Knights of Columbus

Good Shepherd Council No. 6358
Mother Teresa Assembly No. 2523
509 Schertz Parkway
Schertz, TX 78154-1927

December 2011 Newsletter

Dec 16 - Christmas Party

Dec 31- New Years Eve Dance

MEETINGS:

1st Thru 3rd Degree
2nd Wednesday (Business) at 7:45PM
4th Degree 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM

Mikulski Hall Phone: (210) 658-5926

GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL No. 6358, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 658-5926, SCHERTZ, TEXAS 78154-1927

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3 Year – Ramiro Rodriquez……..659-2544

Grand Knights Report

Dear Brother Knights and Families

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wishing you a blessed and Merry Christmas. Speaking of Christmas, our Council Christmas party is Dec 16th. Tickets are $5 a person and can be bought at the Hall. Tentative last day to buy tickets is Dec. 3rd.

The call went out that the Habitat for Humanity house was behind schedule and was in danger of not finishing on time. Our Council stepped up and made a big difference in the final phase of construction. Thank you to Jeff Heim and all the crew that made it happen.

Brother Pat Quinn will be stepping down as our Council Treasurer at the end of December and Brother Danny Stift has tendered his resignation as Deputy Grand Knight so that he may run for the position of Treasurer. That means that we have two vacancies that we will be voted on at the December Council meeting with effective date of 1 Jan 2012. We will be taking nominations from the floor to fill both the treasurers and the DGK's positions. The duties of each are as follows:

The deputy grand knight is the second in command in the local council. He is also elected annually, assists-the grand knight in the operation of council affairs and is responsible for any duties assigned to him by the grand knight. In the absence of the grand knight, the deputy grand knight presides at council meetings and functions as the grand knight would. The deputy grand knight is a member of the Advisory Board charged with general supervision of a Columbian Squires circle sponsored by his council. It is suggested that the deputy grand knight and the board of trustees serve on the council's retention committee.

The treasurer is the elected official in charge of handling all council funds. He receives money from the financial secretary and issues a receipt for such. He is also responsible for depositing all money in the proper council accounts and providing a voucher or certificate of deposit to the grand knight for each transaction. The treasurer is also responsible for issuing payments to the Supreme Council on all assessments made by it to the council and for all orders of the council. Finally, the treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate accounts of the moneys in the general expense fund of the council and the amount of money in any special funds established by the council. He must be able to provide up-to-date records on these accounts to the grand 'knight, financial secretary or board of trustees. In accordance with section 130 of the "Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30), the treasurer is automatically bonded in the amount of $2,500 upon receipt of the "Report of Officers" (#185) at the Supreme Council office. Additional bonding may at a cost of $7.00 per thousand by contacting the office Of the Supreme secretary.

There will be a Major Degree Exemplification (Second and Third Degree) on Sunday Feb. 19, 2012 at Our Lady of Fatima Council 4315. If you or someone you know needs to advance in their degrees, please let Antonio Rodriguez, Larry Gladu or myself know. This would be an excellent opportunity to advance your Knighthood degree. Candidates cost will be paid by the Council.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued hard work and dedication in our council activities. Every member's assistance and participation makes a difference. Thank you!

Congratulations to the Knight of the Month for November – Roy Stuart
Congratulations to the Family of the Month for November – Mark and Patty Kirstein

Let us pray, Jesus, Mary & Joseph, the Holy Family, Guide Us.
Mike Foxworth, Grand Knight

Mother Teresa Assembly No. 2523

Message from the Faithful Navigator of Assembly 2523

There is only one month left in the calendar year. It is full of things to do. First is the next District 2 Exemplification at St. John Neumann Family Center on Saturday, December 3. All are invited to attend the second presentation of the revised ceremony. Ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m. The Assembly has ten candidates.

Our Assembly Christmas Party is set for Friday, December 9, 2011, at the hall. Tickets are $4.00 each and need to be purchased by November 30, 2011. Contact Carl Mangine @ 835-4212.

The hall will be decorated in all its holiday finest. Come and enjoy the company of your friends and have a good meal. Hope to see you there.

The evening's festivities will be:

6:00 - 7:00 pm	**Social hour** - cash bar, Christmas music
7:00 - 8:00 pm	**Dine** - It is a holiday menu: Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, Rolls and your choice of pumpkin or apple pie
8:00 - ?? pm	**Fellowship** - Catching up on personnel events that have occurred since we all got together last

Dues for the 2012 Fraternal Year are $27 ($20 dues, $5 chalice fund, $2 Military Chaplain Program). No bill will be mailed. This is your only notice. There will be no general meeting in December. The Christmas Party on December 9, substitutes for the meeting.

Next meeting is January 16, 2012.

The Officers Mother Teresa Assembly officers for 2011-2012 fraternal year are:

Navigator—Melroy Brandt	Captain—David Colton
Friar—Msgr. Robbins	Admiral—Roger Moore
Pilot—Wallace Vaughan	Scribe— Carl Mangine
Purser—Kerry Ledford	Comptroller—Richard Watson
Inside Sentinel—James Patin	Outside Sentinel—Joe Marsh

Trustees: 1 yr., Bill Bailey; 2 yr., Jim Hamilton; 3 yr., David Young

Melroy I. Brandt; Worthy Faithful Navigator; Mother Teresa Assembly; Schertz, TX
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Service Awards

The following members are eligible for the years of service award indicated. These awards will be presented at the regular meeting in the month of November. If you cannot be present for that meeting, it will be your responsibility to contact the Grand Knight to make alternate arrangements

George Vick	50 Years	Robert Gomez	5 Years
John Grein	40 Years	Ramon Nerio	5 Years
Michael Foxworth	5 Years	Michael Niemietz	5 Years

Ladies Auxiliary

Lady Knights,
Okay Lady Knights we are fast approaching the holiday season in which we are to be involved in so many activities that will come one after another but as always we will prevail in forefilling the call in assisting our Knights and Sir Knights. We have our monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6th.
The activities in which we will be involved with are as follows:
December 1st - Decorating the hall with Christmas cheer starting at 9:00 a.m.
December 6th - Meeting at 6:30 p.m., doing 13 retired priests baskets then having our Ladies ornament exchange.
December 9th - Decorating for Mother Teresa Assembly (4th Degree) Christmas Party starting at 10:00 a.m.
December 16th - Decorating for Knight of Columbus Christmas Party starting at 9:30 a.m.
December 31st - Decorating for the Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve Dance starting at 9:30 a.m.
We will need everyone's help in making these events successful with our decorating skills.
YSIC,
Maria Cabigon, Ladies Auxiliary President
Home: 210-659-4649 Cell: 210-854-0714

DIVINE MERCY MOMENT:
St. Faustina wrote in her diary, "Be adored, O God of mercy, because you have deigned to descend from heaven to earth. Most humbly we adore You for Your having vouchsafed to exalt all mankind.
Unfathomable and incomprehensible in Your mercy, for love of us You take on flesh from the Immaculate Virgin, ever untouched by sin, because You have willed it so from all ages.
The Blessed Virgin, that Snow-White Lily, is first to praise the omnipotence of Your mercy. Her pure heart opens with love for the coming of the Word; She believes the words of God's Messenger and is confirmed in trust… Through Her, as through a pure crystal, Your mercy was passed on to us. Through Her, man became pleasing to God; Through Her, streams of grace flowed down upon us." (Diary 1746)

Program Director- Mark Kirstein

Newsletter Distribution
If you received this newsletter via regular mail, that means we do not have your email address on file. In an effort to reduce printing and postage costs, we want to distribute the newsletter and any other Knights of Columbus communications via email. Please send us your email address so that we may update our records; include your full name in the body of the email. gskoc6358@sbcglobal.net

Brother Knights remember to wear your KC. Shirt and Badge when attending Church and Meetings. The third Sunday of the Month is KC Mass at 8 AM at Good Shepherd Church. The Fourth Sunday of the Month is KC Mass at 9:30 AM at Immaculate Conception Church

Lectors Corner

What do we truly wish for Christmas this year?

Perhaps this Christmas our wish is to love and be loved. Perhaps we only ask to be more patient, more kind, more grateful. Perhaps we longed to begin forgiving or to be forgiven. Perhaps we desire to be less distant, more loving with those who are near and dear to us.

Maybe this Christmas our heart's desire is to be less jealous or resentful or worried. If only perhaps we could be less afraid or insecure; if only we could find rest for our wearied lives.

Perhaps we have been wanting to say the words "I love you and I am truly sorry for the pains and hurts I have given you" but we cannot and can only mean the love indirectly. This Christmas perhaps we only want to trust that God is still kind and that life is still good.

When the Angel Gabriel told Mary she would be the mother of the Son of the Most High, she could not believe it! How could an ordinary person like her be part in saving humanity? How could she bear child when she is a virgin? There were so many questions that needed answers, yet she obediently and courageously replied, "let it be with me according to your word." Her faith allowed her to totally surrender herself to God.

It was through Mary's faith that we are celebrating Christmas, the birth of Christ, our Savior. What would have happened to humanity if Mary declined? When Mary agreed to be the mother of Christ, she believed that God is with her all the way. She would never be alone; she entrusted her life to God. Her faith allowed her to courageously face whatever there is to come.

Mary should be our example of what it means to have faith: total surrender and absolute obedience to God. Like Mary, let us allow God to work through us so we too can be His instruments in effectively spreading his love and hope to others.

Perhaps then if only we let Jesus, the Emmanuel, run our lives and really, truly depend on Him, then life will be easier and more peaceful. Perhaps then we will have peace in our hearts and peace in our midst.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth!

And from my family to yours may you all have a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Faith-filled New Year!

------ Deacon Elmer and Lilia Fernandez and family

Membership Activities – Tony Rodriguez, Director

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Knights of Columbus applications for Scholarships for the school year 2012-2013 need to be received at the Knights of Columbus Hall not later than Feb 1, 2012. Applicants must be a spouse or a member in good standing of our Council or an unmarried son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a member in good standing and must be planning on attending a school in the state of Texas. Completed applications shall consist of a high school transcript, or grades from a recent term; with a short description of goals and extracurricular activities. Awards will be paid to the applicant's institution after proof of acceptance and enrollment is received by the selection committee.

Applications may be obtained from the Council office Monday through Saturday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Thanks, Ed Higgs

First Degree Exemplification

A First Degree exemplification is scheduled at the council hall on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 8PM. We request prospective members to be at the hall by 7:30PM. Contact Jerry Trahan, 830-914-4834.

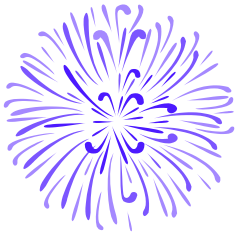
Membership Recruitment Church Drive

Friendship Sunday

Friendship Sunday, supported by our council, is scheduled for the third (3rd) Sunday of every month at Good Shepherd Church after the 8AM Knights Mass. Coffee, orange juice and doughnuts will be served by the council. We need Brother Knights to support these events to help with recruiting new member. Contact Gerald Fey, 658-1937 or Chris Tusko 658-4687 to volunteer to help with the recruiting of new members.

Knights Sunday

Knights Sunday, supported by our council, is scheduled for the fourth (4th) Sunday of every month at Immaculate Conception Church after the 9:30AM Knights Mass. Coffee, orange juice and doughnuts will be served by the council. We need Brother Knights to support these events to help with recruiting new members.



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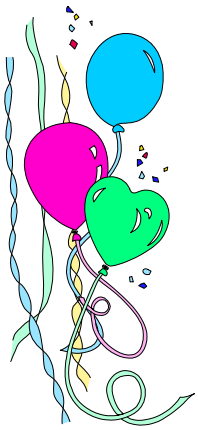
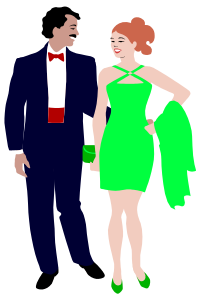
Happy Birthday



Nick Ramos on the 1st
Peter Guillemette on the 4th
David Young on the 9th
Frederic Wicker on the 14th
Anthony "Tony" Krasnai on the 17th
Eloy Esquivel on the 19th
Ralph De La Rosa on the 22nd
Paul Maple on the 24th
David Degollado on the 29th
Jeffrey Johnson on the 29th
Joseph Svoboda on the 29th

Michael Burton on the 4th
Kenneth Truitt on the 6th
Lucio "Mike" Torres on the 13th
Adolph "Aggie" Aguilar on the 16th
Nicolas Moreno on the 17th
George Rodriquez on the 19th
Edward Adam on the 23rd
David Wissmann on the 26th
John Grein on the 29th
Carl Sanders on the 29th

Happy Anniversary



Jerry and Leslie Trahan their 32nd on the 1st
Joseph and Patricia Moore their 66th on the 2nd
Emillio and Carmen Rodriquez their 25th on the 12th
Jesse and Rita Del Torro their 25th on the 13th
Paul and Rita La Combe their 66th on the 16th
Elmer and Lilia Fernandez their 30th on the 19th
Mark and Patricia Kirstein their 26th on the 20th
Mark and Sandy Lindhorst their 26th on the 21st
Harold and Nelly Jones their 50th on the 22nd
Ricardo "Richard" and Olivia Hinojosa their 49th on the 23rd
Roberto and Nellie Vasquez their 30th on the 26th
William and Patricia Boisvert their 31st on the 27th
Robert "Bob" and Bertha Weigold their 43rd on the 28th
Gregory and Tracey Ellison their 22nd on the 30th

REMEMBRANCE

Pray for the souls of the following deceased Good Shepherd Knights. They will be remembered during our Rosary

Fred K Thomas	December 1, 1975
Lee R Stout	December 29, 1987
Joe Vocke	December 1, 1988
Benjamin Tortorici	December 22, 1994

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Eucharist Benediction Good Shepherd- 7 PM	3 WEDO – Gary Cabigon Bar Team 4 - Pete Perez Jr
4	5	6 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	7 Columbus Club Board Meeting 7:00 PM	8	9 4th Degree Christmas Party 6PM	10 WEDO – John Samson Bar Team 1 Jerry Bortell
11	12 Officers Mtg. 7PM 1st Degree 8PM Candidates 7:30 PM	13	14 Council Meeting 8PM; Rosary 7:45 PM	15	16 Knights of Columbus Christmas Party 6PM- Social 7PM- Dinner	17 WEDO – Mark Kirstein Bar Team -2 Mike De Buysere Squires Officers Meeting -4:30 PM ; Mass 6:00 PM
18 K of C Memorial Mass - Good Shepherd – 8AM; Knights Choir 7:15 AM Squires Autumn Winds Bingo 3:00 PM	19	20	21 District Chapter Meeting 7PM	22	23	24 WEDO – Bill Bailey Bar Team 3- Jerry Trahan
25 K of C Mass Immaculate Conception 9:30 AM Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 WEDO – Ed Rzeszotarski Bar Team- 4 -Pete Perez Jr New Years Eve New Year's Eve Dance 8- 12:30

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6358

Christmas Party

December 16, 6PM
6:00-7:00pm Social
7:00-8:00pm Dinner
Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes,
Gravy, veggie, salad and bread
8:00-?? Holiday Activities
Children meet Santa, gifts given, adult Christmas Nativity Story. More information to follow.
Check your email.
Tickets $5.00 ea and they may be purchased at the November monthly business meeting or at the hall
Mon-Sat 9:00am-12:00pm
Last Day to RSVP is 6 Dec

News Year Eve Dance

December 31, 8 - 12:30 PM
Presenting The Tail Pipes
Party Favors, Champagne and Breakfast
BYOB and Table Snacks.
Admission $25.
$25.oo per Coupls
Smoke Free Hall.

Tickets availanle at the Knights of Columbus Hall - Schertz, Tx