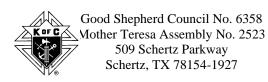
## **Knights of Columbus**



## **DECEMBER 2020**

Meetings:

1st Thru 3rd Degree

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (Business) at 7:30 PM, Rosary 7:15 PM

4th Degree 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM, Rosary 7:00 PM

Mikulski Hall Phone: (210) 658-5926

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## **Grand Knights Report**



## **Brother Knights and Families**

We had a busy October with a Fish Fry with 471 meals, Knights Sundays, Fraternal Benefits Night, Exemplification for 4 new Knights, Columbus Day Senior Appreciation dinner for 278 people, blood drive with 31 people, and Father McGivney Beatification. November was just a busy with a Fish Fry with 484 meals, Knight Sundays, Knights Widows brunch for 21, and A Women's Haven benefit. I am most grateful to all the Knights and ladies who help make all our activities a success. The ladies have helped a lot with Fish Frys. Our October Knight of the Month is James Snow and Family of the Month is Yasmin and Gerry MacFarlane. See below for our events in December.

We need Team 4 Leader and a Life Director. Please contact me if you are interested. Vivat Jesus, SK John Hoeft; Grand Knight, Good Shepherd Council 6358

Charity: October: \$6,015

• Proceeds from bingo support charities in Texas: \$30,000 in October

Proceeds from fund-raising activities support charities, programs, and operations

operations

• Four Seminarians: \$400

Boy Scouts: \$300Girl Scouts: \$300

Good Shepherd Church: \$1,000

Good Shepherd Religious Education: \$375

• Immaculate Conception Church: \$500

• Immaculate Conception Religious Education: \$125

• A Women's Haven: \$1,000

• Columbus Day Senior Appreciation Dinner: \$515

• Scholarships: \$1,500

#### Unity:

Friday December 4, Fish Fry: first Friday of the Month: Team 4

Wednesday December 9, 7:30 PM: Business Meeting, Dinner 6:30 PM, Rosary 7 PM: Team 1 Mark Kirstein

Sunday December 20, 8:30 AM: Knights Sundays at Good Shepherd third Sunday

Sunday December 27, 10:15 AM: Knights Sundays at Immaculate Conception fourth Sunday

Fraternity: Field Agent: Roberto Sibug: 210-460-9664, Roberto.sibug@kofc.org

#### Patriotism:

## Knights Sunday

Please wear your blue Knights of Columbus shirt with name tag. This will promote the Knights. 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 Good Shepherd Church. The Fourth Sunday of the Month is KC Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

## **Knights Choir**

The Knights Choir is suspended until further notice. Larry Gladu, PGK (210) 326-0675

## **Special Event Team Schedule:**

- Friday December 4, Fish Fry: Team 4
- Wednesday December 9, Business Meeting: Team 1 Mark Kirstein
- Wednesday January 13, Business Meeting: Team 2 Teddy Mosqueda

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#### **Service Awards**

The following members have completed the indicated years of service and will be recognized at the October meeting.

Humberto Hernandez, Jr. 15 Years

Justin Mc Kernan 10 Years

Dennis Schmoekel 5 Years

#### Chancellor/Membership Director: Thomas Stamp

#### Chancellor

The tilma fundraiser of Our Lady of Guadalupe is officially scheduled for 1 November thru 20 December, but the tilmas are available now for those ready to purchase. They will also be available at all upcoming Council events at the Hall. Sale is not limited to the Council or the parish, so spread the word far and wide. Small are \$15 (or 2 for \$25), Medium are \$60, and Large are \$200. Payment can be made by cash, credit card, debit card, or check made out to Council 6358. Contact the Chancellor at 210-239-1412 or KCCouncil6358@gmail.com for additional information or to make a purchase.

Volunteers are requested to support the tilma fundraiser sales. Ideally, 2 brothers at each mass so one can manage cash and check payments while the other manages credit and debit card payments. Sales would be outside the church immediately following each mass. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the Chancellor.

Programs: Michael Fritz

#### Community: Arturo Ybarra

- Saturday December 12: Road Cleanup; Javier Espinales
- Saturday January 23, 6-8 PM: Free Throw Competition; YMCA

#### Faith: Martin Herrera

- Building the Domestic Church Kiosk: Consider reading one of the booklets from the Building the Domestic Church Kiosk or online https://www.kofc.org/un/en/cis/index.html each month. Greg Ellison
- Check out Into the Breach videos at: <a href="http://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html">http://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html</a>

#### Family: Frank Jurado

- Knight of the Month
- Family of the Month
- Sunday December 13, 2 PM: Council Advent Party
- Sunday December 27, 8:30 AM: Consecration to the Holy Family Mass at Good Shepherd

Life: Need a Volunteer

#### **Good Shepherd Columbus Club**

Jesse Gonzales was elected President, Manual Aguilar Vice President, Tom Stamp Secretary, and Lee Perovich Treasurer.

#### DIVINE MERCY MOMENT

St. Faustina, was always very thankful for everything she received in life even for her suffering. From her diary the following prayer reveals to us how she appreciates God's love. "O Jesus, eternal God, thank You for Your countless graces and blessings. Let every beat of my heart be a new hymn of thanksgiving to You, O God. Let every drop of my blood circulate for you, Lord. My soul is one hymn in adoration of your mercy. I love You, God for Yourself alone." (Diary 1794)

## **Council Advent Party**

The Council Christmas party is quickly becoming a reality. The event is scheduled for Sunday, 13 December at Mikulski Hall. The doors will open at 2 PM and runs through 7 PM. The party is considered an open event. What this means is that all members and guests are invited. You may use this party as a recruitment tool. Most importantly, the party is FREE. Once again, the party is FREE. Santa will make an appearance to deliver gifts to the children. So, make an attempt to bring your children to see and receive a gift from him. The Council requests that the parents bring a wrapped gift posted with the child's name. All the presents will be Santa's bag for distribution. Come and see the smiles that will accompany this special activity.

An adult gift exchange will also be on the agenda. This is a fun activity that all will enjoy. The participants are to bring a co-ed gift valued between 10-15 dollars. Of course, the gift should be wrapped. Brace yourselves for the fun to begin.

The Auxiliary will provide multiple hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Unfortunately, with this or any other event, help is always required. A head count will definitely be of assistance. Please RSVP email John.Hoeft55@gmail.com. Let's welcome the Season. Let's have some fun, please join us, come one and all.

## Lecturer's Corner: Dan Dúet For the Good Of the Order: On Being a Light that Shines in Darkness: Opportunities Abound

Brothers,

Recently I have been asking people to describe their feelings about the Year 2020 and, if possible, to do so with just one word. The responses have been along the lines of: challenge, disappointment, hardship, disbelief, fear, worry, and other similar responses.

As has probably been the case for many, if not all, of you, during the past week people have been asking me what I feel about the election that is still not resolved. Upon reflection, the words that keep coming to me are: excitement, hope, witness, anticipation, and opportunity. Even with all of the turmoil and uncertainty, I find this to be an exciting time to be a Christian in general, a Catholic in particular.

Let me share a Scripture verse to help explain: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:5 The light "shines" in the darkness. The evangelist, John, does not say that the light is visible in the darkness, or flickers in the darkness, or can be seen in the darkness. No. The light shines.

You and I, Brothers, we are being given an opportunity to make a statement to the world around us. You and I, Brothers have an opportunity to bring faith to those whose world has been shaken, hope where there is confusion and despair, love where there is hate. We are being given the opportunity to be examples of what it means for the light to shine in the darkness around us. Or as I like to say, to shatter the darkness.

Further along in John's gospel we read: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

This is an opportunity for each of us to take stock of where we stand with Jesus in terms of our faithfulness to being worthy of the title, "Disciples". This is a time whereby we can be honest with ourselves and our God in assessing the areas where we can continue to grow and mature in the Spirit so that in our following Him we will, in fact, not walk in the darkness.

St. Paul reminds us: "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light..." - Ephesians 5:8 I like that directive... "Live as children of light..." Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are no longer orphans so we do not live as orphans. We are no longer outcasts but instead we are, all of us, heirs to the King of Kings. And indeed, we are not children of darkness but children through whom the Light of Christ can and should and must shine.

St. Matthew tells us that this living as children of Light is a witness we give to the glory of God:

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." - Matthew 5:16

This is our duty, our responsibility, our opportunity. When we allow the Light of Christ to shine through us, we are giving glory to God. How awesome is that?

This Year of 2020 has been a year that none of us will ever forget. When we look back at it, though, what will we remember it for? The negative things I referenced at the start and so many other negatives that could be in that list? Well, many people, in fact, probably most people, will remember this Year for all the negative reasons.

But I believe that the uncertainty of the final result of the election allows us time to reset our perspective of 2020. What is God thinking? What is He up to? What direction will our nation be headed? It gives us time to reflect and pray.

Yes, we can remember this Year of 2020 for all the negative reasons, and there are many, many negatives. Or we can make something of this crazy year yet. We can turn it into an opportunity to be witnesses to the Light of Christ, every single one of us, to be His witnesses that no matter the circumstances, no matter the darkness, as long as His Light shines through His disciples, there is still hope.

I don't pretend to know where any of you stand regarding the election or your view of this past year as a whole, but I encourage every Knight to turn to God with an eagerness, perhaps even an unquenchable yearning, to be the light that shatters the darkness. A light that tells the world that regardless of all the events that have transpired this year, all of the confusion and chaos that is still churning, regardless of all those who put their faith in the hands of men rather than God, we are, indeed, children of the Light and as long as we have at least one breath left, the darkness will not overcome the Light. Not as long as we have at least one breath in us.

Brothers, we do have an opportunity. We may never again have an opportunity like this one. To be the hope of God that our world, our nation, our community and even our Church so desperately need. And maybe most importantly, for some of us, being the Light of Christ might be what our own families need.

You and I are Knights of Columbus and are called to take a stand as leaders. Let us lead now, when the world around us seems to be crumbling, when so many of the 'Faithful' have lost their faith, when the desperate are searching for answers. People everywhere are wandering in their own darkness. Let us lead with the Light of Christ, lead with resolve and determination, lead with confidence, lead with courage.

In other words, let us lead as God has called each of us to be: Knights of Columbus.

### **Knights of Columbus Scholarship**

Knights of Columbus applications for Scholarships for the school year 2020-2021 need to be received at the Knights of Columbus Hall not later than March 31, 2021 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 Website and return completed Application to the office Monday through Saturday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Thanks,

#### **Ladies Knights Auxiliary**

The KC Ladies Auxiliary mission is to support and assist our Knights in their charitable works. Any Lady who is 18 years or older in our parish may join the KC Ladies Auxiliary. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at Mikulski Hall from September through May. We do not meet during June, July and August. We strengthen ourselves and the Knights of Columbus through our unity, support; prayer and comradery.

#### Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary 2019-2021 Officers are:

PRESIDENT: Patsy Foxworth, phfoxworth@sbcglobal.net phone: 210-846-4150

VICE-PRESIDENT: Carol Schindler, carol.schindler82@gmail.com phone: 210-274-1725

TREASURER: Bertha Weigold, bgyau01@yahoo.com phone: 210-643-6977

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Ann Dumas, catahoulamooch@yahoo.com phone: 210-788-9078

RECORDING SECRETARY: Barbara Hoeft, barb.hoeft@att.net phone: 618-558-4732

Nominations Chair is Barbara Hoeft. All officer positions will be open for 2021-2023 election. Please contact Barbara Hoeft if you are interested in running for an officer's position.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

December 1 – KC Ladies Auxiliary dinner meeting- At the Hall December 4 - Fish Fry – KC Ladies Auxiliary has Bakery

With all our meetings we will follow CDC practices for social distancing and wearing masks. We hope to provide a zoom meeting option – watch your email for details.

May God keep all in his care. Your Sister in Christ, Patsy Foxworth; KC Ladies Auxiliary President

## Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori Challenge

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Gospel for Nov. 22, Mt 25:40)

St. Teresa of Calcutta observed that in the poor we can see Christ in a distressing disguise. Quite frankly, it can be difficult to see Christ in some of those who suffer. But we, by virtue of our baptism, are Christians on a mission: We are called not to ignore those who suffer, but to attend to their physical and spiritual needs. May we, my brother Knights, strive to recognize the face of Christ — however obscured it may seem — in the faces of the poor and suffering around us and respond to them with Christ's love and compassion.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to find a way to directly serve the poor, the sick, the needy or the imprisoned in some way, such as by serving in a soup kitchen. Second, I challenge you to join with your brother Knights in the Faith in Action Food for Families program so as to help feed the hungry in your midst.

Questions for Reflection:

Why is it so difficult at times to see Christ in every human person? What obstacles exist in your life that prevent you from being more aware and attentive to the serious needs of others? How can serving others help you see Christ in them?

## **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**

We are very happy to announce that our First Friday Fish Frys are back. This month, December, we will have a drive thru only fish fry.

## **Knights of Columbus Good Shepherd Council 6358**

At the Knights of Columbus Hall 509 Schertz Parkway, Schertz Texas

\$10.00 For Adult Plate and \$7.00 for Children under 12 and seniors over 65
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Dine in to enjoy the fellowship with family and friends or
Dive thru and pick-up a plate
Adult 8 meal ticket card being sold for \$70.00
Use as many per visit as you want

#### **MENU**

Adult Plate
2 pieces of Fish fried or baked
Cole Slaw
Corn
French fries or Baked potato
Ice Tea

Seniors and Child's Plate
1 Piece of Fish fried or baked
Cole Slaw
Corn
French fries or Baked potato
Ice Tea



# December 2020

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nick Ramos on the 1st
Peter Guillemette on the 4th
Richard Stinson on the 7th
Gilbert Trejo, Jr. on the 9th
Eric Dapilmoto on the 12th
Alberto Valadez, Jr. on the 14th
Adolph "Aggie" Aguilar on the 16th
Nicolas Moreno on the 17th
George Rodriguez on the 19th
John Hoeft on the 21st
Gilbert Fuentes on the 22nd
Edward Adam on the 23rd
David Wissmann on the 26th
Manuel Aguilar on the 29th
Joseph Svoboda on the 29th

Alejandro "Alex" Morales on the 2nd Kenneth Truitt on the 6th Brian Burke on the 8th Alexander Gonzales on the 11th Lucio "Mike" Torres on the 13th Frederic Wicker on the 14th Anthony Krasnai on the 17th Eloy Esquivel on the 19th Manuel Ybarra on the 20th Ralph De La Rosa on the 22nd George Vargas on the 22nd Cedrick Quinene on the 23rd Jorge Lundy on the 28th Jeffrey Johnson on the 29th Jerry Croniser on the 30th

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Brian and Jeanette Hanson, their 4th on the 5th Ralph and Mary Alice De La Rosa, their 38th on the 11th Emilio and Carmen Rodriguez, their 34th on the 12th Jesse and Rita Del Toro, their 34th on the 13th Patrick and Brenda-Lea Hoage, their 6th on the 16th Maruice and Sabina Nwagbara, their 16th on the 18th Elmer and Lilia Fernandez, their 39th on the 19th Greg and Tara Kirkwood, their 10th on the 20th Ernesto "Ernee" and Shirley Lozares, their 39th on the 20th Mark and Sandy Lindhorst, their 35th on the 21st Lawrence and Laura Ann Perovich, their 30th on the 22nd Ricardo "Richard" and Olivia Hinojosa, their 58th on the 23rd David and Alona Lingo, their 20th on the 28th Aldo and Esther Castagnetto, their 22nd on the 29th Thomas and Sandy Love, their 14th on the 29th Gregory and Tracey Ellison, their 31st on the 30th

#### REMEMBERENCE



Fred K Thomas December 1, 1975
Lee R Stout December 29, 1987
Joe Vocke December 1, 1988
Benjamin Tortorici December 22, 1994
Joseph M Moore December 19, 2012



# **DECEMBER 2020**

# **Knights of Columbus – Good Shepherd Council No. 6358**

MON	TUE 1 Ladies Auxiliary Rosary 6:00PM Meeting 6:30 PM	WED 2 Columbus Club 7 PM	THU 3	FRI 4 Eucharist Benediction Good Shepherd 7 PM Team #4 Fish Fry Drive Thru Only	SAT 5
7 Officers Meeting 7 PM	8	9 Regular Business Dinner 6:30 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Meeting 7:30 PM Special Event team # 1	10	11	12
14	15	16 Chapter Meeting	17 Last Day for Newsletter Input	18	19 WEDO – Robert Fishback Rodrigo Bejarano Bar Team #2
21 4th Degree Business Meeting 7:30 PM Rosary 7:00 PM	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26
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