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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

August 2014
MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7:00PM

NEWSLETTER
COLUMBUS CLUB 1ST Tuesday - 7PM

IN UNITY WITH OUR STATE OFFICERS and committeemen

Jim Collins

Past State Deputy

Larry Zapalac **Past State Deputy**

Lloyd Waguespack

State Audit Committee

Pete Muceus

State Communications

Brother Knights,

Last month I wrote about our goal of Star Council for this fraternal year. We are off to a great start with recruiting with two new members who joined our council and attended the First, Second and Third Degree Exemplifications recently. Welcome to our newest 3rd Degree brothers, John Wiesner and Thomas Loller. Although this is a good start, we need to continue our recruiting so that our council and our order continues to grow. We still have a long way to go for our yearly goal.

Entering the second month of our fraternal year the council is still in need of a Program Director. The Program Director's job is to ensure that all the council activities that are scheduled on the calendar take place as scheduled. If you are interested in this leadership position please contact me.

Lastly, it is with deep sadness that I must inform you that long-time council cook, Steve Kalmus, has announced his retirement from cooking duties for the council. Although I don't know the exact number of years Steve has cooked for our meetings and other events, it has been as long as I have been a member. I offer my sincere gratitude to Steve for his years of dedication to the council. If anyone has an interest in lending their culinary skills to the council on a full or part-time basis please let me know.

Fraternally Yours,

John Hermann
Grand Knight

Thought of the day: "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted." Job 42:2

Financial Secretary's Report

Brothers,

In July we have just started the 2014-2015 Fraternal Year. The Council has a new State Charity goal and you can help 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 professional 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 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 proceeds from these sales help the State Council maintain the current level of per capita.

There is a 1st Degree in our Hall during the August 18 meeting. Our council need new members to provide new ideas and energy into the council and to continue contributing hours of service to the Church and community. If you have any Catholic men that would be good Knights, get in touch with the FS at 281-491-9671 or Stephen Frontera at 281-410-1632. Have all candidates at the Annex by 6:15pm.

VACATION MASS TIMES: Plan for Mass in advance while on vacation or out of town. Go to: <http://masstimes.org>, enter the zip code and address where you will be, and receive a listing of local parishes, with Mass schedule and directions. Please share this link with your neighbors!

The annual dues for all members age 23 and over is \$36 per year. The dues for youth 18 thru 22 is \$1 a month or \$12 per year. The initiation fee for Squires to Member is waived. For new members under the age of 26 the initiation fee is \$10 and for all over the age of 26 it is \$25. There is no initiation fee or dues for priests, deacons or seminarians.

The Council is again sponsoring a golf team in the October 6 Shepherd's Cup golf tournament. This is the Cardinal's tournament and half the proceeds go to St. Mary's Seminary and the other half to Catholic Education and Faith Formation. Any council member who wants to be considered for the golf team needs to notify me and I will put your name into the hat. A drawing will be held at the September 1st or 2nd meeting for the members of the team. If you want to be considered, let me know. There is also an opportunity for brothers to volunteer at the tournament. Contact brother Al Ewer or Lloyd Waguespack who are members of the KC sponsoring organization to volunteer or you can contact me and I will put you in touch with them.

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Faithfully,
Brother Pete, FS

Council 4204 News

Correction from July newsletter:

The July newsletter went out by email yesterday and there is a correction to the information on the Football Sweepstakes. The council is not receiving \$1 for each ticket sold. Instead there is an additional \$70 being awarded each week for the 10 weeks. For every 25 tickets sold, the council will be entered into a drawing for signed sports memorabilia that will be drawn for at the next State Convention – that happens to be in Houston. Also, the seller of the top weekly winning ticket wins \$50. I have the tickets and they can be sold to anyone – you don't have to be a Knight to purchase them.

Welcome to our newest brother Knight – Joseph Mastrangelo. Joseph is the new Youth Minister for St. Theresa's. He is a 4th Degree Knight. He has transferred into Council 4204.

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The State Convention next year will be held in Houston. There is a group of Knights and their ladies, led by brother Larry Zapalac, who are planning the convention under the overall direction of State Deputy Terry Simonton. There are monthly meetings the 4th Tuesday of each month at Council 3077 with snacks at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00pm. Larry says the meeting will only last 1 hour. Volunteers and help of all kinds are needed. Contact Pete Muceus with questions.

Clergy Night, the dinner where 1100 Knights and their wives and clergy get together to honor all the clergy will be on Friday January 30 at the Stafford Centre in Stafford. The cost is \$30 per person. This will sell out quickly and only so many reservations will be accepted. Even though capacity is about 1100, people are turned away each year. If you want to attend send me a check for \$30 for each reservation with the name of the attendee. I will accept reservation into November.

The following was forwarded by brother and Immediate Past State Deputy Jim Collins.

Dear CV Friend,

*The Supreme Court has already rebuked Obama **twice** on religious liberty. But that isn't stopping this president from launching another attack on religious liberty.*

This time, Obama is using the purse strings of the federal government to marginalize employers with religious convictions.

President Obama today signed an executive order which demands that all federal contractors and subcontractors grant special treatment based on "sexual orientation" and "gender identity."

The executive order signed by Obama thankfully preserves an exemption put in place by President George W. Bush which allows religious employers the freedom to favor employees of a certain religion in making hiring decisions. So under the new rules, a religious university could not fire a teacher for being a lesbian, but could fire her because she's not a Catholic.

Legal experts say that Obama's new executive order will launch a flood of lawsuits against employers who have deeply-held convictions that certain kinds of sexual behavior is inconsistent with their moral or religious beliefs

The executive order, expected to take full effect in 2015, will affect 24,000 companies employing approximately 28 million American workers, or about one-fifth of the country's workforce.

President Obama could have easily issued this executive order for LGBT employees while maintaining a robust exemption for religious liberty.

Once again, Obama has shown his strong hostility to religious expression in American life. In his mind, we have only "freedom to worship" inside the four walls of our church. But we dare not practice "freedom of religion" where we take our faith to the public square. If we do that, Obama believes that we must also sacrifice any religious principles out of sync with the federal government.

In Obama's mind, it's ok if you go to Church on Sunday, but don't you dare act like a Christian any other day of the week.

Joshua Mercer

Political Director , Catholicvote.org

District Deputy Report



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Greetings Brother Knights !!

I want to thank you for being committed to the principles of who we are as Knights... Charity, Unity and Fraternity... And for those who want that little Lagniappe – Patriotism.

In Matthew Chapter 13 versus 3-9

... And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Brothers, I invite you to go with me out into the field and sow a little seed. The field looks so lush, the ground having been just tilled, the rich soil just waiting to receive the seed to bring forth a bountiful harvest. Stepping into the field, some of us follow the furrows in the rows, just dropping the seeds in front of us, making sure that the seed is only in the 'good soil'. Some will even kick over some soil to cover the seed so that the birds cannot eat it up and protect the seed from the scorching sun.

Then there are those brothers who will be a bit more frivolous and scatter the seed over several rows at time, trying to get as much in as possible. The seed still in good ground, but may not be as fruitful as it may not be covered and receive the attention to get it started to grow.

With the fertile ground sown, there are still areas around the edges. This is where the truly adventurous fling the seed, hoping to extend the harvest. It is here that some will fall on the rocky ground, some amongst the thorns and weeds, and some on the path where the birds will eat it.

So Brothers, what seed have we planted on this journey? The seed of Columbianism... The message of who we are as Knights, what great works and deeds are done in our name. How we support both Church and State in the enabling virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. How we are in union with our clergy. And are perceived as the staunch defenders of the great principles upon which all lawful authority and government are founded.

Now then, the Brothers who so meticulously sowed their seed, taking care to give it all it can to grow, are the Brothers who are invested with helping bring new members to our Order, but not just as a 'number' but as a true Brother Knight, to step forward at harvest (the 1st Degree) and immerse themselves into the council in activities and participation.

The Brothers who spread the seed over several rows, also bring in the new members, but perhaps without the new Knight being immersed as quickly into the council, these brothers rely on others to help the new Knights become welcomed into the council. This is where the concept of Fraternity can really shine.

What about the seed sown on bad ground? Imagine, if you will, that after the planting, a large rain storm comes with blowing winds. Soil is brought from the field and deposited on the fringes. Some of the rocky ground may now have soil deep enough to allow a seed to grow. The deposited soil may cover up the weeds and thorns, killing them off so that some of that seed may prosper. And the birds may be denied some of their feast if the soil covers the path as well.

Can you guess what the message of this tale is? Brothers, the seed of Columbianism needs to spread to **ALL Catholic Men**. At harvest time let your council's Admissions Committee make the recommendation of acceptance or rejection of the prospect. If they do their job, the seeds in the rocky ground, or mixed with the weeds or even eaten by the birds, will be rejected... but those seeds that survived those trials will be welcomed into the Order with open arms.

Here is a 'tease' for next month's message. Curious? Check out Matthew Chapter 25 versus 1-13.

VIVAT JESUS !

Insurance Report

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies..

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards. More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

Contact me today to learn more about our products..

Vince Loper

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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-

Per our Worthy Grand Knight you can see these pages by logging in with userid "brother" and the password is "kc4204". You should not give this information out to none brothers.

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.

Birthdays

St. Basil 4204 Birthday Report August 2014

| Name | Birthday | Name | Birthday | Name | Birthday |
|------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| Johnnie P Marek | 8/01 | Frank Williams | 8/11 | Mrs Hortencia Garcia | 8/20 |
| Chad J. Grahmann | 8/01 | Kenry P. Hawthorne | 8/12 | Melvin J Grahmann | 8/20 |
| Brian D. Dasher | 8/01 | William R Penado | 8/13 | Deacon Glenn Haller | 8/20 |
| Jorge E. Narvaez | 8/03 | Jack A Jebbia | 8/14 | Grant C. Crowell | 8/20 |
| Eric W. Lange | 8/03 | Mr Hoc M. Nguyen CSB | 8/14 | Stephen L. Karpowich | 8/21 |
| Jesse A. Mendiola | 8/03 | Juan C. Menjivar | 8/14 | William R. Schindler | 8/22 |
| Carlos L Trejos | 8/05 | Rev Robt Matzinger CSB | 8/15 | Jeffrey A. Dodson | 8/22 |
| Oscar G. Torres | 8/07 | Kenneth T Rammrath | 8/15 | Dominic Kutra | 8/23 |
| Mrs Ruthann Tanking | 8/07 | Thomas R. Taska | 8/15 | Anthony Carrillo | 8/23 |
| Michael W. Whitt | 8/08 | Philip C. Ogwo | 8/15 | Mrs Mildred Netardus | 8/24 |
| Mrs Verna Lund (Jasso) | 8/08 | Robert M Stanfield | 8/16 | Thomas E Lycka | 8/24 |
| Mark J. Early | 8/08 | Mrs Irene Zertuche | 8/16 | Ronald J. Castagno | 8/25 |
| Stephen D. Frontera | 8/08 | Tim E Kana | 8/16 | John R. Vaculik | 8/25 |
| Rafael Gijon y Robles | 8/09 | Todd W Heath | 8/17 | Javier Vazquez | 8/26 |
| Michael L Hanley | 8/09 | Mrs Edith Hartensteiner | 8/18 | Guadalupe Martinez | 8/26 |
| Kenneth R Sciba | 8/10 | Thomas Hernandez | 8/19 | Mrs Joan Kovar | 8/30 |
| Mrs Isabel Guerra | 8/11 | Mark K Arnold | 8/19 | James L Anhaiser | 8/30 |
| | | | | Mrs Janie Sitka | 8/30 |

COUNCIL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2013-2014

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Chaplain- | Rev. Stephen B. Reynolds, Pastor | Program | Paul Cinquemani | 832-594-6753 |
| Associate Chaplain | Rev. Jose Tharayil | Membership | | |
| Grand Knight | John Hermann 281-313-3819 | Retention | Lloyd Waguespack | 281-495-4422 |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Lloyd Waguespack 281-495-4422 | Church | Deacon Frank Cromer | 281-565-2776 |
| Chancellor | Stephen Frontera 281-362-4247 | Vocation | John Sudela | 281-491-4055 |
| Recorder | Robert Patterson 832-875-8574 | Community | Dave Kiger | 281-242-4144 |
| Financial Secretary | Pete Muceus 281-491-9671 | Public Relations | Al Ewer | 832-978-5022 |
| Treasurer | Dan Rega 281-980-5183 | Pro Life | David Wleklinski | 281-494-4770 |
| Lecturer | John Sudela 281-491-4055 | Council | John Gambino | 281-242-0847 |
| Warden | Mike Matalaka 832-731-0591 | Youth | John Clennan | 281-491-8090 |
| Advocate | Jason Jesko 832-776-9066 | 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 Matalaka | 281-494-7617 |
| One Year Trustee | David Morris | Football Sweepstakes | Pete Muceus | 281-491-9671 |
| Two Year Trustee | Calvin Sommer 281-242-6072 | Bereavement | Joe Welsh | 281-491-4027 |
| Three Year Trustee | Ed Sebesta 281- - | Coin Collection | Paul Cinquemani | 832-594-6753 |
| Insurance Agt | Vince Loper 281-844-8867 | Golf | Lloyd Waguespack | 281-495-4422 |
| VA Hospital visits | | Halloween | | |
| 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 | Calvin Sommer | 281-242-6072 |

Columbus Club Officers and Directors

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

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| <u>President</u> | Lloyd Waguespack | <u>Directors:</u> Sal Salinas | |
| <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 2017, Blue in June 2015 and Green in June 2016. The 13th director is the current Worthy Grand Knight, John Hermann, of council 4204.

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

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.

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| <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 |

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 Members & Family of Armed Forces unborn for eternal life
St. Theresa Ministries and Priest St. Theresa prayer List VETS at VA
Widows of Deceased Brothers Pregnant Women for life Pope Francis
Ex-Prisoners @ Isaiah house Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI Fr. Roy
Priests , Deacons and all brother Knights and their families. Fr. Ritz
Conversion and Return of Fallen away Catholics Vocations
Canonization of Ft. Michael J. McGivney
Request made at all meetings not listed here as well as in St. Theresa Bulletin and special needs.

DECEASED

Charles Laperouse

Bill Hirsch

Gloria Hoehne

AS LISTED:

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| Karyn Guillary–Cancer | Getulio Brito – Alzheimer | Raymond Sulit -- Cancer |
| Mrs. Edgar Santiago – Cancer | Fallen Catholics to return to faith | Mike Mule’ -- Cancer |
| Emil Zbranek – Assisted living | Tom Sas – Cancer Relief | Alex Iglesias – Health |
| Fr. Roy Ogerro – Good Health | Evelyn Bartos – failing health | |
| Marion Matalka – deceased husband | Rosa Waguespack – health | Victor Navidad – Stroke |
| Kathy Villeaureal – Cancer | Zeta Chiny – 89 th Birthday | Upcoming Jasko birth |
| Rita Betky – 82 nd Birthday | Jacob Larose – Infection | Tim Oppermann -- Cancer |
| Carol Muceus – Surgery & recovery | Mike Mule’ – cancer | |
| Doug Kreimeyer’s mother – broken foot | Bob Eders Grand son Christopher | Charles Schwarz - Kidney |
| Charles Schwartz–home from Hospital | Bill Schindler – biopsy | Jeff Schumann - surgery |
| Elaine Keesee – broken leg | Chris Cromer – Lymphoma | Rosana Stoessel – surgery |
| Calvin Sommer son-in-law – appendix | | |