



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FATHER MATHIS COUNCIL #2433
Hallettsville, Texas**

December, 2011

KnightLife

Our Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2011
Place: KC Hall
Time: 7:30 PM
Social: Chicken & Rice Gumbo
 Donated By Don Rainosek
Program: General Council Business

AT OUR LAST MEETING

In lieu of the Councils general meeting, the annual Memorial Service for all the deceased members of Father Mathis Council #2433 was held. The members who have gone before us have laid a strong foundation for our Council and Columbianism, so it is only fitting to recognize and honor them. The service was held jointly with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Chaplain Father John Peters officiated over the service. We appreciate those who join us, but we had plenty room for more. The service is very touching for the families. **Our Brother Knights that passed away since our last memorial service were;**

Brothers

**Alfonse Grahmann
Walter Hemmi
John David Henneke
David Halata, Sr.
John Pavliska, Jr.**

**Louis Mikulenka
Rudy Petru
Cleo Muras
Harry Hruzek
Willard Hagendorf
Urban Hemmi**

This was a beautiful service that reflects upon those who have gone from our sight, but through God's will, will not disappear from our memory or our prayers. In our busy schedules, let us never be to busy to remember the dead. We ask God to keep our Brothers with Him in eternity.



*May the birth of Jesus
Be at the heart of your Christmas
Celebration*

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Brother Knights,
As we enter the Advent Season, we are reminded that this is a time of preparation to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. We are to spend extra time in prayer and try to do extra good works. Let us also pray that our society will try to keep Christ in Christmas during this season that has become very commercial.



As we begin a new church year on the First Sunday of Advent, we also experience a few changes in the words at Mass. We have our new missalettes and new pew cards to help us follow the prayers and get used to the new words. It will probably be a while before we become comfortable with some of the word changes, so we just need to be patient. In a couple of months we should all be familiar with the new words.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

Father John Peters
Chaplain



May God Bless us with rain!

»» URGENT ««

A very important issue will be discussed at the December meeting which will require a vote by the Council Membership. The matter will be explained and any comments or concerns will be heard. Please try to attend!

FAITH, FAMILY AND FRATERNITY

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Brother Knights:

I ask all Brother Knights to attend the January general meeting for a special presentation. Even if you have not been able to attend many meetings in the past I encourage you to attend this one. I promise it to be worth your time.

Thanks to all who attended the K of C and CD of A Memorial Service in November. It is good to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their eternal reward. Now in Heaven, we can count on them to intercede on our behalf. Thank you also to those who prepared the soup and sandwiches. It was very good. Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 20th and again will be in conjunction with the CD of A. Social will begin at 6:00 PM with the meal to be served at 7:00. A roast beef dinner will be served for a price of only \$3.00 with the exception of our Priest, Nuns, and the widows of Brother Knights who eat free. All refreshments are included; adult and others. Please call Liz or Joan at the K of C Hall to RSVP at 798-2311 so our cooks will know how much to prepare.

Before the January meeting there will be a First Degree initiation held in The Hall of Fame Room starting at 7:00 pm. Please encourage all prospective members to join. We have magnetic signs at the hall, "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" at only \$5.00 each. We can all spread the reason for the season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year;
Grand Knight
Andrew T. Pesek

PS: KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.

K.C. CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Party and Awards Night has been scheduled for **Tuesday, December 20, 2011**. An indescribable meal with an irresistible dessert will be served around 7 PM. KC service awards and Knights of the Year plaques will also be presented. There will be plenty of door prizes including gift cards, ornaments, plants and other gifts. **Doors open at 6 PM** and a happy hour with an open bar including snacks will begin then. **Just \$3.00 per person** will get one a meal, drinks, prizes and plenty of great fellowship.

Although not required, please try to RSVP to the KC Hall before December 16th at 798-2311.

All widows of our Deceased members are invited to join us for FREE!



Scouting for Food

Our local Cub Scout troop will have a drop box to collect can goods for the needy at our Christmas Party. Please bring a donation.

STAG SUPPER REPORT

There were a total of 228 in attendance at the recently held Stag Steak Supper. A big "Thank You" to Jimmy Kouba & his crew for preparing the delicious meal. Also, a special thanks to Mary Ann Janca, Charlene Pillow & Paula Steffek for donating their time to help serve.

We also would like to thank all the non members who worked the event; they include Leroy Mikeska, Mike Mikeska, Erwin Chaloupka, and Herbert Neubauer.

Total Gross Income for the event was \$4,672.61. After deducting all the expenses the net profit was \$864.15.

WILD GAME DONATIONS

With the Wild Game Supper coming up on Friday, January 20th, we would greatly appreciate any wild game meat donations. You can take it to Janak's Packing or to Glen's Meat Market for processing or you can call Glen Bludau at 772-4370.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

THANK YOU'S RECEIVED

Hallettsville 4H Club	Ice Donation
Wesley Buchanek Family	Memorial & Food
H'sville Elementary School	Fire Safety Booklets
Urban Hemmi Family	Memorial Donation

We would like to share with you the thank you received from the Wesley Buchanek Family.

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It is extremely difficult to even begin to thank the K.C.'s for all they contributed to lesson the pain of Wesley's passing. The memorial given to the church in his honor was wonderfully generous. The food prepared by Ronnie and his crew was glorious. The aroma was most welcoming as we entered the front door and it didn't disappoint. Because you were so kind we enjoyed beef, beans and potatoes for days afterwards. Those were amazing contributions and testimony to the esteem you had for my brother, But - the church being filled with his dear Catholic friends was a tribute that Wesley would have cherished. Father John was most gracious and it was the response to his prayer that warmed our hearts with the many voices being raised. Please know that we will never forget all that you have done. It had been wonderful for me to know that Wesley had found a place to spend time with friends in many worthwhile endeavors. He was forever telling me of the upcoming events! I have not even scratched the surface with the appreciation I feel for your generosity and magnanimous Sprit. My heart is full!

With deepest, deepest gratitude for your farewell to Wes!
Pat David and Family

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for someone who could do some clean up work in the KC Trailer Park. This is not the RV Park but the Trailer Park. If you would like to volunteer please call GK Andrew Pesek or the KC Hall.

How Can You Reach Us?

K.C. Hall Business Office and Bookings: 361-798-2311

K.C. Kitchen: 361-798-9106

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COUNCIL NEWS

The rental rates for the RV Park and the Trailer Home Park were reviewed and will be increased effective January, 2012.

Minutes of any meetings concerning the KC R.V. Park or the Fiddlers Frolics need to be recorded and kept.

One of the Flag Poles donated by the Mark Wick Family in memory of Becky Wick will have a marker placed near it stating the same. The other flag pole was donated by a generous member who wishes to remain anonymous.

A very preliminary report of the past Falling Leaves Festival showed a profit of around \$5000.00. Next years event will feature only 2 bands and other ideas to improve the event was discussed.

The Council voted to donate \$3500.00 towards Pro Life Speaker Abby Johnson. She will be speaking on Monday, February 27th.

A \$250.00 donation was also given to the Down Syndrome 1st Annual Buddy Walk to be held in the City Park on Feb. 26th.

A First Degree Initiation is being planned for the meeting night in January. If you have a Catholic Gentleman in mind let Johnny Scherer, Jr. or GK Andrew Pesek know.

SUPPORT YOUR COUNCIL

Come to the KC Hall Sunday, December 4th and get a great chicken fried steak lunch. The meal prepared by our local Knights is being held in conjunction with the annual Lion's Club Arts and Craft Show. You may eat there or take your plate to go, but there will be no drive thru. You must walk up to the window. Member support is appreciated, for this is a fundraiser for the hall's operating and maintenance fund.

ENRICH YOUR ADVENT SEASON

Many of us look forward to Christmas all year but let Advent pass unnoticed. This quiet season can't compete with the lights, the joy, and the excitement of Christmas. Yet Advent is a beautiful season in itself.

Consider these 5 ways to enjoy Advent as the season of hope....

1. **Come into silence.** Take some deep breaths and treat yourself to some silent time.
2. **Mark your progress.** But or make an Advent wreath and pray.
3. **Share the joy.** Make peace with anyone who wronged you. Add joy to your heart not resentment.
4. **Comfort the lonely.** Visit or invite over those who live alone.
5. **Start a new tradition.** Sing a special song, reserve a favorite food, or go out for a special event. Whatever, make it joyful & celebratory. (from Growing in Faith)

101 GUNS

The 101 Gun-Giveaway Tickets are now available. Get yours from Grand Knight Andrew Pesek, Brother Edward Grahmann or call the KC Hall. For just \$20.00 you get 101 chances to win. The drawing will be held at the Wild Game Supper.



The Council is again offering the "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for you car or refrigerator. At only \$5.00 each these can be great stocking stuffers and you can tell everyone what **Christmas** is all about. Stop by the KC Hall to get yours today.

God Bless America!

PRO LIFE REPORT

Prayer to end Abortion:

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active I the pro-lfie movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brother and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice - not for some, - but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen! (by Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life)

The Natural Choice is Life

INSURANCE NOTE

In the absence of a local KC Insurance Field Agent and your in need for immediate attention you can call Bill Morrow in Cuero at 361-243-0136.



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YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 3	Lukas/Tankersley Wedding
December 4	Lions Club Arts & Crafts Show
December 5	Rhonda Janak Benefit PTG
December 6	Private Applicators testing
December 6	KC General Meeting
December 12	S. H. Booster Club Fudge Pick Up
December 17	Hallettsville Market Days
December 20	K.C. Christmas Party
December 31	New Years Eve Dance-Red Ravens
January 1	Happy New Year 2012

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We hope you enjoyed this issue of *Knights Life*. If you have any suggestions or articles to submit please call the KC Hall at 798-2311, Ricky Steffek at 798-4828, Email Rsteffek@att.net.

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**Texas State Championship Fiddlers' Frolics
Big Buck Contest**

**Texas State Championship Domino Tournament
South Texas Polka and Sausage Fest**