-9671. Please complete the member worksheet (below) and return it with your dues payment; Supreme uses these numbers from all the brothers to report to the Federal Government to retain its tax exempt status. Supreme has the Culture of Life \$2 assessment for each council member. Your \$2 voluntary contribution along with your dues will be appreciated. Your membership cards are the color white (again). You can bring your dues to the December 2 meeting or the Christmas Party on December 15 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.

Faithfully,  
Brother Pete, FS

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

( From Pete Muceus email updates. )

## 2013 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$167 million to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 70 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. **To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting or with your dues.** This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members **during 2013.**

1. Number of visits you made during 2013 to:

Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes / hospitals . . . . .

Bereaved — visits of condolence . . . . .

2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2013. . . . .

3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2013:

Church Activities — service in all Church related activities . . . . .

Community Activities — service in all community related activities . . . . .

Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities . . . . .

Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects . . . . .

Culture of Life Activities — service in all related projects . . . . .

Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above . . . . .

4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2013:

Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.

Happy belated Veterans Day to all the vets!!!!!!

Brother Jim Claire and his wife Erlinda are safe in the Phillipines. They were not on the island that received the worst damage. Jim says they had a lot of rain and a rough boat ride back to their home there. Please continue to pray for their safety.

On December 11, Wednesday morning, at 0645 hours (6:45am) is the men's prayer breakfast in the Youth Center. Come and join all the Deacons for short morning prayers and then some good fellowship (bull session). Deacon Frank is probably cringing at that! It really is a good interchange! Come and join us and there is the breakfast of champions & KCs – donuts & coffee!!

Pray for safe travel for Fr. Reynolds and for all that will join him on the pilgrimage to Rome for the closing of the Year of Faith.

Father Mario from Canada was in town and visited the council at our meeting on November 4. Too bad you missed him if were not at the meeting.

Brother Al Ewer posted 40 photos from the Memorial Meeting on the Council website [www.kc4204.org](http://www.kc4204.org). Click on the "Events" then on "Past Events".

# 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](http://www.kc4204.org); Our Galveston-

Houston Chapter is [www.ghkofc.org](http://www.ghkofc.org); Texas State Council - [www.tkofc.org](http://www.tkofc.org); Supreme - [www.kofc.org](http://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](http://www.catholicpulse.com) and it is also on facebook and twitter. The other website is called Catholic online at the website [www.catholic.org](http://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.

## Columbus Club News

The Columbus Club is busy getting the hall in shape to protect our council's investment. December's meeting will be at 7 PM in the Annex on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us to discuss the upcoming events and what needs to be done to the hall to make sure it is ready for the councils functions. It is the Columbus Club that keeps the hall up to date and makes repairs as needed. Come join us at 7PM on Tuesday December 3.

## Birthdays

St. Basil 4204 December 2013 Birthday Report

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

## Council Insurance

Insurance is a basic need for the ones we leave behind. Do not burden them with expenses they cannot handle and do not need once we pass. Call Vincent and discuss your insurance to make sure you have what is needed. Of course we all pray that it is not needed but we know it will be at some point.

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<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/index.html>

## COUNCIL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2013-2014

Chaplain-	Rev. Stephen B. Reynolds, Pastor	Program	Paul Cinquemani	832-594-6753
Associate Chaplain	Rev. Jose Tharayil	Membership	Stephen Frontera	201-362-4247
Grand Knight	John Hermann 281-313-3819	Retention	Peter Vogt	281-565-2581
Deputy Grand Knight	Peter Vogt 281-565-2581	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 13<sup>th</sup> director is the current Worthy 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>	Jeff Schumann
<u>Secretary</u>	Lloyd Waguespack
<u>Treasurer</u>	Ralph Stolarski

Hall manager: Ralph Stolarski

Leasing Manager: Bob Sullivent

Maintenance Manager: Fred Trilcek

# 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 Emeritus Joseph Fiorenza

St. Theresa Ministries and Priest

Widows of Deceased Brothers

Ex-Prisoners @ Isaiah house

Priests , Deacons and all brother Knights and their families.

Conversion and Return of Fallen away Catholics

John & Colleen Hermann's – safe vacation

St. Theresa prayer List

VETS at VA

unborn for eternal life

Knights and their families.

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI

Members of Armed Forces

Pope Francis

Fr. Roy

Fr. Ritz

## DECEASED

Gary Blanchette Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law

Mark Danna's Brother-in-law

Earline McGovney

Joseph W. Azzarello

Ken Kilgore

Betty Bednarski

Pauline Solomon

Carlos Penabad

Mary Carmel

## AS LISTED:

Bob Morgan – Cancer & Stroke

Getulio Brito – Alzheimer

Fr. Roy Ogerro – Good Health

Evelyn Bartos – better Health

Colleen Hermann – Surgery

Joe Ferreri – wife passed away

Guy Baird – Special prayers to Bishop Fulton J Sheen regarding Guys Kidney Tumor.

Albert Reyes – heart attach

Dominic Kutra Father-in-law – Cancer

Larry & Kathy Loper – new G'parents

Michelle Ferramte – Pregnant

Gabriela Soliman – Cancer

Florence McDermott – Health

Rafael & Doris Gijon – Rafael-Hospice

Canonization of Michael J. McGivney

Fr. Mathew Pilgrimage to Rome

Fr. Mario from Canada for wellbeing

All request made at 4204 meetings not listed here as well as names on St. Theresa Bulletin and those needs.

Mrs. Edgar Santiago – Cancer

Emil Zbranek – assisted living

Alex Iglesias – Health

Fallen Catholics to return to faith

Marylynn Jacobs – Health

Richard Hainios -- Foot Surgery

Shelby Startz – neck & spine injury

Dominic Loper – new baby

Thomas Wilson -- Incarcerated

Renita Alexander – Fractured Hip

The Country for its soul

Robert Hurisch – Blood Cancer

Monica Kilgore – Well Being

Irene Carabajal – bypass surgery

Doug Kreimeyer – Surgery

Mike Abbott – Minor Heart Attack

KarynGuillary–Cancer

Tom Sas – Cancer Relief

Susan Link – Chemo

Maria Gomez – Cancer

Hermie Perez – Cancer

Matt Shepared – Recovering

John McDonald – Foot

Nichole Loper - cancer

Raymond Sulit – Cancer

Colleen Pubchara William

Pregnant Women for life

Rocksy Schulte – Cancer

Mike Mule' – cancer

Fr. Reynolds retreat

LuAnn Spiers Broken Ankle

Karen Cromer – Eye Surgery