



Blessed

is the nation

whose

GOD

is the LORD

~ Psalm 33:12

July 2025



Knight Line

Newsletter

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



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IN SERVICE TO ONE - IN SERVICE TO ALL

"MEETING REMINDERS"

OFFICER'S COUNCIL #6413 MEETING

Thursday 3rd
Parish Hall
7 p.m.

MONTHLY COUNCIL #6413 MEETING

Thursday 10th
Parish Hall
Meal : 7 p.m. Meeting: 8 p.m.

ASSEMBLY #2781 MEETING

Thursday 17th
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.



Benjamin Walker

GRAND KNIGHTS COMMENTS

Brother Knights, First as this new Fraternal Year begins, I want to personally thank my former Deputy Grand Knight, Santa Ana "Butch" Guerra, for his dedication and support for our council and myself over the past year. Your willingness to back me up, especially during those times that I was falling behind in my duties as Grand Knight, has been greatly appreciated. I was very proud and honored that you stood up and fulfilled your role as "Deputy" superbly. Thank you, Brother Butch, my friend.

Now, to our newly elected Deputy Grand Knight, Richard "Buzz" Buzzella, welcome to the head table at our Council Meetings. There is no requirement in attempting to fill Brother Butch's shoes; rather only filling *MINE!!!* Jokes aside, I do welcome your continued support and guidance that I have already experience with you as my friend. I know that I can count on you as Deputy Grand Knight, to lighten my burdens while mentoring to your various program directors.

For the rest of my brothers, request that you continue to show your support and willingness to volunteer as needed, for our future endeavors under the leadership of Brother Buzz and myself. *UNITY* ensures success in our outreaching in *CHARITY*.

Remember as you celebrate our Country's 250th birthday, do include in your family's prayers, asking our Lord for His blessings on the *UNITED STATES* of *AMERICA*, and that the citizens of this great country, strive to walk in the path that our Holy Father has prepared, guided by the *HOLY SPIRIT*, for ensuring the execution of *HIS PLAN*.

Your Brother in Christ

Benjamin Walker

Vivat Jesus!



JULY

2025

One Nation



Under God!

Knights of Columbus calender events:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Birthdays!</u></p> <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 Installation of Officer's Parish Hall 7 p.m.	4 4th of July! JUNE 21 to JULY 4 FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM FORTNIGHT4FREEDOM.ORG Arnold Castillo-65	5 Mario A. Solis-58
6	7	8	9 Gene Broerman-70	10 Council Meeting Meal 7 p.m. Meeting 8 p.m.	11	12 KC Choir 5:30pm back of church Vigil Mass 6 .p.m. Fr. Pitor Koziel :-)
13 KofC Chicken BBQ 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	14 Rev. John Vega-77	15 Exemplification Parish Hall 7 p.m.	16	17 4th Degree Assembly Meeting 7:00 p.m. OLMC Parish Hall	18	19 Ladies Night Out Le Sturgeon Seafood Portland 7 p.m.
20 Mike Benevides-33 Matthew Heger-40	21 Eddie Rojas-79	22 John Panek-71	23	24	25 Benjamin Mumme-67	26
27 KofC Blood Drive 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	28 Michael Carter-73	29	30	31		

JULY 2025 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, 2025

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. 10th)

Brother Knights, join the officers and other members for our regular monthly meeting. Your voice is important as we discuss our planned programs and activities. ***We invite all your families to join us for our council meal.***

KOFC CHOIR & Mass: (Sat. 12th) Ladies Night Out (Sat. 19th 7 p.m.)

Please come join us in our choir. Practice in back of church meet at 5:30, Mass at 6pm. ***Ladies Night Out*** at Le Sturgeon Seafood in Portland on Saturday July 19 at 7 p.m.

Assembly #2781 Proposed Slate of Officers (2025-2026)

Navigator SK John Panek, Comptroller SK Al Saathoff, Friar Rev Piotra Koziel, Captain SK John McCarty, Admiral SK Ramiro Ochoa, Purser SK Donald Warner, Pilot SK Richard Buzzella, Scribe SK Santa Ana Guerra, Inner Sentinel SK Doug Bremer, Outer Sentinel, SK Ivan Malott, 1st Yr. Trustee SK Carlos Cano, 2nd Yr Trustee SK Eddie Rojas, 3rd Yr Trustee SK William Archambeault.



Fallout at Holy Family Church Taft, TX. on June 22nd, Feast of Corpus Christi and Ordination of Fr. Javier Ebtowski at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church on June 14.

KEEP IN PRAYER

Butch Rowe & Family	Kaye McCarty
Rene Rico & Family	Samantha Voce
Chris LePine & Family	Joe Saavedra
Bev Cox & Family	Irma Guarado
Elizabeth Ramon & Family	Christopher Anderson
Msgr McGowan	Delores Benarides
Bill & Gerry Reeves	Antonio Benarides III
Gary Moore Sr.	CPT Reyna Ryan
	Koyt Winckler

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

COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2025 - 2026

GRAND KNIGHT: (Ben Walker) 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: (Richard Buzzella) 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: (Humberto 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: (Brett Degaish) 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: (Javier Ramirez-Santiago) 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: (Gary Moore Sr.) 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: (Eddie Rojas) 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: (Alfredo Aleman) OUTSIDE GUARD: (Caleb Walker) 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 Tom Yardly, 2nd Year Ervey Martinez and 3rd Year John McCarty) 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.

Acts of Charity and Faith

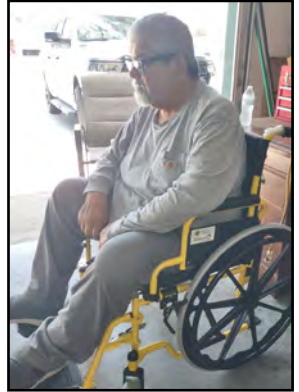


Brother Neal Cortez – *Wheelchair Support*

We are pleased to share that Brother Neal Cortez, a faithful Knight from Immaculate Conception Parish in Taft, received a wheelchair this June following the amputation of his leg. This charitable act was made possible through the dedicated efforts of our very own Brother Freddy and Brother Knight David Sandoval of the Taft Council. Your compassion and swift action embody the true spirit of our Order.

Rudy Rodriguez – *A Special Father's Day Gift*

Rudy, father of our Brother Tommy, also received a wheelchair this June—an unforgettable and meaningful Father's Day gift. Mr. Rodriguez extends his heartfelt thanks to the Knights of Columbus for this impactful gesture of charity.



***Support for Vocations* – Fr. Javier Ebtowski & Friar Ian Bremar**

The Grand Knight expresses his sincere appreciation to all Brother Knights of Council 6413 for your continued prayers and generous financial support of Fr. Javier Ebtowski and Friar Ian Bremar during their journey toward a sacred vocation. As we enter the Fraternal Year 2024–2025, it is the Grand Knight's intention—working with the newly elected Deputy Grand Knight and Faith Director—to present a new seminarian candidate for Council support at our upcoming meeting on Thursday, July 10th.



***Pilgrim Icon* – Sacred Heart of Jesus**

A heartfelt thank you to all the Brother Knights who assisted in hosting the Pilgrim Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, previously blessed by Pope Francis. Your reverence and dedication helped make this a memorable spiritual event for our parish community.

July 12th

*Happy
Birthday
Fr. Piotr*

On this special day, we thank God for the gift of your life and your faithful service to His people. Your guidance, compassion, and unwavering dedication to the Church inspire us all. May the Lord continue to bless you with good health, spiritual strength, and abundant joy.

Wishing you a peaceful and joy-filled birthday, surrounded by the love and prayers of your Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish family.

Ad multos annos! (To many more years!)



RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

***NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE***

***May Knight of the Month of May
Mario Solis***

***NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE***

***May Knight Family of the Month of May
Roberto and Claudia Torricio***

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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Outside Guard	Caleb Walker
Trustee for 1 year	Tom Yardley
Trustee for 2 years	Ervey Martinez
Trustee for 3 years	John McCarty
Lecture	Javier Ramirez-Santiago

RESOURCEFUL LINKS RELATED TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

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

Knights of Columbus Texas State Council: www.tkojc.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 KofC Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/151836355364>

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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