



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

January, 2012

KnightsLife

Our Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2012
Place: KC Hall
Time: 7:30 PM
Social: Chili
Program: First Degree Initiation

AT OUR LAST MEETING

At our last meeting the Pro Life Rosary was recited at the beginning led by Grand Knight Andrew Pesek. He thanked all those who came out to the Memorial Service in November to pay tribute to those members who passed away. A First Degree Exemplification will be held before the January General Meeting. Candidates are to be at the hall by 6:30 PM. All were minded of the KC Christmas party on Dec 20th. Brother Knight Don Rainosek was thanked for donating the meal enjoyed by all after the meeting. Grand Knight Pesek also reminded all of a Novena for Pro Life will be held from Jan. 15th to Jan 22nd from 7 to 8 pm at Sacred Heart Church. Chaplain Fr. John Peters explained that during the season of Advent we prepare for Christ' second coming. We remember all those who have died and we pray for the repose of their souls. He stated that it is good for us to get together with the Catholic Daughters to celebrate Christmas during our annual party. He reminded all that the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation and that we should all attend mass that day. Other Feast Days during December he stated was the Feast of St. Nicholas on the 6th, Feast of Juan Diego Dec 9th and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec 12th. There would also be a special mass on the 12th followed by a breakfast. Father John congratulated the youth of the community and in a special way the Sacred Heart Indians Football Team for their state championship and Hallettsville Brahmas Football Team who advanced into the playoffs this year. We should keep all the youth in our prayers. Brother Knight Richard Poppe reporting for community activities stated that the Lavaca Co. Livestock Progress Show is December 9th and 10th. He gave the upcoming schedule of the Englein Haus on the Courthouse Square, formerly Renger's Bar. This newly opened Cultural Events Center is offering a variety of entertainment. He also asked all to remember our service men and women who lost their lives or suffered at Pearl Harbor 70 years ago. Brother Robert Pohl, with his Pro Life Report stated that the consequences of children by not being in a married family without either a mom or a dad can be bad. Poverty, lack of education, increased criminal activity and sexual violence are all increased when a child lacks a stable family environment. There can also be some affects to children of families that don't attend mass or pray together. District Deputy Joe Soto gave a short talk on his thoughts and experiences on the affects of abortion on a person. Bro. Knight Tommy Grahmann, Jr. was the lucky door prize winner.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Brother Knights,
We are finishing the old year and beginning a new one. We thank God for His blessings during this past year and for the strength He gave us to deal with the difficult things in life. We now ask God to continue to bless us and strengthen us in this New Year. Thank you all for all that you do for the church, the schools and the community. Thank you for the Christmas gifts you gave me, Fr. Tommy, Fr. James, Deacons Sonny, Joey and Linard and Sisters Colette and Emiliana. We truly appreciate your kindness. I would ask you to continue to recruit new members for the Knights of Columbus. We are a great, active organization and to help keep it great and become even greater, we need to add new energetic members. **God bless you and have a very blessed 2012.**
Father John Peters
Chaplain



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.



May God Bless us with rain!

FAITH, FAMILY AND FRATERNITY

2012



GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Brother Knights:

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Again, I ask all Brother Knights to attend the January meeting for a special message.

Thank you to all who attended the annual Christmas Party. It was a nice turnout and the food was delicious.

Congratulations to the Brothers who were honored with The Knight of the Year Awards. They were Bothers; Glenn Pagel, Richard Poppe, George Knebel and Terry Bludau. These are all deserving Brothers who exemplify what the Knights are all about. Thanks for your hard work and dedication. This year we held a food drive in conjunction with the Boy and Cub Scouts. Over 68 pounds of food and \$70.00 was collected. That's what I call charity.

At the January meeting beginning a 7 PM we are having a First Degree Initiation. Perspective candidates are asked to arrive by 6:45.

January 15th through the 23rd will be a Pro-Life Novena. All Fourth Degree Knights are asked to fall out in full regalia Sunday evening at 5 PM for a procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the court house square.

January 22nd is Pro-Life Sunday and the Knights will again be pinning on lapel roses and presenting a rose during the offertory at all the masses. We will also have a speaker at all the masses.

January 20th is our annual Big Buck night. Talk it up to all your family and friends. Come work your assigned time and have a blast. This is one of our biggest fund raisers. Thanks to all who chair this event and all who help.

God Bless!

Grand Knight

Andrew T. Pesek

**PS: EVERY SAINT HAS A PAST...
EVERY SINNER HAS A FUTURE.**

PRO-LIFE NOVENA

There will be a Right to Life Novena from January 15th to 23rd starting each night at 7 PM at Sacred Heart Church. Saturday nights will be immediately after 5:30 Mass and Sunday, 22nd at 5 PM. On the 22nd there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the courthouse square. The 4th Degree will fall out as Honor Guards the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

2011 K.C. AWARDS PRESENTED

KNIGHTS OF THE YEAR

*Terry Bludau
George Knebel*

*Glenn Pagel
Richard Poppe*

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

*Fred Grahmann Hubert Janak Robert Pohl
Daniel Melnar Fred Strauss*

65 YEAR MEMBER

Robert "Bob" Pesek

60 YEAR MEMBER

*Glen Dolezal Arthur Etzler Sr.
Leo Hoffer Raymond Janak*

50 YEAR MEMBER

*William Grahmann Hubert Janak Kenneth Henneke
Henry Joe Henke Laddie Kurtz Frank Zaruba
Charles Leopold Raymond A. Steffek Eddie Kosh*

25 YEAR MEMBERS

*Kenneth Barton Melvin Janak Curtis Patek
Tim (Buck) Janak Harvey Pavliska Jr. Larry Migl*

2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

With the coming of the New Year is the reminder it is time to pay your dues. Come to the meeting and pay your 2012 membership dues. For only \$30.00 you can get a full one year membership in one of the best Council in the state. If you can not make it to a meeting, you can mail your dues to Ricky Steffek, 433 Co Rd 199 Hallettsville, TX 77964. Again the dues are now \$30.00. Check payable to K of C 2433.

FIRST DEGREE SCHEDULED

A First Degree Exemplification will be held before the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Try to have your candidates at the hall before 6:45, so we can begin promptly at 7 PM. As a reminder the initiation fee is \$15.00 and the candidate is expected to pay for a year of dues also which is \$30.00. The application form 100 has been revised so all the candidates, regardless if you filled one out previously, will have to complete a revised form before the initiation. Call Ricky Steffek if you have questions.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT RECRUIT A NEW KNIGHT

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THANKS TO CDA

We wish to thank the Catholic Daughters of America for helping and preparing snacks for the Christmas Party. A special thanks goes out to Bea Heinzl, Anita Steffek and Joyce Janak for decorating the tables and providing the Christmas adornments. Ms. Bea also helped at the registration table along with Martha Sitka, Thanks again ladies!

DOMINO TOURNAMENT



The 58th annual Texas State Championship Domino Tournament will be held Sunday, January 22, 2012 at the KC Hall. Registration will begin at 7 AM with play beginning at 9 AM. A delicious BBQ chicken meal will be served at noon along with plates to go. Hamburgers and refreshments will be served all afternoon. The Hall of Fame players will also be named and recognized, so find you a partner and come out for a good game of dominoes and enjoy the great food. Call Chairman Daniel Rother with any questions.



WILD GAME SUPPER

The annual Wild Game Supper will be held on Friday, January 20, 2012. In addition to a great meal, come out see the winners of the Big Buck Contest. If you didn't get a ticket by entering the Big Buck Contest, the cost for entry into the KC Hall that night will be \$10.00 at the door for admission. Various drawings and contest will be available for purchase that night and the 101 Gun Tickets, along with the 4 Wheeler Give-Away will also be available as long as they last. The Outdoor Show will again be held in conjunction with the Wild Game Supper outdoors under the pavilion. Come check out wildlife feeders, stands, boats, ATV's, feeds, supplements and all kinds of truck and hunting accessories. Volunteer workers will be needed in the kitchen to serve the food. Donations of any wild game are also being accepted. Call Brother's Richard Henke, Glen Bludau, Steve Bludau, or the KC Hall at 798-2311.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW



As always the Knights of Columbus will be supporting and contributing to the youth of our great community. The Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held January 20th thru 23rd. Our council will be purchasing a few of the animals at the sale. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the January meeting for anyone who would like to make a monetary donation to help support this worthy cause. Any amount, large or small would be appreciated. If you cannot make the meeting please call the KC Hall and we can add you to the list. Our Council also donates one of the showmanship awards at the livestock show.



God Bless America!

PRO LIFE NEWS

The 39th annual March for Life that will be held on January 23, 2012 in Washington, D.C., commemorates the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973 throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

In the wake of Roe, legal abortion in our nation has claimed the lives of more than 50 million unborn children and has hurt countless women and men.

Knowing that no sound action can grow out of a vacuum of purpose, March for Life formulated the Life Principles as a forthright, comprehensive statement of the position motivating the prolife movement.

These Life Principles serve as the basis for prolife moral and legal theory by which the American people can overturn Roe v. Wade.

Join the thousands of Texans expected at the State Capitol in Austin on Saturday, Jan. 28, for the 2012 Texas Rally for Life!

Other Upcoming Pro-Life Events:

March 10-21: Back to Life: A 21-day march of young post-abortive women, starting from the Houston, Texas Planned Parenthood abortion clinic and concluding at the Roe v. Wade federal courthouse on March 31. Supported by Operation Outcry and Justice Foundation.

March 23-24: "Human Dignity at the End of Life" conference, San Antonio, TX. Find more information at www.hliamerica.com.

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.



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 3	KC General Meeting
January 8	Czech Heritage Society Meeting
January 10	H.H.S. VICA PTG
January 17	KC Officers Meeting
January 18	Sacred Heart Spaghetti Supper
January 20	Wild Game Supper
January 22	Texas State Domino Tourney
January 22	K.C. Plates to Go
January 25	Chamber of Commerce Banquet
January 30	Relay for Life PTG

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We hope you enjoyed this issue of *Knight 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**

New Year

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