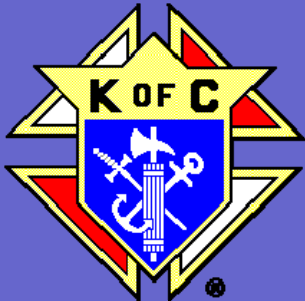


March 2017

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Council Business Meeting & Dinner

Parish Hall

7 PM Thursday, March 2, 2017

Grand Knight's Report

REV. JOHN T. WEYER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 11343

The Knight Rider

<http://www.kofc11343.org>



GK Joe Chirco

Brother Knights,

Well done so far this year! Our Council is growing in numbers and activities and the Parish is recognizing all that we do. We still have a long way to go. As we enter Lent, we are at the period where we are most active. Lenten Fish Fries remain the biggest event of the year. We need your help more than ever. Greg Shockling is heading up our Lenten Fish Fries. Please respond to his requests for help. In particular new Brother Knights, who should participate in at least seven events in their first year. At Lenten Fish Fries we will have beer to enjoy when you get a bit thirsty. This is consumed in moderation and mostly in the Kitchen area. Drinking to excess is never the correct behavior for a Knight of Columbus. This year because of the road construction we need even more support. There is plenty to do. I also recommend that those who are cooks who over the years have learned the techniques of frying engage with new Knights to mentor them into the art of frying. Every cooker should have a lead person and an assistant. Most important is clean up. At the end of the fish fry we clean the entire Parish Hall! Please be there for clean-up.

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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

Different life stages, changing needs

Paying for college for your children may be one of your family's current needs. You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets. You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren.

At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20, may not be at 30, or 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?

One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead.

During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care insurance and guaranteed income annuities that will help you rest easy at night.

Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help.

Brian Hyek—brian.hyek@kofc.org



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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

Please forward your email address to billletendre@yahoo.com if you are not receiving the notice electronically or if your email changes

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We offer our prayers for the following brothers :

Fr. Roy Oggero
 Bill Copenhaver
 Gary Bentz
 Deacon Al Bothe



Deacon Prayer:

Lord, give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable, patient and charitable - and a taste of your Holy Spirit...in all our thoughts, words and deeds.

O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity - and a firm love of you.

Take from us lukewarmness in meditation and all dullness in our prayer.

Give us fervor and delight in thinking of you, your abundant grace and your compassion.

Give us, Good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for.

St. Thomas More

Deacon Bob Dunham

March 2017

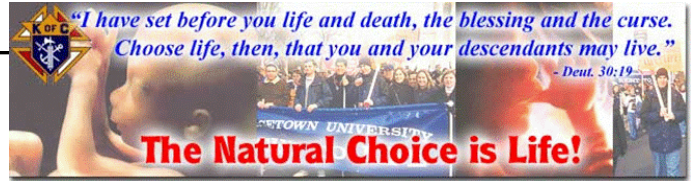
Schedule of Events

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 VA Hospital Visitation	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	

- 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 12—8 am VA Hospital Visitation—Ave Maria Center parking lot
- March 21—7 pm 4th Degree Assembly Meeting—St. Basil Hall
- March 22—7:15 pm Officers' Meeting—Parish Hall
- April 6—7 pm Business Meeting and Dinner at Parish Hall
- April 7—4 pm Lenten Fish Fry & Crawfish Boil—Parish Hall
- April 18—7 pm 4th Degree Assembly Meeting—St. Basil Hall
- April 19—7:15 pm Officers' Meeting—Parish Hall

April 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6 7 pm Business Meeting	7 4 pm Lenten Fish Fry & Crawfish Boil	8
9	10	11	12	13 Holy Thursday	14 Good Friday	15
16 EASTER	17	18 7 pm 4th Degree Assembly Mtg	19 7:15 pm Officers Mtg	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29/30



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.

February Calendar Raffle Winners

DATE	NUMBER	WON	NAME	SELLER
2/1/2017	711	\$ 30	Jonny Love	Doug Turner
2/2/2017	611	\$ 30	Theresa Buede	Cliff Buede
2/3/2017	426	\$ 40	Anastasia Kontrimas	Andrius Kontrimas
2/4/2017	077	\$ 50	Scott Hanrahan	Scott Hanrahan
2/6/2017	682	\$ 40	Flavia Dmello	Mel Dmello
2/7/2017	883	\$ 30	Unsold	Unsold
2/8/2017	056	\$ 30	Kevin King	Kevin King
2/9/2017	048	\$ 30	Chris Johnson	Yvette Do
2/10/2017	702	\$ 40	Unsold	Unsold
2/11/2017	568	\$ 50	Martha Janousek	Ron Viaclovsky
2/13/2017	142	\$ 40	Greg Cordova	Greg Cordova
2/14/2017	607	\$ 30	Greg Schockling	Greg Schockling
2/15/2017	527	\$ 30	R. J. Sabol	Bob Sabol
2/16/2017	900	\$ 30	Bryan Pittman	Bryan Villalon
2/17/2017	352	\$ 40	Yvette Muller	Todd Alder
2/18/2017	277	\$ 50	Larry Hubbell	Tom Benzaia
2/20/2017	847	\$ 40	John Cassapo	Joe Guarisco
2/21/2017	489	\$ 30	Tim Haney	Tim Haney
2/22/2017	487	\$ 30	Jimmie Pena	Mike Siwierka
2/23/2017	113	\$ 30	Unsold	Unsold
2/24/2017	954	\$ 40	Glen Gill	Ted Siwierka
2/25/2017	181	\$ 50	Rosario Dubois	Mark Dubois
2/27/2017		\$ 40	#N/A	#N/A
2/28/2017		\$ 30	#N/A	#N/A

Program Director Report

Brother Knights,

Come one, come all to help with our Lent Fish Fry!
Please see the email from Greg Schockling PGK (832.588.4021) for details.



Greg Cordova

February 19th was our Corporate Communion which we had a good turnout of Brothers and Sir Knights. Thanks to everyone who attended along with their families.

Upcoming events include our VA visit and Respect Life Rosary both on March 12th.
Check your schedule and if at all possible, plan to attend these events.

A final note, we can always use more help on Fish Fry Friday at 8 PM to tear down and cleanup.

Come out and help your fellow Knights while building strong Catholic friendships.

Lent begins Wednesday, March 1 and ends Thursday April 13, 2017.

Most of us know how to give up something like sugar or coffee along with giving money to a worthy charity. However, I struggle at times to say my daily prayers and plan to be disciplined this Lent to pray every day. If this sounds familiar, I invite you to select a time in the morning, noon or night to do the same.

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 spiritually rewarding Lent.

God bless the USA

SK, Greg Cordova Program Director



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



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On March 12th we also have the VA Hospital Visitation. The number of persons participating in this activity to date has been too little. The Catholic Daughters are joining us on this date. Please step up and help us to visit these veterans who deserve our support. We meet at the Ave Maria Life Center at 7:45 AM and will be back by 11:30 AM including Mass.

On March 12th we also have our 2nd Sunday rosary for respect life.

Finally, we have our Calendar Fund Raiser. We sell 1,000 Calendars to raise funds for our programs. If every Knight sells only 5 Calendars we will achieve our goal. Please work with Alex to sell your calendars as quickly as possible.

Recruiting new Brother Knights is everyone's responsibility. Please be prepared with form 100s to recruit new Knights especially at the Lenten Fish Fries.

I wish you all a Holy Lent.

Joe Chirco, Grand Knight



Council Advocate Report



JD Gutierrez

Brothers,

Here is another friendly reminder for those of you needing VIRTUS training. We are required by the Archdiocese to attend training if you plan to volunteer in events that are in proximity to children.

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 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)

8:00 AM – Saturday, April 1st, 2017 – St. Laurence Church (Sugar Land)

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8:00 AM – Saturday, May 27th, 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 22nd, 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

Financial Secretary Report

March 1, 2017

Total Membership: 372 (As of February 27th)

250 - Associates	9 are Honorary
109 - Insurance	15 are Honorary Life
13 - Inactive	

Outstanding dues balance as of February 27th is \$7,392.00 from 123 brothers.

84 brothers owe 2017 dues only,
22 brothers owe 2 years dues,
11 brothers owe 3 years dues,
6 brothers are 4 years in arrears!

The retention committee chaired by Brother Duong Nguyen will be contacting some of these members over the next month to determine if there is still a commitment to remain a Knight.

There were 49 Members who paid-up since last month's report... so 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 or Jack Guedry at jguedry49@gmail.com.

Your Council needs you!

Respectfully,

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Council Photo Album



DD Frerich presents the Columbian Award to PGK Arrington



Parish spaghetti dinner provided by Council members



Council Photo Album



Ordination celebration for Deacon Dennis Henderson

