



# The Knight Light

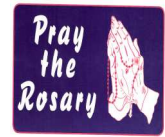
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## CALENDAR OF JANUARY EVENTS

**COLUMBUS CLUB BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS MEETING:** Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the Hall Meeting Room

**ASSEMBLY 1791 BUSINESS MEETING:** Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 7<sup>30</sup>pm

**COUNCIL 4183 BUSINESS MEETING:** Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7<sup>30</sup>pm, rosary at 7

**COUNCIL 4183 FRATERNAL MEETING:** Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup>, First Degree Initiation @ 6<sup>30</sup>pm, dinner at 7<sup>15</sup>

**PRO-LIFE MASS:** Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, at all Masses at Sts Peter & Paul and Holy Family Churches

**BINGO:** Mondays at 7<sup>15</sup> pm. Volunteers report at 6

**AFTERNOON SOCIAL HOUR:** Wednesdays in the Club Room, 1 to 5pm

**ADORATION:** Tuesdays 9pm to Wednesdays 8am, 52 weeks/year, Sts. Peter & Paul Adoration Chapel. Open to all.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY:** Columbus Club meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Officers and Directors the 6<sup>th</sup>, Assembly 1791 business meeting the 9<sup>th</sup>, Council 4183 business meeting the 11<sup>th</sup>, Council fraternal meeting the 23<sup>rd</sup>

## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE – *The view from the top* – BR ED GLISKY, 609-2264

We are all in a more generous state during this time of the year, and we all know and hear of drops in contributions to food banks, blood drives etc. after the Christmas Season. Therefore, the Knights of Columbus have announced the **FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM**. With the number of Americans and Canadians at risk of hunger far higher than usual, and the number of those planning to give to charity at this time of year lower than usual, the Knights of Columbus has committed \$1 million and legions of volunteers to its "Food for Families" program to collect food and financially support food banks in the United States and Canada this winter.

The program encourages each jurisdiction (state) in the United States and Canada to work with their local parishes) and other public places to collect food for food banks in their area. Those jurisdictions in which 25% or more of the councils participate will then be allocated a portion of the \$1 million fund for food banks in their areas. "People may not be able to give a lot of money to charity this Christmas," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "But many can give a can of soup to help their neighbors, and the Knights of Columbus is committed to providing them the opportunity to do so."

In conversations with our local SOS food bank they do confirm donations drop off after the Christmas season. Let's show them the true Principal of our Order - Charity- and continue to support our SOS food bank.

Pray the Rosary

Ed Glisky

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE – *The Anchor* – BR GEORGE GAGNON, 626-8803

BROTHERS,

I pray y'all had a great December and a very, merry Christmas. Thank you to all who made our Christmas celebrations special. Special thanks to Gloria Tschoepe who always manages to put on a spectacular Christmas Pageant despite all the last minute preparations. Thanks, Gloria!

## THE ANCHOR (CONTINUED)

"Fulfilling of the Promise" will be the theme of the **MARK YOUR DOOR FOR MARY PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN** on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Parish commitment to help every woman say "YES" to an unplanned baby is reflected in the efforts of The Gabriel Project of New Braunfels. Please join us as we attempt to gather the might of the 'Quiet Catholic' community to Honor God's will for life.

**On the pro-life front you may have noticed** that we lost the battle to keep our Pro-Life Memorial on I-35. When the property sold in November we were told to remove it. We are now searching for another location. If you or anyone you know has a piece of real estate in a prominent spot and are willing to host a pro life message, we'd love to talk with you.

**Some of you may have fallen victim** to a computer glitch the resulted in hundreds of e-mails going to your account. First, I apologize for any inconvenience. Second, those of you who sent me angry e-mails...well I can assure you I wasn't sitting at my computer thinking of ways to annoy you. In fact, one of you actually believed I spent my time clicking send over and over again. Guys, I've got better things to do with my life. Here's what really happened. The company that hosts our website investigated the problem and found a quirk in the code that resulted in that particular e-mail hanging up. As a result, it never recognized it as "sent" and so it automatically sent it again...and again...and again. This cycle was caught by our trusty Chancellor who called the host and had our web site temporarily shut down. They found the quirk and have since corrected it. I've tested it and it appears to have been fixed. Third, I don't really mind the e-mails I received that merely informed me that there was a problem...but if you were one of the folks who got angry with me and sent me one of those unnecessary ugly e-mails...I welcome you to walk in my shoes and to take my place.

**We are making plans to host our "SECOND ANNUAL KNIGHT WITH THE SEMINARIANS"**. This was our award-winning venue last year that put \$1,500 to work caring for our seminarians. This year we want to double that amount if at all possible. So, plan on joining the seminarians of the diocese at a dinner in their honor after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Until then may God continue to bless you.

Br George, PGK/GK

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES – *Entertaining, enjoyable, beneficial* – BR JOHN NEELY, 626-8659

### **Happy Birthday to these Brother Knights in January.**

Herbert H. Loubach 1 <sup>st</sup>	Joseph G. W. Mannix 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher J. Schmucker 5 <sup>th</sup>	Eric T. Owens 24 <sup>th</sup>
Ronnie E. Gullede 1 <sup>st</sup>	Charles Kucherka, Jr. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bert West 19 <sup>th</sup>	Robert A. Lowrie 25 <sup>th</sup>
Larry J. Klein 2 <sup>nd</sup>	William J. Browning 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ramiro Martinez 20 <sup>th</sup>	Emil F. Zigal 26 <sup>th</sup>
Stephen K. Mabe 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nelson E. Jechow 10 <sup>th</sup>	Dwain D. Stanton 20 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Andreas 27 <sup>th</sup>
Joe Gibson 2 <sup>nd</sup>	William A. Way 12 <sup>th</sup>	Frank P. Gonzales 20 <sup>th</sup>	James C. Knudstrup 27 <sup>th</sup>
Jerome A. Schumann, Jr. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Larry J. Fiebrich 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ignacio Martinez 20 <sup>th</sup>	Frank Fikac 28 <sup>th</sup>
Clinton Acker 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bryan D. Ott 13 <sup>th</sup>	Marvin J. Pustka 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jaime P. Gonzales 28 <sup>th</sup>
Patrick B. Koepf 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rev. Eugene T. Ronan 13 <sup>th</sup>	Richard L. Seibert 21 <sup>st</sup>	Walter A. Mushalla 28 <sup>th</sup>
Leon L. Wiley 5 <sup>th</sup>	Edward R. Crane 14 <sup>th</sup>	Paul W. Chambers 23 <sup>rd</sup>	C. T. Morales 29 <sup>th</sup>
Timothy M. Brierty 7 <sup>th</sup>	Michael J. Carl 14 <sup>th</sup> [RIP]	Timothy P. Drolet 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert W. Schima 30 <sup>th</sup>
Juan C. Moreno 7 <sup>th</sup>	David C. DeViney 15 <sup>th</sup>	Russell L. Becka 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Louis S. Palenik 30 <sup>th</sup>
Billy R. Nowlin 7 <sup>th</sup>			

## MARK YOUR DOOR FOR MARY CAMPAIGN – BR RON DASKEVICH, 830-964-6131

**Council 4183 will conduct** it's annual **MARK YOUR DOOR FOR MARY (MYDFM) CAMPAIGN** on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> to support pro-life ministries in New Braunfels. **THE GABRIEL PROJECT** provides expectant mothers with spiritual and emotional support and helps to meet their basic needs. The main goal of The Gabriel Project is to help those who feel they have no choice to choose LIFE! **PROJECT RACHEL** provides comfort and spiritual healing to those affected by abortion. Last year we raised over \$12,000 to support these worthy and essential ministries in our community. Members from our council and volunteers from The Gabriel Project will give presentations at all Masses on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Inserts announcing this event will be placed in church bulletins for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of January. We still have open slots if anyone feels the calling to give one of the presentations. A script will be provided! We will need help manning collection tables and passing out information at all Masses at all churches on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Ron Daskevich, [rdaskevich@satx.rr.com](mailto:rdaskevich@satx.rr.com) or 830-964-6131.

Merry Christmas!

Ron

## MARRIAGE VOWS RENEWAL – *[No snide comment here – Ed.]* – BR JIM BAZAR, 627-8217

The first KofC 4183 quarterly "**MARRIAGE VOWS RENEWAL**" was held at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church in October 2009 with 14 couples that had a wedding in October, November, or December. A recognition ceremony &

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reception followed with marriage certificates given to the participants. The second quarterly "Marriage Vows Renewal" will be held at Sts Peter & Paul at the Saturday Mass on January 2nd. If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary during January, February, or March and would like to renew your marriage covenant of love and fidelity toward God and each other, the Council would like to recognize you, followed by a reception. Please RSVP by calling Br Jim or Dorothy Bazar at 830-627-8217, or by e-mail to [bazadr@netscape.net](mailto:bazadr@netscape.net) no later than Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, giving your name, phone number, and date of marriage. So far, as of the beginning of December, we have three couples for the next Marriage Vows Renewal.

Hope You and Your Family have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! Many Thanks & God Bless,  
Br Jim Bazar

## INSURANCE AGENT'S COLUMN – *It's later than you think* – BR CLIFF KRISAK, 210-885-3807

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful year, full of blessings and love. I want to thank all of you who have allowed me into your home. To everyone I wish a very Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year. May God continue to bless you and your family throughout the year. Cliff

## COLUMBUS CLUB – *Location, location, location* – BR HENRY HULL, 625-4615

**New security codes** have been installed in the Hall. So anyone with a key must get a security code assigned to them or the alarm will be called in to the police. Contact the Hall manager, Chris Resendez, for a code if you are using the hall when the manager is not on the premises. We have had to tighten security due to some missing items in the storage shed. Locks have been changed on the Club Room and storage building. If you need a key for these two areas you must contact Chris at the hall about signing out the key for use. We are looking into reworking the storage closet to the right of the stage. If anyone has any suggestions or input on how this room needs to be reworked let us know.

**We are looking for a few good men** to serve on the long range planning committee for the building. We need some advice and planning to go forward with FEMA to relocate the building out of the flood plain. We have a few on this committee but it needs a few more to get started.

**Also, is there someone with some legal experience** who could help with the filing for 501c3 non-profit status to help us change to a non-profit corporation? We could save \$15,000 or more each year on property taxes. Please call me at 625-4615 or e-mail me at [hhull@satx.rr.com](mailto:hhull@satx.rr.com).

Henry Hull

## FOURTH DEGREE NEWS – SK JIM CRANNY, FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

DEAR SIR KNIGHTS:

**As we fast approach the end** to another year (yes another year of life is gone) let us look back on our accomplishments and our to do lists. As we all know time is short and please do not procrastinate (even though I am sometimes one of the worst) to get things done and off your to do list.

**I want to thank all of you who were in attendance** at the past two fall-outs honoring our deceased brothers. It was tremendous show of support to the widows as well as their families. I am sorry that I cancelled the Christmas party but it was what had to be done to honor **BR PAINE**.

Merry Christmas. May the coming year be the best yet!

Jim

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER – *Your prayers are solicited for...*

**BR JOHN PAINE**, who succumbed to complications of his cancer November 30<sup>th</sup>, and for **BETTY** and his family. Rest in Peace, Marine.

**BR JOE ALVARADO**, whom we lost the day after Thanksgiving, and for his family.

**MARIE KATHLEEN (FROELICH) HUTNYAK**, widow of **BR ALEX**, who grasped the brass ring just before Christmas, and for her family.

**BR CARLOS OLMOS**, the **FIGHTIN' AGGIE**, who's kidney is resisting its transplant, and for **DESIREE** and the kids.

**BR EJ LAGARDE**, who was rushed to Northeast Baptist Hospital on the 23<sup>rd</sup> after suffering a massive heart attack, and for **RESA** and the family.

**BR FR GENE RONAN**, who's dialed in for quadruple bypass surgery on the fifth.

**GINNY SMETANKA**, wife of **BR MIKE**.

**BR JASON MARTINI**, our Brother Knight, and all seminarians, that God will inspire and bless their religious formation.

**THE UNKNOWN KNIGHT**, who has asked for our prayers only as an unspecified "special intention".



## **EDITOR'S TWO BITS** – finishing the story

**Perhaps you remember that**, in the February Knight Light, and again in March, I revealed that my innards were in turmoil with a bleeding ulcer, Barrett's esophagus and esophageal cancer. December 16<sup>th</sup> I had my fifth treatment for the Barrett's, a procedure called Halo (which means what I don't know) that consists of lowering a small toaster down one's neck to the site of the problem, cooking the offensive tissue to a healthy crisp and scraping it away with a variety of small gardening implements. It will never catch on as a party game, believe me. But after this fifth procedure and the ensuing biopsy I am proclaimed free of Barrett's and free of cancer. The photographs of my inner neck show it to be as smooth and fresh as a baby's bottom, and probably no less fragrant. The bottom line is that those hoping for a change at the editorial level of this rag due to medical reasons will now have to take a whack at Plan B. Perhaps a coup. Give it some thought.

**I feel like I need to mention this** just once more. [This is it, I promise.] Both my ulcer-soldering guy (who discovered it) and my toast-and-scrape guy (who removed it) have told me I'm just about the luckiest somebody on this planet. It was only by dumbest of luck that the Barrett's and the accompanying cancer were discovered before Charlie was so far advanced that my options would have been extremely limited and equally as ugly. The conditions themselves caused me no discomfort. I have to assume God spared me that outcome for some reason and, upon further reflection, I am left to assume that my mission is to warn my Brother Knights and everyone else afflicted with acid reflux to get his gullet scoped. A little heartburn now and again is probably no great shakes, but more than that could be deadly. At least consider it. I'll say no more.

**2009 was a tough year** for the Council and the Assembly. A lot of good men finished the race and grabbed the brass ring: Brother Knights Marion Dome, Tony Rittiman, Nelson Jechow and Joe Alvarado; Sir Knights Bill Parodoski, Mike Carl and John Paine. For a variety of reasons I was not personally acquainted with most of these Knights, but those I knew I will sorely miss. Rest in Peace, Brother Knights.

Fraternally,

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*Vivat Jesus!!*

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Br. Childs". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a horizontal line. Below the horizontal line, there is a decorative flourish or tail that curves downwards and to the right.