



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

November 11th

2025



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Lord, we thank you for all who have served and sacrificed for freedom. John 15:13





Knight Line

Newsletter

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



November 2025

IN SERVICE TO ONE - IN SERVICE TO ALL

"MEETING REMINDERS"

OFFICER'S COUNCIL #6413 MEETING

Thursday 6th
OLMC Parish Hall
7PM

MONTHLY COUNCIL #6413 MEETING

Thursday 13th
OLMC Parish Hall
Meal 7PM Meeting 8PM

ASSEMBLY #2781 MEETING

Thursday 20th
OLMC Parish Hall
Meal: 7PM Meeting 7:45PM

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



Benjamin "Ben" Walker

Brother Knights, the month of November is one of both remembrance and thanksgiving. In the beginning weeks, we are provided an opportunity to recall and pray for ALL the Saints (November 1st), ALL the Souls of the Departed (November 2nd) and of course, just prior to the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, November 9th, a moment for us to honor in both thoughts and prayers, our departed Sir Knights & Brother Knights of Assembly 2781 & Council 6413, respectfully.

This particular month will challenge all of us to reflect on the numerous blessings our Lord has bestowed upon each Knight, our families, our Parish, and the community that we interact with routinely throughout our daily lives.

When the final week of November arrives, set your table for Thanksgivings, and join those that God has entrusted each Knight to provide for, be a servant to, protect, and lead them in prayers of thanksgivings to God our Father, the ultimate Provider of all.

Brothers, be that image of Jesus sitting at your family's table, and welcome joyfully the arrival of the Holy Spirit as you gather together with good food, drink and even better company.



Your Brother in Christ
Benjamin Walker
Que Viva
Vivat Jesus!

Pilgrimage of the "Silver Rose"

The Silver Rose is "COMING" to the Adoration Chapel, November 8th-13th. Please bring your prayers and petitions.



NOVEMBER

2025

Knights of Columbus calendar events:

HAPPY Thanksgiving



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Birthdays

Birthdays							1
2 All Saints Day	3 Barton Lee-57	4 Election Day 	5	6 Officer's Meeting Parish Hall 7 p.m.	7	8 Eucharistic Procession for Silver Rose 6pm Mass Silver Rose 8th ~ 13th	
9 Remembrance Mass 8:30am Mass	10 Timothy Martinez-45	11	12	13 Council Meeting Meal 7 p.m. Meeting 8 p.m. OLMC Parish Hall	14	15 KofC Choir 5:30pm Practice 6pm Mass KofC Ladies Night Out Olive Garden Portland 7:15pm	
16 Blood Drive 8:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.	17 Marco Fermin Munoz-31	18 3rd Degree Exemplification 6:30pm	19 Ruben De La Garza-64	20 Assembly Meeting Meal 7 p.m. Meeting 8 p.m. OLMC Parish Hall	21	22 Wheel Chair Drive 6pm Mass	
23 Wheel Chair Drive All Masses 8:30am 11am	24 Rene Perez-64	25	26	27 	28	29 Robert Jaska-31	
30	<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!</i>						

NOVEMBER 2025

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



ELECTION DAY (Tues. 4th)

We encourage brother Knights to vote your conscience on this day or in the preceding absentee voting period. the local, State, or National level, your voice must be heard in the election of the candidates best suited to contribute to the improvement of the governments, economy, foreign policy, immigration, veterans affairs, culture of life and religious freedom, etc.

VETERANS DAY (Tues. 11th)

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11th became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice



Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. Veterans' Day is a federal holiday observed every November 11th in the United States, and it coincides with similar occasions in other nations, like Remembrance Sunday in Britain. Its purpose is to give thanks and recognition to everyone who served in the US Armed Forces, especially to those who are still alive. How fitting it is that we are reminded of the fourth principle of our Order... Patriotism. As we observe Veterans Day, let us be mindful of our brother Knights, family members

and relatives who either served or are serving to protect our country and safeguard our freedom. As always, our prayers go out to all active military personnel and their families. An important message to all Veteran's is, **"Thank you for serving"**!

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING (Thurs. 13th)

Brother Knights, attend the regular meeting and participate in discussions regarding the council's programs and activities. Meal 7 p.m., meeting begins at about 8 p.m.

KOFC CHOIR/LNO (Sat. 15th) Practice 5:30pm Vigil Mass 6pm/LNO Olive Garden 7pm

Please join us in the choir. Please meet at back of church at 5:30 p.m. for rehearsal prior to 6 p.m. vigil mass. Ladies Night Out will be Olive Garden in Portland following vigil mass.

KEEP IN PRAYER

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| Doug Bremar & Family | Kaye McCarty |
| Bev Cox & Family | Samantha Voce |
| Elizabeth Ramon & Family | Annabella Farias |
| Javier Ramirez & Family | Leo Farias |
| Msgr McGowan | J.T. Buice |
| Gary Moore, Sr | CPT Reyna Ryan |
| Andi Yardley | Sam Hernandez |
| Norma Ochoa | Kason Merrel & Family |
| Baltazar Aleman | Patricia Costa |
| Rudy Rodriguez | Nora Quintanilla |
| | Adelita Rojas |



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.

NOVEMBER 2025 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We continue to press on as the year continues to closely come to and an end with just two months remaining. A big Texas-sized **THANK YOU** to **SK Fred Ruiz**, who spearheaded the Tamale Fundraiser! Fred shared that, through teamwork and everyone's support, we sold an impressive **471 dozen tamales**, earning a **net profit of \$2,826.77**. He also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all who helped make the fundraiser a success—saying he couldn't have done it alone. **Great job Brother and Knights**. Vivat Jesus!



View all Council Event pictures and more on:
OLMC Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/olmcportlandtx/>
OLMC Facebook: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Portland, TX





Knights of Columbus

Remembrance Mass

November 9th, 2025 Mass at 8:30 a.m.

In Honor Of

When the Knights of Columbus were founded in March of 1882, they were built upon four guiding principles — **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**. These ideals have sustained our Order for more than a century, uniting men of faith in service to the Church, advancing programs of evangelization, supporting Catholic education, strengthening civic involvement, and offering aid to those in need. Through these principles, Catholic men have devoted their time, energy, and talents to transforming these words into action — living out the mission of the Knights of Columbus in their daily lives. When **San Patricio County Council #6413** was established in February of 1973, it was those same values that inspired men — our fathers, brothers, friends, neighbors, and parishioners — to bring the mission of the Knights to life within our parish and community. Their commitment laid the groundwork for the charitable works and spiritual strength we continue to share today. This month, we pause to remember and honor our **Brother Knights** who have faithfully served the Church and their community and who are no longer with us. By recalling their deeds, their dedication, and their example, we ensure that their legacy lives on. From their place in eternity, may they see that the work they began continues to bring love, support, and strength to their families, their parish, and their community. Their efforts formed the foundation upon which we continue to build. Today, with deep **gratitude** and **respect**, we remember those Sir and Brother Knights:

Rev. B.J. Aubertine
Rev. C.J. Aubry
Rev. Joseph Berger
Rev. F. Croatto
Rev. Herald Palmer
Rev. Vincent Patrizi
Sir Knight Deacon John Sutherland
Sir Knight Percy Armentor
Sir Knight Douglas James Bremar
Sir Knight Donald Brauner
Sir Knight Tom Cass
Sir Knight Brian Cassarly
Sir Knight David Cassarly
Sir Knight Albert Joseph Cessac
Sir Knight Gerald Gansle
Sir Knight Pete Hermann
Sir Knight Gilbert Hinojosa Sr.
Sir Knight Joe Horn
Sir Knight Charles Icke
Sir Knight Alton Jones
Sir Knight Raymond Karpinski
Sir Knight Albert Kollaja Sr.
Sir Knight Victor Lara Jr.
Sir Knight John E Lysinger
Sir Knight Alfred Eugene Matocha
Sir Knight John Moses

Sir Knight Edwin Poling
Sir Knight Jose M Posas
Sir Knight David Ramos
Sir Knight Duane Read
Sir Knight Dempsey Rowe Jr.
Sir Knight Percy Sabedra
Sir Knight Arturo Vasquez
Sir Knight Kenneth Voges
Sir Knight Gregory Young
Brother Knight Victor Arrisola
Brother Knight Arlon Boatman
Brother Knight William Cochran
Brother Knight Vincent Gagliardi
Brother Knight Carlos Gonzales
Brother Knight Juan Hernandez
Brother Knight Earl Hiller
Brother Knight John Lucy
Brother Knight William Matocha
Brother Knight Eusebio Munoz, Jr.
Brother Knight Zeph Pease
Brother Knight Rene Pena
Brother Knight Warren Phipps
Brother Knight Richard Phillipson
Brother Knight Cyril Piazza
Brother Knight Santiago Rodriquez

Brother Knight Joe Roland
Brother Knight Daniel Saathoff
Brother Knight Michael Sherlock
Brother Knight Richard Shults
Brother Knight Mario Solis Sr.
Brother Knight Rafael Solis
Brother Knight Joseph Strain
Brother Knight Kenneth Stewart
Brother Knight Robert Sutherland
Brother Knight Frank Vanecek Jr.
Brother Knight David Wendland Jr.



**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM LORD
MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**



RUNNING OF THE SILVER ROSE!

Silver Rose Run 2025 – Visit to the Shrine

The Silver Rose symbolizes the commitment of the Knights of Columbus to restoring respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until death.

Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life.

HISTORY BEHIND THE SILVER ROSE

In 1531, a Mexican peasant, by the name of Juan Diego, was walking to visit his sick uncle. While walking he was confronted by a mysterious lady. She told him to go to the bishop and tell him she wants a church built on the spot where they met. Juan Diego then went to the bishop and told him of the encounter. The bishop proclaimed he could not do that without a more compelling reason.

Juan Diego returned to his home by another route. On another walk, he again was confronted by the mysterious lady. Juan Diego told the lady the bishop explained he could not build a church based solely on the word of a peasant. The lady told Juan Diego to go to the top of the nearby hill and pick the flowers he found there. The flowers were magnificent roses. Nothing like them had ever grown in that region. He picked them, placed them in his tilma and returned to the lady. The lady arranged the roses and instructed Juan Diego to take the flowers, show them to the bishop and again tell him to build a church on this spot.

Juan Diego did as he was told. When in the presence of the bishop he opened his tilma. The roses fell to the floor. On Juan Diego's tilma was the image of who we now know as Our Lady of Guadalupe. The bishop ordered the construction of the church to begin immediately.

In 1960 the Knights of Columbus began a program to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe by transferring a Rose from the U.S. to Mexico for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The program began with a single, natural rose, chosen to commemorate Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses in 1531. Since then, the rose has undergone several transformations from natural to wood, bronze and finally silver. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, labeled the program "Running of the Rose", and adding to it 'One Life, One Rose', symbolizing the commitment of the Knights of Columbus to Our Lady of Guadalupe, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and restoring respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. There are currently eight Silver Roses traveling throughout North America, three of which will make their way every year to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica in Monterey, Mexico.

A Higher Purpose

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

Overview

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

After the Sunday 8:30am Mass on November 9th, the Silver Rose will be placed in the Adoration Chapel.

KofC Annual Christmas Party

Thursday December 11th. Starts at 7:00 p.m.

This year a ticket will be required to be purchased in order to attend the Christmas party! Tickets can be purchased for \$5 at our council meetings



Music



Door Prizes

Great Food

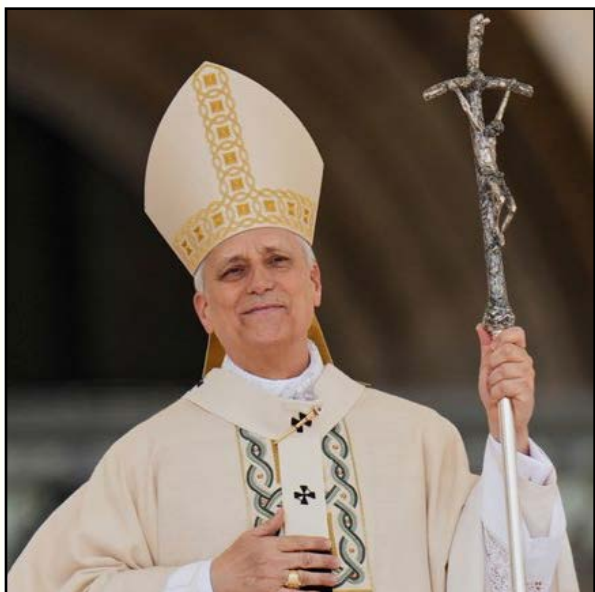


Family Fun



Christmas Pictures





Pope Leo XIV commends the Knights of Columbus for defending life and serving the Church

Pope Leo XIV welcomed the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus to the Vatican during the Jubilee of Hope, praising their steadfast commitment to charity, fraternity, and the defense of human life. The Knights, founded in 1882 as a Catholic fraternal order, are in Rome as part of a jubilee pilgrimage that has drawn tens of millions of pilgrims from around the world.

During their audience with the Holy Father, the Pope expressed deep gratitude for the Knights' ongoing generosity in supporting the mission of the Holy See. He highlighted in particular their contributions to recent restorations inside St. Peter's Basilica, including Gian Lorenzo Bernini's majestic baldacchino and the bronze monument housing the Cathedra of St. Peter. Both works, which were restored to their original brilliance, now serve as visual reminders of the faith that unites the universal Church: Christ's real presence in the Eucharist and the enduring role of Peter's successor in guiding the faithful.

Pope Leo noted that the Knights' financial and spiritual support for these projects offers a tangible sign of their devotion to the Vicar of Christ. Their longstanding generosity through initiatives such as the Vicarius Christi Fund, he added, continues to allow the Pope to reach the poor and most vulnerable throughout the world. The Knights' history, built on service to the Church and solidarity with those in need, reflects a deep understanding of the Gospel's call to charity.

Turning to their work in parishes and communities across the globe, the Holy Father recognized the Knights as a vital presence in local life. Their efforts to defend the sanctity of life at every stage, to bring relief to those afflicted by war or natural disasters, and to promote priestly vocations, demonstrate what it means to serve Christ through action. In a world often tempted by indifference, the Knights stand as witnesses to faith lived with courage and compassion.

The Pope concluded by offering his prayers for the Board members and their families, asking that their pilgrimage to Rome renew their faith, strengthen their hope, and deepen their love for the Church. He entrusted their continued mission to the intercession of their founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, encouraging them to carry forward his vision of fraternity rooted in service and devotion to God.

Through their fidelity to this mission, Pope Leo affirmed, the Knights of Columbus remain a shining example of lay witness—men united in faith, guided by charity, and committed to building a culture that upholds life, protects the vulnerable, and supports the work of the Church throughout the world.

Knight Flash from the Past 1988!

Church News

Knights Of Columbus Inducts Nine Portlanders Into 4th Degree

Nine members of Knights of Columbus Council 6413 of Portland were inducted into The Fourth Degree of the Order on Saturday, Nov. 7.

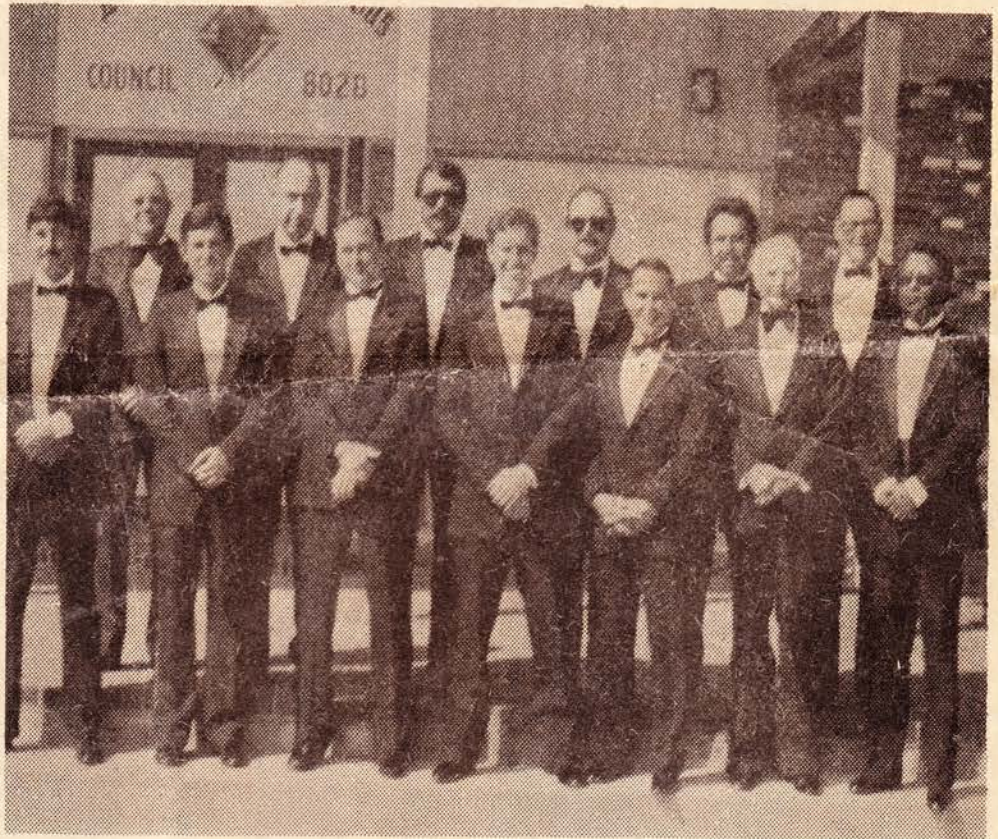
The new members, all members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Portland, are Charles Bartosh, John Baucum, Pete Luera, Armando Gonzalez, Leo Farias, Ron Pawelek, Greg Young, Joe Posas and Augustine Romero

The induction ceremony was held at the council home of Knights of Columbus Council 8028 in Rockport. A Mass was given in the Sacred Heart Church of Rockport for the Fourth Degree candidates and members. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Thomas Drury of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Monsignor E.J. Miller of Rockport and the Rev. Rory Dean of Rockport.

The remainder of the afternoon was filled with the ceremonials of induction of the Fourth Degree. Current Fourth Degree members of the council 6413 of Portland present were Bob Earley, Alton Jones, Seth Lahlmansingh, Fermin Munoz, Ronnie Mudd and Ken Voges.

Following the evening ceremonies, the wives of the members joined their husbands for an evening banquet.

The evening was highlighted by



KC FOURTH-DEGREE MEMBERS are, top row, from left, Ken Voges, Leo Farias, Augie Romero, Charles Bartosh, Armando Gonzalez and Joe Posas; and bottom, Fermin Munoz, John Baucum, Ron Pawelek, Greg Young, Pete Luera, Alton Jones and Seth Lahlmansingh.

presentation of membership certificates given to new members and recognition of Fourth Degree member Bob Earley as faithful navigator of The New Fourth Degree Assembly in Rockport.

The Knights of Columbus is a family, fraternal, service organization of Catholic men. The local council meets at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church on the second Thursday of every month.

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE



*September Knight of the Month
Fred Ruiz*



*September Knight Family of the Month
Ervey and Cindy Martinez*

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





Knights of Columbus

Since 2007, the Knights of Columbus has funded the delivery of tens of thousands of wheelchairs around the world, and right here at home. Thousands of veterans and their families across the United States in need of wheelchairs have received new mobility.

A \$150 Donation will provide a wheelchair for a child or adult in need.

*November 15th and 16th Weekend
After all Masses*

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
1008 Austin Street
Portland, TX. 78374



The Smallest Act of Love Is Not Wasted

For more information about the American Wheelchair Mission, please contact:

SK Fred Ruiz (361)633-7500



Coastal Bend Blood Center

Giving so that others may live

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH CHURCH

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

LOCATION: 1008 AUSTIN ST.

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A PAIR OF ICERAYS TICKETS**



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ELECTION DAY 2025
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

As Catholics and citizens, members of the Knights of Columbus should vote and should encourage members of their families, parishes, and communities to vote. Yet many people, especially some senior citizens and people with disabilities, have trouble getting to the polls on voting day. To help fellow community members to get to the polls to exercise their right to vote, the Knights of Columbus has developed the parish-based Knights of Columbus Nonpartisan National Get Out the Vote Program.

Not sure of your polling place? Find out here: www.nass.org/can-i-vote



For additional information, also visit the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's website at:
<https://www.eac.gov/voters/register-and-vote-in-your-state/>

Members are not authorized to engage in partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Partisan Political Activity is defined as activity directed toward success or failure of a: political party, candidate for partisan political office, partisan political group, ballot initiative, proposition, and the like. Remember the Third Degree: partisan politics are not



Many congratulations to **SK Humberto "Beto" Martinez** on achieving the distinguished honor of **Honorary Life Membership** in the Knights of Columbus. This special recognition is reserved for members who have reached the age of 70 with 25 consecutive years of dedicated service, or for those who have completed 50 consecutive years of membership, regardless of age. SK Beto's devotion, perseverance, and faithful commitment to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism stand as an inspiring example to our council, parish, and community. Beto has been a Knight since 1980. We are grateful for his many years of service and pray that God continues to bless him and his family.

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

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

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KNIGHT LINE SUBMISSION:

We want to hear from you! Please submit your input to the Knight Line Newsletter. Please send to kofc@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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