



THE FORTY-TWO O FOURWARD!
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. BASIL COUNCIL 4204
702 BURNEY ROAD, SUGAR LAND, TX 77498-2610

July 1, 2009
MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7:00PM

NEWSLETTER
COLUMBUS CLUB 1ST Tuesday - 7PM

IN UNITY WITH OUR STATE OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

Larry Zapalac- Immediate Past State Deputy

Jim Collins- State Treasure

Robert Vacek- Audit Committee

Pete Muceus- Education/Training

David Morris- St College Council Chairman

Gary Blanchette- District Deputy

Brothers in Christ,

I accept the position of Grand Knight with our Council. Our Council has a lot of history to it, with my family being a part of that history from the beginning and every year to the present. My father, a Charter Member and the second Grand Knight of our Council, my Grandfather a Charter Member of our Council and my Uncle Herbert being Charter Member and a Past Financial Secretary. My Uncle Max from Midland is a Past Grand Knight from his Council in Midland and My Uncle William from New Braunfels is a Past Grand Knight in Collage Station. My Godfather Emil Zbranek is also a Past Grand Knight of our Council as well.

I have grown up at this hall, with making pizza at the old little hall, that my dad acquired off Old South Main, to having Past Grand Knight Johnnie Pokluda yelling at me for putting holes in the sheetrock in the wrong spot when this hall was built, to having Ralph Stolarski yelling at me today.

I know the position of Grand Knight with 4204 is a big task with the many activities we have thru-out the year, but I am sure with this council as large as it is we will succeed in our activities. First let me thank all the Past Grand Knights in helping me get to this point with our Council. A special thank you to Bob Sullivent for all he has done as Grand Knight, these shoes of his will be hard to fill. Most importantly I need to thank my wife and family for allowing me the time to be the Grand Knight of council 4204. I know it will take a lot of time away from my family but with the help and support of each and every member of Knights of Columbus Council 4204 for your support.

Reflection: ***'Every saint has a PAST.... Every sinner has a FUTURE!'***

PRAY THE ROSARY,

Jeff Schumann

Grand Knight 4204

Financial Secretary

Brothers,

At the 4th Degree meeting on Tuesday, June 16, Dorothy Raska received a chalice in memory of her late husband Roy in a very nice ceremony. Her family was with her.

There is a golf tournament in El Campo on Saturday July 25. Council 4204 plans to enter a team and several members have expressed interest. Please notify me. The players will carpool to El Campo and everyone pays their own \$65 fee. If you are interested, let Pete Muceus know.

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 10 weeks of games. The 10 weekly prizes range from \$400 to \$20. Contact the FS, Pete Muceus if you would like to purchase some and/or get some to sell to friends or co-workers.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Fojtik who died June 16. Mary is the widow of Bill Fojtik who died in 2001. Mary's services were at St. Theresa's and she was buried at Davis Greenlawn in Rosenberg.

Several Brothers asked how to make an individual contribution to the Sugar Land Policeman Marcus Zaruba who has a very aggressive form of cancer. There are several ways to do it: drop off the donation at the Sugar Land Police Department in a sealed envelope with Officer Zaruba's name on it; or drop it off at Prosperity Bank on Hwy 59 by Sugar Creek (by Kinko's); or mail it to SLPO Association, PO Box 1561, Sugar land, TX 77487-1561 (indicate it is for Officer Zaruba).

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Brothers – if you have not yet paid your dues yet, please pay them now. If there is a financial problem, let the Grand Knight or myself know.

Faithfully,
Brother Pete, FS

Columbus Club

Brother Knights,

The Columbus Club will elect four new directors at the KC 4204 meeting on Monday night, July 7. All 4204 members in good standing are eligible to be elected as a director. Columbus Club president Mike Matalka will conduct the election during the council meeting as election of directors is council business. On Tuesday night July 8 in the Annex the directors will elect the officers for 2009-2010. We will elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasure. All officers must be directors elected by the council. The new President will appoint the Hall, leasing, and the Maintenance Managers. Your Columbus Club manages the use, rent, maintenance, and general needs of the property. Please be a part of the club to keep the KC property up to date.

Mike Matalka (written by Bob Sullivent)
Columbus Club president

Insurance Corner

Brother Knights,

Before the state convention, all the field agents in Texas have our annual day and a half meeting. One of the presenters was Tom Smith who is the Executive Vice President of Agencies and Marketing. My favorite point he made was the most charitable thing you can do as a KC member is buy a life insurance policy. The policy provides charity whether you're dead or living. If you're dead, than a death claim has been paid to your widow and/or orphans. If you're living, than your money goes directly towards helping the KC's support numerous Catholic charitable causes. Mr. Smith told us that last year's operating income was \$1.3 billion. The cost of Columbia magazine for example is \$6.7 million. He drew a pie chart showing sources of where the income comes from, and the overwhelming majority comes from the insurance program. Membership dues only raise \$4.5 million which only covered .3%. Without the insurance program, the KCs would not be able to do great things like send 145 seminarians on full scholarships or donate wheelchairs to those in need. Are you supporting the insurance program?

Fraternally yours
Joshua Cutbirth
713-894-3868

Council News

Annual Awards Banquet

Our council held the officer installation and awards banquet on June 28. If you was not there you missed a good meal, lots of friendship and fraternalism and a plan old good time. Visitation was at 4 PM, officer installation was at 5 PM and we eat at 6 PM with the awards following dinner.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

Our first Middle School Dance for the New Year will be August 28. School starts on Monday August 24. The kids will be ready to let off some steam after a long summer. We will need a lot of guys and gals to help keep the kids in line. Please be there and help. The most help is needed between 6:30 PM and 9 PM but we could use you until 10:40 when the last kid should be picked up. Please support your council in this very important fund raiser and stress relief for the kids of our community.

4204 CHANGES LEADERSHIP

Our 2009-2010 officers were elected at the June 1 meeting; they are – Grand Knight – Jeff Schumann; Deputy Grand Knight – Calvin Sommer; Chancellor – Dan Rega; Recorder – John Hermann; Treasurer – Lloyd Waguespack; Warden – Jerry Byrd; Advocate – John Clennan; Inside Guard – Fred Stratton; Outside Guard – Jason Mikolajek; One Year Trustee – Fred Trlicek; Two Year Trustee – Mike Mule'; Three Year Trustee – Bob Sullivent. Grand Knight-elect Jeff Schumann says Fr. Reynolds has agreed to remain as Chaplain and Paul Cinquemani will be the new Lecturer and John Sudela has stepped down. Congratulations to all!

Gifts for Iraqi and Afghanistan grammar school children

Brother Knights of Saint Basil Council 4204 have been exceptional in supporting our military in Iraq, as witness the most complimentary letter from Command Master Chief Carl Morgan in Iraq. If you are not aware of this letter, and/or would like a copy, e-mail Al Ewer at alewer@earthlink.net and he will be most pleased to e-mail a pdf copy of the letter to you. All of you are to be commended for your generosity and patriotism as Knights.

Now it is time to help our brothers and sisters in the military build a lasting camaraderie with the elementary school age youngsters of Iraq and Afghanistan in hopes of establishing a lasting and enduring peace. Many battles are being fought and won by the joint USA and Afghanistan forces, but it seems to be imperative that we win the hearts, souls and minds of the young who simply want them and their parents to survive, and to have the opportunity to achieve the goals they never before dreamed possible.

I ask your help in providing items suitable for elementary school children as listed below. One of the constraints is that any item must fit within a box measuring 12 inches wide by 12 inches long by 5 inches high. Some suggestions are # 2 Wood clinched pencils, personal size pencil sharpeners, rubber erasers, ball point pens, box of crayons, colored drawing pencils, coloring books, Spiral bound notebooks (lined paper), Spiral bound notebooks (drawing paper), 3 ring folders (lightweight), 3 hole lined paper, individually wrapped candies and snacks, small bottles of white glue, glue sticks, paper clips, small staple guns and staples, replacement staples, staple removers, small safe scissors, plastic sandwich bags, other elementary school appropriate non-perishable small personal gifts.

Many thanks, my brothers,
Al Ewer

SPECIAL INFORMATION

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BEST POEM IN THE WORLD

*I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.*

*But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp--
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.*

*There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.*

*Herb, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.*

*I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.*

*'And why's everyone so quiet,
So somber - give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said, 'they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'*

JUDGE NOT.

*Remember...Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian
any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.*

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Bob Sullivent
Grand Knight 4204

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2008-2009

Chaplain-	Rev. Stephen B. Reynolds, Pastor	
Associate Chaplain	.Fr. Miguel , Associate Pastor	
Grand Knight	Jeff Schumann	281-344-0212
Deputy Grand Knight	Calvin Sommer	281-242-6072
Chancellor	Dan Rega	281-980-5183
Recorder	John Hermann	281-313-3819
Financial Secretary	Pete Muceus	281-491-9671
Treasurer	Lloyd Waguespack	281-495-4422
Lecturer	Paul Cinquemani	281-265-7381
Warden	Jerry Byrd	281-242-3901
Advocate	John Clennan	281 491-8090
Inside Guard	Fred Stratton	281 491-4676
Outside Guard	Jason Mikolajek	281-242-7940
One Year Trustee	Fred Trlicek	281-491-9040
Two Year Trustee	Mike Mule'	281-277-9429
Three Year Trustee	Bob Sullivent	281-561-9533

DIRECTORS FOR 2008-2009

Program Director	Mike Jones	281 342-0133
Membership Director	John Pistone	281-277-6308
Retention Chairman	Calvin Sommer	281-242-6072
Church Director		
Vocation Director		
Community Director	Ed Sebesta	281-242-4563
PR Director	Al Ewer	281-242-8536
Pro Life Director	Al Guerra	281-344-8959
Council Director	John Gambino	281-242-0847
Youth Director	John Clennan	281-491-8090
Insurance –	Mike Cutbirth	832-439-8231
Family Director		
Teen Dance Director	Mike Matalka	281-494-7617
Football Sweepstakes	Pete Muceus	281-491-9671
Bereavement		
Coin Collection	Ken Stilling	281-437-2216
Golf/Turkey/Halloween	Gary Blanchette	281-240-1774
Fish Fry	Ed Sebesta	281-242-4563
	John Clennan	281-491-8090
Chief Cook	Steve Kalmus	281-240-5991
BBQ Coordinator	Fred Trlicek	281-491-9040
	Bill Tallas	281-980-1682
Columbian Squires	John Clennan	281-491-8090
	John McDonald	281-494-7498
	John Sim	281-980-4506

Columbus Club Officers and Directors

<u>President</u>	Mike Matalka (vacancy)	<u>Directors:</u> Al Guerra	Paul Cinquemani
<u>Vice President</u>	Dan Rega (vacancy)	Bill Louviere	Mike Mule'
<u>Secretary</u>	Lloyd Waguespack	Rick Pena	vacancy
<u>Treasure</u>	Ralph Stolarski	vacancy	vacancy
		Grand knight Jeff Schumann	

Hall manager

Maintenance Manager

Leasing Manager

Bar/Event workers:

Ralph Stolarski

Fred Trlicek

Bob Sullivent (vacancy)

Gene Travis

Fred Trlicek

Jeff Schumann

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