

Knights of Columbus

St. Helena's Council 7965

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Knighly News



No Council Meeting Until January 24, 2012
Super Bowl BBQ – February 5, 2012

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December 2011



My Dear Brothers in Christ,

We are nearing the end Advent with Christmas almost here. We prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; he is the Ultimate Gift. Let us remember to keep Christ in Christmas and remember to it is still not too late to give to those less fortunate be it thru the St. Vincent de Paul, or some other organization.

Our last Blood Drive did not go well as we failed to meet our quota. Brothers that we can always give blood anywhere and anytime. However, we can still and donate that blood in the name of the council, the Blood and Tissue people will be glad to give us credit.

Something else that has fallen thru the cracks is the donation of canned goods to St. Vincent de Paul prior to our General Meeting. One thing that my wife started to encourage the Ladies Auxiliary to donate was to have the Ladies draw from her basket a surprise bagged gift for every 5 cans that they bring. We might just have to do that also to encourage donations. I would like to recognize **Brother Henry Sizemore** for his generation contribution to the Society for bringing over 5 bags of groceries this past general meeting!
Thank you once again Brother Henry.

Our next big fund raiser will be **the Super Bowl BBQ**. This fund raiser is really needed this coming year and we need all the help and support we can get to meet our fund raising quotas. We have been falling short on most events. **Brother Daniel Losoya** has volunteered to Chair that event, with other Brothers stepping up to assist. Our Worthy DGK, Dr. Greg, will head the ticket sales. We would appreciate other Brother Chefs to assist in the cooking of briskets. The council will once again seek monetary donations of \$20 or more for the purchase of briskets. Also, as time grows near, we will be accepting donations of other items needed to round out the menu for the meal.

A Hearty and Merry Thank You to Brother Steve Dvorak and Brother Knights and Ladies that helped make the KC Family Christmas party as great success! The decorations, food, and entertainment were exceptional. **Brother Eddie Moreno** was terrific and Santa Claus, Thank You Eddie.

Also on the morning of the Christmas party, we held our first Squires Circle Reinstatement Ceremony. Nine Squires were exemplified. And over ten Brother Knights participated in the ceremony. The **Squire's Chief Counselor and Youth Director, Hector Maydon** did an outstanding job of putting everything together.

No General Meeting this Month. Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

Bob Mancillas, 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

Dec- 2011

No Meeting

Jan 2012

10 – Officers Meeting
 14 – Clare Bridge Bingo Party
 15 – Taco Breakfast
 21 – Heartland Party
 24 - Council Meeting

Feb 2012

5 – Super Bowl BBQ
 11- Clare Bridge Bingo Party
 14 - Officers Meeting
 18 - Heartland Party
 19- Taco Breakfast
 24- Council Meeting

MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

Council Meetings – Jan 24 Feb 28 Mar 27 Apr 24 May 22 (Dolan Center, 7:00 pm)

Council Officer Meetings – Jan 10 Feb 07 Mar 13 Apr 10 May 8 (Dolan Center, 7:00 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. We solicit contributions of supplies and food items for tacos. We especially need volunteers to help with cleanup detail after 10 am mass.

Heartland Nursing Home – 3rd Saturday, 3:15 - 4:00pm, Heartland Nursing Home, 1 Heartland Dr. off of Stahl Rd.

Bingo with Alzheimer's Patients – 2nd Saturday, 2:15pm, 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

The Council had its annual Family Christmas Party on December 3. Special thanks to **Brother Steve Dvorak**, Council Director and his helpers who once again did an outstanding job in preparing this event. Brother Steve has always gone that extra mile to bring to our Council events for the K of C

The hall was decorated with Christmas decorations that was put up (as always) by the K of C Ladies Auxiliary. The ladies prepared the meal and kept the food table filled with delicious food of ham, turkey, and all the trimmings to satisfy every ones pallet, not to mention all the pastries that were available.

The hi-light of the evening was of course the entrance of Old Jolly Saint Nick. **Brother Eddie Moreno** played the title role. Santa had them sing a few songs and then he gave out toys to the children that were good all year (right).

It was an evening filled with the spirit of Christmas, especially for the little ones who were surprised by Santa's arrival.

St Helena Squire Circle Reinstated

On December 3, **Brother Hector Maydon**, Youth Director, culminated a lot of hard work in recruiting and organizing the reinstatement of St. Helena's Columbian Squires Circle after 16 inactive years. Several knights, including Sir Knight John Kuennen, helped make the initiation a special event. Many of the newly initiated, peppered John with questions about his regalia. Afterwards, John treated the new squires to a pizza party.

Nine young men became initiated. A squire circle is required to have a membership of 10 members. The circle will meet that standard with the induction of five more members on Tuesday, December 20. Worldwide squire membership totals 25,000. Squires Squires strive to provide "the spiritual, cultural, civic, social and physical improvement of its members, and the development of their leadership qualities," Our first members are: **Abel Mendez, Jaiden Alfaro, Christian Caldwell, Samuel Speciale, Isaih McCue, Hector Maydon, Joseph Jarzonbek, Marcus Chavez, and Mario Movado.**



St Helena Columbian Squires Inductees - December 2011

Super Bowl BBQ Planning Underway

The New Year is upon us once again. Our “Super Bowl BBQ” is the start of one of our main event(s) of the coming year. According to **DGK Dr Greg Lopezio**, “This coming year, we will do much better than last year, why you may ask? Last year we gave one hell of a plate of lean meat (and plenty of it) and all the trimmings. I assure you that no one left hungry after eating the plate we served them. Most took some of their portions home because of the plate size.”

Brother Paul Cardenas is taking upon himself to get our industrial electric meat cutter repaired. Brother Paul also has a contact for another meat cutting machine. This means we will be able to cut the meat faster and all at the same thickness. We estimate that we will need around 100 briskets for this coming year event. Contributions for the purchase of briskets, and other provisions will be sought to improve profitability for the event. **Brother Daniel Losoya** will handle meat procurement.

To improve accountability, the Council will be looking for 6 brothers to come up to the plate and take charge of a share of tickets - around 100 tickets each. Thanks to **Brother Bob Nunley** who took charge of the first 100 tickets.

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SICK OR IN DISTRESS

Include the following members and their families in your prayers:

Sick

Bro & Daughter of Bro Wes Athey
Mother-in-law of Bro Tony Angel
Mother of Bro Jim Palinkas
Brother of DD Joe Zimmer
Spouse of Bro John Norkus
Daughter of Bro Wayne Borgmann
Grand Daughter of Bro Jim Jennings

Bro Richard Dvorak
Bro Noe Lopez
Spouse of Bro Doug Harrison
Cousin of Bro Harry Woodville
Bro-in-law of Bro Jesse Garcia

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 Greg Trapuzzano
382-1679

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY wishes to:

December 2011

Russell & Dorothy Knouse-12/16 - 61 yrs
 Salvador & Terry Zurita - 12/10 - 44 yrs
 George & Ida Vincent-12/26 - 41 yrs
 John & Rose Martinez-12/22 - 38 yrs
 Leland & Helen Knox-12/20 - 31 yrs
 Roger & Kameron Chicoine-12/26 - 30 yrs
 Rafael & Sofia Salas -12/21 - 24 yrs



Refugio & Sally Fernandez-12/26 - 45 yrs
 Joseph & Judith Tortorici-12/22 - 43 yrs
 Tye & Elaine Schlegelmilch-12/28 - 41 yrs
 Richard & Marie Ostrander-12/28 - 33 yrs
 Michael & Jacqueline Travis-12/12 - 30 yrs
 Harry & Iris Blank -12/28 - 30 yrs
 Michael & Pamela Barclay-12/14 - 20 yrs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

December 2011

BROTHERS:

Edward Zuniga - 12/07
 Casey Quiroz - 12/16
 Gerald Forbrich - 12/17
 John Bendele - 12/28
 Rafael Salas - 12/14
 Preston Trinkle - 12/09
 Darren Littlefield - 12/05

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
 Anthony Lawrence - 12/27
 Tino Villarreal - 12/18
 Kevin Cardenas - 12/30



LADIES:

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

Elizabeth Morin - 12/18
 Barbara Schneiderheinz - 12/12
 Sylvia Tobin - 12/29

Irene Garcia - 12/06
 Karen Pritt - 12/19
 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 2011

Knight of the Month

Bro John Kuennen

Family of the Month

Tony & Martha Razzino

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

December 2011

COUNCIL DUES

The annual Christmas/New Year greeting from your FS comes with the **2012 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 next council business meeting on **Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 7:00 pm**, or mail it in the self addressed envelope enclosed with the statement. **Please return the top, tear-off, section of the statement with 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 2012 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 Robert Mancillas at 490-7445. My E-Mail address is: wborgmann@satx.rr.com

ATTENDANCE LOTTERY

Brother **Robert Stover**, your name was drawn for the November meeting attendance lottery of \$35. Your absence increases the lottery to \$40 for the January 2012 meeting (no meeting in December). Remember, you **MUST** attend the Council business meeting to win. Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm, in the Dolan Center. The next meeting is on **January 24, 2012 at 7:00 PM**. A decade of the Rosary will be prayed at 6:45. Let's fill the Council Chambers with some new faces. Your participation in council activities is desired and greatly valued. See you there.

CONGRATULATIONS – NEW THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS

Please extend congratulations to following Brothers who received the honors of the Second & Third Degree of the Order on the date noted after their name:

Antonio Molina – 10/16/11; Roger Pritt – 10/16/11; Douglas Thomas – 11/26/11; John Ward – 11/26/11.

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Please extend your hand of welcome the following Brother Knights:

Donald J Gagnon, 12606 Mohawk Valley St. SA, TX 78233-4622; TEL: 653-5424- Transfer from Holy Trinity Council 9967.

Kevin "Sam" Allen, 8350 Athenian, Universal City, TX 78148-2516; TEL: 338-5130 – Transfer from Council 2163, Abilene, TX

Scott A McCue, 14127 Queensway ST., SA TX 78217-1338; TEL: 289-4407 – Received his First Degree on December 7, 2011

Mario E Morado, 12818 Falcons Nest, SA TX 78233-4668; TEL: 355-5592 – Received his First Degree on December 7, 2011

FS Reports Budget Shortfall

Support for Rite of Christian Initiation Adult (RCIA)

Financial Secretary Wayne Borgmann recently transmitted the mid-year Council Budget Report via email to members. The Council had to draw \$10,000 from its investment funds to meet our charitable obligations, and a number of early major expenses including church calendars, our Fiesta parade permit, the Council Awards Dinner, and scholarships awarded in July. Our early financial problems stem from reduced fundraisers, including postment of the Tootsie Roll Drive in October. Success of major fundraisers such as the Super Bowl BBQ, and other spring events is critical. Leadership and strong support of the membership is essential. A full report will be given at the January Council meeting.

My wife and I thank all the generous Knights and their spouses who supported the RCIA Snack Fund effort this year. Over 60 potential converts to our faith, ranging from children to adults, their instructors and sponsors have appreciated the tasty snacks and refreshing drinks each Sunday since September. Although the Knights portion of this program ends after December, please continue to support this worthy program by donating throughout the year. May God continue to bless you. **Brother John and Rose Martinez**

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
Macaroni & cheese	7.25 oz	box
Peanut Butter	18 oz	jar
Pinto Beans	2 lbs	bag
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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