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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 2015
MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7:00PM

NEWSLETTER
COLUMBUS CLUB 1ST Tuesday - 7PM

IN UNITY WITH OUR STATE OFFICERS and committeemen

Jim Collins

Immediate Past State Deputy

Larry Zapalac

Past State Deputy

Lloyd Waguespack

State Audit Committee

Pete Muceus

State Communications

Brother Knights,

We are off to a fast start into the 2015-2016 Fraternal Year. Our first official Officer's Meeting was a huge success and was very well attended. The August calendar provides us with an opportunity to really get the year off to a good start. First and foremost will be our first Recruitment drive for the year on August 8 and 9. We have asked the CDA to join us as well as the Squires and the Jr. CDA. Our purpose is to recruit families into our ranks. Please come and join us outside of church at the mass you attend or all of the masses on that weekend and ask families to come over to St. Basil Hall and learn about our organizations.

Other events on the calendar for August are the annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, August 7, Blood Drive on August 16, our first Middle School Dance of the fast approaching school year on August 28 and our first BBQ Chicken and Sausage Sunday on August 30. Plenty of help is needed to make these events a success, so please put these events on your calendar and plan to come and help.

During the month of August we celebrate the Assumption of Mary our Mother on August 15. Mary is the patroness of our order and the reason we ask all knights to carry their rosaries with them wherever they go and to recite it as often as you can. Reciting the rosary daily provides us with a strong advocate with our Heavenly Father. The power of our prayer is strong.

God Bless!

Lloyd Waguespack
Grand Knight

Financial Secretary's Report

Brothers,

July 1 was the start of the 2015-2016 Fraternal Year. The Council has a new State Charity and membership goal. You can help the council meet its 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.

Welcome new brother Lino De Los Reyes who joined on Saturday July 25 and attended the 1st, 2nd & 3rd degrees.

We have a new council Chaplain – Fr. Eurel Manzano – for the first time since 2001. Come to the meetings and get to know Fr. Manzano.

There is a 1st Degree in our Hall during the August 17 meeting. Our council needs new members to provide new ideas and energy into the council and to continue contributing hours of charity and service to the Church and community. If you know any Catholic men that would be good Knights, get in touch with Stephen Frontera at 281-410-1632 or the FS Pete Muceus at 281-491-9671. 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 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.

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 5 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 7th 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.

There are council shirts and hats for sale. See Pete Muceus at a meeting to see the variety available.

Faithfully,
Brother Pete, FS

Council 4204 News

Below is reprint of Father Jose Tharayil sermon July 5. It is reprinted with his permission.

Yesterday we have celebrated July 4th, Independence day, by celebrating Holy Mass, praying for our country and even watching the fire works. But the US supreme court on June 26 has allowed and legalized the same-sex marriage in this country. It was a tragic day for marriage and our nation. It is profoundly immoral and unjust to declare that two people of the same sex can constitute marriage. Mandating this same-sex marriage and legalizing it across the country is a tragic error and will have long lasting evil consequences concerning the common good and especially the children. Every child has the basic right to be born and raised by the mother and father in a stable home.

Jesus has taught definitively and unambiguously that from the beginning marriage is a life-long, loving and life giving union of one man and one woman. Because God has created human beings as male and female and therefore man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife and they become one flesh. In the book of Leviticus it is written that: You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination. And also St. Paul wrote to the Romans: Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural and men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men. So the exclusive union of man and woman is the supreme law of God on marriage, which no human being can change. Man and woman complement each other and the children are born in this union. How can man and man or woman and woman complement each other and how can the children are born in this same sex union? How can a man be the wife of another man? How can a man be the husband of another man? No human law, even a supreme court decision can change the divine and eternal decision and law of marriage given by God, the creator of man and woman.

Union between man and woman is marriage. Union between man and man, between woman and woman cannot be called marriage. Marriage between man and woman is the foundation of family which is the most important institution of the society

The supreme court decision is a grave mistake. Five unelected judges have taken upon themselves to redefine the age-old and the sacred institution of marriage. Marriage was already defined by God for ever. No man can redefine it. No court can overturn natural law and nature's God. This law was hailed and approved by the signers of our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, which cannot be changed by the edict of a court.

Those who support and applaud the Supreme courts decision speaks about equality, equal respect and dignity, rights and justice and freedom of choice.

What is equality, equal rights and responsibilities? We all know man and woman are equals as human beings having equal rights and responsibilities and human dignity. But as man and woman they are different. We cannot abolish differences as male and female because such a way God has created them as man and woman.

What is freedom? Freedom is a God-given ability to distinguish between what is right and wrong, good and bad and to choose what is right and good and to reject what is wrong and bad. If we choose what is wrong and bad it will be an abuse of God-given freedom.

A wrong and bad decision mandated by majority will not become right or good. Because right and good does not depend on majority, it depends on God. Immoral decisions by majority will not make it moral.

For example, By legalizing abortion in 1973, the US supreme court has allowed the cruel killing of over 40 million unborn, innocent and helpless children in the last 43 years and tolerated and legalized the brutal execution of 5000 defenseless children every day by abortion.

Our TV, movie and internet which are supported by the tax money of millions of US citizens, systematically poison the minds of young as well as old leading to perverted sex and cruel violence.

Many well-known corporate sponsors support more than 75000 websites of pornography and thus enabling the immoral and destructive behavior of perverts and sex-abusers including of children. Our society tells the youngsters that promiscuous sex, drugs, substance abuse and alcohol are means to express their freedom in this free country.

This latest Supreme court mandate has given freedom for gay marriage, homosexuality, lesbianism and free-sex. We have to ask ourselves: whether our Christian country is becoming unchristian, immoral and a pagan country? It is here and now our country needs you Christians and all men and women of good will, who believe in God, with prophetic courage to fight against such moral evils. We have to re-affirm our commitment to religious liberty, life of unborn and heterosexual marriage. We must never remain silent or indifferent in the face of such a tragic and dangerous evil, even for any political reasons or financial benefits. We cannot condone or encourage sinful behavior. We all have to promote and defend the true meaning of marriage, one man and one woman for life.

We have to pray for our country that this great nation the land of the free and the home of the brave, may not fall-apart and may not be destroyed like Sodom and Gomora.

In God we trust. God bless America.

The **“FINISH LINE”** is published monthly by the State Deputy and electronically posted on the www.tkofc.org website by the Editor Bobb Maher. This publication is a running outlook of the activities, events, award criteria, and due dates for the next 30-60-90 days. There is information for council officers, chairmen and members. Please visit the web site below regularly for more Knight of Columbus Information.

<http://www.facebook.com/KnightsOfColumbusTexasStateCouncil>

Insurance Agents Report

Insurance by Brother Knights for Brother Knights

When structuring the best insurance plan for you and your family, there is a lot to consider, but keep two things in mind.

First and foremost, remember that you have a dedicated, professional Knights of Columbus agent whose job it is to help you consider your current situation, evaluate the options, and put a plan in place to help protect you and your family according to your terms and your budget.

Second, whenever you do business with the Knights of Columbus, you get the added benefit of knowing that you're not doing business with any old insurance company, you're doing business with *your* insurance company, a *Catholic* insurance company, that is one of the most highly-rated life insurers in North America.****

So be sure to reach out to me today, and get the conversation started, so that you can take advantage of this exclusive portfolio of protection that's been assembled for you.

* U.S. Department of Health & Human Services National Clearinghouse for LTC Information, 3/3/2014

** Data for March 2013 was obtained from online beneficiary database maintained by the U.S. Social Security Administration's Office of the Chief Actuary, available at www.ssa.gov/oact/ProgData/icp.html (last accessed April 2013)

*** CNN Money, "Middle Class & living paycheck to paycheck," April 25, 2014.

**** As of 7/1/2014, rated A++, Superior for financial strength by AM Best.

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Squire's Report

OFFICERS:

Chief Squire: Bobby Covarrubias

Deputy Chief Squire: Agozie Anyamene

Notary: Michael Hermann

Bursar: Jaime Abraham Ibarra

Marshal: Anthony Orta

Sentry: Chief Okafor

Columbian Squires Circle 3058 Squires is looking forward to the upcoming fraternal year. The Squires program was developed to enhance a young man's opportunities in life – a chance to receive the leadership training and moral guidance needed to succeed. With so many different types of organizations for young men in today's world, what makes the Squires different? The Squires is a Catholic organization that builds character and develops leadership.

Columbian Squires Circle 3058 was organized and established under the supervision and control of the Knights of Columbus Council 4204 in Sugar Land, Texas. They meet on the first Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Annex across the street from St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Sugar Land. Any young man between the ages of 10 and 18 interested in joining Columbian Squire's Circle 3058 in Sugar Land, Texas should call the Chief Counselor, John J. Clennan at 281-491-8090.

“Esto Dignus. Be Worthy”

John J. Clennan

Chief Counselor

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.

TSC Finish Line Publication link to the 4204 newsletter. <http://www.tkofc.org/uploads/FinishLine-10-2014.pdf>

Please send any corrections to the list below and include your phone number.

COUNCIL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2015-2016

Chaplain			Program	Dennis Marek	
Associate Chaplain	Rev. Jose Tharayil		Membership	Stephen Frontera	281-410-1632
Grand Knight	Lloyd Waguespack	281-495-4422	Retention	Sam Gonzalez	
Deputy Grand Knight	Sam Gonzalez	281-	Church	Deacon Frank Cromer	281-565-2776
Chancellor	Stephen Frontera	281-410-1632	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		
Warden	Ken Richards		Youth	John Clennan	281-491-8090
Advocate	Glenn Redding		Family		
Inside Guard	Fred Stratton	281-491-4676	News Letter Editor	Bob Sullivent	713-689-1580
Outside Guard	Daniel Villasana		Teen Dance	Ian Cyril	
One Year Trustee	Calvin Sommer	281-242-6072	Football Sweepstakes	Pete Muceus	281-491-9671
Two Year Trustee	Ed Sebesta	281-242-4563	Bereavement	Joe Welsh	281-491-4027
Three Year Trustee	John Hermann	281-313-3819	Coin Collection	Ken Stilling	
Insurance Agent	Vince Loper	281-844-8867	Golf	Lloyd Waguespack	281-495-4422
VA Hospital visits	Fred Stratton	281-491-4676	Halloween	OPEN	
Columbian Squires	John Clennan	281-491-8090	Free Throw Contest	Stephen Frontera	201-410-1632
	Jaime Ibarra	281-491-0924	Clothing Sales	Pete Muceus	281-491-9671
Chief Cook	OPEN		Blood Drive	Paul Cinquemani	832-594-6753
BBQ Coordinator	Dominic Kutra	281-565-0787	Fish Fry	Calvin Sommer	281-242-6072

Birthdays

St. Basil 4204 Birthday Report August 2015

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

Columbus Club Officers and Directors

President Glenn Redding
Vice President Ralph Stolarski
Secretary John Herman
Treasurer Mike Matalka

Directors: John Hermann Mike Matalka
 Sal Salinas Gene Travis
 Todd Heath Dominec Kutra
 Ralph Stolarski Glen Redding
 Joe Spera Leon Anheiser
 Calvin Sommer Ed Borski
 Grand Knight Lloyd Waguespack

Green team's term expires in June 2016, Red in June 2017 and Blue in June 2018. The 13th director is the current Worthy Grand Knight, Lloyd Waguespack, of council 4204.

Leasing Manager: Sal Salinas
Maintenance Manager: Fred Trlicek

CCBS Officers, Directors and Management:

Officers to be elected July 7 after CC meeting.

There are five directors as listed below.
President Glen Redding
Vice President John Hermann
Secretary Todd Heath
Treasurer & Hall manager 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, guidance and forgiveness in our daily 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. Green remains forever.

There will be a Memorial Mass for Fr. Ritz on Saturday, June 13 at the 8:30 am Mass that will be held in St. Theresa Church rather than the daily chapel. Fr. Vincent Dulock, the Basilian Novice Master, will be the celebrant.

For Good Health & Well Being:

Archbishop Emeritus Joseph Fiorenza
Canonization of Ft. Michael J. McGivney
Conversion and Return of Fallen away Catholics
Request made at all meetings not listed here as well as in St. Theresa Bulletin and special needs
Members & Family of Armed Forces unborn for eternal life Vocations
Priests Deacons and all brother Knights and their families. Fr. Roy
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
Soldiers returning from war Fr. Miguel Obregon -- Cancer

DECEASED

Linda Dickens
William Kemmitt
Edward A. tucker
Bruce Buckles

Roland Millare's GrandMother
Bill Fritch
SK. Larry Finch
Al Ewer

Bill Merritt
Eddie Dehass
John Heitman
Zita Cherry

AS LISTED:

All members and associates on prayer list from council meetings.

Bob Sullivent – medical
Mule Family – sp. Intentions
Stephen Magyka – premature
Fred Stratton – recovery from cancer
Sabrina Hermann – Special Intentions
Mr. & Mrs. Rycinger- diabetes
Marissa Pozzi – Head Injury
Bill Louviere – Well Being

Larry Moller – special intentions
Melody Brown – Lung Cancer
Marsha krymeier Dad – Seizures
Doris & j Raphael – Health
Fr. Reynolds – New assignment
Phil Kiger – Heart Attack
Frank Cromier – triple by-pass

Bob Eder – HIP
Allam Niser – Heart Issues
Don Senger – Cancer
Martin Sullivent – Medical
flood victums in area
Darren Redding -- Surgery
Deacon Glen Haller – Health