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Knights of Columbus**
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Knight Times

Monthly Newsletter of Dallas Council 799



Chaplain's Message

By Fr. Josef
Vollmer-König

Dear Brother Knights,

The scripture readings during the last few Sundays can be seen as a call to Discipleship. Jesus begins His ministry by proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He does this by bringing healing to the sick. He gives hope to the hopeless. He calls the Disciples and sends them out with the mission to follow His example.

Through our baptism we are called and also sent to follow His example. The anniversary of Roe versus Wade is a reminder of this mission. The respect for life (end to abortion, death penalty and euthanasia) is an important Catholic issue for us to support.

The mission Jesus gives to us calls us to be a voice for the voiceless. We are reminded by our Bishops of the seriousness of these

issues. Our lives should reflect God's gift to us. Therefore, we need to respect His gift of life from the moment of conception until natural death. We need to respect every human being. As Knights of Columbus this is one of our commitments.

God's blessings, Father Josef

Bishop Farrell Calls Dallas Catholics to Action

Dallas Diocese's Bishop Kevin Farrell and Auxiliary Bishops Douglas Deshotel and Mark Seitz have joined Catholic bishops from throughout the United States in strongly calling for Congress to uphold the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution in regard to the latest U.S. Department of Health and Human Services rule that would force religious organizations to provide sterilizations, contraceptives and abortion-inducing drugs as part of their health plans.

Read More: <http://bit.ly/hhsruling>

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Sun	Feb 5	Scout Sunday Pancake Breakfast (St. Patrick School Auditorium)
Tue	Feb 7	Monthly General Meeting Regular KayCee Club Inc Meeting
Sat	Feb 11	Blood Drive at KayCee Hall (10-2)
Mon	Feb 13	New Member Candidate orientation mtg (6:30pm downstairs boardroom)
Sun	Feb 19	Sisters' Appreciation Dinner
Tue	Feb 21	Board Meeting
Wed	Feb 22	Ash Wednesday
Wed	Feb 22	Newsletter content deadline
Fri	Feb 24	First Fish Fry
Tue	Feb 28	First Degree Ceremonial

Coming Up

Tue	Mar 6	Monthly General Meeting

Calendar/Updates on the website: www.kc799.org

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For These We Pray ...

Please pray for our members and their family members with chronic or serious ailments, as well as the souls of our departed Brothers.

Prayer List

Pope Benedict XVI

† Sally Molenda	† Laura David
† SK Robert S. Huffman, Jr.	† SK Bob Hale
† John Michael Vance	Fr. Loyd Morris
	† James A. Johnston
	Virgil Zipper

If you know of deaths or major illnesses of Knights or their family members, please contact:

Frank Gray, (214) 328-4935
Or prayers@kc799.org

Other news

Please Welcome Connie Tolle

Please welcome Connie Tolle as she joins the KayCee Club offices. She will serve as the Office Manager and is available to assist with questions about the KayCee Hall and/or pool. For information, please contact Connie at 214-348-7940 or connie@kayceeclub.com.

St. Patrick's Valentine's Dance

You are invited to a Valentine's Dance thrown by the St. Patrick's ACTS Ministry. Friday, February 10, 2012

- Doors Open at 7 P.M. KayCee Hall
- Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
- Music by The Intangibles Band
- \$20 per person

Must Pre-Purchase Tickets for Entry. Limited Seating, First Come, First Serve. For Tickets contact any of the following:

Bob Feil, Barbara Bartolomeo, Jim or Martsie Lomonaco, Kevin Bartholomew, Caryn Peters, John or Margaret McIntyre, Cyd Hauser, Rolando Munoz, Caroline Walker, Ron Garza, Theresa Sapp, Harold Phillips, Amy Martin, Teresa Gorman, Bill Larson, or John Nordick.



Grand Knight's Letter

By John J. Little

Greetings to my Brother Knights:

February is always a busy month around the Great 799. This year is no different. The coming month presents a number of opportunities for Brother Knights and their families to participate in some great events.

We start with our monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 7. Among other items on the agenda, you'll hear a report on 799's participation in the Roe v. Wade Memorial events on January 21 and a mid-year report on our Council's charitable efforts. As always, the meeting will be preceded by a rosary at 7 pm. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, February 11, we will host our first blood drive of 2012. The folks from Carter Blood Care will set up in our lower hall from 10 am until 2 pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate if you are able.

Sunday, February 19, brings our annual Sisters' Appreciation Dinner.

Knight/Family of the Month

At our Council's January meeting, we honored **David Salazar** as our Knight of the Month. Once again, David organized our Angel Tree efforts this year to provide Christmas gifts to families served through the Brady Center. David coordinated with the Brady Center to obtain the Angel Tree ornaments identifying the gifts needed, got the tree set up, and then gathered up all the gifts that were donated and delivered them to the Brady Center so they could be distributed to the families. A special nod also goes to one of our bartenders, **Liz Lore**, who again this year served as a "substitute shopper"

You'll find a separate article about that event within this newsletter. We've already heard from a number of the Sisters we've invited and we're hoping to top the number (56) that attended last year.

As the month ends, we commemorate Ash Wednesday (on February 22) and launch into our first Fish Fry (on Friday, February 24). Our Lenten Fish Fries are important fundraisers for our charity account and present a great opportunity to volunteer a few hours and get to know many of your fellow Knights.

We're planning to close the month with a First Degree Ceremony on Tuesday, February 28. Our membership director, Patrick Vlk, has an orientation session scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2012. I'd urge each of you to do two things in preparation for this ceremony. First, invite a Catholic gentleman to join our Order. Second, make plans to attend. Nothing demonstrates the principles of unity and fraternity better than a roomful of Brothers greeting our newest Knights.

God bless you and your families!

John Little, GK

for Knights who wanted to participate but weren't able to do the Christmas shopping themselves.

We also honored the **Hooper Family** (Sean, Patricia and the kids) as our Family of the Month. Sean volunteered to chair this year's Kids Christmas Party and the whole family pitched in to make it a great success. It's impossible to host the number and variety of events that our Council puts on each year without folks volunteering to take charge; kudos to Sean Hooper and his family for doing so on the Christmas party and for putting on a fabulous event.

**Thank you to all the Members who volunteer.
You help make KC799 the GREAT 799!**

Third Annual Culture for Life Evening with the Arts

WHERE: Museum of Biblical Art (7500 Park Lane, Dallas, TX 75225)

DATE: Saturday, February 4th

TIME: 6:30pm

The evening will feature a fundraising classical music concert with **Hubert Pralitz**, Principal Violinist. There will be a silent auction with artworks and other treasures. Reservations are required.

RSVP to Birth Choice at 214-631-2402 or director@birthchoicedallas.org or purchase tickets on line at www.catholicpcpdallas.org by clicking on Gifting and then E-Giving.

COST (per ticket):

- Virtuoso \$200 includes Premier Seating and Private Gallery Tour.
- Concert Master \$100 include Preferred Seating.
- Orchestra \$ 75 General Seating.

2012 Scout Sunday Pancake Breakfast

WHERE: St. Patrick School Auditorium

DATE: Sunday, February 5th

TIMES: After 8:00 & 10:00 Masses

MENU (All you can eat):

- Traditional Bisquick Pancakes
- Delicious toppings include various nuts, berries & whipped cream
- Little Smoky Sausages
- Boiled Eggs
- Fruit bowls with a generous variety
- Oatmeal, with optional raisins and brown sugar
- Coffee, orange juice, fruit juice, milk, chocolate milk and ice water

COST:

- Military, Seniors, Kids & Teens - \$3
- Adults - \$4
- Family Discount - \$12 max. • Ages 3 & under FREE

SISTERS' APPRECIATION DINNER

One of the great annual traditions at Council 799 is the Paul Bagley/Cardy Vance Sisters' Appreciation Dinner. This year's event will be held in the upper hall on Sunday, February 19, 2011, beginning at 12:30 p.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. The Dinner is our Council's way of saying "Thank You" to all of the Sisters in the Dallas Diocese for their wonderful efforts in teaching our children, nursing our sick, praying for us, caring for our elderly, ministering to the poor, and all the other good works they perform.

The Sisters eagerly look forward to this annual event. They renew old acquaintances, create new ones, and visit with each other in a relaxed atmosphere. Brother Knights prepare, and our wives serve, a fine dinner. We also present each Sister with a bag of small gifts. Typically, the gifts include gift cards from local stores, gift certificates from various Dallas restaurants, personal stationary and cards, etc.

How can you help? First, you can help by making a cash donation or by donating a door prize, gift card, or similar items. In the past, Brother Knights have donated stationary, books, and similar personal items. If you are interested in making a cash donation, make your checks payable to KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS and send them to the Grand Knight's attention at 10110 Shoreview, Dallas, TX, 75238.

We can also use volunteers in a couple of areas. We are always looking to add a few extra wives to the serving crew. We typically need a few Brother Knights to help out in the kitchen and to provide transportation to and from our facility for some of the Sisters. Finally, we need a group of Knights to help clean up the hall at 3:30 p.m. (and prepare it for an event at 4:30 p.m.).

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the Grand Knight (GK@kc799.org), Cardy Vance (214.346.5862) or the Council offices (214.348.3931 or 214.348.7940).

Superbowl Party at KayCee Lounge

Come on out to the KayCee Lounge to watch the big game. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with fellow Knights, or invite your Catholic friends and neighbors to consider a membership with the Knights.

Blood Drive – February 11

Please remember to donate blood at the KayCee Hall on February 11th between 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.



Your blood donation is an act of true charity. Your participation in the blood drives are an easy way to share the gift of life saving blood, just as God has endowed you with the gift of life.

Thank you for your Support!

On behalf of the pool committee, the long term planning committee and the Board of Directors, we would like to thank those that supported the pool project that was approved by the general membership on January 3rd. Work has already begun on the project and in March crews will begin their work at the pool preparing for the delivery of the new slide and the filter equipment later this spring.

The KayCee pool is an iconic institution to the East Dallas community. Here at the KayCee Club we offer a very affordable, family friendly and safe facility that families are eager to join. We have built a tremendous brand here at the KayCee Club of being the premier club in East Dallas. With that comes a responsibility and cost in maintaining the facility and brand. Our commitment to the pool is what increases the value of our contribution to the community. That is why we believe these improvements are such a worthwhile endeavor. Our first class facility, like no other in Texas, remains one of the finest in the United States.



Project Status

The slide and filters have been ordered and construction is to begin in late March. If all goes well and the weather cooperates, the construction will be completed by late April. We are very excited about the improvements and continue to work diligently so that our members can experience the capital improvements throughout the entire upcoming pool season. Please check out our website at www.kcclub.org or our facebook page for details as the construction progresses.

Pool Improvement Project Assessment

By now all pool members should have received their packet in the mail for the pool improvement project assessment. The total assessment is \$230, which can be paid in a one-time payment, or spread over the course of a few years. If you did not receive your packet and you're interested in joining the pool, you can call the office (214-348-7940) or email Kirk@KayceeClub.com.

Members are Encouraged to Pay the Assessment Early

As we told you in the letter about the assessment, we are planning events to introduce our new additions, as well as encourage members to pay their assessment in full in the first year. This will help to reduce our financing costs for the project.

One event we are planning will be a **Thank You Party** for all of those who have paid the assessment in full by April 15th. This event is to be held in May before the pool season officially opens. This event will be by invitation only and will be a family event to celebrate the opening of the new slide and seating area. The party includes prizes, food and activities for the kids. Can you imagine you or your child being one of the first members to use the new pool slide? You will not want to miss this exclusive party.

To get an invitation to this party all you have to do is pay the \$230 pool assessment in full by April 15th.

Pool Access – New Policy for pool key tag

Pool Members (including Knights) who purchase the pool membership will continue to use pool key tags as in previous years. Replacement key tags are available for a fee. The key tags are scanned and verified at the pool gate.

All Knights who don't purchase the family membership but want to use the pool will be required to have a pool key tag for you and your spouse and have at least 115.00 of the assessment paid.

Beginning this summer, the only way to gain access to the pool will be a family membership or a "single" membership and you must have a pool card in your possession. We will no longer accept any other form of identification i.e. KC 799 membership cards or Drivers License. **There will be no exceptions.**

Members over 55 will be exempt from the assessment unless they are purchasing the family membership.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Connie Tolle in the KayCee Business Office (214-348-7940; Connie@KayCeeClub.com).

Jobs & Referrals

We are considering an experiment to help pass along job leads and networking referrals. If you are interested in managing a listing of Knights looking for jobs and/or available job postings, please email news@kc799.org. Depending on the level of interest we may collect and redistribute the information via email (in a separate "opt in" email list).

Golf Tournament Committee

The golf tournament committee will hold its first planning meeting in a few weeks. If you are interested in helping, please contact hectorleija@inbox.com.

First Degree – February 28

Our next First Degree ceremony will be held on Tue February 28 at 7:00 p.m. If you know of any fellow Catholics wishing to join, please get with Pat Vlk before the event. Please attend the First Degree to show your support for the new Members!

Join Knights On Bikes

For information on joining Knights on Bikes, please contact Michael Savage at (972) 948-9096. michael.savage@risd.org

Fish Fry Information

The Fish Fry is nearly here! Join us **every Friday** during Lent for all-you-can-eat fried fish and all the fixins -- french fries, hush puppies and the well-kept secret mouth-watering cole slaw. Dinner is cooked by your Brother Knights.

Cost is \$8 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. The meal is served buffet style from 5:30pm to 8:00pm and there are plenty of tables set up to enjoy fellowship with your Brother Knights and their families along with neighbors from all around the area. After dinner, you can purchase scrumptious desserts from Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1719.

This is one of KC 799's largest fundraisers of the year and the proceeds benefit our Charity account. Please support this worthy cause and invite your neighbors and friends.

Volunteers will be solicited at the February meeting – we especially need help with servers and cleaning.

Dallas Council 799 "Swag"

Purchase your KC799 apparel (with our logo and KC Emblem) at the next Council meeting.

First Degree Team

We still need Members to step up and join the First Degree Team. This is a great way to get involved. The First Degree team is vital to the growth of our Council. We would like to have an all-KC799 team, with backups for each role. If you have any interest, please contact GK John Little or Membership Director Pat Vlk.

Regular Hours

Lounge Information

Mon-Fri: Open 5pm to close*

Saturday: 2pm-close*

* Closing time is between 9pm and midnight. If you're having a good time, we're open.

KayCee Club Hall Rental

For rental (Members and non-Members), please call 214-348-7940

KayCee Club, Inc. Tuesday meetings in November, February, May, and August.

Vocation Chalice Program

Please continue to volunteer for our Vocation Chalice program. Chalices are exchanged on Tues. evenings, at the cabinet in the downstairs lounge.

Chalice 1

1/31-2/7	Kevin Morel
2/7-2/14	Richard Johnston
2/14-2/21	Mike McConnell
2/21-2/28	Pete Preston
2/28-3/6	Ronnie Coyle

Chalice 2

1/31-2/7	Jerry Bauer
2/7-2/14	Sergio Zarate
2/14-2/21	Jeff Briggs
2/21-2/28	Victor Estrello
2/28-3/6	Mike Savage

Please call **Richard Johnston** at (469) 951-8859 to sign up for this program.

Monthly Meeting Highlights

Here are the "Highlights" from the most recent Council General Meeting and Board meetings. Please contact an officer of the Council with questions.

Council General Meeting (Jan 3):

- Council "swag" is available for purchase now – shirts, caps, windbreaker
- Discussed December recognition event, felt it was a success
- Request for volunteers for Pro-Life events, Blood Drive, Sisters' Dinner

KayCee Club Special Meeting (Jan 3):

- Kirk Jockel presented pool proposal and answered members' questions
- Pool Capital Improvement project was approved

Council Board Meeting (Jan 17):

- Sisters' Appreciation Dinner – need wives and Knights to volunteer
- No motions made

KayCee Club Board Mtg (Jan 17):

- Motion to approve by-law amendment to split the boards – approved. Will present to the Membership at February meeting.

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Membership Information

Orientation Meeting:

There will be an orientation meeting on: **February 13th**

The meeting will be held in the downstairs conference room beginning at 6:30 pm, and will last approx. 40 minutes. The history, activities, and responsibilities of being a Knight will be presented. New applicants as well as those considering transferring to Dallas Council 799 are required to attend an orientation meeting.

What are the requirements?

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical Catholics in union with the Holy See.

Membership Contact:

Patrick Vlk, (214) 763-7925
pvlk@glazers.com

St. Patrick Mens' ACTS Retreat



The KC799 has stacked the deck! Our own Brother Knight Mike Hill is the retreat team director

for the upcoming Mens' ACTS retreat. Quite a few of the retreat team are also Brother Knights. We are looking forward to a great turnout of fellow Knights to attend the retreat on May 17-20th. For info, please contact:

Mike Hill, 214-288-8356
mikelancehill10@gmail.com,

or

Tom Mangelsdorf, 214-597-8174
tmangelsdorf@mindspring.com

Catholic Charities Truck

Please contact Brian Bessner (214-454-7557) to volunteer to drive the *World of Gifts* truck for Catholic Charities. Our Council needs drivers for Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons to drive the truck.

Sunday Brunch at the KC Hall

The KayCee Sunday buffet brunch is open nearly every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$10 for adults; \$5 for children.

KayCee Club Hall Rental

The KayCee Club Hall is available for rental to Members and non-Members. For information, please contact Oliver Rhein (214-348-7940, oliver_kc799@sbcglobal.net)

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