

Knights of Columbus

St. Helena's Council 7965

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Knighly News



Council Meeting – January 27
Super Bowl BBQ – February 7

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December 2009



My Dear Brothers in Christ,

On behalf of all the officers, I wish each of you and your families a peaceful and blessed Christmas. At this special time of the year, I am so fortunate to be the Grand Knight of such a hard working and generous Council. Last month, we committed a total of \$2,000 to benefit disabled people in need of wheelchairs, and to help fund renovation of facilities at St Peter- St Joseph's Home. That was on top of monies we raised for Knights of Columbus charities through the October Tootsie Roll Drive. Next week we will share our blessings with the young ladies of Seton Home as we host a dinner on December 22.

Our family Christmas party provided a wonderful way to come together as families. Thanks to **Brother Steve Dvorak** for coordinating such a pleasant event, and all the brothers who pitched in with decorations and prepared the turkeys and hams, and of course our Ladies Auxiliary for giving their special touch with decorations and delicious food. And, of course we appreciate our Santa and **Micaela Rendon** for making the evening festive by leading us in carols.

The year starts with a major project – the Super Bowl BBQ on February 7. **Brother Dan Losoya** will chair the project. He will be looking for help with presale of tickets after masses in January, and with donations of 60 briskets and other supplies. We are planning for 600 plates. Also on tap for January are a parish appreciation breakfast on January 17 and a children's free throw competition which is coordinated by **Brother Mike Rendon**.

Remember no meeting this month so we can spend more time with our families. But, I offer a reminder to help FS Wayne Borgmann by sending in your dues and by completing the annual survey of Fraternal Activity included in last month's newsletter.

Your Brother in Christ,

Raul Soria
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

December 2009

5 – Family Christmas Party
20 – Taco Breakfast
22 – Seton Home Christmas Dinner

January 2010

17 – Parish Appreciation Breakfast
27 – Council Meeting
23 - Free Throw Competition

February 2010

7 – SuperBowl BBQ

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

Council Meetings – Jan 27 Feb 24 Mar 24 Apr 28 May 26 Jun 23 (Dolan Center, 7:30 pm)

Council Officer Meetings – Jan 13 Feb 10 Mar 10 Apr 14 May 12 Jun 9 (Dolan Center, 7:30 pm)

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. Contact Raul Soria to donate food items or money to defray cost of food items. We especially need volunteers to help with cleanup detail after 10 am mass.

Heartland Nursing Home – 3rd Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30pm, Heartland Nursing Home, 1 Heartland Dr. off of Stahl Rd.

Bingo with Alzheimer's Patients – 2nd Friday, 2:30pm, at Clare Bridge Home, 14595 Nacogdoches Road

Monthly Admissions Committee Meeting – Tentatively meets at 7:00pm on a date prior to the General Meeting date. A Catholic gentleman and his wife receive a taped briefing on the Order and, if he desires, he signs applicable membership forms to start the entry process into our Order. Contact Jim Palinkas, 646-9649, a week ahead of this meeting if you have a candidate.

Members are encouraged to bring non-perishable items to the General Meeting to support the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry! Please help replenish the bare pantry shelves.

Family Christmas Party a Hit

Brother Steve Dvorak, Christmas Party Chair, reports everyone enjoyed a festive evening at the annual Council Christmas Party thanks to a good turnout and all the brothers who prepared turkeys and hams, tasty side dishes, and tempting desserts. Of course the Ladies Auxiliary added their touch with decorations and organizational expertise. **Micaela Rendon**, daughter of **Brother Mike Rendon**, livened the party by leading the gathering in singing some wonderful carols. Santa was also a hit. Anticipating the number of children, Santa even got Mrs. Claus to help.

Seton Home Christmas Party Planned

The Council will host serve a special Christmas dinner for the residents and staff of Seton Home on Tuesday, December 22 at 6:30 pm. Interested members are invited are welcome to bring new or clean used toys or items for teen mothers and infants. A car pool will leave from Dolan Center at 5:30 pm. Contact: **DGK Manny Olague** (650-5682) or **Brother Jim Palinkas** (653-6748).the intersection of Weidner and I 35. Hurdles still remain but Brother Tony is on top of it.

November Council Meeting Report

The Council approved two major expenditures at the November meeting. Pursuant to notices published in the November newsletter, the Council voted to approve \$1,000 to be awarded to St Peter – St. Joseph's Home to help with renovation of aging buildings of the orphanage. A number of other organizations and corporate donors are making contributions to help with major renovations.

In other business, the Council approved the expenditure of a total of \$1,050 to be awarded to the Wheel Chair Foundation, a charity that has been working with the Knights of Columbus to distribute wheel chairs to needy people who otherwise have little or no mobility. The chairs provided are durable, no-frills chairs that cost \$150 each. Thanks to the efforts of this charity thousands of disabled people worldwide have gained the opportunity to gain work and conduct a more normal life.

FS Wayne Borgman reported results of recent fundraisers. The Texas Hold'em Tournament generated \$2,200 and the Council collected nearly \$1,700 in the October Tootsie Roll Drive.

Bingo Project Status Reported

Brother Tony Razzino reported significant news on the prospects for the Council's participation in a local bingo enterprise. A bingo operation as a non-profit partner with a bingo operator promises a long-term source of revenue for the Council. As a licensed non-profit bingo operator, the council would earn a percentage of bingo revenues.

Tony and Brother Jim Palinkas have been spearheading the Council's application for a required state bingo operator license. State law imposes a number of restrictions on non-profit revenues from bingo – primarily requiring strict adherence with charitable distribution of bingo revenues. Still, council officers believe bingo offers an attractive alternative to dwindling revenue from concession operations at the AT&T Center and the Alamodome.

The Council has been awarded the necessary prerequisite license, and Council officers and other members have applied for and have been certified as registered bingo workers. One or two Council representatives, certified as bingo workers must be attendance at each bingo session. The Council has been waiting for an opening at an existing bingo hall. A very promising option is a new bingo hall to be constructed near the intersection of Weidner and I 35. Hurdles still remain but **Brother Tony** is on top of it.

Super Bowl BBQ Set to Go

Brother Dan Losoya has volunteered to chair ticket sales for our Annual Super Bowl Barbeque set for Sunday, February 7, 2010. Volunteers are needed to help with ticket sales after masses during January. He is planning for sale of 600 plates, and will need 60 briskets or contributions of cash to ensure we serve full plates. As usual, a big potato salad making party is planned for the night before the barbeque.

Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification

At the November council meeting, **Past Grand Knight and current Chapter President Caesar Bustos** informed the Council that third degree knights will have an excellent opportunity to advance to the fourth degree at an exemplification on Saturday Feb 27, 2010 at Holy Trinity Hall. Holy Trinity is located in the nearby Stone Oak area. Cost of the exemplification is \$75 for the candidate and \$25 for each for the candidate's guest(s). In addition, all candidates must obtain a tuxedo which can be purchased locally at a reasonable cost. Deadline for submission of Form 4 application and monies is January 19, 2010. Contact the **DGK Manny Olague** or **Brother Caesar Bustos** for any additional information.

SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Include the following members and their families in your prayers:

Deceased

Spouse of Bro Bernard Gardy

Sick

Bro & Daughter of Bro Wes Athey
 Bro Bill McNalley
 Bro Jim Jennings
 Father of Bro Tommy Terrazas
 Spouse of Bro Barry Scott
 Spouse of Bro Daniel Losoya
 Nephew of Bro Terry Layton
 Grandmother of Bro John Cartwright
 Stepmother of Bro Chris Mcquade
 Granddaughter of Bro Harry Woodville
 Mother of Bro Tony Cardenas
 Brother of Bro Rudy Mendez
 Brother Robert Hanselman
 Granddaughter of Bro Jim Jennings
 Spouse of Bro Doug Harrison
 Bro-in-Law or Bro Harry Woodville
 Brother of Bro Ernest Munoz

Bro Russel & Dorthy Knouse
 Bro John Dodgen
 Bro Oscar Frausto
 Spouse of George Vincent
 Bro Orlando Guadalupe
 Son of Bro Hank Dorantes
 Deacon Stan Stancomb
 Bro Noe Lopez
 Grandson of Bro R. Knouse
 Father of Bro Oscar Elizondo
 Daughter of Bro Mike Rendon
 Bro Frank Perales
 Cousin of Bro Tino Villarreal
 Bro Dan Losoya
 Bro Julian Trevino
 Bro Greg Trappuzano

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 **Chancellor Mike Rendon** at 495-5895

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY wishes to:

December 2009

Russell & Dorothy Knouse-12/16 - 59 yrs
 Salvador & Terry Zurita - 12/10 - 42 yrs
 George & Ida Vincent-12/26 - 39 yrs
 John & Rose Martinez-12/22 - 36 yrs
 Leland & Helen Knox-12/20 - 29 yrs
 Roger & Kameron Chicoine-12/26 - 28 yrs
 Rafael & Sofia Salas -12/21 - 22 yrs
 Michael & Pamela Barclay-12/14 - 18 yrs



Refugio & Sally Fernandez-12/26 - 43 yrs
 Joseph & Judith Tortorici-12/22 - 41 yrs
 Tye & Elaine Schlegelmilch-12/28 - 39 yrs
 Richard & Marie Ostrander-12/28 - 31 yrs
 Michael & Jacqueline Travis-12/12 - 28 yrs
 Harry & Iris Blank -12/28 - 28 yrs
 Joe & Lisa Garza - 12/23 - 21 yrs
 Conrad & Valerie Muth - 12/01 - 9 yrs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

December 2009

BROTHERS:

Edward Zuniga - 12/07
 Casey Quiroz - 12/16
 Gerald Forbrich - 12/17
 John Bendele - 12/28
 Rafael Salas - 12/14
 Anthony Lawrence - 12/27
 Tino Villarreal - 12/18
 Michael Flaharty - 12/21

Arturo Rodriguez - 12/06
 David Hernandez - 12/15
 George Vincent - 12/21
 Tim Huber - 12/06



Charles Mannino - 12/17
 Bernard Gardy - 12/12
 Tommy Terrazas - 12/31
 Terry Layton - 12/10
 Louis Guerrero, Jr - 12/24
 Preston Trinkle - 12/09
 Darren Littlefield - 12/05
 Adrian Elizondo - 12/06

LADIES:

Kristin Avitua - 12/16
 Judy Manglberger - 12/06
 Carol Queener - 12/08
 Bernice Stein - 12/17

Barbara Schneiderheinz - 12/12
 Sylvia Tobin - 12/29

Irene Garcia - 12/06
 Elizabeth Morin - 12/18
 Lucretia Sprake - 12/04
 Irene Williams - 12/06

If case of any errors or omissions, please contact Council Financial Secretary, Wayne Borgmann so that he can update/correct the data files. Call Wayne at 210-657-2445; or send mail to 12419 Alexandria, San Antonio, TX 78233-5204; or send an Email to: wborgmann@satx.rr.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

Month of November 2009

Knight of the Month

Tony Razzino

Family of the Month

Arturo & Mary Rodriguez

**Wishing Everyone a Joyous and Blessed
 Christmas Season**

St Helena's Officers



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

December 2009

The annual Christmas/New Year greeting from your FS comes with the **2010 Membership Renewal (dues)** statements which **have been** mailed or personally distributed to billable members. Please do take immediate action to remit payment at this time. A one-time payment of \$24 is preferred; however, you may render a semi-annual payment of \$12. Bring your payment to the January 27, 2010 council meeting or mail it in the self addressed envelope enclosed with the statement. **Please attach the top, tear-off, section of the statement to your payment.** Pay now to prevent the additional cost of sending reminder notices. Thank you.

Many thanks to those Brothers who have already made their dues payment. Your 2010 Membership Cards will be sent/given to you soon.

If you have any questions or you are unable to make payment due to a hardship situation, please feel free to call me (Wayne Borgmann, FS) at 657-2445 or Grand Knight Raul Soria, 838-5450. My E-Mail address is: wborgmann@satx.rr.com

ATTENDANCE LOTTERY

Brother **Roger Muniz**, your name was drawn for the November meeting attendance lottery of \$15. Your absence increases the lottery to \$20 for the January '10 meeting. Remember, you **MUST** attend the Council business meeting to win. Normally, the meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 PM, in the Dolan Center. However, the next Council business meeting will be on January 27, '10 at 7:30 PM. A decade of the Rosary will be prayed at 7:15. Let's fill the Council Chambers with some new faces. Your participation in council activities is desired and greatly valued. See you there.

WELCOME - NEW MEMBER

Please extend your hands of welcome to Brother **JOE R GARZA**, son of Brother Joe H Garza, 12207 Towering Elm, SA, TX 78247-6509; TEL: 490-7186, who transferred his membership from Council 8302, San Antonio, TX.

WELCOME - NEW THIRD DEGREE MEMBER

Extend congratulations to Brother Knights, **ARMANDO BARRON** and **DARREN LITTLEFIELD** who received the honors of the Second and Third Degree of the Order on November 22, 2009.



"...Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem . . .

COUNCIL CALENDAR

Refer to Page 2 for complete schedule
of Council Events.

St Vincent de Paul Needs

Item	Size	Pkg
Apple Sauce	25 oz	can
Corn	15 oz	can
Corn Flakes	18 oz	box
Grape jam or jelly	18 oz	jar
Green Beans	14 1/2 oz	can
Instant Potatoes	15 oz	box
Macaroni & cheese	7.25 oz	box
Peanut Butter	18 oz	jar
Pinto Beans	2 lbs	bag
Powdered Milk	3.2 oz	box
Rice	2 lbs	pkg
Spaghetti	24 oz	pkg
Tomato Sauce	8 oz	can
Tuna	6 oz	can
Ivory Soap	4.5 oz	bar
Laundry Detergent	28 oz	box
Toilet paper		
Tooth paste	6 oz	tube

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

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