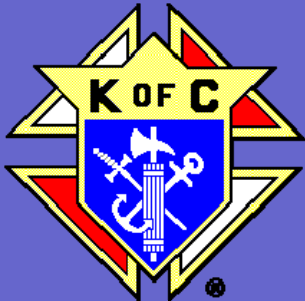


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Council Business Meeting & Dinner

Parish Hall

7 PM Thursday, January 5, 2017

Grand Knight's Report



GK Joe Chirco

Brother Knights,

I wish you all a Blessed and Happy New Year. We are at the halfway point since I became Grand Knight. I thought I would take some time to review where we are as a Council.

Fund Raising; We have so far exceeded goals for the midpoint. Labor Day Brisquets and Thanksgiving Turkeys went very well. We equaled our best years in both of these fund raisers. Shop Till You Drop food service raised more than previously. We added Nativity Set Sales. The net of this is we are about \$4,000 over budget in fund raising so far this year.

Recruiting: We have added about 10 new brother knights so far. Our goal is net 25. We need to do a bit better here. We probably need to recruit an additional 20 members to meet our goal. Those of you who know someone you think would benefit from becoming a Knight please personally invite them. Personal invitation is the most effective way of recruiting. We have also established an admissions committee.

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Special points of interest:

- **Urgent** - All Brothers are urged to notify Brother Mark Smith of changes to your address so that we can keep our records up to date! Email him at masmithjr@comcast.net
- **Email Addresses** - We have about 80% of member email addresses. If you are not receiving the Newsletter notice electronically, please send your email address to billletendre@yahoo.com. If you do not have access to a computer, notify us to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter.

Insurance Agent Report

Poll: Success Linked to Ethics

A poll of Americans and high-level business leaders proved what Knights of Columbus insurance agents have known for generations: religious beliefs and values should be an integral guide to business decision making.

Those surveyed also revealed they believe personal and corporate gain drives executives' decisions. Overall, they believe, as do the majority of the executives polled, that the moral compass of corporate America points in the wrong direction.

Only 19 percent of Americans would award corporate America a grade of A or B for its honesty and ethical conduct. Forty percent of these respondents had the banking and financial industry in mind when answering.

The positive side is that 75 percent of Americans surveyed believe that it is possible to be successful and ethical in business. They also believe that high ethical standards strengthen a company's advantage over its competitors, in both the short- and long-term.

Additionally, more than 90 percent of people strongly consider a company's reputation for honesty and ethical conduct when considering whether or not to invest with them.

Nearly two-thirds of those polled believe corporate leaders should rely on their religious values for guidance in the business arena.

In this tough economic climate, it's of paramount importance that all Knights are reminded of the moral, ethical commitment of the Order to serve its members and their families. Earning just a passing grade is not acceptable to me or the other professional insurance agents of the Knights of Columbus.

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From the Editor

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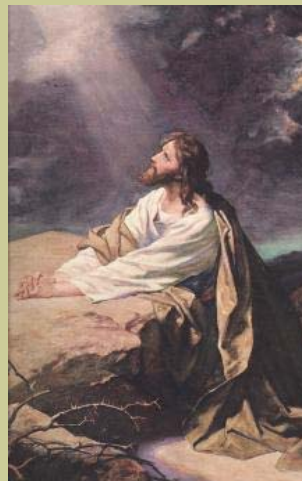
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Bill Letendre, Newsletter Editor



We offer our prayers for the following brothers :

- Fr. Roy Oggero
- Bill Copenhaver
- Gary Bentz
- Deacon Al Bothe
- Rest of the soul of Bob Brenner



Deacon Prayer:

Blessed are you, Creator of heaven and earth. You made the world and offer it life. Remember us, as we continue our work. That we work in harmony with others. May we do what is useful for our brothers and sisters, and together, build a world that is pleasing to you. To us, and all whom we meet today, give us your joy and your peace.

Our Father, who are in heaven...

Deacon Bob Dunham



January 2017

Schedule of Events

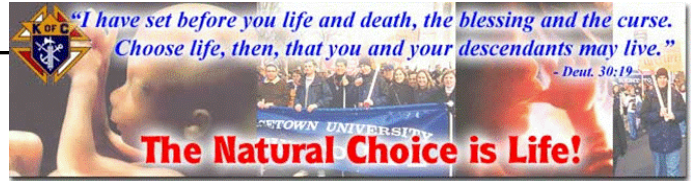
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 7 pm Business Meeting	6	7
8	9 Spaghetti Dinner	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 7 pm 4th Degree Assembly Mtg	18 7:15 pm Officers Mtg	19	20 Clergy Night Dinner	21 Brisket Sales
22 Brisket Sales	23	24	25	26	27	28 Brisket Sales
29 Brisket Sales	30	31 Brisket Cooking TBA				

- January 5—7 pm Business Meeting and Dinner—Parish Hall
- January 9—4 pm Spaghetti Dinner—Parish Hall
- January 17—7 pm 4th Degree Assembly Meeting—St. Basil Hall
- January 18—7:15 pm Officers' Meeting—Parish Hall
- January 20—7 pm Galveston-Houston Diocese Clergy Night dinner—Stafford Center
- January 21-22—Selling Super Bowl Briskets after all masses—Church Courtyard
- January 28-29—Selling Super Bowl Briskets after all masses—Church Courtyard 213

February 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Brisket Cooking TBA	2 7pm Business Meeting	3	4
5 8 am—12 pm Super Bowl Brisket Distribution	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 7 pm 4th Degree Assembly Mtg	22 7:15 pm Officers Mtg	23	24	25
26	27	28				

- January 31-February 1—Brisket Cooking and Clean-up TBA
- February 2—7 pm Business Meeting and Dinner—Parish Hall
- February 5—8 am Brisket Distribution—Kitchen Door at Parish Hall
- February 21—7 pm 4th Degree Assembly Meeting—St. Basil Hall
- February 22—7:15 pm Officers' Meeting—Parish Hall



Invite a friend to become a Knight!

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PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

We should make it a habit to pray daily for the lives of the unborn. Here is a very short and easy to remember prayer by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen:

Jesus, Mary, Joseph,
 I love you very much.
 I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child
 that I have spiritually adopted, who is
 in danger of abortion. Amen.

December Calendar Raffle Winners

DATE	NUMBER	WON	NAME	SELLER
12/1/2016	174	\$ 30	Jason Jakubik	Joe Chirco
12/2/2016	691	\$ 40	Luke Guilbeau	Tim Haney
12/3/2016	843	\$ 50	Tim Sadowski	Ted Siwierka
12/5/2016	596	\$ 40	William Leavitt	Ted Siwierka
12/6/2016	735	\$ 30	Unsold	Unsold
12/7/2016	733	\$ 30	Ronald Gottlieb	John White
12/8/2016	771	\$ 30	Scott Marcum	Scott Marcum
12/9/2016	458	\$ 40	Donna Bryant	Ted Siwierka
12/10/2016	148	\$ 50	Unsold	Unsold
12/12/2016	389	\$ 40	Thomas Sands	Thomas Sands
12/13/2016	271	\$ 30	Suzanne M. Garcia	Joe Guarisco
12/14/2016	025	\$ 30	Bruce Davis	Bob Bilski
12/15/2016	321	\$ 30	Greg Cordova	Greg Cordova
12/16/2016	898	\$ 40	Tony Adams	Doug Turner
12/17/2016	904	\$ 50	Joe Freeman	Gary Arrington
12/19/2016	255	\$ 40	Sam Dick	Michael Hartman
12/20/2016	332	\$ 30	John F. Healey Jr.	Michael Hartman
12/21/2016	569	\$ 30	Ryan Viaclovsky	Ron Viaclovsky
12/22/2016	444	\$ 30	Nieves Olvera	Nieves Olvera
12/23/2016	214	\$ 40	Gary Arrington	Gary Arrington
12/24/2016	683	\$ 1,000	Antelmo Mata	Ron Viaclovsky
12/26/2016	856	\$ 40	Dolores Levert	Joe Guarisco
12/27/2016	531	\$ 30	Terri Sabol-Brogoitti	Bob Sabol
12/28/2016	340	\$ 30	Marvin Holly	Doug Turner
12/29/2016	619	\$ 30	Kenneth Love	Doug Turner
12/30/2016	160	\$ 40	Eunice Cortez	Yvette Do
12/31/2016	290	\$ 100	Mike Easton	Joe Chirco

Program Director Report



Greg Cordova

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year to you and your family.

Our December 17th Pillows & Blankets event had a great turn out. Thanks to Doug Turner and others for pulling this together and making 25 deliveries to needed seniors.

Nativity sales went well and as planned, we have a few sets available if you still need a nice post-Christmas gift for someone special.

We received special thanks for coordinating the parking and traffic for the Child Advocates of Fort Bend County (CASA) home tour. Thanks Knights for stepping up for this event.

Brisket sales will be January 21st & 22nd and again on January 28th & 29th. We need everyone to help cover each mass. Details to follow.

Reminder we need cooks for the January 9th 4PM at the Parish Hall kitchen for the Parish spaghetti dinner.

The Galveston-Houston Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will host the 27th annual Clergy Appreciation Night on Friday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stafford Center, 10505 Cash Rd. Stafford, Texas 77477. We will discuss at our January 5th meeting.

Please consider attending at 6:30 pm in the Chapel to say a rosary before our monthly meeting. I pray you have a blessed and safe 2017.

God bless the USA

SK, Greg Cordova Program Director

Super Bowl Brisket & Pork Butt Sales
Volunteers needed for sales on the weekends
of January 21 -22 and January 28-19 after all
masses in the Church Plaza



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Projects: We have had many projects so far; including the Parish Bazaar, Deacon Al Retirement, Pillows and Blankets, Special Olympics, VA Visitations, Cooking for the 4th Degree Christmas Party and Cooking and Serving Veteran's Day Breakfast to the Parish. I am probably forgetting some projects. There have been so many.

Church Activities: We have added rosaries for Respect Life. We meet every 5th Sunday when there are 5 Sundays in a month and we also meet every 2nd Sunday to pray the rosary for respect life.

Financial Secretary: Bill Letendre after many years of service has retired as our Financial Secretary. We have installed Jack Guedry as our new FS. Jack is being helped by Bill as he gets fully functional in the FS role. Something new for our Council is that all monies flow through Jack. This way Jack can keep accurate records. Jack prepares and validates monies received and will give you a receipt. He then processes the money and gives it to our Treasurer Tim for deposit. Additionally, all check requests flow through Jack.

Knights departed: Brother Cordell St Cyr and Brother Bob Brenner will be sorely missed. Each of these men is a great example of what it means to serve. May pray that they are both with God Our Father.

I may have screwed up. As of this letter we do not have tables for Clergy Night. I am still working on this trying to call in some favors. This fell through the cracks as we transitioned from Bill to Jack.

January is a busy month for us. We are cooking a spaghetti dinner for the Parish on January 9th. We will need at least 6 guys to help out. We have Free Throw Contest, Clergy Night? and Super Bowl Brisket sales. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer. Do not forget VA Visitation on January 15th. Rosary on January 15th.

We are installing a new process for all new Knights. It is your goal to be involved in at least 7 projects throughout your first year as a Knight. Those of us who sponsor our new Knights, it is your responsibility to help our new brother knights achieve this goal.

Connie and I want to thank you for all that you do. This is an awesome Knights of Columbus Council

May God Bless you and your families,

Joe Chirco

Grand Knight



Council Advocate Report



JD Gutierrez

Brothers,

Happy New Year Brothers! I hope each of you and your family had a blessed holiday season!

If you have not had VIRTUS training or registered on the website, please prayerfully consider completing this important training for 2017 activities. Please register or sign-in online at www.virtusonline.org. Click on the FIRST-TIME REGISTRANT button to view a list of sessions in the Galveston-Houston, TX (Archdiocese).

Brothers, the sole intent of the training is to arm us with the warning signs of a potential perpetrator's behavior and to help us recognize the early indications of someone engaging in an inappropriate relationship with a child.

If you have not been VIRTUS trained, you must attend the **Protecting God's Children for Adults** training. This training is good for five years. If your PGC training was over five years ago, you will need to attend **Keeping the Promise Alive** refresher training. If you can't recall when you last completed the training, I will bring the Volunteer Compliance Report at the next business meeting.

Here are two training sessions coming up in our area:

Protecting God's Children for Adults

Saturday, January 14, 2017 – St. Thomas Aquinas Church (Sugar Land)

Keeping the Promise Alive Refresher

Thursday, January 19, 2017 – St. Thomas Aquinas Church (Sugar Land)

There are other training sessions planned throughout the year but these are the only two in the immediate area. Please prayerfully consider completing a training session so we can ensure our council is in compliance with the parish expectations.

Let's kickoff 2017 the right way, get VIRTUS trained and get involved!

JD Gutierrez
Council Advocate
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Financial Secretary Report

January 1, 2017

Total Membership: 367

246 - Associates 107 - Insurance

14 - Inactive 9 - Honorary 15 - Honorary Life

Outstanding balance due as of January 1 is \$15,617 from 331 brothers.

We have 10 members who are currently three years delinquent in dues, which is \$120.00.

The retention committee chaired by Brother Nguyen will be contacting these members over the next three months.

The six members who are four year delinquent in dues have been submitted to State and Supreme for suspension.



Council Photo Album



CASA Director Irene Wisner speaks to Council about the good work they conduct in the community



Council members and their families line up to participate in the annual Pillows & Blankets gift distribution to Fort Bend County seniors on December 17, 2016

Council Photo Album

Council members conduct traffic control at the annual CASA Christmas House Tours

