

Knights of Columbus

St. Helena's Council 7965

Knightly News

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Parish Bingo – February 25
Council Meeting – February 28
Family Picnic – March 4

February 2017



Greetings Brother Knights,

Our Super Bowl BBQ is a big event and I confess to some anxiety prior to the event on Sunday, February 5. After all the smoke had settled, all the briskets sliced, all the sausage cooked, all the pans washed, and the kitchen cleaned. I went to Life Teen Mass and gave thanks to GOD for giving me this day to share with all of you -- not only my brother knights, but a group of gentlemen who I am very grateful to call friends. The two teams playing in the super bowl worked hard to get there, but the team of brother knights that came together that weekend to work for the greater glory of GOD is something more special than any NFL team. Thanks to each and every one of you for your dedication, commitment, and your support.

All good things come from GOD and you all are GREAT. Please know that our efforts are appreciated within our parish. The newsletter contains an excerpt of a note from our pastor, **Fr Lennin**.

We never know when an event will occur that will test our ability to respond to a neighbor in need. The storms of last Sunday, February 20 produced several tornados that damaged dwellings of some parishioners. Thanks to **Brothers Joe Salinas and Tony Cardenas** who headed a team of brother knights who came to aid a desperate family. Their response exemplified the brotherhood's values of community service and charity.

We have a few upcoming events and fundraisers. This Saturday, February 25, we will be running a food concession for the parish bingo. The newsletter provides information on the help we will need. Also, next Wednesday, March 1 is Ash Wednesday, and we will be serving soup and sandwiches an noon. Then on Friday, March 24 we will have a Fish Fry at the Dolan Center. Our Squires Circle will also conduct a Chalupa Lenten Fundraiser on Friday, March 31. Please lend them your support. Lastly, Brother Tony Molina is coordinating a spring Family Picnic on Saturday, March 3 at the Gardenridge Park. Everyone who attended last year, enjoyed a great time eating, relaxing, and enjoying fellowship with our families.

I look forward to seeing a good turnout for our next Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 28.

Your Brother in Christ,
Roger Pritt
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

February 2017

28 – Council Meeting

March 2017

1 – Ash Wed
1 – Noon- Soup & Sandwich
10 - Brookdale Bingo
14 – Officers Meeting
17 - Heartland Party

18 – Catholic Men’s Conference
24 – Fish Fry Fundraiser
28 – Council Meeting
31 – Squires Chalupa Fundraiser

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

Council Officer Meetings (Dolan Center, 7pm) – Mar 14 Apr 11 May 9 Jun 13
Council Meetings (Dolan Center, communion 6:30; business 7 pm) – Feb 28 Mar 28 Apr 25 May 23 Jun27

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

Fundraisers Successful!

FS Art Martinez reports the council’s Super Bowl BBQ results equaled last year’s total of about \$4,000. Ticket sales were strong, and council members pitched in to help in all phases of the event. Thanks

Besides donations, we also need help after masses to sell BBQ plate tickets at \$8 each. And, we will need a lot of help on the morning of the event. Further information will be provided at next week’s Council meeting.

The Council also had a very successful Taco/Menudo Breakfast on Sunday, February 19. The council net proceeds totaled \$508.

Youth Serve Lunch

Bro Charles Schley, Council Coordinator for Youth Serve retreat and service project, thanks the awesome team that helped support the YouthServe retreat. Thanks to **GK Roger Pritt and DGK Hector Maydon** for arriving early to get us set up. Also pitching in were **Bros Joe Tortorici, Greg Martin, and Steve Dvorak**. We served a lot of hungry 'tweens and team members. Thanks also to my son Zach who learned how to slice tomatoes without losing any fingers, and provided cooler-filling support.

The YouthServe team raved about the food, and I can imagine we'll be on their short list for food next year.

Note Of Appreciation

...I have to tell you that our KC’s are totally aligned to our parish and certainly our KC council is considered by me your pastor the right arm of not only me but from the parish too. Keep up the good work.

Blessings.

+ grace and peace

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Council Donation to Building Fund

Council 7965 donated \$ 5,000 from our bingo earnings to St Helena Building Fund Project. St Helena has developed a plan for new buildings, to meet the growing parish needs in our community, and demand for Religious Education and various Parish Ministries in our growing Community of St Helena's.

The presentation took place on the parish steps of St Helena on February 2nd, 2017. **Bro Tony Razzino Bingo Chairperson, and Grand Knight Roger Pritt** presented the check to **Father Lenin, Pastor**. With this contribution, the Parish has raised almost half of the monies to get the project started.

St. Helena KCs to the Rescue!

A tornado spawned by storms on Sunday night, February 19 damaged several houses in the Northern Hills subdivision. Several families who are members of St Helena's parish suffered damage to their dwellings. The greatest damage was to the home of Mary Lou DeLeon. It was left uninhabitable, and the family spirits were devastated.

Bros Joe Salinas and Tony Cardenas responded to an initial call for help. The next day, **Bros Robert Siller, Kevin Cardenas, David Pleasant, Art Martinez, Steve Dvorak** helped with loading a U-Haul truck and transferring the family's furniture, appliances, and other belongings to storage. Working together the team of Knights helped the Mary Lou DeLeon family start the recovery from a crisis. The family is very appreciative of the help St Helena Knights of Columbus Council 7965 provided.



Mary Lou DeLeon with Bros Joe Salinas, David Pleasant, and Tony Cardenas as they completed storage of family belonging.

Council and Squires Plan Lenten Fundraisers

The Council will serve an Ash Wednesday lunch of soup and sandwich at noon on March 1.

The Council will hold one Fish Fry on Friday, March 24. Plates will include the usual generous portions of tasty fish fillets and sides. A donation of \$7 is requested for plates. Information about volunteer needs will be provided at the February Council meeting.

The following week on Friday, March 31, the Squires Circle will be serving a chalupa plate consisting of three bean and cheese chalupas, a side of rice, and include a drink. A donation of \$6 is requested. Please support our young Squires.

Council Receives Columbian Award

District Deputy Greg Thompson presented GK Roger Pritt the highly prized Columbian Award for the Fraternal Year of 2015-16. The award recognizes KC Councils who demonstrate a variety of programs that serve youth, families, their parish, and communities. On accepting the award, GK Roger gave credit to the leadership of dedicated program directors, and the support provided by the members

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Include the following members and their families in your prayers:

Sick

Bro & Daughter of Bro Wes Athey

Spouse of Bro Dan Losoya

Bro Jimmy Leos

Bro Ed Greer

Father of Bro Doug Harrison

Bro Ricardo Moreno

Bro-in-law of Bro Tony Razzino

Niece & Daughter in law of Bro Jesse Garcia

Grandson and granddaughter of Bro John Chavez

Brother of Bro Arturo Rodriguez

Son of Bro Roland Castro

Granddaughter of Bro John Cavazos

Son of Bro. Marcus Hernandez

Bro Tino Villarreal and spouse

Bro Mark Deleon

Bro Ramiro Ramirez

Bro Jesse Garcia

Bro Carlos Lee

Bro John Polhemus & Spouse

Bro Noe DeLeon

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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY wishes to:
February 2017

Robert & Patricia Allen - 02/07 - 58 yrs
 Paul & Marie Gustowski - 02/26 - 45 yrs
 Roland & Dolores Castro – 02/16 – 43 yrs
 Dan & Heidi McConnaughy - 02/14 -25 yrs
 Jose & Kristen Quiroz – 02/28 – 13 yrs



Adolf & Hilda Pfaffinger - 02/01 - 53 yrs
 Dickie & Alma Yzaguirre - 02/26 - 45 yrs
 Steve & Connie Garcia - 02/19 - 29 yrs
 Ricardo & Rosario Guzman – 02/27 – 24yrs
 Abel & Lori Mendez - 02/28 - 8 yrs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:
February 2017

BROTHERS:

Wayne Borgmann - 02/13
 Mark DeLeon - 02/23
 Ceasar Acosta - 02/12
 Eric Caldwell - 02/27

David Pleasant - 02/22
 Phillip Tijerina - 02/01
 Hector Maydon, Jr. - 02/18
 Timothy Scheller - 02/10

Joe Cantu - 02/03
 Arturo Cortez - 02/05
 Ryan F. LaReau - 02/17
 Ronald D Moy – 2/21



LADIES:

Pamela Barclay - 02/17
 Lori Franckowiak - 02/18
 Arvella Kirven - 02/24
 Monica Maydon - 02/19
 Prue Riojas - 02/03

Chris Layton - 02/28
 Alma Loot - 02/03
 Mary Rodriguez - 02/17

Yolanda DeLeon - 02/09
 Gail Guadalupe - 02/06
 Marta Losoya - 02/22
 Lanell Rauschuber - 02/12
 Priscilla Salinas - 02/04

Congratulations – Years of Service February 2017

Wes Athey – 38 yrs
 Terry Layton – 32 yrs
 Frank Cortez Jr – 24 yrs
 James T. Stone Jr – 21 yrs
 Tony R. Metoyer Jr – 15 yrs
 Cory J Trimyer – 12 yrs
 Ed C Greer – 8 yrs
 Andrew R Shelnuttt – 3 yr
 Daniel L Garcia – 2 yr.

Phillip Jackson – 35 yrs
 John Polhemus Jr – 32 yrs
 Isidro Sanchez – 24 yrs
 Doug Harrison – 17 yrs
 Victor Ruiz – 13 yrs
 Keith G Bax – 12 yrs
 Robert Hernandez – 6 yrs
 John A Cavazos – 3 yr
 Manuel Soliz III – 2 yr.

Robert Siller – 35 yrs
 Michael Barclay – 25 yrs
 Keen Davidson – 22 yrs
 Rey V. Vela – 16 yrs
 Tommy Terraza – 12 yrs
 Sam Avitua – 11 yrs
 Ernest L Paz – 4 yrs
 James C Lobo – 2 yrs.
 Eugene Hickman – 1 yr

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: jamurchoice@yahoo.com

Honorees for February 2017

Knights of the Month

Bros. Joe Salinas, Joe Tortorici, Roland Castro

Family of the Month

Bro. Hector and Monica Maydon

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

February 2017

COUNCIL DUES

As of February 18, 124 of the 202 "billable" members have paid their 2017 annual dues. Thank you for your prompt payment. REMINDER NOTICES WERE MAILED TO 78 MEMBERS ON 2/22/17. TEN OF THESE BROTHERS HAVE RESPONDED BY PAYING THEIR DUES. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO RESPOND TO THE MAILED NOTICE SENT TO YOU. WRITE THAT CHECK AND MAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS THAT IS CLEARLY STATED ON THE MAILED NOTICE.

REMEMBER, YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$24 ARE USED TO COVER THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS BY THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF \$6.50 (PER CAPITA OF \$3.50, CATHOLIC ADVERTISING OF \$1.00, AND CULTURE OF LIFE OF \$2.00) AND THE TEXAS STATE COUNCIL ASSESSMENT OF \$8.00. THE REMAINING \$9.50 GOES TOWARDS COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COSTS AND COUNCIL ACTIVITIES. AND, KEEP IN MIND; THE ANNUAL DUES FOR ST HELENA K OF C COUNCIL 7965 IS AMONG THE LOWEST IN THE STATE.

PLEASE HONOR THE PLEDGE TAKEN AT YOUR FIRST DEGREE – REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR DUES CURRENT AT ALL TIMES. SEND IN YOUR PAYMENT NOW!!!

A one-time payment of \$24 is preferred; however, you may render a semi-annual payment of no less than \$12. Bring your payment to the February 28, 2017 council meeting or mail it in the self addressed envelope enclosed with the statement. **Please include the top, tear-off section of the statement with your payment.** Thank you.

If you have misplaced the statement mailed to you, please call the FS, 210-632-0957 or send an email to iamurchoice@yahoo.com to have another one sent to you.

The 2017 membership cards have been mailed or personally given to those members who have paid their 2017 dues. If you have not received a 2017 Membership Card it most likely means the FS has not received your dues payment. If you have sent in your dues payment and you cannot find your 2017 card, please call the FS.

If you have any questions or concerns about making payment due to financial constraints, please feel free to call me, Art Martinez, FS, at 210-632-0957 or Grand Knight, Roger Pritt, at 210-241-9911, or email the GK at: St.Helenas@yahoo.com or the FS at: iamurchoice@yahoo.com

ATTENDANCE LOTTERY

Brother **No** name was drawn for the January 24, 2017 Council business meeting attendance lottery of \$40. Therefore, the lottery for the February 28, 2017 meeting is set to \$45. Remember, you **MUST** attend the Council business meeting to win. The next meeting will be on **February 28, 2017**, at 7:00 pm, in the Dolan Activity Center. We celebrate mass at 6:30P in the Chapel prior to the meeting. Let us fill the Council Chambers with some new faces. Your participation in council activities is desired and greatly valued. See you there.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTIFICATION

Do not forget to include me, your Financial Secretary (FS), when you send out "Change of Address" forms announcing that you have moved to a new address. Instead of sending a form to the Knights of Columbus **Columbia** Magazine, please send it to me. I will update my files and also send a report of your new address to the K of C Supreme Office in New Haven, CT. to change their files, including the **Columbia**. Request "Change of Address" forms can be sent to me by regular mail to 5743 Brambletree, San Antonio, TX 78247-1350, or by E-mail to: iamurchoice@yahoo.com , or by telephone at 210-632-0957. Also, if your telephone number changes, please do include your new number. Thank you very much.

WELCOME – NEW 2nd/3rd DEGREE MEMBERS

Extend your hands of welcome to the following Brother Knights (**Brother Marcos G. Hernandez and Alfred P. Palacio**) who completed their 2nd/3rd Degree at St Pius X on February 4, 2017.

Catholic Men's Conference Set for March

The twelfth annual Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 18. To keep pace with increasing attendance the event has been moved to the Greehey Arena (4,000 seats) at St. Mary's University. The conference provides men an opportunity to strengthen in faith, find a brotherhood with fellow Catholic men, and listen to speakers on vital issues of our time. A variety of dynamic and inspiring speakers include Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller and KC Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. The schedule also features a mass, opportunities for confession, good food and music.

A number of council members have attended in the past. The conference fee is \$55, but **Bro Tony Cardenas** is coordinating a group to take advantage of a discounted group rate of \$45. A large number of council members have attended in the past. Men interested in attending and obtaining the group discount should email or text Tony with the following information so he can complete a group registration form. Tony needs your name, address, zip code, parish, phone number, and meal choice (BBQ beef, BBQ chicken, or vegetarian). He needs payment by February 28. Contact Tony at (210) 387-6406 (voice or text) or at tony.cardenas@hotmail.com.

For additional information check the following website: <http://www.pilgrimcenterofhope.org/conferences/cmc>

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

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