



# KNIGHT LETTER

CHARITY UNITY FRATERNITY AND PATRIOTISM



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## Happy Birthday February & March



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## Grand Knight Report

KC Council meeting at St Mary's Ava Maria Building

### Council Activities

Kudos to Our Lady of Guadalupe parish which has successfully formed a new Knights Council. The new council is #18056. Four of our members have transferred to the new council.

With the pending sale of the hall, we are figuring out ways and means of continuing the annual Lenten fish fry. The annual fish fry has been a wonderful social activity for our parish, a enjoyable fraternal activity for our members, and a good fundraising opportunity for our council.

#### LENTEN FISH FRY

As many may know or have heard rumors, the KC Hall is up for sale. The Council will no longer hold functions there.

Fr. Kurtis is working with the Council to hold our annual Lenten Fish Frys on the St Mary campus. There is much organizing to be done. However, there is hope we can pull it together especially since we are working with a short timeframe.

The plan now is to start out slow as we gain comfort in a new working environment. This means that initially plates may be primarily to-go with possible very limited seating for dine-in. Hopefully as we become more comfortable with the new arrangement, we can improve our process.

We do not plan to openly advertise to the public until we get our routine down. Announcements will be made from the pulpit and in the St Mary bulletin from the start.

Please note that it is deeply felt that this event is important to the life of our council. There are some who think that not having "The Hall" will severely cripple our Council into irrelevancy. Sure, this is a setback. However, it is also an opportunity for us to rise to the principles of Columbianism to which we all committed ourselves: Church, Family, Youth and Community. We will do things maybe on a smaller scale, but we can be a leaner, stronger Council as a result. Together we can make our Council flourish!

Be involved, volunteer; Brother Knights you can make this happen.

If anyone is interested in helping make this happen, please contact members of the Lenten Fish Fry Committee

Deacon Matt Hoelscher, Ernie Degenhardt, Edwin Bigon

## Chancellor's Corner

We received a warm and appreciative card from our adopted Seminarian, Chris Haberberger, following his receipt of our \$600 support. Please keep Chris, and all seminarians, in your prayers.

Remember that Saturday January 28th is the Texas Rally for Life at the State Capitol from 1PM - 4PM. <https://www.texasrallyforlife.org> Should you wish to join others for a bus ride to/from this event, St. Stephens in Salado is providing one. A reservation will be required prior to Saturday.

[www.eventbrite.com/e/texas-rally-for-life-january-28-austin-capitol-tickets-510993865407](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/texas-rally-for-life-january-28-austin-capitol-tickets-510993865407)

Note the Texas-Sized Diaper Drive and bring a large box of diapers in support of Texas moms and babies!

May God's Peace be with you,  
Ryan Colburn  
Chancellor

### Community Program / Youth Activities

The Council Basketball Free Throw Contest was a success of having an event this year. Would like to thank St Mary's Catholic School for giving us a place to hold the event. Many thanks to the staff of the school sports department for helping us run the event. Also a special thanks to Brother Knights chairing and scoring the event and for the many photos by photographer Bill Keller

Time to think about the Council College Scholarship application for High School Seniors graduating this year. Attend a Council KC meeting to obtain an application.

WC Marek  
Youth Activities Chairman

#### Sign up for the KC 3444 Newsletter

If you know of a Knight who is not receiving our e-mail newsletter, please have them

e-mail [columbuscltx@gmail.com](mailto:columbuscltx@gmail.com)  
so we can add them to our e-mail list.

## 4th Degree Assembly 1138

Sir Knights,

Our Assembly is off to a new start with our meetings held on the St Mary Parish campus. This month, we have a resolution to purchase chalices for St Mary's to use for distribution of the precious blood during communion. Please join us to discuss this important project and vote on the resolution.

For those who have not been able to attend our latest meetings, there has been a change to the chalice program honoring our deceased members. In the past, engraved chalices were presented to the family of deceased Sir Knights, which were then passed along to deserving clergy members. Due to supply issues, we can no longer engrave the chalices, and costs have increased substantially. Our new program will honor our deceased Sir Knight with a plaque presented to the families, which they may keep to remember their loved ones.

It is time to grow our membership! District Six will have an exemplification in April, I hope to have details at our next meeting. All Third Degree Knights are invited to join the Patriotic Degree. You do not need to have the regalia to be an active member of the degree, just a love of God and country and a dedication to elevate both.

God is alive!

Faithful Navigator  
William Keller

## Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month is Ryan Colburn. Ryan serves as a council officer in the position of Chancellor. He devotes extensive time to the council, serving as the chairman of the Hall Sale sub-committee and heading up the effort to collect and report last years service hours. He is also an Alter Server.

## Family of the Month

The Family of the Month is Arnold and Francis Pechal. They are lifetime members of St. Mary's and constantly volunteer for all manner of small tasks (and make numerous financial gifts). Arnold is a member of the Ushers Ministry, and Francis is in the Alter Society.

*Congratulations to our monthly honorees!*

## Church Activities

As a group of Catholic gentlemen, we are committed to the 3:00 am to 4:00 am time slot on Thursdays for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel across the street from St. Mary's Church. Please prayerfully consider participating. You would only be scheduled for this hour once every 3 months or so. The more that are committed, the least often your time comes up. Contact me if interested.

I am reminding each of my brother Knights of the four principles of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I've noticed that there is some work to be done in the 3rd Degree of our order which is Fraternity or Brotherhood. Please do not let petty differences come between you and your fellow brother Knight. We must all get along with each other and work for the greater good which is toward the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are all human and we must forgive each other as Jesus forgives us of our sins.

Confirmation Mass for candidates at St Mary's will be at the 11:30am Mass on February 19th.

The Annual Clergy Appreciation Banquet is now being held at St Luke's and will be there on February 20th. Please sign up for this special event honoring our clergy. Contact Matt Ranney at 254-316-8750.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Remember to Fast, abstain from meat and attend Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration and Benediction each Friday during Lent.

Fraternally yours,  
Bruce J. McAtee  
Council 3444



## Clergy Appreciation Night

St Luke's Council #7197 will host a Clergy Appreciation dinner on February 20. Social hour starts at 6:00PM followed by dinner and a short program. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

Please RSVP to Matt Ranney at 254-316-8750.

Reservations must be made by February 13th. Please join us to honor our faithful clergy members and support our brother council.

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## FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02 Sign up for Council 3444 Adorations times 3-4AM St Mary's	03	04
05	06	07	08	09 Sign up for Council 3444 Adorations times 3-4AM St Mary's	10	11
12 Corp./Bd. Mt. 5:15PM 4th Degree Mt. 6:15PM Rosary 7:00PM 3rd Degree Mt. 7:30PM Mary's Ava Maria Bld.	13 St	14 <b>St Vallentine Day</b>	15	16 Sign up for Council 3444 Adorations times 3-4AM St Mary's	17	18
19 Confiration Mass 11:30 mass St Mary's	20 Clergy Appreciation Dinner St Luke's Church 6PM Hosted by Council 7197 Reservation required	21	22 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> KC newsletter due	23 Sign up for Council 3444 Adorations times 3-4AM St Mary's	24	25
26	27	28	01	02	03	04



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