

Knights of Columbus



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



November 2017 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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3 Year – William (Bill) Burns.....210-316-5392



Grand Knights Report

Dear Brother Knights and Families



Thank you all for your support of our 39th Annual Senior Citizen Dinner on October 9th. I would like to Thank Brother Jeff Heim for his attention to detail in planning, ordering the food and putting this event together. Thanks to the Girls and Boy Scout troops and the Good Shepherd Confirmation Class students for the help in serving and cleanup afterwards.

The November and December months will be as busy as the last two as we have the Widows Brunch and Knights Remembrance, Thanksgiving baskets preparation and delivery, Church and Council Christmas activities and parties. The Widows Brunch will take place at the Randolph AFB club. Everyone is welcome to attend and pay as you go. The council only pays for the Widows meals.

This Thanksgiving let us remember those that may be sick, lonely, ill, or oppressed and give thanks for our many blessings and freedoms. May the love of God enfold us, may the peace of God dwell in us and the joy of our God uplift us. Amen.

We still have a significant number of First Degree members that need to attend a major Degree. I ask Sponsors to reach out to these brothers and invite them to one of the upcoming Major Degree Exemplifications. We need to help these brothers to attain full Knighthood.

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

As you can see on the schedule of upcoming events, we are busy. Thank you all for coming out and helping.

“FREEDOM TO SERVE” why don't we? Let us all serve by giving a little of our time and talents. If you are able, consider coming out and helping with our FISH FRY and Breakfast. Together, we can make a difference within our Council, our Parish and our Community.

The Special Event Team schedule is as follows:

- Nov 3 - Team 4, Jerry Weaver (Fish Fry)**
- Nov 12 - Team 1 Mark Kirstein (Breakfast)**
- 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)**

VIVAT JESUS Hank Alves, Grand Knight

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 November 16, 2017.

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

James T. Lunan	40 Years
Sam Garcia	25 Years
Alan T. Funke	15 Years
Jerry L. Trahan	15 Years
Daniel Esparza	10 Years
Peter A. Guillemette	10 Years
John E. Kochart	10 years
David J. Wissmann	10 Years

Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus was created to support the Knights. We support the Knights 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.

Please join us at any of these upcoming events:

Friday, November 3

First Friday Fish Fry at the Hall – Volunteer to assist at the Fish Fry; Baked Goods for the Bakery

Sunday, November 5

Good Shepherd Catholic Church – Taste of Comfort – Volunteers needed in all areas

Tuesday, November 7

Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting – Clay Painting, located at 17327 I-35 #202, Schertz, TX 7815 next to Abels Diner – Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Night

Friday, November 10

Set up for Ladies Holiday Sale and Craft Show – setup from 9am-1pm
Assist Show Vendors setup from 1pm – 4pm

Saturday, November 11

Holiday Sale and Craft Show – Prep and Setup – 7:00am-9:00am
Holiday Sale and Craft Show – open from 9:00am-4:00pm
(Serving lunch from KC Kitchen and running Bakery with donated baked goods from all the ladies)
Breakdown from 4:00pm-5:30pm

Friday, November 17 – 6:30pm

Drop off of items for the Retired Priests' Thanksgiving Baskets and Basket/Bag Creation

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.

For further information, please contact:

Patsy Foxworth; KOC Ladies Auxiliary President
phfoxworth@sbcglobal.net; 210-846-44150

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Council 6358 website: <http://www.GSKOC6358.org>

Lectors Corner

Thanksgiving

As we approach the upcoming holiday of Thanksgiving, we gather together and we give thanks for all our Blessings. We thank God for these blessings but, what do we do to thank him? Well, one way is to spend time with him in the Blessed Sacrament. Have you really given any thought about going to the Blessed Sacrament, to spend time with Jesus? I am talking about Adoration. Adoration: noun 1. Deep love and respect 2. Worship: veneration.

“What is Eucharistic Adoration? Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us". During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. In its fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!" Because, as Catholics, we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament is given the same adoration and devotion that is accorded to Christ. Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for our little Acts of faith, adoration, love, thanksgiving, repentance, reparation and charity that we can offer Him as we contemplate -- His Divine Majesty -- in the Blessed Sacrament. How does one spend an hour before Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament? This hour Jesus wants you to spend with Him, is spent any way you want. You may bring your own prayer books, use the books in the chapel, read the Bible, pray the rosary, or just sit and relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of God. You may feel that you can't pray well. Don't let this discourage you. The mere fact that you take time out at a specific time each week to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament pleases Him very much and is in itself a prayer of great faith. Please remember that Perpetual Adoration is not just for a day, a week, a month, or a year. Rather, it is for always. It is not temporary, but ongoing, lasting, permanent.” So on this Thanksgiving after spending time with family and friends, how about spending time with Jesus?
Amen.

DIVINE MERCY MOMENT

Membership Activities

Knights Sunday Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will have a Sunday Breakfast at Mikulski Hall on November 12, 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 November 19, 2017 at 8:00 AM. Knights Sunday, supported by our Council, is scheduled for Immaculate Conception Church on October 22, 2017 after the 9:45AM Mass. Please support this event to recruit new members.

Knights Choir

The Knights Choir will sing on November 19, 2017 at Good Shepherd Church at the 8AM Mass. 15 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, November 6, 2017 at 7:30PM.

Memorial Mass and Widows Brunch

November is the month set aside by the Supreme Council for all councils to conduct a memorial service for their brothers. Our council will conduct this memorial service at our regular scheduled K.C. Mass 8 A.M., Sunday November 19, 2016. We will invite the widows of our deceased brothers to attend this Mass and memorial service. All our brother Knights are encouraged to attend the memorial service and join us on November 19 th. The cost of the brunch is \$24.00. We will meet at the hall and carpool over to Randolph. Please call Ed Adam at 210-658-7818 or call Mikulski Hall between 9-12 in the morning Monday-Saturday to let us know by November 12 , 2017 if you plan to attend the brunch.

39th Annual Columbus Day Senior Appreciation Dinner

The 2017 annual Senior Appreciation Luncheon was a big success. Over 440 seniors were served a delicious BBQ lunch with all the trimmings their crew for the great BBQ. Many volunteers helped to make the luncheon's success possible including the Ladies Auxiliary (with their delicious desserts), Boys and Girls Scouts, Confirmation class and Special event teams # and # , and , of course, our Knights of Columbus. We want to thank our fantastic chiefs Jerry Kirstein, Mark Kirstein, Tony Paulson, David Wissmann, Tom Stampf, Al Mantor Sr. Joe Rodriquez, Joe Funari, who did the barbecuing in Marion. Special thanks to Mike Foxworth and Lino Trevino for running our bingo following the meal and Great job by all!

Next on my to do list is our annual Thanksgiving Basket program. We will be "adopting" 12 families referred by Randolph Christian Assistance Program (RACAP). Two days before Thanksgiving, we will be filling the food baskets at Mikulski Hall. If you can spare an hour of your time in this endeavor, it will be most appreciated. Let's help make Thanksgiving for a less fortunate family a little bit happier. Thanks in advance as we prepare to enter the holiday season. God bless!

It's time again to help bring some holiday goodness to many families in need! Please look at the three opportunities below and see if you can find time to help. There is now a sign-up sheet at the hall for the baskets. Please contact me with any questions: Thanks!

- **Shopping:** If you are free to shop and fill the Thanksgiving Baskets at Arlans on Monday 20 November 2017, from 10-11:00am (please see sign-up sheet), then please sign-up.
- **Bringing:** If you are free to help bring Thanksgiving Baskets from Arlans to the Hall on Monday 20 November 2017, at 11:00am, then please sign-up.
- **Giving:** To help 'hand out' the baskets on the following Tuesday (21 November 2017), then please sign-up.

Right to Life

11/6 40 Days for Life Closing Rally

11/10 A Woman's Haven Dinner 6-8:30pm, St. Mark's awomanshaven.eventbrite.com

11/11 John Paul II 6th annual dinner Bishop Mike Sis (Austin)

11/11 Abortion Dialogue Academy - free training on defending the prolife position 9am-11am at the Spring Branch EMS station

Brother Knights remember to wear you KC. Shirt and Badge when attending Church and Meetings. The third Sunday of the Month is KC Mass at 8 AM at Good Shepherd Church. The Fourth Sunday of the Month is KC Mass at 9:30 AM at Immaculate Conception Church

Council Christmas Party The holiday season will be here soon and time once again it's time for our annual Christmas party. This year's event will be on 11 December at the hall starting at 6:00 p.m. We will have an adult white elephant gift exchange valued at no more than \$10.00. You need to bring a gift in order to participate. Look for more information in the December newsletter.

Knights of Columbus Insurance We Stand Strong on Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2016 the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute for the third year in a row. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

Contact me today to learn more about our products.

Jerry Macfarlane

Knights of Columbus – Field Agent

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INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY WORKSHEET: You 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

November 2017

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Greg Kirkwood on the 2 nd	George Solomon on the 2nd
William "Bill" Mc Cormick on the 3rd	Roberto Vasquez on the 3rd
Adam Saucedo on the 4th	Kenneth Felder on the 5th
Daniel Niemietz, Jr. on the 5th	Joseph "Joe" O'Sullivan on the 6th
Richard Fink, Jr. on the 8th	Charlie Lopez on the 8th
Albert Lopez on the 11th	Roy Escobar on the 12th
Felix Figueroa on the 12th	Aurelio Franco on the 12th
Jesse Del Toro on the 13th	Kevin Kenney on the 17th
Jose Rodriguez on the 19th	Jerry Trahan on the 19th
Dean Delvalle on the 21st	Charles Padgett, Jr on the 24th
Wilfred "Fred" Young on the 24th	Jared Clark on the 25th
David Dumas on the 25th	Dennis Schmoekel on the 25th
Jerome "Jerry" Kirstein on the 28th	Ernest Trevino on the 29th
Daniel Esparza on the 30th	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Paul and Lisa Beckman, their 28th on the 1st
Jesus "Jesse" and Teresa Gonzalez, their 26th on the 1st
Franklin "Frank" and Nancy Cunningham, their 61st on the 4th
George and Penelope Vargas, their 27th on the 4th
John and Barbara Gorman, their 51st on the 5th
Kevin and Christina Kenney, their 20th on the 7th
Edward and Pat Brangan, their 57th on the 12th
John and Barbara Hoeft, their 29th on the 12th
Erasmo and Dolores Vasquez, their 54th on the 16th
Rex and Christina Lee, their 22nd on the 18th
Joseph "Joe" and Mary O'Sullivan, their 29th on the 19th
Eric and Yessica Wicker, their 18th on the 19th
Jose and Addie Rodriguez, their 36th on the 21st
Jaime and Darla Martinez, their 27th on the 23rd
Danny and Gerry Stift, their 45th on the 25th
Mike and Joyce De Buysere, their 51st on the 26th
Gerald and Karen Fey, their 40th on the 26th
Jim and Barbara Theisen, their 54th on the 27th
Manuel and Anna Laura Saldana, their 49th on the 28th
Richard and Patricia Ann Strout, their 59th on the 29th



REMEMBRANCE

John W Bolton	November 14, 1990
James H Helton	November 7, 1998
Sam D'Ortona	November 13, 1999
Michael B Burton	November 10, 2014



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 All Saint's Day	2 Columbus Club 7:00 PM	3 Eucharist Benediction Good Shepherd 7 PM Fish Fry 5PM-8PM Special Event Team # 4 Jerry Weaver	4 WEDO – Manuel Aguilar Bar Team #2
5 Daylight savings time ends. Move clocks back 1 hour.	6 Officers Meeting 7 PM Admissions Committee 7:30 PM	7 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7PM At Clay Painting See Ladies Auxiliary Newsletter Input.	8 Regular Business Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7 :30PM Rosary 7:15PM Event Team Meeting Meal Team #2 –Jim Lovering WEDO – Jesse Gonzales 9Am -3 PM	9	10	11 WEDO – John Hoeft Ladies Auxiliary Craft Show
12 Knights Breakfast 08:30 AM – 10:30 AM Special Events Team #1 Mark Kirstein	13	14	15 Chapter Meeting	16 Last Day for Newsletter Input	17	18 WEDO –Jose Rodriquez Bar Team #3
19 K of C Mass Good Shepherd – 8AM; Knights Choir- 7:15 AM Widows Luncheon WEDO –Jim Lovering &George Vargas 9AM- 3PM	20 4 th Degree Business Meeting 7:30 PM Rosary 7:00 PM	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day Holiday	24	25 WEDO – Noel Hamilton Bar Team #4
26 K of C Mass Immaculate Conception 9:45 AM	27	28	29	30	1 December Fish Fry 5PM – 8PM Special Events	2 WEDO