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is the nation

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GOD

is the LORD

~ Psalm 33:12



Knight Line

Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Council #6413 and Assembly #2781
Portland, Texas



July 2023

IN SERVICE TO ONE - IN SERVICE TO ALL

"MEETING REMINDERS"

OFFICER'S COUNCIL #6413 MEETING

Thursday 6th
Parish Hall
7 p.m.

MONTHLY COUNCIL #6413 MEETING

Thursday 13th
Parish Hall
Meal : 7 p.m. Meeting: 8 p.m.

4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY #2781 MEETING

Thursday 20th
Parish Hall
Meal: 7 p.m. Meeting 7:45 p.m.

KofC members are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. You'll find out what's going on in our council and assembly and you will be able to take an active part by expressing your views and opinions on the issues.



GRAND KNIGHTS COMMENTS

Brother Knights, Welcome July. The month of July we celebrate the birth of our nation with PATRIOTISM, Thanks to our founding fathers by declaring independence and signing the declaration of independence. Business and homes will be displaying old glory with pride and honor. Celebrate and stay safe at all times. HAPPY 4th!

Our council have many activities in July. I've turn over the keys to our newly incoming Grand Knight Jack McCarty. Brother Jack will need the same support I was given and more. Expect some changes but not to significant to alarm. I wish him the best to make it better than what it is. Good luck Brother Jack!

I want to thank all my brothers and wife's who supported me during my tenure. It was very exciting and a great learning experience. We made many great accomplishments in one year. Our treasurer report (monies) is very healthy and in good standing.

In closing I would like to say it is with great pride and honor that our council was awarded the **Star Council Award**. The Star Council Award is earned by councils for outstanding achievement in the areas of membership, insurance, and service program activities. The criterion used for this award are the behaviors most seen in successful councils - growth in membership, focus on insurance programs, and a commitment to a variety of programs in

the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life. As Grand Knight many of you know for the past fraternal year, it was my goal for our council to earn this award. It has been a decade since our council earned this award. Thank you to all our council members that contributed to us getting this award. We did it!

Your Brother in Christ

Robert "Chief" Lopez

Que Viva

Christo Rey!



JULY

2023

One Nation



Under God!

Knights of Columbus calender events:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Birthdays!</u>	<p><i>May God grant you success in all your endeavors. May He give you the grace to stand up for what is right and courage to fight for the truth. On your special day, we just want to remind you that we are always and forever praying for you. And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. Happy Birthday!!!</i></p>					1
2	3	<p>Arnold Castillo-63</p>	<p>Mario A. Solis-56</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Officer's Meeting Parish Hall 7 p.m.</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>KC Choir 5:30pm back of church Vigil Mass 6pm Ladies Nite Out Harrison's Landing Corpus Christi 7:30pm</p>
<p>9</p> <p>KofC Blood Drive 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Gene Broerman-68</p>	10	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>Open Council Meal 7 p.m. Installation of Officers 8 p.m.</p> <p>Rev. John Vega-75</p>	14	15
16	17	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>4th Degree Assembly Meeting 7:00 p.m. OLMC Parish Hall</p> <p>Mike Benevides-31 Matthew Heger-38</p>	21	22
23	24	<p>25</p> <p>Dempsey Rowe-63</p>	26	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Eddie Rojas-77</p>	<p>29</p> <p>John Panek-69</p>
<p>James Shames-32</p>		<p>Benjamin Mumme-65</p>			<p>Michael Carter-71</p>	<p>Phillip Maresh-27</p>
30	31					

JULY 2023 CALENDAR EVENTS:

Prayer to Mary Queen of the Knights

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order. Keep us true to the pledge to extend the kingship of thy Divine Son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues, which should characterize those specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged and our order appreciated. Accept O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion of thy servants, the Knights of Columbus. Amen.

What is the Fortnight for Freedom? June 21 - July 4, 2023

Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day.

How to Talk about Religious Freedom

In this time of increasing polarization in our culture, we can contribute to a better understanding of religious freedom in a way that respects all people. From *June 21 - July 4*, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will host its annual Fortnight for Freedom under the theme, “Freedom for Mission.” The Church, that is, each Catholic, has been given a mission by God, and we need authentic religious liberty to be free to live out our mission. For other suggested activities and resources, visit www.fortnight4freedom.org

MONTHLY MEETING (Thurs. 13th)

Brother Knights and families, join the officers and other members for our first meeting of the new fraternal year. This will be an **OPEN MEETING** (spouses and family invited to meeting) featuring the **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**.

KOFC CHOIR & LADIES NIGHT OUT: (Sat. 15th)

Please come join us in our choir. Practice in back of church meet at 17:30. Ladies Night Out to follow after 18:00 mass in Corpus Christi at Harrison’s Landing, 108 Peoples Street T-Head (361)881-8503 ext. 1.



KEEP IN PRAYER

Antonio Benavides	Ramiro Ochoa
Anna Marie Walker	Adelita Rojas
Delores Benavides	Mary Arguijo
Martha Boatman	Joe Quintana
Anabella Farias	Al Lopez, Sr.
Roland Hewett	Greg Young
Amy Laughter	Jeff Bryant
Delia Sanchez	Russ Pavel
Carmen Pagan	Jose Diaz
Norma Ochoa	Bev Cox

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

Dear Jesus, Devine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. O dearest Comforter of the Troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your entle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We ask that You restore Your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us.

Amen

JULY 2023 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Father's Day is a holiday honoring one's father, or relevant father figure, as well as fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. In May, our council hosted a special meal for all father's to come and enjoy. All father's received a very special treatment, as Patti Cass spear-headed the meal with the help of many volunteer ladies that helped setup the hall, serve and clean up after the meal and also to Claytons Meat Market for all the cooking. What a great honor it was for the men of the council. We are forever gratefull to all this wonderful ladies! If you missed our dinner, not to worry as we will have it all again next year. You can downlaod all your full resolution pictures at: <https://rb.gy/ta5va> Great job brother Knights, Vivat Jesus!!



COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2023 - 2024

GRAND KNIGHT: (Jack McCarty) The Grand Knight is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings; acts as an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the council's financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn.

CHAPLAIN: (Fr. Piotr Koziel) The Chaplain is the spiritual advisor of the council. He is expected to make a report at council meetings on religious matters. The Grand Knight appoints a priest in accordance with any rules established by the bishop of the diocese to serve as council chaplain.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT: (Ben Walker) The Deputy Grand Knight is second in command. He assists the Grand Knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the Grand Knight. Should the Grand Knight be absent from a council meeting, the Deputy Grand Knight will preside. He performs this function by appointing, training and delegating members, attending special functions, communicating council goals and directing, monitoring, and evaluating council activities.

CHANCELLOR: (Ervey Martinez) The Chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in council activities. The chancellor is chairman of the admission committee and a member of the Columbian Squires circle ceremonial team.

RECORDER: (Beto Martinez) The Recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: (Alvin Saathoff) The Financial Secretary is appointed by the Supreme Knight, upon recommendation of the council. His main area of responsibilities is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including annual dues from council members. He also handles supply orders for the council officers and members, filing the Report of Officer (#185), and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council.

TREASURER: (Brad Warner) The Treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the Grand Knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

LECTURER: (Butch Guerra) The Lecturer is appointed by the Grand Knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the 'Good of the Order' portion of council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

ADVOCATE: (Richard Gonzales) The Advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws, Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting, and Robert's Rules of Order.

WARDEN: (John Panek) The Warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise guards.

INSIDE GUARDS: (Javier "Harvey" Carrion) **OUTSIDE GUARD:** (Eddie Rojas) The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The Outside Guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the Inside Guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

TRUSTEES: (1st Kyle Nohavitzka, 2nd Year Tom Yardley and 3rd Year Robert Lopez) The Trustees consists of three members elected by the council and the Grand Knight, who serves as chairman of the board. They oversee the work of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and with the Deputy Grand Knight serve on the council's retention committee. During council elections, only the three-year trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two-and one-year trustees, respectively.

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE



**June Knight of the Month of May
Benjamin P. Polasek (not pictured)**



**June Knight Family of the Month of May
Fred and Martha Ruiz**

In recognition of outstanding excellence, superior performance,
accomplishment and dedication in recognition of the distinguished honor
of the Knights of Columbus core values of:

CHARITY - UNITY - FRATERNITY - PATRIOTISM



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Religious Ed building.

Regular Business Meetings:

2nd Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. OLMC parish
hall.

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2023-2024 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Grand Knight	Robert "Chief" Lopez
Deputy Grand Knight	Jack McCarty
Chaplin	Fr. Piotr
Chancellor	Ramiro Ochoa
Recorder	Beto Martinez
Treasure	Brad Warner
Financial Secretary	Alvin Saathoff
Advocate	Gary Moore Sr.
Warden	John Panek
Inside Guard	Javier Carrion
Outside Guard	Richard Gonzales
Trustee for 1 year	Mario Soliz
Trustee for 2 years	Kyle Nohavitza
Trustee for 3 years	Tom Yardley
Lecture	Deacon Robert Rosales

RESOURCEFUL LINKS RELATED TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Corpus Christi "Area Chapter" Knights of Columbus: www.corpuschristikofc.com

Corpus Christi Area Chapter Knights of Columbus "Flicker": www.flickr.com/photos/ccdiochapter.org

Knights of Columbus Texas Sate Council: www.tkofc.org

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish: www.olmcportland.com

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Flicker: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/olmcportlandtx/>

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Facebook: [Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Portland, TX](#)

KNIGHT LINE SUBMISSION:

We want to hear from you! Please submit your input to the Knight Line Newsletter. Please send to kojc@olmcportland.com no later than the 20th of the month. Requirements for submitting pictures:

- All pictures "MUST" be at least 1MB or larger in file size.
- Pictures must be related to Knights of Columbus event(s).
- A caption of the picture being submitted must be included.
- Only exception to cell phone pictures is, if your cell phone takes pictures in HD of 1MB or larger.

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