



# The Knight Light

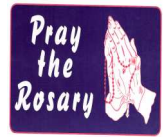
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## CALENDAR OF FEBRUARY EVENTS

**COLUMBUS CLUB BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS MEETING:** Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 8am, El Napolito's

**ASSEMBLY 1791 BUSINESS MEETING:** Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 7<sup>30</sup>pm

**COUNCIL 4183 BUSINESS MEETING:** Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7<sup>30</sup>pm, rosary at 7

**COUNCIL 4183 FRATERNAL MEETING:** Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> – First Degree @ 6<sup>30</sup>, Dinner @ 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 MARCH:** 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

**Do you have a Form 100 on you?**

**In March there will be an Order-wide MEMBERSHIP BLITZ.** We all need to be looking for new members to maintain the strength of our Order. It is a well-known fact that councils who do not recruit new members become stagnant, and in many cases go by the wayside.

**I noted this past weekend** one of the local churches had an increase of 240 new members since September 2009. I am sure there have been increases in all the churches in New Braunfels. Have you noted someone new sitting next to you at church? Have you introduced yourself? Have you asked them if they are a member of the Knights of Columbus? If not, why haven't they joined? As members get older or burned out your volunteer list depreciates. A council needs new blood: you do not get that transfusion unless you bring in new people.

**I challenge each of you** to introduce yourself to that new person, ask him about the Knights and, if we get 10%, we will have 24+ new members. Do not leave it up to your membership director; he is only one person in the sea of many. If you do not have information or a Form 100, I am sure he would be happy to supply you with the necessary recruitment tools.

Pray the Rosary

Ed Glisky

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

**BROTHERS,**

**February will be all about one night...**our Second Annual "**KNIGHT WITH THE SEMINARIANS.**" This gala event is really our last major event of the Columbian Year apart from the regularly scheduled meetings and Fish Fry. Please mark your calendar for February 27<sup>th</sup> and plan to attend. Last year those who came to the event found it to

## THE ANCHOR (CONTINUED)

be a truly fantastic opportunity to meet with and thank those young men who have dedicated their lives to serving us. I don't know of a single person who left disappointed. So, on the 27<sup>th</sup>, Cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7, opportunities galore to part with your hard earned cash in support of a very worthy cause. All proceeds go to support Seminarians.

**Lent begins in February.** Seems like it was just Christmas! The Men's ACTS Retreat will be held February 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> and is a great way to start your Lent. If you have any interest, please contact **BR LARRY WOLNIK** or me.

**With Lent comes Fish Fries** and your annual opportunity to jump in to help your Council with this fundraiser. Remember, though, that while it is a fundraiser it is also a great opportunity to fellowship. So even if you can't work, please consider bringing your family down for some great food.

**Well, for this Grand Knight** the end is in sight. **BRS LARRY WOLNIK, ERIC OWENS,** and **RON DASKEVICH** have agreed to be the nominating committee for next year's slate of officers, and my bride has forbidden me from a third year as GK, so please be prepared to step up if called. I look forward to the opportunity to watch the Council grow from the sidelines...and the opportunity to support those of you who helped me have a couple of great years. Additionally, **BR EARL RICHARD** has agreed to take on the position of Financial Secretary at the beginning of the next year. Just wanted to get that out and thank Br Earl for saying "yes" when the Council called.

Br George, PGK/GK

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

**Happy Birthday to these Brother Knights in February.** [The month is named for the latin word *februum* meaning "purification". Go figure – Ed.]

Kenneth R. Hosang 1 <sup>st</sup>	Marcus C. Ethridge 7 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph A. Yurkovic 12 <sup>th</sup>	George R. Gonzales 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Richard K. Koegle 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dennis J. Marbach 8 <sup>th</sup>	Erwin C. Tschoepe, Jr. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Orlando C. Castilleja 24 <sup>th</sup>
Howard G. Schulz 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Louis L. Huron 8 <sup>th</sup>	Elgin O. Ott 13 <sup>th</sup>	Lawrence Marbach 26 <sup>th</sup>
James K. Swiney 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jerome C. Friesenhahn 8 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph R. Corona 14 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew W. Hock 26 <sup>th</sup>
Donald M. Kruppa 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Francisco Lopez, Jr. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth L. Bates 14 <sup>th</sup>	William E. Wenzel 27 <sup>th</sup>
Ernie Mendez 6 <sup>th</sup>	Vince Velez 9 <sup>th</sup>	W alter W "Dub" Sullivan 16 <sup>th</sup>	Reinhard F. Brueckner 27 <sup>th</sup>
Robert L. Peterson 7 <sup>th</sup>	Oscar Coronado 9 <sup>th</sup>	David W. Sommers 18 <sup>th</sup>	William A. Barry 27 <sup>th</sup>
Charles S. Dreymla 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth A. Marbach 10 <sup>th</sup>	Alfred Brueckner 21 <sup>st</sup>	

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES – *Strengthening family life* – **BR TOMMY DAUM, 625-8937**

**Memorials:** The Council's annual **MEMORIAL MASS** was held in November chaired by Brother Knight **RICARDO PEREZ** and wife **LORRAINE**, along with other Brother Knights who helped set up the Club Room and assisted with the Mass. There were some 6 or so widows present. Thanks to the Perez's for handling this event.

**Family Programs:** **MARRIAGE VOWS RENEWAL** was held on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sts Peter & Paul Church following the 5pm Mass with Father Tony Pesek imparting blessings to these couples. The Event was chaired by Brother Knight **JIM BAZAR** and wife **DOROTHY**, helped by Ricardo Perez and wife Lorraine and others who brought food for the reception following in St Mary's Hall. There were some 13 couples who were recognized with certificates read by Tommy Daum and given by the Grand Knight George Gagnon. Celebrating the renewal of their vows last month were:

Richard & Emma Grisham, Travis & Margaret Poling -- 20 years  
Patti & Pat Lynch, Jr., George & Mary Jane Gagnon -- 29 years  
Ted & Joanne Davis, Hank & Darlene Melnar -- 45 years  
Herb & Betsy Caldwell, C. Joseph & Kathleen Conroy, Ray & Bernice Martini -- 50 years  
Tom & Dolores Hardy -- 59 years  
Norbert & Gertrude Schwab -- 68 years

**Congratulations!** In April there will be similar ceremony for Knights and spouses with anniversaries in April, May and June.

## BINGO KITCHEN BLUES – *God bless the bureaucrats* – **BR ED GLISKY, 609-2264**

**The Monday Night Kitchen folks** (my wife **KAREN** is the chair person) had a meeting this Friday. Due to changes ordered by the New Braunfels Health Department, we must make changes on how we operate our kitchen. We are no longer allowed to bring our homemade sandwiches and certain types of pies and cakes to sell at Bingo. All food must be store-purchased or prepared in a licensed commercial kitchen. Fortunately, the Council's kitchen is considered commercial, but that gets us only part of what we need.

## BINGO KITCHEN BLUES (CONTINUED)

**What we need are people to *build*** the sandwiches and other goodies in our kitchen. We need folks to help one day a month with food preparation during the day, or with serving on Monday evening. And we surely won't turn down donations of food, processing equipment or financial help to offset those expenses. If you can help, leave word at the Hall at 830-625-2279 or contact Karen Glisky at 830-609-2264 or via email [metag@satx.rr.co](mailto:metag@satx.rr.co). Any help or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks and God bless, Ed

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

**The Columbus Club will begin planning** for a new Hall. **BR RICH NIELSON** and **BERT WEST** will be managing the effort. We will begin meeting twice a month. The first meeting will be Monday February 8<sup>th</sup> (second Monday) at 7pm. This meeting will be to handle administrative tasks. The second meeting will be on Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup> (fourth Monday) at 7pm and it will be more technical discussion (site committee) or what the new Hall should look like and where it should be located on our property. We continue this schedule, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays (for Admin) and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays (for Site). We welcome all members assistance in the planning process. Any question you can call Rich at 830-629-2374 or Bert at 830-620-7123.

**The Wurstfest arts and crafts sale** was very successful this past year. We are now looking for a few good Knights to chair the committee for 2010. **TIM BARKER**, **MYLES PEINEMANN**, and **PAUL DELTZ** worked on this at the last month this past year. They will be a wealth of information to the new committee. There is also a file at the Hall with recommendations for this year. Contact **BR HENRY HULL** or **BR CHRIS RESENDEZ** about helping with this committee.

**The Columbus Club Association** is the board that operated the Hall. The Council cannot own property, so a separate corporation was formed to purchase the property the Hall sits on. All members of Council 4183 are voting members of the Columbus Club. There is a seven member board elected by the Council to staggered terms of 3 years. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm at the Hall. All Knights are welcomed to attend these meetings. Next meeting is February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Br Henry Hull

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

**RACHEL JOST**, three year old granddaughter of **BR ROGER** and **JULIE KRUG**, who lost her lifelong battle with cancer, and for her family.

**AGNES FEY HENK**, widow of **BR BENNO HENK**, whom we lost in early January, and for her family.

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

**BR FR GENE RONAN**, who's recuperating from quadruple bypass surgery performed early last month.

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

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

## EDITOR'S TWO BITS – *with regard to PC and PCs*

**My wife Susan thinks this is going** to get me into trouble but, unless Noah Webster is full of sheep dip, I think my defense is iron-clad. A government (or quasi-government) entity in a nearby yet unnamed metropolis for whom I do some service work recently asked me to fill out their Business Questionnaire. The purpose of the thing was to find out more about Providence Exothermic and its ownership, to see if they could build a case for funneling more business to me than to my competitors. In addition to the boilerplate -- name, address, FEIN, business type -- they inquired if PXo was a large or small business. Well, with a single employee serving as CEO, sales force, steno pool, accounting department, fab shop, janitor and gopher, they just don't get a lot smaller, so that one was a slam dunk. Then we got around to ownership and the boxes to be checked included options such as "Certified by SBA as a HUBZone Small Business" (*what!*) and "Small Disadvantaged Business not certified by the SBA". Shoot, I might have actually qualified for some of those categories but I couldn't swear to it and so checked only "Veteran Owned Small Business". So far I'm on solid ground.

**But the next question was** "What is your ethnicity?" and the choices offered were Black American, Hispanic American, Native American, Asian Pacific American, and Subcontinent Asian American. *That's it.* At first glance there seemed to be a genuine shortage of categories designed specifically to include extremely white persons of largely Polish ancestry. But upon rereading the available categories it came to me that Houston is surely in Texas, even as Texas is still part of the Union (a situation that Mr. Perry might rectify if he gets himself re-elected.) Ergo, if I'm a native of Houston, which I am, I'm a native American (although, perhaps, not a Native American) and so I checked the box. Should the excrement ever find its way into the air handler over this, it'll be fun watching them rewrite the dictionary in order to defend their political correctness. And, if the axe falls on my scrawny Slavic neck, well, they were never a major customer anyway. And, oh yeah, I have no competitors within 180 miles.

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**On a different note**, the twenty-first century has finally made its way to Hueco Springs Loop Road. For the past 18-plus years, if we wanted Internet access, we were tied to the phone lines. Too far out for DSL, too sparsely populated for Roadrunner, and too *something* for AT&T who has been telling me for years that, yep, they're coming all righty, just be patient. So we upgraded all our modems to the 56K variety and gritted our teeth. If one holds his mouth just right, on a clear and dry day he can get connect speeds of up to 24Kbps and be mighty pleased about it. Because when the weather's bad, six and a half miles of squirrel-chewed twisted pair can get real noisy, dropping the give-and-take to maybe 4Kbps. At that speed, by the time you get the answer, you've forgotten the question.

**Then we graduated to Sprint cards** – the little dedicated cell phones, slightly larger than a flash drive, that plug right into a USB port and give you 3G service to the outside world. If your cell phone has coverage, so does your computer. Marvelous contraption, and they work as well on the road as in the home, but at sixty bucks per month – plus whatever Uncle Sugar and the State can pile on in the way of fees and taxes – they're a bit pricey. Plus the fact that four computers in the house had to share a single card, the second one staying in my office next door.

**But as of last Saturday we have** (*drum roll please*).....**CLEAR**. It's a relatively new outfit that rents us a Motorola 4G transceiver with unlimited 3Mbps service that my whiz-kid son Billy connected to a \$40 wireless router in his room. It has sufficient range to reach every computer in the house as well as the laptop in my office 25 yards away. The system is fast and reliable, and only **30 bucks per month** -- plus, of course, whatever Uncle Sugar and the State can pile on in the way of fees and taxes. Why no one else – none of the major players – figured this out is beyond me, unless those of us who reside beyond the street lights and concrete curbs are just not worth their effort.

**If this sounds like a commercial** for CLEAR, perhaps it is, but it's uncompensated, I'm not in for a piece of the action. This is a win-win for everyone – for the folks out here in the sticks who have **NO** other decent options, and for CLEAR who has gone to the trouble and expense to service this niche market, and at a very attractive price. I would like to see this deal succeed to everyone's benefit. If you want more information on this, I'm at 625-4321.

Fraternally,

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*Vivat Jesus!!*

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Dr. Childs". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line. Below the underline, there is a small, stylized flourish or mark.