

# Knights of Columbus



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



## December 2017 Newsletter

### MEETINGS:

**1<sup>st</sup> Thru 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree**

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree** 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM, Rosary 7:00 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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2 Year – Jim Lovering.....806-884-8324

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# Grand Knights Report



## Dear Brother Knights and Families

Hard to believe 2017 is almost over. I know we had a very busy as well a very productive year in 2017. Our fund raising monthly breakfast and fish fries generated additional funds which in turn allowed us to significantly increase our charitable donations. We collected and donated approximately \$4,000 to the American Wheelchair Foundation. We also collected nearly 400 coats and donated an additional 100 plus new coats to our local schools and distributed thanksgiving baskets to local families as well as numerous other charitable donations. I believe our Council has lived up to the First Principle of our order. These results could not have been achieved without everyone support and helping hand, so thank you all for making this year such a success.

Now that December is upon us, we look forward to the wonder and joy of Christmas. A time to enjoy the fellowship of old and new friends, and cherish the company of family in this season of loving and sharing. We have several upcoming Church and Council activities and parties at which I hope to see many of you. Come and celebrate Christmas and new the New Year with our Brothers and our families.

The Good Shepherd Church Christmas Party is December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Our Council Christmas Party is on December 10<sup>th</sup>, and we'll also host the Archdiocese Chapter Christmas Party on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. There are no tickets to buy for either of these. The Chapter event is an open meeting so please bring your wives. This is an excellent opportunity for us to showcase Council 6358. Since Teams are assigned to each of these events, please help your Team lead when he calls on you.

Brothers I need your help in getting your volunteer hours in. At the end of each year we need to send the Fraternal Survey to Supreme, so please fill in the Individual Activity Worksheet either at our Council's web site or the paper version included in each newsletter

**May peace, happiness and goodwill be with you and your families not only on Christmas but every day of the year. Wishing all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

“FREEDOM TO SERVE” Let us all serve by giving a little of our time and talents. If you are able, consider coming out and helping with our fund raising and family activities. Together, we can make a difference within our Council, our Parish and our Community.

### The Special Event Team schedule is as follows:

- Dec 1 - Team 2 Jim Lovering (Fish Fry)
- Dec 3 - Team 3 Hank Alves (Good Shepherd Christmas Party)
- Dec 10 - Team 4 Jerry Weaver (Breakfast)
- Dec 10 - Team 1 Mark Kirstein (Council Christmas Party)
- Dec 20 - Team 2 Jim Lovering (Chapter Christmas)
- Jan 5 - Team 3 Hank Alves (Fish Fry)

VIVAT JESUS

Hank Alves, Grand Knight

### 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 December. If you cannot be present for that meeting it will be your responsibility to contact the Grand Knight to make alternate arrangements.

Arturo O. Cruz	40 Years
John A Hoswell	5 Years
Reynaldo J. Lania	5 Years

**To input general information, to submit an article to THE GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER, write to the Newsletter Editor, [williamdaniels@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:GSKOC6358@sbcglobal.net). The Newsletter is published monthly. Deadline input to the next issue is Thursday December 21, 2017.**

## Ladies' Auxiliary



*Pray*

*r of Thanksgiving:*

*O'Lord, We thank you for all the good gifts you share with us. We thank you for the food we eat, for the beauty of the seasons and for the wonders of your creation. We thank you for our friends and families and ask you to bless and watch over us all. Most of all Lord, we thank you for sharing your life with us, and for the gift of your son, Jesus. Amen*

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus was created to support the Knights. We do this by showing up to their events; working with them to raise funds for numerous charities. In turn the Knights support our Ladies Auxiliary events. We are very fortunate and thankful to be a part of such a cohesive organization. We invite all women who have a Knight in their family to join us. If you have a brother, father, uncle, nephew, son, or spouse who is a Knight – you can join the Ladies Auxiliary. By being a part of the Ladies Auxiliary, you will find yourself among a group of women who are like minded in spirit, deeds, and in purpose.

**The Ladies Auxiliary would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to our KNIGHTS for helping out with the setup and breakdown at the Holiday Sale and Craft Show!!!! We could not have done it without you all.**

**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!!**

Please join us at any of these upcoming events:

**Wednesday, November 29: 4:00pm-8:00pm**

Pizza Night while Decorating the Hall for Christmas – We will also build the basket for the Nuns who are our Christmas Party Guests.

**Tuesday, December 5: 6:00pm-8:00pm**

Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting and Christmas Gathering; we have a cookie exchange; ornament exchange; Italian Dinner provided by the Ladies Auxiliary Officers; in addition to lots of merriment for all. We have the Nuns in as our guests.

**Sunday, December 10: 3:00pm-7:00pm – Knights Christmas Party**

The Ladies Auxiliary is providing appetizers and desserts for the Knight's Christmas Party.

**January's Meeting has been pushed to Tuesday, January 9, 2018.**

**Merry Christmas!! - May your holiday be filled with great love, laughter and warmth.**

For further information, please contact:

**Patsy Foxworth**

**K C Ladies Auxiliary President**

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## DIVINE MERCY MOMEMENT

The following quote from St. Faustina's Diary our Lord Jesus of Divine Mercy points out to us how important and is guiding us sinner's especially great sinners to repentance and conversion. He is offering us this period of Mercy and this time of Mercy will not last forever. Let us not get caught facing or Lord in our judgement because we failed to take advantage of this grace period – the time of Mercy is now.

**"[Let] the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make and appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to my compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. Write: before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice..." (Diary 1146)**

## Lectors Corner

### **December to Remember**

WOW! It seems like just yesterday we were writing down our New Year's resolutions. So how did that go? Did you lose that weight? Did you pray a little longer? Well, here we are and it is time to give Thanks to the greatest give of ALL, "JESUS"! So how do we as Catholics celebrate Christmas? Remember, Christmas isn't over after the plates from Christmas dinner are cleaned and put away and just take your presents and get on with your life. It seems like the secular Christmas season is getting a bit, shall I say, out of control. The Christmas season starts earlier and earlier every year to the point that the line between Thanksgiving and Christmas is a blur. In our old Christmas carols and Christmas stories, the Christmas tree was trimmed on Christmas Eve or shortly before . . . now Christmas trees go up Thanksgiving weekend, and yes, now even before Thanksgiving! So, who can save us from this runaway trend? YOU us Catholics. Here's what I mean. Staring December 1<sup>st</sup> to Christmas Eve is the Advent season, not an extension of the Christmas season. This is also known as "Little Lent" with the liturgical color of purple. This marks a time of penance and fasting and prayer. So, my suggestion is to be different from all the Christmas madness happening outside the Church, and live Advent in your hearts and homes like it's a time of penance and prayer until Christmas Eve, and live Christmas like it's a time of light and joy for the whole twelve days of Christmas. So, what does this look like in practice? Here are a few very meager suggestions for celebrating Christmas like a Catholic:

First, I would suggest that you not deck out your homes in full blown Christmas lights right off the bat. Instead, on each Sunday that you light a candle on your Advent wreath, add corresponding lights to your house as well. The next Sunday add a bit more, and so on. Then on the last Sunday of Advent, or on Christmas Eve, your house can be fully lit in its entire beautiful array, because the time for rejoicing has arrived.

Second, start adding layers of decorations to the Christmas tree each Sunday of Advent. Maybe start with just one string of lights, and add more lights and more ornaments each Sunday of Advent.

Third, don't treat Christmas like it ends on December 25<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget that Christmas has 12 days. The 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas is the Feast of the Epiphany, when the three wise men arrived to present Jesus with gold, frankincense, and myrrh. So this December, let us celebrate the greatest gift of ALL and make it a December to Remember. God Bless.

## Membership Activities

### Knights Sunday Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will have a Sunday Breakfast at Mikulski Hall on December 10, 2017 from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. The meal includes: Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage or Bacon, Coffee, and Orange Juice. The cost is \$6.00 Adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Children under 5 are free.

### KNIGHTS SUNDAY

Knights Sunday Mass is scheduled for Good Shepard Church on December 17, 2017 at 8:00 AM. Knights Sunday, supported by our Council, is scheduled for Immaculate Conception Church on December 24, 2017 after the 9:45AM Mass. Please support this event to recruit new members.

### Knights Choir

The Knights Choir will sing on December 17, 2017 at Good Shepherd Church at the 8AM Mass. Rehearsal is at 7:15AM. We are looking forward for more Knights to join us. Interested, please contact Larry Gladu, PGK 210-659-3187.

### **Tom Stamp – Membership Director**

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING at Council Hall on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:30PM.

## **Youth Activities**

The poster contest is going on and the theme is Keep Christ in Christmas. The deadline is 10 Dec 2017. Entry forms can be pickup from the Religious education classes. Judging will be done on 13 Dec and winners announced on 17 Dec. The basketball free throw competition will take place in Jan. More information to come.

David Lingo

## Council Christmas Party

The Council Christmas party is quickly becoming a reality. The event is scheduled for Sunday, 10 December at Mikulski Hall. The doors will open at 3:00PM and runs through 7:00PM. 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.

Gift cards will be raffled off at various intervals. The Auxiliary will provide multiple hors d'oeuvres and desserts. The Council plans on serving the following: ham, green beans, whole new potatoes, tamales, beans, rice and all the trimmings.

Unfortunately, with this or any other event, help is always required. Do believe that Team 1 is on schedule for the event.

A head count will definitely be of assistance. Please call Ray Davila at 210-723-7984 for your RSVP. Let's welcome the Season. Let's have some fun, please join us, come one and all.

INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY WORKSHEET: You can now enter your hours on our website.

**This information will help us prepare our Fraternal Survey for Supreme Council office. . Please return to the form at our next meeting.**

**1. Number of visits you made to the sick \_\_\_\_ Bereaved \_\_\_\_**

**2. Were you a blood donor? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No**

**3. Estimated hours of community service during the month:**

**Church Activity (service in all Church related activities) \_\_\_\_.**

**Community Activity (service in all community related activities) \_\_\_\_.**

**Youth Activity (service in all youth related activities) \_\_\_\_.**

**Habitat for Humanity (service in all related projects) \_\_\_\_.**

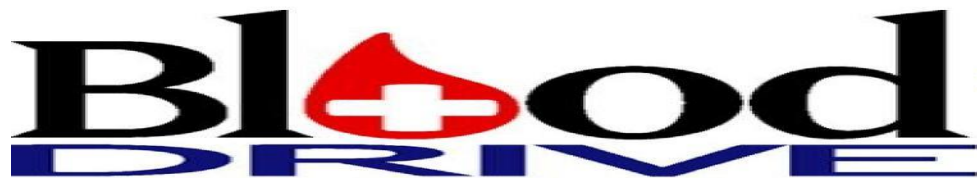
**Culture of Life Activities (service in all related projects) \_\_\_\_.**

**Miscellaneous Activity (service in areas not outlined above) \_\_\_\_.**

**4. Number of Hours of fraternal service (any service to our sick/disabled members and their families. \_\_\_\_**

**5. Number of hours in attendance or working at our council functions \_\_\_\_.**

**Please include any hours your Family members might contribute as well. Thank you for all**



January 14,2018

509 Schertz Parkway , Schertz Tx

**DONORS WILL RECEIVE A "FREE KNIGHT'S BREAKFAST" AT MIKULSKI HALL COURTESY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Location: MIKULSKI HALL Date: Jan. 14, 2017 Start time: 0800 - End time: 1200**

**Blood Draws will be scheduled at 15 minute intervals.**

**DONORS MUST SIGN-UP TO DONATE!**

**Contact any of our Knights on how to sign-up for a time slot to Avoid Waiting!  
South Texas Blood and Tissue Center representatives will be drawing blood.**

**KOC points of contact: Gary Cabigon, 210-854-0751, [garykoc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:garykoc@sbcglobal.net) and**

**Hank Alves, 210-885-0577, [halvest1@att.net](mailto:halvest1@att.net)**

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - INSURANCE**

### **Helping Our Families Prepare**

Tempus fugit memento mori – times flies, remember death.

The phrase, we are told, is to remind us to be conscious of our own mortality and to plan accordingly. As Catholics, we keep death always in the front of our minds because it is the gateway to paradise, but also because we want to be sure that we are preparing accordingly and living just lives, conquering sin and living for God, so that we may live with Him after death.

But death is not always easy to think about. While we live with Christian hope, we know that our death also means sadness and trial for those we love. We know that we will leave a void, and, depending on the circumstances of our own death, we may even leave loose ends.

That's why we developed the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*.

The *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* is a no-cost tool available from me to you.

The thirty-four page book is a comprehensive planning guide that will enable you to record personal information, identify personal wishes, and supplement legal documents.

With the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*, you can:

- List medical information
- Identify your long-term care instructions and wishes
- Identify the location of records, documents, accounts, password, and other important concerns
- Identify charitable gifts
- Supplement your will with instructions and information on the distribution of your estate, as well as information on guardians, executors, and power of attorney
- Express your wishes for your funeral service, including identifying readings, lectors, gift bearers, pall bearers, and fraternal or military organization involvement
- Prepare a Survivors' Action Items and Concerns listing for the settlement of your estate and the execution of your last wishes
- Establish a list of people to notify
- Record information on life insurance policies and other benefits
- Express your wishes for an obituary
- Write a letter expressing your wishes to your pastor

The *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* may not be the most enjoyable workbook you have ever filled out, but may be the most impactful.

In a fast-paced digital age like ours, there are so many more things to plan for and to record, and so much less time in which to do it. The *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* is an easy and effective way to gather your thoughts, details, data, and wishes for the benefit of your loved ones.

This great resource is another extension of our founding mission, set forth by Father Michael J. McGivney, of protecting Catholic families.

As pointed as it may seem, *tempus fugit memento mori* reminds us that we – with certainty – will die, but that we may very well not – with certainty – know when.

So why not spend a few minutes preparing for the inevitable?

You'll have the comfort of knowing that you did the right thing, and the assurance that, when that time does come, you will have made a very difficult time just a little bit easier for the ones you love.

To get a complimentary copy of the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*, contact me today.

God Bless,

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# December 2017

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nick Ramos on the 1st	Peter Guillemette on the 4th
Kenneth Truitt on the 6th	Gilbert Trejo, Jr. on the 9th
Eric Dapilmoto on the 12th	Brian Thalhofer on the 12th
Lucio "Mike" Torres on the 13th	Frederic Wicker on the 14th
Adolph "Aggie" Aguilar on the 16th	Nicolas Moreno on the 17th
William Burns, Jr. on the 19th	Eloy Esquivel on the 19th
George Rodriguez on the 19th	Chris Herrera on the 20th
Manuel Ybarra on the 20th	John Hoeft on the 21st
Ralph De La Rosa on the 22nd	George Vargas on the 22nd
Edward Adam on the 23rd	Cedrick Quinene on the 23rd
David Wissmann on the 26th	Manuel Aguilar on the 29th
Jeffrey Johnson on the 29th	Joseph Svoboda on the 29th

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jerry and Leslie Trahan, their 38th on the 1st  
Brian and Jeanette Hanson, their 1st on the 5th  
Charles and Sue Mechtel, their 35th on the 6th  
Ralph and Mary Alice De La Rosa, their 35th on the 11th  
Emilio and Carmen Rodriquez, their 31st on the 12th  
Jesse and Rita Del Toro, their 31st on the 13th  
Patrick and Brenda-Lea Hoage, their 3rd on the 16th  
Maruice and Sabina Nwagbara, their 13th on the 18th  
Elmer and Lilia Fernandez, their 36th on the 19th  
Greg and Tara Kirkwood, their 7th on the 20th  
Mark and Sandy Lindhorst, their 32nd on the 21st  
Lawrence and Laura Ann Perovich, their 27th on the 22nd  
Ricardo "Richard" and Olivia Hinojosa, their 55th on the 23rd  
Roberto and Nellie Vasquez, their 36th on the 26th  
David and Alona Lingo, their 17th on the 28th  
Robert "Bob" and Bertha Weigold, their 49th on the 28th  
Aldo and Esther Castagnetto, their 19th on the 29th  
Gregory and Tracey Ellison, their 28th on the 30th  
Troy and Stephanie Doane, their 30th on the 31st



## REMEMBRANCE

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



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1 Eucharist Benediction Good Shepherd 7 PM Fish Fry 5PM-8PM Special Event Team #2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3 Good Shepherd Christmas Party Special Event Team #3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Ladies' Auxiliary 7:00 PM</b>	<b>6 Columbus Club 7:00 PM</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Knights Breakfast  08:30 AM – 10:30 AM Special Events Team #4  Council Christmas party Event Team #1</b>	<b>11 Officers Meeting 7 PM Admissions Committee 7:30 PM</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Regular Business Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7 :30PM Rosary 7:15PM Event Team #3 Meeting Meal 1<sup>st</sup> Degree</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 K of C Mass Good Shepherd – 8AM; Knights Choir- 7:15 AM</b>	<b>18 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Business Meeting 7:30 PM Rosary 7:00 PM</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20 Chapter Meeting Here Special Event Team #2</b>	<b>21 Last Day for Newsletter Input</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 K of C Mass Immaculate Conception 9:45 AM Christmas Eve  ----- 31 New Year's Eve</b>	<b>25 Christmas Day  ----- 1 January 2018</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>