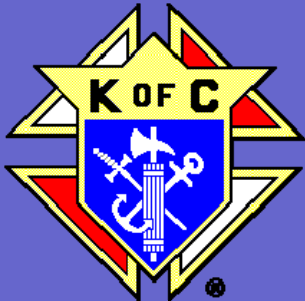


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# The Knight Rider

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## knights of columbus

**Council Business Meeting & Dinner**

**Parish Hall**

**7 PM Thursday, February 2, 2017**

## Grand Knight's Report



**GK Joe Chirco**

Brother Knights so much is happening. We are currently cooking Super Bowl Briskets. I invite new Knights to please come out and support the cooking effort. It is a great way to help out and we need your help. Remember we are expecting you to participate in at least seven (7) projects over the course of the year. You joined to be part of this great Council. Participation is a big part of being a Knight.

Speaking of participation, we had only three people show up for our VA Visitation last month. Perhaps you are afraid to visit a veteran? They deserve our respect. I must tell you though that you will get much more out of this than you give. The last visit we spoke with a veteran who was involved in picking up the astronauts as they landed in the ocean. Our next date is March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please put this on your schedule.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:billletendre@yahoo.com). If you do not have access to a computer, notify us to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter.

## Insurance Agent Report

### Teach your children well

Raising children is probably the hardest job you'll ever take. It requires you to wear more hats than you ever thought possible. Cook, chauffeur, nurse, counselor and many more... and that's often in one morning. One of the most important roles you accept as a parent is that of a teacher. Before they even get to school, you'll teach your children so much, and before they get out into the world, you'll instill values that they will carry with them.

Sometimes the values you want to impart (respect, compassion, accountability, financial responsibility, etc.) often run counter to what our instant-gratification driven society values. So, we strive to teach by example.

This is one good reason to carry enough life insurance to protect your family. This one simple act can show what you value. You'll show them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. You'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

It will teach them about priorities. Sure, it may not sink in at the time, especially if any of the sacrifices made prevent them from filling what they see as their immediate "needs" (really things they want, not need, like the newest DVD, video game or article of clothing). In the long run, they will learn from what you do and what you don't do. Only you can choose the lessons you will teach.

Let's meet to review your existing coverage. My needs analysis, provided free, will help teach you where your coverage may be lacking. We can plan today to secure your family's future and set in motion lessons that will last a lifetime.

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**From the Editor**

**Phone Numbers To Keep Handy**

The newsletter notice is being emailed to all members.

If you have not received the email notice, either we don't have your correct email address or any email address at all for you. The newsletter is available at the

**Council Website:**

[www.kofc11343.org](http://www.kofc11343.org)

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**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:**

Today we are about to enter into the Lenten Season of our faith. We take time to reflect on the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. This was a very trying time for the people of that time in the history of our world. Many explored the Mystery of Conversion Jesus and his Disciples were preaching. Many chose his example. Many did not. This time of our life, we pause to discern what we do believe. Are we following Jesus' ways - and the ways of our Heavenly Father? Do we need to make some changes? if so, what must we do to be more Christ Like?

**Deacon Bob Dunham**

# February 2017

## Schedule of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Brisket Cooking	2 Brisket Cooking 7pm Business Meeting	3 Brisket Cooking	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				

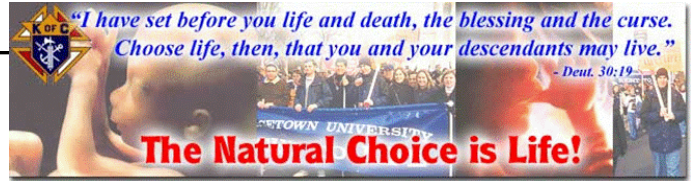
### Brisket Cooking Schedule

- February 1 @ 5 AM
- February 1 @ 7 PM
- February 2 @ 5 AM
- February 2 @ 6:30 pm
- February 3 @ 5 AM
- February 3 @ 6:30 pm Clean-up
- February 2—7 pm Business Meeting and Dinner at Parish Hall
- February 5—8 am Brisket Distribution—Kitchen Door at Parish Hall
- February 21—7 pm 4th Degree Assembly Meeting—St. Basil Hall

# March 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 ASH WEDNESDAY	2 7 pm Business Meeting	3 4 pm Lenten Fish Fry	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 4 pm Lenten Fish Fry	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 4 pm Lenten Fish Fry	18
19	20	21 7 pm 4th Degree Assembly Mtg	22 7:15 pm Officers Mtg	23	24 4 pm Lenten Fish Fry	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 4 pm Lenten Fish Fry	

- February 22—7:15 pm Officers' Meeting—Parish Hall
- March 2—7 pm Business Meeting and Dinner at Parish Hall
- March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31—4 pm Lenten Fish Fry—Parish Hall
- March 21—7 pm 4th Degree Assembly Meeting—St. Basil Hall
- March 22—7:15 pm Officers' Meeting—Parish Hall



## Invite a friend to become a Knight!

**CONTACT BROTHER RICHARD RAMIREZ**  
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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.

### January Calendar Raffle Winners

DATE	NUMBER	WON	NAME	SELLER
1/2/2017	503	\$ 40	Unsold	Unsold
1/3/2017	180	\$ 30	Tanya Greenwald	Joe Chirco
1/4/2017	823	\$ 30	Jose Belleza, Jr.	Bryan Villalon
1/5/2017	430	\$ 30	Deb Leyden	Bob Bilski
1/6/2017	133	\$ 40	Linda or Charles Hulme	John Siffert
1/7/2017	695	\$ 50	Unsold	Unsold
1/9/2017	015	\$ 40	Katie Palmer	Doug Turner
1/10/2017	117	\$ 30	Unsold	Unsold
1/11/2017	415	\$ 30	Tiffany Livongston	Greg Schockling
1/12/2017	025	\$ 30	Bruce Davis	Bob Bilski
1/13/2017	687	\$ 40	Melville Dmello	Mel Dmello
1/14/2017	275	\$ 50	Tim Haney	Tim Haney
1/16/2017	059	\$ 40	Bill Dillon	Joe Chirco
1/17/2017	940	\$ 30	Scott Sattler	Bryan Villalon
1/18/2017	178	\$ 30	Heath McClure	Ron Viaclovsky
1/19/2017	763	\$ 30	Jensen Guilbeau	Tim Haney
1/20/2017	257	\$ 40	Michael Hartman	Michael Hartman
1/21/2017	269	\$ 50	Magnolia Phillips	Joe Chirco
1/23/2017	435	\$ 40	Greg Cordova	Greg Cordova
1/24/2017	124	\$ 30	Rosario Dubois	Mark Dubois
1/25/2017	252	\$ 30	Walter Bergen	John Heinemann
1/26/2017	389	\$ 30	Thomas Sands	Thomas Sands
1/27/2017	226	\$ 40	Leiser Silva	Joe Guarisco
1/28/2017	156	\$ 50	Liz Lee	Ted Siwierka
1/30/2017		\$ 40	#N/A	#N/A
1/31/2017		\$ 30	#N/A	#N/A

# Program Director Report



**Greg Cordova**

Brother Knights,

January was a quick start for our Knight's programs and February has many opportunities to volunteer.

The free throw championship event was organized Anthony Willy and several Knights provided great assistance. All of the kids did great and Nathan hit 13 out of 15 free throws. Awesome!

Thanks to all who helped the brisket sales, preparing and cooking.

Our profit for Nativity sales was better than expected and will help fund our various charitable activities this year. Thanks again for all the Knights that helped. We plan to do the same for 2017.

About 12 knights made our world-famous BBQ sandwiches for Deacon Dennis celebration on Sunday January 22th. Needless to say, these BBQ sandwiches were gone very quickly.

Several of us Knights attended the Galveston-Houston Chapter of the Knights of Columbus 27th annual Clergy Appreciation Night on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. The attendees, priest, deacons and sisters were very pleased and the prime rib was delicious. I highly recommend you consider attending next year.

We are starting to plan for Lenten Fish Fries and will need everyone's help to be successful.

Please plan on volunteering and come enjoy working with your brother Knights.

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

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**Lenten Fish Fries  
begin  
Friday, March 3, 2017  
Volunteers Needed**



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Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> we are cooking a spaghetti dinner again for the Parish. We had great support for the dinner in January. This is our last dinner for COR night. Please come out again we received great praise from Fr. Drew for this event.

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> is Corporate Communion. Please put this on your calendar. We need to have as many Knights as possible supporting this event.

We have a new Chaplain! Fr. Drew has assigned us our Brother Knight Deacon Dennis. Please welcome Deacon Dennis. We all owe thanks to Deacon Bob who had faithfully been our backup when our Chaplain has not been available. Deacon Bob has and will continue to back-up our Chaplain. We are blessed to have Deacon Bob. Speaking of Deacon Dennis, I was fortunate to represent our Council at his ordination. It was a great inspiring event. If you have the opportunity to go to an ordination I highly recommend it.

We did have a very good Clergy night. The weather kept away some of our clergy but it was great to see our past priests at the event.

Calendars are ready to be sold. Please work with Alex on picking up your calendars to sell. This is a very important fund raiser.

Remember to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday for the Respect Life Rosary. I would like to see some new faces there. Bring your family along.

Finally in March we have LENTEN FISH FRIES! We will need all hands on deck as usual for these events.

God Bless you all,

Joe Chirco, GK

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## Council Advocate Report



**JD Gutierrez**

Brothers,

Another busy year underway! I have another update on VIRTUS training dates in our area.

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](http://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 5 years. If your PGC training was over 5 years ago, you will need to attend **Keeping the Promise Alive** refresher training.

Here are the training sessions coming up in our area:

### **Protecting God's Children for Adults - (3 hours)**

**9:00 AM - Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Holy Family Church (Missouri City)**

**8:00 AM – Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – St. Laurence Church (Sugar Land)**

**8:00 AM – Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – St. Laurence Church (Sugar Land)**

### **Keeping the Promise Alive Refresher - (1hour and 30 min)**

**9:00 AM - Saturday, March 18th, 2017 – Holy Family Church (Missouri City)**

**9:00 AM - Saturday, March 25th, 2017 – Holy Family Church (Missouri City)**

**6:30 PM – Tuesday, April 11th, 2017 – St. Laurence Church (Sugar Land)**

**6:30 AM – Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 – St. Laurence Church (Sugar Land)**

**Seating is limited so don't delay your registration!** If you can't recall when you last completed the training, I will bring the Volunteer Compliance Report at the next business meeting. For those that are new to our council, I encourage you to sign up early – these classes fill up quickly, are limited and aren't frequently held in our area often!

JD Gutierrez  
Council Advocate  
832-490-7574



## Financial Secretary Report

### MONTHLY REPORT - FINANCIAL SECRETARY

February 1, 2017

Total Membership: 369 (As of January 27<sup>th</sup>)

248 - Associates	9 are Honorary
107 - Insurance	15 are Honorary Life
14 - Inactive	

Outstanding dues balance as of January 30<sup>th</sup> is \$9,527.00 from 172 brothers.

132 brothers owe 2017 dues only.  
21 brothers owe 2 years dues,  
12 brothers owe 3 years dues and  
7 brothers are 4 years in arrears!

Several of these members have been sent the intent to Retain letter which is the second step in suspension, the retention committee chaired by Brother Nguyen will be contacting these members over the next month to determine if there is still a commitment to remain a Knight.

If you have not paid your dues for this year, or especially if you are two or more years in arrears in dues payments please take care of this matter as soon as you can. If there is a problem please contact Joe Chirco at [jlchirco@aol.com](mailto:jlchirco@aol.com) or me at [jguedry49@gmail.com](mailto:jguedry49@gmail.com).

Your Council needs you!

Respectfully,

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## Council Photo Album



**Knights and family members attend 5th Sunday rosary at St. Laurence Church**



**Contestants of the annual Knights' Free Throw contest held at St. Laurence School gym**

## Council Photo Album



**Knights provided BBQ Brisket sandwiches for Deacon Dennis Henderson's Ordination Celebration**

