

Knights of Columbus

St. Helena's Council 7965

Knighly News

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Council Meeting – August 22
Festival/Bingo – September 16

August 2017 

Greetings Brother Knights,

With less than a month till our parish Mini-Festival we are in the final stretch of Raffle Sales. It is imperative that we have a strong finish of ticket sales. Please do your part. We have great prizes. Let your friends and family have a chance to win. If you have sold your original distribution of tickets, ask for more; we have plenty of ticket envelopes. We will have pulpit talks after masses the first weekend of September. Take a few minutes to help distribute envelopes to parishioners after masses.

Bro Ricard Moreno has been forced to resign from the position of Advocate. Both Richard and his spouse are going through health problems that limit his ability to perform his duties. Thankfully, **Bro Doug Harrison** has stepped up to serve in the position for the remainder of the year. Doug is a past Grand Knight and has filled other officer positions and positions leadership in numerous council programs. In fact, Doug is currently in charge of the Football Frenzy game for the Council. Football Frenzy is a popular game that affords members a chance to win considerable prizes over a ten week period.

We are also pleased to announce that **Bro Eugene Hickman** has agreed to serve in the critical role of Membership Director. While his leadership will be vital, the real job of recruitment is up to us! Help him by inviting qualified and interested Catholic men to become members.

FS Art Martinez announces that three young men have served as members of our Squires Circle have become First Degree members this month. **Brothers Joshua Chavez, Joseph Jarzombek, and Mike Maydon** are also sons of members, and Joshua is grandson of a member.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Silver Rose Ceremony to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe last month. We had good support from other parish ministries and a great addition of hymns performed by the Men's Choir

We look for a good turnout as we have much to discuss regarding tasks for the Mini Festival and Bingo Night on September 16.

Your Brother in Christ,
Hector Maydon
Grand Knight

Please submit any newsletter articles to r.siller@sbcglobal.net no later than the 3rd Monday of every month. If you want your article published, then please e-mail me. Robert Siller /editor

MONTHLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 2017

20 – Taco Breakfast/
Blood Drive
22 – Council Meeting

September 2017

8 - Brookdale Bingo
12 – Officers Meeting
10 - Brookdale Bingo
16 – Festival & Raffle Drawing
26 - Council Meeting

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

Council Officer Meetings (Dolan Center, 7pm) – Sep 12 Oct 10 Nov 14 Dec 12

Council Meetings (Dolan Center, communion 6:30; business 7 pm) – Aug 22 Sep 26 Oct 24 Nov 26

Monthly Adoration, every first Tuesday, from 8:00 - 9:00pm, St. Helena's Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Scheduled Adoration - Monday through Friday 9:00am – 9:00pm. Knights should schedule one hour each week to spend time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St. Helena's

Taco Breakfast – Third Sunday of each month. 6:45am to 1:00pm

Heartland Nursing Home - 3rd Friday, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Heartland Nursing Home, 1 Heartland Dr. off of Stahl Rd.

Bingo with Alzheimer's Patients – 2nd Friday, 2:15pm, at Brookdale, 14595 Nacogdoches Road

Football Frenzy Selling Fast

Bro Doug Harrison hit the ground running as chair of the Council's KC Football Frenzy Sweepstakes fundraiser. The program entails the sale of game cards for ten weeks of the NFL season. Cards are \$10 each, and offer the card holder the opportunity to win a number of ways over the period. It's like being in a football pool each week, with lots of cash prizes. Game cards sell fast, but Doug still has a limited number of tickets available. Contact Doug at

Raffle Sales

Time is running out to sell our Festival Raffle tickets. Ticket envelopes were distributed back at the start of the year, and we still have plenty of ticket books. Proceeds benefit our parish capital campaign to build much needed buildings for our religious education programs. Let's turn in tickets and monies. We have amazing cash prizes so tickets should be attractive to friends and family alike. Contact a Council officer or an usher at msss if you need additional tickets.

Help Needed

Religious education is coming and there is always a need for help, especially strong male figures such as KCs. Besides teachers (catechists) there is a need for monitors and aids. Hours are only a few hours a week, and no experience is necessary. Contact the **Bro Tony Metoyer** or **Corie Solis** in the RE office for additional information.

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Include the following members and their families
in your prayers:

Sick

Bro & Daughter of Bro Wes Athey
Bro Tino Villarreal and spouse
Spouse of Bro Dan Losoya
Bro Dan Losoya
Bro Jimmy Leos
Bro Cesar Bustos
Granddaughter of Bro Robert Siller
Spouse of Bro Ricardo Moreno
Bro Carlos Lee
Father of Bro Doug Harrison
Bro John Polhemus & Spouse
Bro-in-law of Bro Tony Razzino
Bro Noe DeLeon
Brother of Bro Arturo Rodriguez
Mother of DGK Hector Maydon
Son of Bro Roland Castro
Granddaughter of Bro John Cavazos
Mother-in-law of Bro Tony Molina
Son of Bro Branndon Frail
Bro Tony Molina

We list names of brothers and family members when we are aware of an illness or death. **If you or a family member has a need for prayers**, please inform the Chancellor.

Silver Rose Ceremony

Father Lenin presided over a well-attended Silver Rose ceremony at St Helena's on July 27. The event was organized by our Squires Circle and Council 7965. Other ministries also promoted the ceremony. The ceremony followed the Men's Choir practice, which remained to sing hymns that added to the solemnity of the service..

Our Silver Rose ceremony is part of relay run from Canada through the United States to Monterrey Mexico to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was started in 1960 by Squires from Canada, the US and Mexico, and now includes four routes that converge in Laredo, and culminate at a service at the Basilica of Our Lady in Monterrey on December 12, her Feast Day.

Council to Provide Labor Day Lunch for Homeless

Council 7965 will host over 100 homeless at a hamburger cookout at the Catholic Worker House at 626 Nolan on San Antonio's near east side. The Council served a similar lunch last year on Memorial Day. We will need cooks and servers. More details to be provided at our next Council meeting.

The Catholic Worker House provides care, comfort, and support to individuals who are homeless, poor and in need of food and other basic services. It is an independent and faith-centered ministry.

Mini-Festival and Bingo

The Council is playing a major role in Mini-Festival and Bingo Night. We will be responsible for all food a for the Bingo. Consequently, we will need all sorts of help grilling hamburgers and serving burgers and other food items. **Especially, important is cleanup help at the end of the night. Too often, cleanup falls on volunteers who have already spent long hours preparing and serving food.** For more information come to the Council meeting next Tuesday, or just show up at the Dolan Center on September 16 about 8 pm.

Brother Knight to Become Seminarian

Bro Kingsley Ohaeri, a member of our Council has had a strong calling for the priesthood. He was recently selected to study for the priest hood. He will be attending a seminary in New Orleans. Please keep him in your prayers.

Labor Day Bingo

Bro Tony Razzino, Council Bingo Chair, reports that Northeast Bingo, corner Weidner and I35 access road, is featuring a major bingo promotion for the upcoming Labor Day weekend. It will be similar to the very successful promotion that was conducted Memorial Day weekend.

Details will be provided at the next council meeting, and in a special flyer that will be inserted into church bulletins. Bingo players should make plans to attend. Thanks to our participation with Northeast Bingo, the Council has been able to donate \$20,000 this year to our parish building fund.

Memorial Stone Installed for Late Brother John Keunnen

Brother John Keunnen, a fourth degree member, passed away in January 2014 following a prolonged illness. Prior to his death, John had been a dedicated Council member, and had served a Grand Knight and Trustee. He had also been very active in numerous of fund raising and charitable projects that benefitted the Council and St Helena's parish community. In fact, he could be more accurately described as a driving force. Most notably, he made the Children's Easter Egg Hunt a big event for parish kids. John had a great sense of humor and an ingratiating personality that enabled him to make strong friendships.

John worked as a contractor; but, had been through hard times prior to his illness. His death was a great loss to our Council. Last year **Brother Joe Dubbels** initiated a drive to raise funds for a memorial for his grave. Over a few months, council members raised nearly \$800. **Joe and his spouse Katherine**, worked with a local firm to produce a memorial that featured items that meant much to John – the KC logo, a John Deere tractor, and a cross.

John is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

August 2017

John & Mary Polhemus - 8/23 - 54 yrs
 Marcos & Yolanda Hernandez - 8/28 - 51 yr:
 Phillip & Rosalynda Tijerina - 8/16 - 41 yrs
 Hector & Monica Maydon - 08-27 - 38 yrs
 Eli & Bobbie Farias - 8/29 - 36yrs
 Keith & Michelle Bax - 08/17 - 33 yrs
 Jose & Lilia Guevara - 08/28 - 18 yrs
 Cesario & Laurie Gonzales - 08/07 - 13 yrs
 Oscar T & Renee Elizondo - 08/21 - 7 yrs



Ricardo & Selia Moreno - 8/1 - 53 yrs
 Raul & Lori Tijerina - 8/12 - 45 yrs
 Joe & Ines Salinas - 8/26 - 38 yrs
 John & Odessa Ward - 8/9 - 37 yrs
 Gabe & Diana Becerra - 8/27 - 34 yrs
 Timothy & Teresa Scheller - 08/03 - 21 yrs
 Ernest & Olga Munoz - 8/12 - 17 yrs
 James & Maria Stone - 08/05 - 11 yrs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

August 2017

BROTHERS:

Noel DeLeon - 08/01
 Ricardo Moreno - 08/04
 Henry Sentmore - 08/09
 Stephen Syring - 08/10
 Salvador Zurita - 08/16
 Conrad Solis - 08/19
 John Polhemus - 08/29

Chico Sanchez - 08/02
 Edward Rauschuber - 08/06
 Paul Cardenas - 08/09
 Jon Garcia - 08/11
 Robert Hernandez - 08/17
 Jose Guevara - 08/22
 Antonio Molina - 08/31

Edward 'Lalo' Garcia - 08/02
 Keen Davidson - 08/07
 Oscar T. Elizondo - 08/10
 Michael Chavez - 08/13
 Marcos Hernandez - 08/18
 Jason W Flores - 08/29



LADIES:

Maria Trevino - 08/02
 Sally Fernandez - 08/05
 Maria Stone - 08/08
 Angela Siller - 08/12
 Rose Martinez - 08/14
 Donna Wieters - 08/18
 Nadine cardenas - 08/28

Maria Vasquez - 08/12
 Gloria Vela - 08/14
 Rose McNally - 08/27
 Virginia Ramirez - 08/30

Andrea Flores - 08/03
 Rosalie Reyes - 08/08
 Dolores Castro - 08/10
 Kameron Chicoine - 08/14
 Mary Polhemus - 08/16
 Meredith Bendele - 08/28
 Angie Islas - 08/30

CONGRATULATIONS Years of Service in Aug 2017:

Bernard S Gardy - 29yrs
 Mark DeLeon - 18yrs
 John Standifird - 11yrs
 Carlos Lee - 13yrs
 Bill P, Lamoureaux - 2yr

Luciano Bonilla - 26yrs
 Ernest Munoz - 18yrs
 Bart Callahan - 10yrs
 Oscar R Frausto Jr - 8yrs

Jimmy Leos III - 20yrs
 Raul G Gutierrez - 13yrs
 Anthony F Lawrence - 10yrs
 Juan D Rodriguez - 8yrs

If your name should be included in the above listings, please accept our apology for the oversight. We ask that you contact the Council Financial Secretary, Art Martinez, so that he can update/correct the data files. Call Brother Art at 210-632-0957; or send mail to 5743 Brambletree St., San Antonio, TX 78247-1350; or send an Email to: iamurchoice@yahoo.com

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

August 2017

COUNCIL DUES

As of August 15, 2017 the names of **thirty (30)** Brother Knights remain on the unpaid dues list for year 2017. Inclusive is 1-Brother Knight with 2-yrs in arrears and 12-Brothers in Intent to Drop on 24Aug2017 status.

Over the past several months numerous attempts have been made to contact each of the elusive 30 Brother Knights. Telephone calls, only 4 were answered. Also, emails and/or regular mail correspondence have not been acknowledged, other than 1 Brother Knight. We can work out a very doable and workable plan with you. We are here to help.

It is very disheartening that Brother Knights, who are also Catholic gentlemen, totally ignore messages left on their telephone recording devices and even fail to reply to the many emails and/or written letters/memos mailed to their home address. Please do take the time to reply to the requests of your Council Officers, your Brother Knights.

Your FS wishes to establish a communications link with all fellow Brother Knights. Without a two-way communication link, it is really most difficult to know if there is a problem that your Brother Knights may be able to assist with. Talk to the FS and let him know how you are doing and what your plans are regarding the payment of your membership dues. The Council is here to help you, but **you need** to make that call and explain your situation.

Remember, at the time of your Knights of Columbus Initiation, you **pledged** to keep your dues current. Fulfill that pledge and send in your dues payment now. Make your check payable to **Knights of Columbus, 7965** and mail to Art Martinez, FS; 5743 Brambletree; San Antonio, TX 78247-1350.

Please note, if you do not have a white "2017" membership card you are very likely one of the elusive **THIRTY**. If, however, you can not find your current card and you believe you have paid your dues, please contact Art at 210-632-0957. Or, send an email to: iamurchoice@yahoo.com Thank you very much.

ATTENDANCE LOTTERY

Brother, no brother name was drawn for the July meeting attendance lottery of **\$5**. Therefore, this increases the lottery for August meeting to **\$10**. Remember, you **MUST** attend the Council business meeting to win. The next meeting will be on August 22, 2017, at **7:00 PM** in the Dolan Center. Communion Services is celebrated in the Chapel prior to the meeting at 6:30P. Let's fill the Council Chamber with some new faces. Brothers, your participation in council activities is desired and greatly valued. Mark your calendar and we will see you there. Brother John Martinez won the June door price of **\$60**.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Let's welcome **3 New Members** who have made an extraordinary commitment. The 3 come from our own sponsored **SQUIRE CIRCLE 3882**. Extend your hand out and welcome **Brother Joshua Chavez, Brother Joseph Jarzombek, and Brother Mike Maydon**. This 1st Degree celebration at St John Neuman was more special due to all 3 are growth to KC family. Joshua son of **Brother Michael Chavez and Grandson of Brother John Chavez**, Joseph son of **Brother Tom Jarzombek**, and Mike (Hector Jr) son of **Worthy GK Hector Maydon**. Hurry in congratulating them this month in joining the Brotherhood of the Order, Knights of Columbus the largest organization in the world. After August, we might not see them for a while for they are all pursuing higher education.

Council Makes Major Contribution to Building Fund

St Helena Knights of Columbus Council 7965, donated \$10,000 from its Bingo earnings to St Helena's Building Fund. The presentation took place at St Helena's Church on August 10th, 2017, Bingo Chairperson and Bro **Tony Razzino** made the presentation to **Father Lenin**, with **Deputy Grand Knight Roland Castro**, and **Trustee, Bro Roger Pritt**. The donation pushed the fund total just short of \$1 million.

The building fund supports parish plans for new buildings to meet the need of a growing parish and community, and the demand for religious education, and various parish ministries in our growing community here at St Helena's.



Knights to Save Destroyed Iraq Town

In a move that will give many Christians and other religious minorities in Iraq hope for the future, the Knights of Columbus will raise and donate \$2 million to save Karamdes, a predominantly Christian town on the Nineveh Plain which was liberated from ISIS late last year. The Knights' action will move hundreds of families from minority religious communities in Iraq – especially Christians – back to the homes from which they were evicted by ISIS in summer, 2014.

The Knights' action matches a similar donation by the government of Hungary, which recently donated \$2 million to save another predominantly Christian town, Teleskov. About 1,000 families have now moved back to that town, providing proof that such actions can actually work in returning Christian populations to pre-ISIS levels in the region.

Like the government of Hungary, the Knights will partner in this resettlement and rebuilding effort with the Archdiocese of Erbil, which is currently housing the largest population of Christian refugees in Iraq, including many of the residents of Karamdes.

“The terrorists desecrated churches and graves and looted and destroyed homes,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson during his annual report at the Knights of Columbus 135th Supreme Convention. “Now we will ensure that hundreds of Christian families driven from their homes can return to these two locations and help to ensure a pluralistic future for Iraq.”

The Knights are urging K of C councils, parishes or other Church groups, and individuals to help by donating \$2,000 – the approximate cost of resettling one family. Just a thousand such donations would be sufficient to reach the \$2 million goal. The rebuilding work will begin this week and money will begin flowing to the project immediately.

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ADORATION: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 9 TO 9 – SEE YOU THERE!! KC Council Adoration, First Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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