

Knights of Columbus



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



Shining Star Council FY2017

January 2018 Newsletter

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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Grand Knights Report

Dear Brother Knights and Families



New year's day has come and gone, did you decide to adopt a New Year Resolution? The practice of making New Year resolutions can also be applied to our spiritual life as well as to how we can help in making a difference in someone else's life. The new calendar year presents an opportunity for us to reflect on the previous year's and make plans to do at least one small thing different in the new year. Plan one achievable thing this year and work to make it a habit. Let us make it a habit and get involved in our Council and our Parish.

Wow, hard to believe 2017 is history with six months remaining in the fraternal year. It has been challenging, rewarding and fun working with my Brother Knights and our Auxiliary Ladies. We should all be proud of our council's good works and look forward to build on our accomplishments in the remaining months of our fraternal year. Membership growth will certainly help in this effort. Last year, at this time we were at 57 percent of goal, this year we are down at 35 percent which means we need to invite our friends and parishioners to join our order.

If you have not yet reported your volunteer hours, please do so as soon as possible. This can be done by submitting paper copy or on our Council's web site. Please report all hours for both Council and Parish activities and be sure to include family volunteer hours.

I would like to thank everyone that helped make our Council and the Chapter Christmas parties so special and successful. We had a great turn out, everyone enjoyed good food had a great time at both events. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and ready to welcome the New Year. As we leave behind a very busy couple of months, we look ahead to Lent Season and one of our biggest fundraising efforts of the year --FISH FRYs.

The 2018 Texas Rally for Life will be held in Austin on January 27, 2018. This Year's rally will commemorate the 45th anniversary of the tragic Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision. We had a good turn out last year but look forward to an even better one this year. Those planning on attending, please call the hall and leave your name and phone number as we plan on carpooling to Austin.

Please join me in congratulating our 2017 Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Chapter Family of the Year, David and Ann Dumas. Thank you both for your contributions to our Council and Parish. Well deserved recognition.

"FREEDOM TO SERVE". Let us all serve by giving a little of our time and talents. Working together we can make a difference within our council and our parish community. May you and your family have a Blessed and Prosperous New Year!

VIVAT JESUS

Hank Alves, Grand Knight

The Special Event Team schedule is as follows:

Jan 5 – Team 3 Hank Alves (Fish Fry)
Jan 14 – Team 4 Vacant (Breakfast)
Feb 2 - Team 1 Mark Kirstein (Fish Fry)
Feb 11- Team 2 Jim Lovering (Breakfast)
Feb 14 – Team 3 Hank Alves (Fish fry)

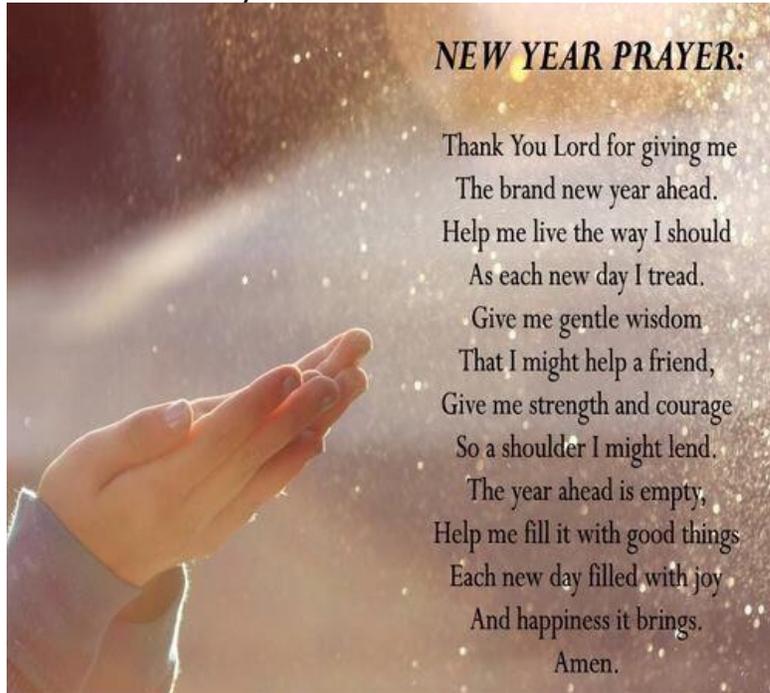
Service Awards

Due to unforeseen circumstances the names for years for service award for January will be in The February 2018 Newsletter

To input general information, 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 January 18, 2017.

Ladies' Auxiliary

Ladies Auxiliary



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
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 meets once a month; usually on the first Tuesday of the month. However, for January 2018, the Ladies Auxiliary is meeting on the **SECOND TUESDAY - JANUARY 9TH** - at Mikulski Hall: 6:00pm Rosary; 6:30pm brief meeting and BUNCO. This is a FUN-Nite for the ladies. Everyone is invited. There will be prizes; food and time to catch up with everyone from the holidays.

Again, thank you **BROTHER KNIGHTS** for your support in setting up for the events at the hall.

May you all be blessed with great Happiness, Good Health, and Wealth enough in the coming year!

Best regards always,

Patsy Foxworth
K C Ladies Auxiliary President
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DIVINE MERCY MOMEMENT

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes God's Grace as a favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life (CCC 1996). It is sad to hear from our Lord Jesus of Divine Mercy in St. Faustina's Diary, "...**I desire to bestow My graces upon souls, but they do not want to accept them...My Heart drinks only of the ingratitude and forgetfulness of souls living in the world. They have time for everything, but they have no time to come to Me for graces.**" (Diary 367) In the Year of 2018, let us take the time to come to our Lord Jesus in prayer, confession, Holy Communion, adoration, devotions and doing deeds of mercy in order to be able to come to Him in gratitude and receive His graces that we need as we proceed on our journey home (eternal life in heaven).

Lectors Corner

Happy New Year!

Wait! What, what happen to 2017? As the photos pour in from all over the world showing New Year's celebrations, what is absolutely clear is that we all hope that we can begin again! At this time of the year, when we end one year and begin a new one, we seem compelled to make resolutions to change our lives. How deeply we want to begin again, to be made new. The Christian claim is that there is Good News! We can! He speaks to every human person - from the beginning of time until the end - saying: "Behold, I make all things new." That is the hunger in the heart of every human person expressed on New Year's Eve and continued on New Year's Day. As we repent for the failures of the past year, reflect on the gifts it brought and resolve to "be better" in the coming year, we are confronted with the reality of our human condition and our fractured freedom. We know that our resolutions to change often end in failure. We are prone to making wrong choices in daily life. "We sin." Over the years I have realized that every end really can become a beginning, for the man or woman who has faith in the God who invites us to begin again, again, and again. He alone makes it possible by sharing His very Life with us. This gift is called grace and through receiving it we become what the Apostle Peter called "Partakers of the Divine Nature". (2 Peter 1:4) Millions will utter these words, or similar ones, this New Year's Eve and Day, "I firmly resolve." Lists will be compiled - and promises made - to oneself, to others and to God. Sadly, many will not be kept. I pray that in the Year of Our Lord, 2018, we may all find the fullness of grace which comes through a living relationship with the One who makes all things new (Rev 21), Jesus Christ. There is a universal longing in every human heart to be made new, to begin again, because the Holy Spirit prompts it in every human heart. In and through Jesus Christ, there is also a way to be made new. That is the heart of the Gospel, the Good News! We truly can! St. Paul reminded the Christians in the City of Corinth - and reminds every one of us "whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." (2 Cor. 5:17) New Year's Eve is a great existential moment, ripe with expectations. It invites a spiritually cathartic time of reflection, offers hope for change and invites us to make choices. In reality, our choices will make us. Let us choose in the year 2018 to live our lives in Jesus Christ and find the way to turn resolutions into reality. Amen and Happy New Year!

Membership Activities

Knights Sunday Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will have a Sunday Breakfast at Mikulski Hall on January 14, 2018 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 January 21, 2018 at 8:00 AM. Knights Sunday, supported by our Council, is scheduled for Immaculate Conception Church on January 28, 2018 after the 9:45AM Mass. Please support this event to recruit new members.

Knights Choir

The Knights Choir will sing on January 21, 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, January 7, 2018 at 7:30PM.

Pro Life Rally

Brother Knights, please set aside some time on Sat. Jan. 27th to accompany me and other Brother Knights and their families to ride/drive to Austin Tx. for the Texas Alliance for Life. Meet at the K.C. hall and we will car-pool from here about 10:30 a.m. We are considering taking our Knights of Columbus banner along and want a well representation of our council at the event. All men, women and children are welcome to attend, let's make a day of it. We will return back at the K.C. hall about 4:50 p.m. Brother Charles Mechtel.

Eddied 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

Blood DRIVE



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** and

Hank Alves, 210-885-0577, **halvest1@att.net**

January 2018

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Donald Grace on the 1st
Pedro "Pete" Perez, Sr. on the 5th
Michael De Leon on the 11th
Matthew Rellin on the 13th
William Todd on the 13th
Martin Turner on the 16th
Patrick Ryan, Sr. on the 19th
Raymond Truitt on the 23rd
Charles Mechtel on the 31st

Carl Roza-Pereira on the 2nd
Christopher Young on the 5th
Richard DaParma on the 12th
Alan Schindler on the 13th
Rolando Gonzalez on the 14th
John Melvin on the 19th
Mark Engstrom on the 20th
Stephen Kirstein on the 29th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Serafin "Marty" and Marguerite Martinez, their 53rd on the 2nd
Victor and Mary Wehman, their 19th on the 2nd
Charles "Tom" and Cathy Wilkes, their 32nd on the 9th
Warren and Pat Klebig, their 56th on the 16th
Simon and Isabel Sosa, their 36th on the 16th
Nicolas and Santos Moreno, their 54th on the 26th
Benito and Clementina Mendoza, their 46th on the 29th



REMEMBERANCE



Ray Stanhope	January 28, 1989
Jerry Bortel	January 13, 2013
Michael J Crynock	January 19, 2015
Carl H Sanders	January 20, 2016
David C Young	January 9, 2017

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 News Year Day Solmenity Of Mary Holy Day of Obligation	2	3 Columbus Club 7:00 PM	4	5 Eucharist Benediction Good Shepherd 7 PM Fish Fry 5PM-8PM Special Event Team #3	6 WEDO – Jesse Gonzles
7 Epiphany of the Lord	8 Officers Meeting 7 PM Admissions Committee 7:30 PM	9 Ladies' Auxiliary 7:00 PM	10 Regular Business Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7 :30PM Rosary 7:15PM Event Team # 1 Meeting Meal 1st Degree	11	12	13 Highway Cleanup Breakfase 7:00 AM start 7:30 AM WEDO – Gerald Fey and Mike Niemietz Bar Team #1
14 Knights Breakfast 08:30 AM – 10:30 AM Special Events Team Blood drive	15 4th Degree Business Meeting 7:30 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Martin Luther King Holiday	16	17 Chapter Meeting	18 Last Day for Newsletter Input	19	20
21 K of C Mass Good Shepherd – 8AM; Knights Choir- 7:15 AM Widows Brunch ?		23	24	25	26	27 Right to Life Walk Austin Texas WEDO – John Hoeft Bar Team #2
28 K of C Mass Immaculate Conception 9:45 AM	29	30	31			