

Knights of Columbus

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



FEBRUARY 2023

Meetings:

1st Thru 3rd Degree

2nd Wednesday (Business) at 7:30 PM, Rosary 7:15 PM

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

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3 Year – Martin Herrera.....210-330-9141



Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights and Families



January was a busy month, starting with another successful fish fry, the Basketball Free Throw competition, Movie Matinee, Nine Days Novena for Life, and March for Life in San Antonio and Austin. Your support that you give to the Council, the community and to me makes my job easy to be your Grand Knight. Brothers, just remember that your family comes first, and that you do not have to do all the activities that we do. You help where you can, but keep in mind that Lent starts this month and that means weekly, Friday Fish Fry's. We need all the help we can get.

As some of you have already heard, Supreme is asking us to be more involved in developing our spiritual needs as a Knight. O.L.P.H. has a program on Saturday morning reflecting on the readings of the day. Please contact Martin Herrera for more information.

Finally, we're at the halfway point in new memberships, we need eight more members to meet our quota for the year. There are men out there that are looking to be part of a Fraternity that gives so much to the community, all you have to do is invite them to be part of something special.

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Consider adding the following to your spiritual practices this month:

Consecrate, or reconsecrate, your family to the Holy Family by praying the Consecration to the Holy Family every day.

Invite your family members to join in one of your spiritual practices every day.

Presentation of Our Lord (Feb 2) The Presentation of the Lord occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. Read Luke 2:22-35, the account of the presentation including the Cantic of Simeon.

The Chair of St. Peter (Feb. 22) The Knights of Columbus have a long history of serving the pope. On this feast that celebrates the authority of the pope, pray especially for the Holy Father and his intentions.

Lent The three traditional practices for Lent are Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. When you're choosing to "do something" or "give something up" for Lent, make sure that you have a plan in each practice. Use a notebook and write down your Lenten sacrifices for the month.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which is a day of fasting.

Laws Concerning Fasting and Abstinence On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics are obliged to fast and abstain from meat. To fast means eating one main meal and eating smaller amount of food at other times of the day. When fasting, snacking is not permitted. Abstinence means that no meat is eaten on those days for those between the ages of 14 and 60. As a way of keeping the memory of the death of the Lord on Good Friday alive in our spiritual life, Fridays in lent are days of abstinence; the Church also teaches that all Fridays are days of penance, and abstinence is the preferred form of penance. On Fridays throughout the year (outside Lent), if you are not abstaining from meat, you should substitute some other comparable form of penance. On Fridays during Lent, no substitution is permitted.

For the Month of December, the Knight of the Month is Jerry Weaver and Family of the Month David & Pamela Wissmann

Vivat Jesus, SK Javier Espinales; Grand Knight, Good Shepherd Council 6358

Charity:

- For the month of November, \$3,974.07 went out to different charities.

Unity:

- Saturday, January 28th, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Austin March for Life, meet at the Hall at 10:00 AM if you would like to carpool together.
- Friday, February 3rd, Fish Fry: Team 1 Mark Kirstein
- Monday, February 6th, 7:00 PM: Officers Meeting
- Wednesday, February 8th, 7:30 PM: Business Meeting, Dinner 6:30, Rosary 7:00: Team 4 Rocky Cheadle
- Sunday, February 19th, 7:15 AM: Knights Choir, Matthew Martinez
- Sunday, February 19th, 8:30 AM: Knights Sundays at Good Shepherd third Sunday
- Friday, February 24th, Fish Fry: Team 2 Bill Wyckoff

- Sunday, February 26th, 10:15 AM: Knights Sundays at Immaculate Conception Church fourth Sunday
- Friday, **March 3rd, Fish Fry: Team 3 Larry Mendoza**
- Monday, March 6th, 7:00 PM: Officers Meeting
- Wednesday, March 8th, 7:30 PM: Business Meeting, Dinner 6:30, Rosary 7:00: Team 2 Bill Wyckoff
- **Friday, March 10th, Fish Fry: Team 4 Rocky Cheadle**
- **Friday, March 17th, Fish Fry: Team 1 Mark Kirstein**
- Sunday, February 19th, 7:15 AM: Knights Choir, Matthew Martinez
- Sunday, February 19th, 8:30 AM: Knights Sundays at Good Shepherd third Sunday
- **Friday, March 24th, Fish Fry: Team 2 Bill Wyckoff**
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- **Friday, March 31st, Fish Fry: Team 3 Larry Mendoza**

- **Knights Sunday**

Please wear your blue Knights of Columbus shirt with name tag, this will promote the Knights.

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.

Contact: Altar Servers: Danny Stift; (210) 243-9035

Lectors: Rich Nielson: (512) 653-3356

Ushers: Martin Herrera; (210) 330-9141

Eucharistic Minister: David Dumas: (210) 788-9502

Knights Choir: Matthew Martinez (210) 885-9545

Knights Choir

The Knights Choir will sing on Sunday, February 19 2022 at Good Shepherd Church at the 8:00 AM Mass. Rehearsal is at 7:15 AM. We are looking forward for more Knights to join us.

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

Patriotism:

To submit an article to THE GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER, write to the Newsletter Editor, williamdaniels@sbcglobal.net or drop it by the office at 509 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, TX. To change your address, you can email us at GSKOC6358@sbcglobal.net. The Newsletter is published monthly. Deadline input to the next issue is Thursday February 16 2023

Special Event Team Schedule:

- Friday, February 3rd, Fish Fry: Team 1 Mark Kirstein
- Wednesday, February 8th, 7:30 PM: Business Meeting, Dinner 6:30, Rosary 7:00: Team 4 Rocky Cheadle

Years of Service

The members listed below have completed the indicated years of service and will be recognized at the February meeting.

Edward Higgs 50 Years	Arthur St. Hilaire 20 Years	Henry "Hank" Alves 10 Years
Abraham Pascual 10 Years	Cedrick Quinene 10 Years	Joshua Garcia 10 Years

Membership Director (Tom Stamp):

- Just as Father McGivney personally asked the men of his parish to assist him in meeting the needs of his parishioners, so too must members of our Council ask every eligible Catholic man to join us and assist with meeting people's needs. It is our moral obligation to invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus.
- Key to Recruiting Success #2: Make a good impression with the right attitude and body language. Maintain a positive attitude, smile often, avoid being negative, and always look the prospective member in the eye when talking with him. Next Admission Committee meeting is scheduled for 6 PM on 6 February at Mikulski Hall. Brothers are welcome to participate. Please inform me in advance if you plan to attend since our meeting space is limited.
- Reminder: The Council's ability to increase its charitable impact in our parish and our communities is a direct result of successful recruitment.

Roundtable Coordinator (Tom Stamp):

Knight's Sunday mass at ICC will be at 10:15 AM on 26 February. All are invited to come celebrate together. Donuts will be served afterward and volunteers to serve in the mass are always welcome. Please contact me if you'd like to participate.

With the return of the Precious Blood during the Holy Eucharist at mass starting at Advent, ICC requires a few additional volunteers to execute wholly as a Knight's mass. Without a few additional volunteers, we will need to use some non-Knights as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist during Knight's mass. So, if you'd like to help out at ICC Knight's Sunday masses, please let me know.

Regional Free Throw Competition (Tom Stamp):

This year's Archdiocese-wide free throw competition will occur at 9 AM on 11 February at St Pius X Catholic School on Harry Wurzbach Road in San Antonio. If you'd like to volunteer to support this fun event for kids, please contact me.

Shining Armor Award (Tom Stamp): Awarded for active service to the Council and the Order. Previously awarded only to new members within their first 12 months in the Order, this award is now available one time to all members who complete the following requirements in one fraternal year at any time in the life of their active membership. Contact me if you are interested in knowing more about your eligibility.

- Be involved in at least 3 council Faith in Action programs
- Attend at least 3 council meetings
- Attend an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity
- Meet with the council's insurance representative or attend a fraternal benefits night
- Sponsor at least one man who becomes a member of the Order

Chancellor: Will Clouse

Programs: Adam Warden

Community: Jose Florez: No Report

Faith: Larry Mendoza

- 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](https://www.kofc.org/un/en/cis/index.html) each month.
- Check out Into the Breach videos at: <http://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>
- Consider watching KnightCast: <https://knightcast.constantcontactsites.com/>

Family: Michael E. Trigueiro

- Family of the Month: December– David and Pamela Wissmann
- Knight of the Month: December – Jerry Weaver

Life: Ralph De La Rosa

- If you have been participating in Life events, you could qualify for your Ace Wings.
 - Sunday, January 22nd, 9:45 AM: ICC Rosary Novena for Life
 - Monday, January 23rd, 7:00 PM: GSC Rosary Novena for Life
 - Tuesday, January 24th, 7:00 PM: GSC Rosary Novena for Life
 - Wednesday, January 25th, 7:00 PM: GSC Rosary Novena for Life
 - Thursday, January 26th, 7:00 PM: ICC Rosary Novena for Life
 - Monday, January 27th, 7:00 PM: GSC Rosary Novena for Life

- **Criminal Justice Ministry: Jerome Kirstein**

Fourth Degree:

- We will be presenting the movie: Mother Teresa: No Greater Love on Sunday February 19, Social 2 PM, Movie 3 PM at Mikulski Hall. All are welcome.

- Texas Rally for Life: March 1 PM, Rally 2 PM - Texas Capital; Do you want to grow spiritually? Consider attending ACTS Retreat: Men at work...Building a Spiritual House May 4-7.

SK John Hoeft, Mother Teresa Assembly 2523 Faithful Navigator

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SK Dan Dúet, Lecturer

Someone is Always Watching

We are commanded, by Jesus, to share the Gospel. There are many ways that the Holy Spirit can work through us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Even in the very, very ordinary; even when we have no idea someone is watching.

I've learned that if I want to be a Christian witness to someone, I need only pray to the Holy Spirit something along the lines of, *"Holy Spirit, I want to share Jesus with someone today, someone who has been spiritually searching and is now ready to hear about Jesus. At some point today, have our paths cross, let me know that this is the one, and then help me get the conversation started and give me the words to speak. Amen."*

It would take a very long time to tell you the graces and the fruit that has come from that simple prayer and a willingness to be used as a disciple for the past 4 decades. Here is how easily the Holy Spirit can work through each of us.

It was about 8:00pm in December, with a somewhat cold wind blowing, that I was in the parking lot at Sam's just off IH-35 at Judson Road. I was about to begin loading groceries in my trunk when a lady and someone I took to be her granddaughter had just walked up to the car right next to mine and began to put away her groceries. I noticed on the bottom tray of the cart were two cases of water.

I asked if she'd let me get those for her and put them in her trunk. With a sigh of gratitude, she said "Yes. I'm so tired. Thank you." For me, as with any man in this room tonight, it was absolutely no problem. It was a courteous thing to do.

After she left and about the time, I was finished putting away my own groceries, I heard a voice from behind me, "Sir. Excuse me, sir?" I turned and it took me a second to realize the voice came from an employee of Sam's, a young man perhaps 20 years old. He had been collecting the empty carts in the parking lot and so I thought he was going to ask me if he could take my cart for me. Instead, he caught me completely off guard.

He said, "I just want to thank you for helping that, lady." He was about 12 feet away from my car and hers and said he stopped his work to watch us. I had no idea someone was watching the interaction between us but I responded that it was just the way I was brought up... whether someone asks for help or not, if you are in a situation where you can offer to help, you offer to help.

He continued, "With all the bad news in the world and with all the stress I've been feeling, I said a prayer today even though I don't know if God really exists. But I prayed that if there was a God, to please give me a simple sign of hope; let me see something good today; let me see someone who cares so I can know there is more than just evil in the world. Please give me a sign of hope." And then, he continued, "I think God just answered my prayer."

This led to an interesting conversation.

In addition to being worried about the state of the world and our country, he was stressed out about his personal situation: his girlfriend is pregnant and expecting in March. They considered an abortion but, in the end, decided against that. Neither of them comes from a family that ever practiced any type of faith, Christian or otherwise. They were fearful for the future of the world in general and for their own future personally, wondering what kind of world their baby would be born into.

At first, I didn't do much but listen to him. I asked a few clarifying questions here and there, but mostly I listened. Simultaneously I was listening for the Holy Spirit to let me know: Is this one of those intersecting paths from God? Is he ready to hear about Jesus and something about the Catholic Faith? Or am I to simply listen?

When it seemed that he had gotten a ton of stress off his mind, I asked a simple question: "You say you don't know much about God: Do you know very much about the Catholic Church or Jesus?" When I finished asking him this question I immediately prayed to the Holy Spirit, "Give me the words You want him to hear." This is another contextual use for Mark 13:11 which says, in part,

"But say whatever will be given to you at that hour. For it will not be you who are speaking but the holy Spirit."

When he said that he did not know much about the Church or about Jesus, I began to share with him a bit about my belief that there is a God and continued on about how incredible His love is. I don't recall everything I shared with him but I did assure him that there is a God and that this God loves him, his girlfriend, and their baby. I believe that the Holy Spirit knew what he needed to hear and kept it at that.

I gave him my contact information and I added his name, his girlfriend and the baby that God was forming in her womb to my prayer list. I didn't preach to him that he was living in sin because they were not married; instead, I have begun to build a relationship of trust with him such that I know the Holy Spirit is leading to the day when I can, in fact, converse with him about the beauty of Marriage and what that would mean to him and his girlfriend and to his child.

But for now, I simply assured him that there is a God and that God, Himself, set up this meeting between us in the parking lot; that our meeting was not random or coincidental.

You see, I had meant to go to Sam's about an hour earlier but was delayed. Had I gone an hour earlier none of this would have occurred and perhaps this young man may have already given up on believing in God. Initially I had been annoyed that I was late in getting my shopping done but, in retrospect, I was able to see that perhaps there was a reason I had been delayed. We all know that with God His timing is impeccable.

Not only has each of us been commanded to share the Gospel, but when we say "Yes" to Him, He provides us with everything we need in that very moment to share the Good News. We need not be endowed with any special gift; we simply need to say "Yes" to God.

We may not always know when someone is watching us, but God does.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY

But I say to you, do not swear at all.... Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one." (Gospel for Feb12, Mt 5:34a-37) Jesus here decries casual oaths that offend God, but all sorts of deceitful, blasphemous or obscene language is frequently heard in our society today. Taking the Lord's name in vain – or misusing our gift of speech in other ways – has become commonplace. Showing respect for God is fundamental to the Christian life and doing so in our speech is a pivotal place to start. Let's speak plainly and keep our speech pure and true to honor God.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to mindfully practice curbing your tongue, particularly avoiding taking the Lord's name in vain. Second, I challenge you to seek to grow in your respect for God as a Catholic man by participating in the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you pay much attention to what you say and how you say it? Do you notice what you hear around you, whether from the people in your life or from media you consume? What are some specific ways you can try to avoid speech that fails to show respect for God?

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies would like to thank the Knights who showed up to help take down and store all the holiday decorations. The help was greatly appreciated and helped tremendously.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be helping with the monthly Fish Fry on February 3 from 5:00-8:00. Come join us for great food. The Auxiliary and their spouses will be celebrating Valentine's Day at their monthly meeting on February 7. Please remember your dinner contribution. We also invite everyone to join us on February 21 at Willie's Roadhouse at 18210 I-35 for the Good Shepherd festival fundraiser. A percentage of sales that day will benefit the festival. Come one, come all and tell them you are supporting Good Shepherd.

Beginning February 24, the Knights will be holding Fish Fries and Ladies Auxiliary will be holding bake sales each Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Come support the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary as they support our community through their charitable donations.

May God keep all in his care always.

Your Sister in Christ, Patsy Foxworth

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Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

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At the Mikulski Hall 509 Schertz Parkway, Schertz Texas

\$12.00 For Adult Plate and \$9.00 for Children under 12 and seniors over 65

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Drive thru Dine In, or Take out

Adult 8 meal ticket card being sold for \$84.00 you can 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

February 2023

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Richard Otero on the 1st	Frank Jurado on the 2nd
Jay Ralph on the 2nd	Joshua Smith on the 2nd
Donald Barrett on the 5th	Gerald Fey on the 5th
Rudy Lopez on the 5th	Jeffrey Heim on the 6th
Ernesto "Ernee" Lozares on the 6th	Raul Contreras on the 9th
Rudy Padilla on the 9th	Donald Sweet on the 9th
Modesto Suarez,Jr. on the 11th	Rafael Gutierrez on the 12th
Matthew Bloomingdale on the 13th	Gordon Pfeil on the 14th
Jim Theisen on the 20th	Albert Pena on the 21st
Jesus "Jesse" Gonzalez on the 22nd	Martin Herrera on the 23rd
Warren Klebig on the 23rd	Juan Gomez on the 26th
Xavier Herrera on the 27th	

ANNIVERSARY

Alphis "Al" and LaVerne Smith, their 57th on the 5th
Thomas and Genevieve Kelly, their 28th on the 7th
Christopher and Grace Herrera, their 14th on the 8th
Patrick and Suzie Marbach, their 54th on the 8th
Harold and Laverne Bauman, their 67th on the 11th
Michael and Terry Gonzalez, their 17th on the 11th
Gerald and Christy Weaver, their 39th on the 11th
William and Joan Mueller, their 57th on the 12th
Richard and Elizabeth Da Parma, their 25th on the 14th
Alexander and Caroline Gonzales, their 11th on the 14th
Dale and Edyth Gross, their 36th on the 14th
Jason and Melissa Renteria, their 25th on the 14th
Richard and Brandy Watson, their 22nd on the 16th
Donald and Juliet Grace, their 54th on the 19th
John and Pat Foster, Jr, their 63rd on the 20th
Teddy and Rachel Mosqueda, their 24th on the 20th
David and Pamela Wissmann, their 45th on the 25th
David and Christina Vasquez, their 42nd on the 28th

REMEMBERANCE

Glen Francis	February 1, 1986
Jim Clair	February 23, 1986
Eugene B Mc Cabe	February 5, 1996
Nick Castro	February 23, 1997
Lou Stafford	February 4, 2006
Timothy L Stockman	February 28, 2007
Nolberto T Briceno	February 1, 2010
Wendell J De Rouen	February 10, 2010
William R Kelley	February 24, 2012
Patrick D Quinn	February 19, 2013
Ramon N Nerio	February 1, 2015
Frederick H Hazelton	February 24, 2016
Charlie A Lopez	February 20, 2018
Manuel S Ybarra	February 14, 2021
Adolph "Aggie" Aguila	February 21, 2021

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Columbus Club 7 PM	2	3 Eucharist Benediction 7PM Fish Fry Team #1	4
5	6 Officers Meeting 7 PM	7 Ladies Auxiliary Rosary 6PM Meeting 6:30 PM	8 Regular Business Rosary 7:00 PM Meeting 7:30 PM Team # 3	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Chapter Meeting	16 Last Day for newsletter Input EDO -Mike Trigueiro No Bar Team	17	18 EDO – Brian Hanson Bar Team # 4
19 K of C Mass Good Shepherd – 8AM; Knights Choir- 7:15 AM 4 th Degree Movie Night Doors open 2PM Movie “Mother Teresa 3PM	20 4 th Degree Business Meeting	21	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24 Fish Fry Team #2	25 EDO -Larry Mendoza Bar Team #1
26 K of C Mass Immaculate Conception Mass 9:45 AM First Sunday of Lent	27	28	29	30	1 March Eucharist Benediction 7PM Fish Fry Team #3	2