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Message from the Grand Knight

As we reflect on the last months of the year and all that has passed till now, I have many things to be thankful for.

1. My many Graces that God has given me.
2. My Family
3. My Brother Knights
4. My ACTS Family
5. My Festival of lights Family

We all have many things to be thankful for, and my Family and I will take time this year to remember all we are thankful for and count out blessings.

Also as we enter into Advent, let us await the coming of our Lord "Jesus", and receive him into our homes and our hearts. Let us look forward to his coming and the New Year.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope to see more of you at the meetings. I also wish you and your Families a Very Merry Christmas.

Kind Regards,

Sir Knight Pascual G. Velazquez
Grand Knight

Council Christmas Party

The Father Roach Council 3217 will be hosting it's annual Christmas Party in January. More details will be sent out as the time gets closer. Please watch your email, and the Council's website for more information.

Dickinson Festival of Lights



The Dickinson Festival of Lights is the epitome of the word "Community". Retirees, business men and women, housewives, teachers and high school students get involved with setting up the festival. This effort characterizes the wonderful, giving nature of the citizens of Dickinson. The Festival will be open between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm every night, weather permitting, from November 26th through January 1st. The Knights will be providing the volunteer support every Wednesday that the Festival is open. Please join the Knights of Columbus Father Roach Council 3217 in supporting this great community organization.

Fourth Degree Exemplification in Galveston

The 1st District of Texas will be holding the 2012 Winter Exemplification of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus on January 21st in Galveston, Texas. This exemplification will be honoring SK Rev. Deacon John S. Pistone, the Faithful Friar for the Msgr. James Kirwin Assembly 1124. The Exemplification will be held at Holy Family Catholic School. The Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Galveston. There is also going to be a Color Guard Competition to determine who the new District Color Guard will be. If you are a 3rd Degree Knight in good standing, have at least 6 months since your 1st Degree and would be interested in joining the 4th Degree, this is your opportunity. If you are interested, please contact any of the 4th Degree Knights in our Council. All of the paperwork must be completed and turned into the 4th Degree Assembly by the end of December.



!!! Happy Thanksgiving !!!

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Message from the Chancellor

Greetings in Christ. I hope that all of you enjoyed a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday time with your family and friends. There are not many times that I feel the need as Chancellor of our Council to make a statement to the membership, but this is one of those times.

This past Thursday, November 17th, the Columbus Club held its' November meeting. I had sent out an email asking all that could, to attend as it was very important to the future of our Council. If I am not mistaken, we had 13 members present. The ones of you who chose not to make the meeting missed out on some very interesting statistics. Brother Tim Alexander put together a 'proposed' budget based on just what our actual operating expenses have been averaging and considering monies on hand as of the end of 2011. Quite a staggering outlook when you check out the bottom line.

With no other income coming into the Council during the year, we will have a deficit of approximately \$10,000 at the end of 2012. The ONLY way that we can make sure that our Council stays solvent is to have participation from more of our members when we do a fund raiser or a hall rental. Two hall rentals per month will just about balance our budget for the year.

Last week, we had a hall rental and Brother Ken Suderman and Brother Tim Alexander were at the hall from 7:00am to about 11:30PM. First cooking gravy for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and then cooking to cater a wedding reception dinner for 200 people. I appreciate the help that showed up. But, it is the same old 5-10 people all of the time. This is not fair to those Brother Knights. We have another hall rental for this Saturday, November 26th. Problem is most of the 5-10 people that normally show up to help will be tied up with Opening Night for the Dickinson Festival of Lights. Our Council needs help, and it needs it right now.

Our Council is the proud owner of a 3 ½ +/- acre tract of land and a beautiful hall that are both debt free. The only expenses which we incur are the normal monthly bills. It would be a pure shame for our Council to have to close the Hall and not have it used just because some of our Brother Knights were not willing to give some of their time (Charitable) to help the Council. I know some of you Brother Knights have health issues that keep you from participating as much as you would like and I appreciate that. It's the bulk of the rest of my Brother Knights that I am addressing in this note. Only you can work to help to save our Council. Please contact Brother Ken at k_suderman@hotmail.com or at 713-560-4429 and let him know that you are willing to make the sacrifice needed to help our Council.

Yours in Christ,
Sir Knight Charles Suderman
Chancellor

Seminarian Support

As many of you know, our Brother Knight, Jasper Liggio, has made a major change in his life and has entered upon the path to Priesthood. This is something that Jasper has dreamed about, and prayed about for years, and we couldn't possibly be any happier for him! We also have one of our newest Brother Knights, Anthony Michael Carona, who has also entered the Seminary in Dallas. These guys are our very own Brother Knights and they deserve some extra special prayers during this new journey in life! Please keep both of them in your prayers!



In Our Prayers



Emmett Milner	Pope Benedict XVI
Marvin Griffiths	Pope John Paul the Great
Mother of Juan Moran	Cardinal Daniel DiNardo
Father of Juan Moran	Fr. Michael J. McGivney
Jerald Dunn	Jasper Liggio
Fred & Madeline Menotti	Anthony Michael Carona
All of our Brother Knights	All those in the process of discerning religious life
All Fire Fighters, Police Officers, EMS and anyone	and especially Jasper Liggio & Anthony Corona
else working to make our world a safer place	All Priests and Deacons
All of the Unborn Babies in the world	All Men & Women serving in the Armed Forces

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Knights take part in Candlelight Mass at Mount Olivet Cemetery

Brother Knights from the Father Roach Council 3217 in Dickinson and some Fourth Degree Knights from the Matthew H. Wilson Assembly in La Marque took part in the very first Candlelight Mass at Mount Olivet Cemetery to celebrate the Feast of All Souls. Our Chaplain, Fr. Paul Felix, was asked to continue the tradition of saying a morning Mass on the Feast of All Souls. This tradition was started by the Late Msgr. Cargil. Fr. Felix decided to take it to the next level and not only say a morning Mass, but to also include an evening Mass for those people who work during the day and are not able to attend the morning Mass. With over 150 parishioners in attendance for this special Mass, this is certainly the beginning of a beautiful new tradition. Thank you!



Knights of Columbus of the Galveston/Houston Archdiocese

Please check out the Galveston/Houston Knights of Columbus Chapter website. (<http://www.gkcofc.org>) This is a great website for all Knights across the Archdiocese to stay in touch with what is going on not only in our own council, but also throughout the Archdiocese and the rest of the State of Texas. One nice feature of this website is the ability to have a secure login where we can share information that is not available to the general public, like contact information and personal information. Everyone in the council should have an account on this website. Everyone's username is their Knights of Columbus Membership Number, and your temporary password is our council number. Please take a few minutes to login and check it out. At the very least, please log in and update your contact information. Anyone having problems accessing the website can contact Michael Dunn at mike@the-dunn-family.com or by phone at (281) 900-6452.

The Roman Missal, Third Edition

The Roman Missal, Third Edition, the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass, is being implemented in the United States on the First Sunday of Advent.

Pope John Paul II announced a revised version of the Missale Romanum during the Jubilee Year 2000. Among other things, the revised edition of the Missale Romanum contains prayers for the observances of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Votive Masses and Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of the Mass. The English translation of the Roman Missal also includes updated translations of existing prayers, including some of the well-known responses and acclamations of the people.



"Worship the Father in Spirit and truth."
(John 4:23)

The entire Church in the United States has been blessed with this opportunity to deepen its understanding of the Sacred Liturgy, and to appreciate its meaning and importance in our lives.



Season of Advent

The word Advent derives from the Latin word meaning coming. The Lord is coming. We may reflect that every year at this time we celebrate his coming, so that in a sense we can lose the feeling of expectancy and joyful anticipation, because at the end of the season, everything seems to return to pretty much the same routine. If that is the case, then our preparation may have been lacking and we have therefore been robbed of much of the true meaning of this season.

During Advent we recall the history of God's people and reflect on how the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament were fulfilled. This gives us a background for the present. Today we can reflect on the past track record of God and so begin to understand what it means to us now for the sake of what is to come, in our own future and that of our world.

Please welcome our new members

Please welcome the following members who have joined the Knights in the past 6 months. Nick Laskowski, Mike Kinsky, Stuart Klapprott, Michael Cruz, Tom Barrera, Matt Ordonez and Tim Molony went through the 1st Degree last June. J.L. Campbell took his 1st Degree in October. Michael Cruz, Nick Laskowski and Tom Barrera completed the 2nd & 3rd Degrees recently.

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The Father Roach Council #3217 has a FACEBOOK page. Check it regularly for Council updates and upcoming events. Click "Like" to receive regular updates.

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Knights-of-Columbus-Father-Roach-Council-3217/255186298328>

Council Website

Please check out our Council website for news and events from the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church. This is where you can find out information about the Council and upcoming events.

Meeting Times and Locations

Council Meeting

2nd Thursday of the Month
7:30pm
Dickinson KC Hall
4132 27th, Dickinson

Columbus Club Meeting

3rd Thursday of the Month
7:30pm
Dickinson KC Hall
4132 27th, Dickinson

**NOVEMBER
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FRANCE DANSBY
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JACK NEAL
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RONALD MORALES
JOHN AGUILAR
SANTIAGO RAMIREZ
ROBERT CARMODY
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The Knights of Columbus began a new page in our history Oct. 1 by acquiring the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C., as authorized by a unanimous resolution during the 129th Supreme Convention this past summer.

The official purchaser is the Knights of Columbus Family Life Bureau, the same tax-exempt entity that has for more than two decades successfully administered the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, which is now located in Father McGivney Hall at The Catholic University of America.

Our action comes 33 years to the month after Cardinal Karol Wojtyła became the first non-Italian pope in nearly five centuries. Those of us who witnessed this event understood that a great change had come to the Catholic Church. But we did not realize how dramatically his papacy would change the world.

Pope John Paul II inaugurated his ministry as universal pastor of the Church by confidently announcing a new evangelization. In his first homily, he said, “Be not afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of states, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization, and development. Be not afraid. Christ knows ‘what is in man.’ He alone knows it.”

“We begin one of the great and historic initiatives of the Knights of Columbus.”

The Knights of Columbus was one of the first lay organizations to stand squarely with the new pontiff. Then-Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant, who had been serving as the head of the Knights for less than two years, quickly took up the new pope’s Marian theme — “Totus Tuus” — by expanding the Order’s devotion to the rosary and by developing a successful pilgrim icon program dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

The Order later supported a wide variety of papal initiatives, including the restoration of the façade of St. Peter’s Basilica and the renovation of the Vatican’s television broadcast and transmission capabilities. And we were never closer to this great pope than during his seven visits to the United States, and his visits to Mexico, Canada, the Philippines and Cuba.

Now with the purchase of the Washington center, we begin one of the great and historic initiatives of the Knights of Columbus. Following the resolution of the Supreme Convention, we will build a Shrine of Blessed John Paul II that will continue his extraordinary legacy as pope and will be a place where his saintly spirituality can be explored and transmitted to his beloved “John Paul II Generation” and to many generations to come.

Already, we are grateful that Jesuit Father Marko Ivan Rupnik, the artist responsible for creating the beautiful mosaics in the Redemptoris Mater Chapel in the Vatican and the Shrine of St. Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo, has agreed to create the mosaics for our shrine’s chapel.

We are also grateful to Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, archbishop of Kraków, for his recent gift to the shrine of a precious relic of Blessed John Paul’s blood. We look forward to an ongoing relationship with him and with the new John Paul II Center being built in Kraków next to the Shrine of Divine Mercy.

As work continues on the Shrine of Blessed John Paul II, we will remember these words from John Paul II’s Spiritual Testament, published after his death:

“I want to follow Him and I want all that is part of my earthly life to prepare me for this moment. I do not know when [my death] will come but I place this moment, like all other things, in the hands of the Mother of my Master: Totus Tuus. In these same motherly hands I leave everything and everyone with whom my life and my vocation have brought me into contact. In these hands I above all leave the Church....”

“I thank everyone. I ask forgiveness of everyone. I also ask for prayers, so that God’s Mercy may prove greater than my own weakness.”

Because of the Knights of Columbus, the Shrine of Blessed John Paul II will soon be a place where people from around the world will answer this great pope’s request for prayers. Many will come to know, through his example, that God’s mercy is greater than our own weakness.

By Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

Information gathered from the Knights of Columbus website: <http://www.kofc.org>

Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday, Nov 26th	6:00pm – 12:00am	Hall Rental	Dickinson KC Hall
Sunday, Nov 27th	All Day	1st Sunday of Advent	
Wednesday, Nov 30th	5:30pm – 9:00pm	Dickinson Festival of Lights	Paul Hopkins Park
Saturday, Dec 3rd	10:00am – 12:00pm	Respect Life Mass & Rosary Procession	Shrine of the True Cross
Sunday, Dec 4th	All Day	2nd Sunday of Advent	
Tuesday, Dec 6th	All Day	Feast of Saint Nicholas	
Wednesday, Dec 7th	5:30pm – 9:00pm	Dickinson Festival of Lights	Paul Hopkins Park
Thursday, Dec 8th	All Day	Immaculate Conception	
Sunday, Dec 11th	All Day	3rd Sunday of Advent	
Monday, Dec 12th	All Day	Our Lady of Guadalupe	
Wednesday, Dec 14th	5:30pm – 9:00pm	Dickinson Festival of Lights	Paul Hopkins Park
Sunday, Dec 18th	All Day	4th Sunday of Advent	
Wednesday, Dec 21st	5:30pm – 9:00pm	Dickinson Festival of Lights	Paul Hopkins Park
Saturday, Dec 24th	All Day	Christmas Eve	
Sunday, Dec 25th	All Day	Christmas	
Wednesday, Dec 28th	5:30pm – 9:00pm	Dickinson Festival of Lights	Paul Hopkins Park
Saturday, Dec 31st	All Day	New Years Eve	
Sunday, Jan 1st	All Day	New Years Day	
Sunday, Jan 1st	All Day	Mary, Mother of God	
Wednesday, Jan 4th	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Officer's Meeting	Dickinson KC Hall
Friday, Jan 6th	All Day	Feast of Epiphany	
Saturday, Jan 7th	10:00am – 12:00pm	Respect Life Mass & Rosary Procession	Shrine of the True Cross
Thursday, Jan 12th	7:30pm – 9:00pm	Council Meeting	Dickinson KC Hall
Thursday, Jan 19th	7:30pm – 9:00pm	Columbus Club Meeting	Dickinson KC Hall
Wednesday, Jan 25th	5:30pm – 10:00pm	Hall Rental	Dickinson KC Hall
Thursday, Jan 26th	7:30pm – 9:00pm	Fourth Degree Meeting	La Marque KC Hall