



# KNIGHT LETTER

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## Happy Birthday March & April



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## Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

First of all, I would like to congratulate all of the knights that planned, coordinated, and executed the Lenten fish fry this past month. Your unwavering support is what makes our council what it is today. You all are keeping the dream alive as we transition from the hall to the church.

It is also my pleasure to announce that the sale of the hall is official. Thanks for all of your support and understanding through this process. We could not have done this without all of your support.

Have a great month!

Grand Knight

Steve Loos

## Chancellor's Corner

Brothers - Founded by a parish priest, the Knights of Columbus has always worked hard to encourage young men to consider God's call to service in the priesthood. One way our council can live this calling is through prayer with the St Mary Vocations Chalice. This is a weekly family, home devotion praying (with the help of an accompanying guidebook) over a beautiful golden chalice.

You may not be aware that the Vocation Chalice was donated to St Mary In Memory of Sir Knight Hubert Janicek in 1974.

Every one of us who are members of St Mary should be active in this devotion by signing up to bring the chalice home several times a year. You can do so by contacting **Debra Hollingsworth: 713-586-9800**

Let us all lend our prayers for vocations in support of St Mary's youth and others throughout the world!

The Parish Festival - April 23rd - will again have stages for the performing musicians. The stages need to be transported from the Expo Center Friday, April 21st starting at 9:00 am via one or two pick up trucks then returned Monday morning. If you are able to provide this assistance please let me know.

Ryan Colburn  
Chancellor

## Community Program / Youth Activities

The Knights of Columbus College Council Scholarship, sponsored by Council 3444, applications are being available for the High School Seniors graduates that are enrolled in an accredited College. Deadline to complete the form and have it signed by the Grand Knight is May 15. One Scholarship will be awarded from those turned in by the scholarship committee at a later date.

The Bea Kemendo Scholarship is from a trust from the Beatrice Kemendo Estate with Council 3444 as the executor trustee. Applicants for this scholarship are for a Council 3444 KC member in good standing or son/daughter of a Council member in good standing of the Council. Applications must be turned in and signed by the Grand Knight before May 15. One scholarship will be awarded by the Council 3444 Trustees

Applications can be obtained from a KC Council 3444 member.

Easter Egg Hunt after the Easter 9:30 mass on the grounds of St Mary's Campus. Kids are requested to bring their Easter Baskets and step lightly while looking for Easter Candy eggs. Special thanks to Brother Knight Greg Pekar for chairing this event. Greg will need help placing the candy eggs and roping off the area.

WC Marek  
Youth Activities Chairman



## 4th Degree Assembly 1138

Sir Knights,

As I write this, the Assembly and Council are settling into the new environment at St Mary Parish. The changes give us a fresh outlook and the chance to move forward. Consider setting aside some time to join us at one of our 2nd Monday meetings and become an active Knight.

At the recent meeting, the Assembly voted to purchase chalices for use at St Mary Parish for distribution of the Most Precious Blood during communion. This will be a lasting contribution to the parish we can see at the mass.

We have one candidate for the upcoming exemplification on April 22. The application deadline is April 1, but there will be other District VI exemplifications in the future. Third degree members, prayerfully consider joining, it is never too early to apply.

We have an officer opening in the Assembly...we need a dedicated Sir Knight to fill the role of Faithful Scribe. The position doesn't require any extraordinary skill, but does require regular attendance to record the Assembly actions. If you have any questions about the position, give me a call at 254-624-7408.

Finally, on behalf of my wife Deborah and myself, have a blessed Easter season.

God is alive!

Faithful Navigator  
William Keller

## Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month is Matt Hoelscher. Matt is our KOM due the time and effort he has committed to this years fish fry. He helped hook up the additional utilities required, he donated his trailer to hold the equipment, and he is a regular for helping set up the trailer and tent at the start of each fry.

## Family of the Month

Our Family of the Month is Eugene and Charlene Pavlat. Eugene is a faithful member of the Assembly and the leader of Lodge #114 of the KJT (Catholic Union of Texas). The KJT is providing servers for Fish Fry. Charlene supports Eugene in all his Christian activities.

*Congratulations to our monthly honorees!*

## Church Activities

My dear Brother Knights and Families,

This year, there will be a Divine Mercy Mass at 3PM on Sunday, April 16, the Feast of Divine Mercy. This is an important event in the Church that will give to those that follow the prescripts, an abundance of grace from our LORD, Jesus Christ. That is, a Plenary Indulgence will be given to those that go to confession and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will begin at 2:30pm. The Mass will count as your Sunday Obligation. There will also be chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 2 to 3. You may also attend multiple celebrations of the Mass on the same weekend. Brother SK Ken Botz has put a lot of effort, thought and research to this most special occasion. Please attend! We hope and pray that will be an annual occasion for our local church. Additional information will be in the Church Bulletin in the weeks prior to April 16. A light meal will be served following Mass.

St. Mary's Festival will be held on the Parish and School Grounds on April 23. At 10:00am, there will be a processional from the church to the school followed by an outdoor Mass. After Mass the Festival activities will start and continue throughout the day until 8 pm. Please plan on being there for a fun filled day. Loads of activities are planned.

Have a Blessed Easter Season!

May God bless you all!

Fraternally yours,

Bruce J. McAtee

Council 3444 – Church/Fraternal/Trustee

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### St Mary's Spring Festival

Outdoor mass 10am

Festival starts at  
11am till 8pm

2023

APRIL

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02 <b>Palm Sunday</b>	03	04	05	06 Sign up for Council 3444 Adorations time 3-4AM St Mary's	07	08
09 <b>Easter</b> Kids Easter egg hunt after 9:30 mass	10 Corp./Bd. Mt. 5:15PM 4th Degree Mt. 6:15PM Rosary 7:00PM 3rd Degree Mt. 7:30PM St Mary's Ave Maria Bld.	11	12	13 Sign up for Council 3444 Adorations time 3-4AM St Mary's	14	15
16 Divine Mercy Mass 3PM at St Mary's	17	18	19	20 Sign up for Council 3444 Adorations time 3-4AM St Mary's	21 KC council newsletter reports & articles due	22
23 St Mary's Festival 11am-8pm	24	25	26	27 Sign up for Council 3444 Adorations time 3-4AM St Mary's	28	29 St Mary's 4th Annual Golf Tournament 8:30 am Sammons Golf Course



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