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THE KNIGHT RIDER  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



My Brothers

I hope all is well with you all and things are settling down now that the kids are back in school and vacations are over. It was great to see so many of you at our September 2nd meeting. We had a full house and we had a great meeting. Don't forget the next one is October 7th and I hope to see a packed meeting room again.

Since the meeting we had our trip to the Astros game for Catholic Night on September 5th. We meet at St. Laurence and got on the buses for the ballpark. On the bus we were treated to great hotdogs, cold beer and soft drinks, Cracker Jacks and Moonpies. There was even mini candy bars. It was a great time on the bus and Brother Ron Fre-rich is owed our thanks for getting it all arranged and set up. He also does a good job at being a cabin attendant! So the bus trip there and back was great but the ballgame was even better! The Cardinal threw out the first pitch and Roy "O" took the mound for the Astros. And with 2 out in the bottom of the ninth, the Astros down by 1 run, they loaded the bases. Matsui hit a walk off, 2 run single to give us the one run win. What a game. But how could they not pull it out with all those Catholics praying for them? Everyone had such a good time I hope we can go twice next season. We will try to go in the Spring on a Friday night so Father can go with us.

The next morning, Brother Dennis O'Driscoll went with Brothers Ron and Jerry to the VA Hospital for our council's scheduled visit with the veterans. It truly is a great experience and one I hope you all will consider when we come up on the schedule again in November. Many of the vets are confined to the hospital for years. And the only visitors they receive besides doctors and nurses are the Knights of Columbus. Believe me they appreciate us coming by to see them. I was disappointed that I couldn't go this time as I had looked forward to it. But the day fell on a Sunday when I had to pass out our monthly awards and I had several from a few months back and I had to be at both masses. But I look forward to going in November and I hope many of you will consider going too.

As I mentioned I was able to present 6 monthly awards after masses on Sunday. All of our award winning Ladies and Families are very deserving. If you have a person or family you think deserves this recognition, please send me their name and your reasons for nominating them.

Our Program Committees have been working very hard to **Continued on Page 12**

### Points of Interest to all Council Members:

**WEBSITE:** If you have not already done so, please go to our website at [www.kofc14617.org](http://www.kofc14617.org) and login using the password your were sent. You may change your password and also update your member profile to be sure we have your information correct. If you don't have a password, login and check the don't remember box and one will be emailed to you.

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## NEWS FROM SUPREME

### Knights of Columbus World Day of Prayer for Peace



The Knights of Columbus World Day of Prayer for Peace seeks to unite Knights, Catholics and all people of good will – regardless of their religious faith – in prayer for peace.

While Sept. 11 will always be remembered for the tragic loss of life, Knights hope that this somber occasion will be the foundation of an annual opportunity for a day of earnest prayer for peace in the world.

To commemorate this tragedy with dignity and hope, the Supreme Council passed a [resolution](#) in 2004 to observe September 11 as a day of prayer for peace.

“The World Day of Prayer for Peace will bring to the world the Church’s message of peace and reconciliation, so that religion will always be a cause for mutual respect and harmony, and never for violence or hatred,” said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

**“In a special way, we remember the brave men and women of the military who work tirelessly, even to the point of sacrificing their own lives, to bring about true peace rooted in justice,” he added.**

## NEWS FROM STATE

### TEXAS KNIGHTS JOBS PROGRAM

I was appointed by State Deputy Javier Martinez to continue with the Prayer Group. After receiving many prayer requests from Brother Knights out of work, I discovered a need for another service to help Brother Knights. This was approved by the Worthy Supreme Advocate and your Worthy State Advocate Doug Oldmixon and we set up some guide lines. This service is offered only to a BROTHER KNIGHT. As a member he must submit his council number which is verified when they send me their resume. BROTHER KNIGHTS that work at companies where a job opening is available submit this information to me and I send this out by emails. (By the way, no Commercial Service - such as a personnel service which charges money is allowed to participate). A Brother Knight can contact them directly if he so desires.

I send out emails with information (**RESUMES and JOBS OFFERED**) to GK’s, District Deputies, and Financial Secretaries. You are welcome to pass the emails onto Brother Knights.....and make sure they send the proper information onto [KC TEXAS JOBS@aol.com](mailto:KC TEXAS JOBS@aol.com)

Any KC Member who would like to receive these emails can contact me and I will gladly add them to my list, after the member submits their council number.

Agnes Sullivan, Coordinator of Jobs for the KC Texas State Council

## INSURANCE NEWS

### IS COLLEGE IN THE FUTURE?

If you could buy a \$300,000 estate for each of your children for just a few dollars a week, would you be interested?

You can do it! Reports from the American Association of Universities and Colleges show that, on the average, the value of a college education in lifetime earnings is over \$300,000.

A college education is one of the greatest gifts any parent can give a child. Unlike stocks, bonds, real estate, and other investments that make up ordinary estates, and education can never be wiped out by a poor economy.

Where will the money come from for college? You hope you will be able to help – but why hope when you can guarantee? The price of that guarantee is just a few dollars a week until they are ready for college.

Let me help you plan your children’s education. Call me today. Leo Lowdermilk at (832) 338-6269 or (800) 460-2706.



## COUNCIL NEWS

- At our September 2nd meeting, we presented our Knight of the Month Award to Our Worthy Chaplin Father John Rooney. Needless to say Father John deserves this award as without his guidance and help, our council would never have gotten started. His support of our council and it's activities and our Order has been tremendous. Our council was also very proud that he had the time to go and receive his major degree in June. [See pictures below.](#)
- Also at our September meeting we presented Charter Certificates to 2 more of our Charter members. Brothers Nathan Stotts and Clarence Mallett received their certificates. We still have a few certificates left. If you are a charter member of the council and have not received your certificate, please contact GK Gary and we will get it to you. [See pictures below.](#)
- Brother Tim Alcorn received his 2nd and 3rd Degree Certificates at the meeting. Brother Tim received his Major Degrees in June and is the Worthy Advocate of our Council. [See pictures below.](#)
- At Sunday mass on September 6th, the council awarded the August Lady of the Month Award to Carrie Bishop. Carrie is one of the Children's Liturgy teachers on Sundays and has signed on to teach CCE for the parish. She also is one of the Sunday readers at mass. Carrie is the wife of one of our council's officers, Brother Jerry Bishop. [See pictures below.](#)



Our September Knight of the Month Father John



Bros. Nathan and Clarence received their Charter Certificates at the Sept meeting



Bro. Tim accepts his Major Degree Certificates



Our August Lady of the Month Carrie Bishop



## COUNCIL NEWS

- At the 9 AM mass on Sunday September 6th, the council presented Cherie Ogle with the September Lady of the Month Award. Cherie has been a reader at 9 AM mass since the first masses at the PLEX. She also serves the parish as one of the coordinators for the readers ministry. She is a member of the St. Angela Merici Ladies Group and a member of the St. Angela Merici Ladies of the Vine. [See picture below.](#)
- At the same mass, the council was able to present the August Family of the Month Award to SK Ed and Dorothy Petru. Brother Ed is a Trustee for the council and a Charter Member. He is a reader at mass and serves as a Worship Coordinator. Both he and Dorothy are Extraordinary ministers of Communion. Dorothy also collects and cleans the altar linens for mass. The Petru's were very generous in their support for the Foundation For Life. When the Foundation mentioned that they were in desperate need of a new television set to show educational videos to the ladies they counsel, the Petru family donated one to them. [See pictures below.](#)
- At the 11 AM mass on September 6th, we were able to present the Frerich family with their Family of the Month Award for July. SK Ron is a Charter Member and our Worthy Financial Secretary. He serves as a usher and sets up for mass. Debbie is a Worship Coordinator and extraordinary Minister of Communion. The family has been very involved in the parish since the beginning. The entire family is very involved in the Impact A Hero Program with Bro. Ron and Debbie serving on the board. They all spend countless hours working for this wonderful cause which provides services for our wounded war veterans. This includes Brother Will who runs in the 5k race and has been a top fund raiser for the program. [See pictures below.](#)



The September Lady of the Month is Cherie Ogle



Our August Family of the Month SK Ed and Dorothy Petru



The July Family of the Month SK Ron, Debbie and Jen Frerich

**If you have a Family, a Lady, or a Brother Knight that you feel is deserving of one of our monthly awards because of their volunteer work with the council, the parish, or the community, please contact Gary Bentz and give him the name(s) and the details of why you want to nominate this family or person for the award.**



## FATHER JOHN'S CORNER



### A LESSON IN FROG SPEAK

I came across this story and wanted to share it with you my brother Knights. It has something important to say to each of us about the power of the words we speak to one another. Words are able to give life or kill it.

“A group of frogs were traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the two frogs that they were as good as **dead**. The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump out of the pit with all their might. The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were good as **dead**.

Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and gave up. He then fell down **dead**. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain of trying and just **die**. He jumped even harder and finally made it out.”

You see this frog was deaf, unable to hear the others yelling at him to stop and just **die**. All along he thought that they were yelling at him to keep trying, to keep jumping. He thought that they were encouraging him the entire time!

This story teaches an important lesson. There is power of life and there is the death in our tongues. An **encouraging** word to someone who is down in the pits can lift them up and help them make it through the day. On the other hand, a **destructive** word to someone who is down can be what it takes to kill them. Be careful of what you say! Speak life to those who cross your path. There is power in the words we speak to one another. It may amaze us to realize what an encouraging word can accomplish. Just think how a word of encouragement affects you! So from this day forward, think before you speak. As it says in the books of Proverbs, ***“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who make it a friend shall eat its fruit.”***

Peace,

Father John



## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT



With summer winding down and kids back in school, the month of September promises to be the beginning of an active fraternal year. On Saturday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, for those die hard baseball fans, we will enjoy Catholic Night at Minute Maid Ball Park for an Astros game versus the Philadelphia Phillies with Daniel Cardinal DiNardo throwing out the first pitch. We will meet at the St. Laurence Catholic Church parking lot at 4:30pm for the bus ride. Food and beverages will be included on the bus ride to the park. Hopefully we'll take the long route there!!!

On Sunday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Brother Dennis O'Driscoll has scheduled our council's second VA Hospital visitation. For those of us who did not have the opportunity participating in the first visitation back in June, it promises to be one of the most rewarding events you can have as a member of the Knights of Columbus. We will meet at 7:30 am that morning at the St. Angela Merici church office to car pool. Please contact Brother Dennis to sign up.

September 13<sup>th</sup> will kick off our first Soccer Challenge at Camp Sienna from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Sign up for participants, 10-14 years of age, has begun and will continue through next weekend after each mass. The winners of our Council Soccer Challenge will move on to the District competition to be held on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Basil's. Volunteers are needed for judging, score keepers and rebounders. Please contact Brother Victor Villarreal and his Youth Committee for additional information. If you choose not to volunteer I'm sure the young contestants would appreciate having us all there for moral support.

On Wednesday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> join Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at the Cypresswood Golf Club in Spring TX for the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston Shepherd's Cup Charity Golf Classic. It promises to be a great day of golf and fellowship. Registration is at 9:00 am with a shotgun start at 11:00 am. For more information please visit [www.kccatholiccharities.com](http://www.kccatholiccharities.com).

In addition to these scheduled events I want to encourage all of you to make every effort possible to attend our monthly regular business meeting on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have heard comments from several of you that our meetings are too long and frankly I would agree if you are only looking at the clock when our meeting concludes. However, I want to point out a comment made by our Worthy District Deputy Gary Blanchette. "Our Council is the only Council in the Archdiocese who has mass before every monthly meeting". That recognition alone should make you feel proud. After mass, we are also blessed to be the only council in the Archdiocese to have its own Chef, Brother Victor, to feed us a great meal. When you put aside those two parts of our council meeting nights, our meetings are not that long. Having said that, we still will continue to streamline our meetings and provide you with just highlights of what is scheduled for the month and near future.

If you should have any suggestions, ideas and or comments please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Program Activity Directors.

Vivat Jesu!

Jerry

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR - Jerry Tomasello**

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES - Randy Yackley Director**

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - Matt Leyden Director**

**PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES - Fernando and Rosa Hess Chair Couple**

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - Wes Kubesch Director**

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES - Matt Sasso Director**

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Victor Villarreal Director**

**MEMBERSHIP - Colin Kiernan Director**



## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT



Worthy Brothers,

The coming months will provide many opportunities to be active in the many programs that the Knights of Columbus has to offer. The opportunities range from supporting the many upcoming Pro-Life functions, helping support local and state charities, participating in the many church related activities and working with our local youth. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has declared this the "Year of the Volunteer", please make an effort to come out and support your Cardinal, priests, brothers and the order. Below are some dates and events that you may want to consider participating in or supporting:

Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>—Catholic Family Day with the Astros

Fri. & Sat. September 11-12—Call to Holiness Evangelical Conference at the George R. Brown. More info at [www.cth2009.org](http://www.cth2009.org)

Saturday September 12—Pregnancy Resource Center "Hearts of Hope" Banquet @ Safari Texas. Guest speaker Michael Clancy

Sun. September 20<sup>th</sup>—Council and District Soccer Challenge at location to be determined

Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>—Shepherds Cup Golf Tournament benefiting Daniel Cardinal DiNardo specified charities

Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>—Pregnancy Center Life Chain in Sugar Land 2:00pm-3:30pm Hwy 6 @ Lexington and Williams Trace

Monday October 12<sup>th</sup>—District 75 Columbus Day Golf Tournament at Sienna Plantation benefiting state charities

Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup>—2<sup>nd</sup> annual Majella Benefit Pro-Life Gala at the Hyatt Downtown Houston. Guest speaker Mike Huckabee

Various dates this fall to participate in Special Olympics fall games. For more info go to [www.sotx.org](http://www.sotx.org)

Lastly, don't forget to get your new State Charities Pin!! Contact your Grand Knight or me to get yours now.

God Bless you and your families,

Gary Blanchette District Deputy #75

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### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept 5—Colin Kiernan, Sept 9—Dennis O'Driscoll, Sept 12—Victor Villarreal, Sept 15—Jim McAllister, Sept 19—Mark Rubal & Bill Lackey, Sept 26—Leon White, Sept 30—Brent Diaz

### Our Prayers Are With You



Please remember the following in your prayers:

GK Gary Bentz who has throat cancer.

Raymond Tabor, Uncle of Bro. Chris Agostinelli, who has cancer.

Richard Hogan

Our Men and Women in Uniform both living and deceased especially Gabriel Machado deployed in Afghanistan and Corp. Casey Owens

Our Holy Father and all of the clergy especially Fr. Roy for his back procedure

The innocent unborn. St. Angela Merici Parish

The intentions of all our Brother Knights



- Sept. 2—Regular business meeting at the church office after 7PM mass.
- Sept. 5—Catholic Night at the Astros game.
- Sept 6—VA Hospital visit. Meet at the office at 7:30 AM.
- Sept 8—AGH Chapter meeting at Council 3077 at 7 PM
- Sept 13—Council Soccer Challenge at Camp Sienna 2 -4 PM.
- Sept 16—Officer's meeting at church office after 7 PM mass. All Knights are welcome
- Sept 19—Mow grass for the Convent in Missouri City starting at 8 AM.
- Sept 20—Ground breaking for the new building in Sienna
- Sept 20—District Soccer Challenge. Information TBA

# September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Regular Business meeting 7PM	3	4	5 Astros Game
6 VA Hospital visit 7:30 AM	7	8 AGH Chapter meeting 7PM	9	10	11	12
13 Council Soccer Challenge	14	15	16 Officer's meeting 7PM	17	18	19 Mow grass at the convent
20 District Soccer Challenge	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

- Oct 3—Camp For All work day for council. Contact Bro. Matt Leyden.
- Oct 4—Chain of Life Event Sugar Land 2—4 PM
- Oct 7—Regular business meeting at the church office after 7 PM mass.
- Oct 10—Diocesan Soccer Challenge. Details to follow.
- Oct 12—District 75 Golf Tournament at Sienna Plantation Golf Club. Tee off at 8:30 AM.
- Oct 13—AGH Chapter meeting at Council 3077 at 7 PM.
- Oct 16 thru 18—Fourth Degree Exemplification in Humble.
- Oct 21—Officer's meeting at church office after 7 PM mass. All Members are welcome at meeting.

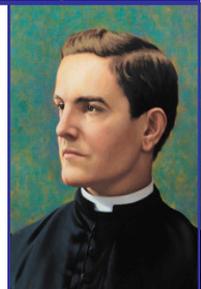
# October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Camp For All Day
4 Chain of Life Event	5	6	7 Regular Business meeting 7	8	9	10 Diocesan Soccer Challenge
11	12 District Golf Tourney	13 AGH Chapter meeting	14	15	16	17 4th Degree Exemplifica-
18	19	20	21 Officer's meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



*Brothers,*

*Don't forget that we are breaking ground on the Sienna property on September 20th after the 11 AM mass. Please lend your support to the parish staff where ever they may need help. Make it a great day for all as we have been waiting for this a long time. Pray for good weather and that construction will begin soon. St. Angela Merici pray for your parish that our groundbreaking will be a great day and the beginning of a great facility.*





# COUNCIL PHOTOS - CATHOLIC NIGHT AT THE ASTROS



Our bus waits to take us to the Astros game



Some of the council families going to the game



Bro. Ron getting us ready to leave for the ballpark



Hot Dogs, peanuts, Crackerjacks and cold beer!



Loading the bus and going to the game



Some of our group in our right field seats

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## COUNCIL PHOTOS - CATHOLIC NIGHT AT THE ASTROS



Some of our group and the St. Laurence group at the game



Roy "O" on the mound

### Camp For All Work Day

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:30 am Carpoolers depart St. Angela Merici

8:30 am Carpoolers arrive at Camp for All

12:30 pm Lunch will be provided (after the campers eat)

There will be a short video and Camp presentation after lunch.

Address: 6301 Rehburg Road

Burton, TX 77835

website: [www.campforall.org](http://www.campforall.org)

Items to bring:

1. Power washer if you have one.
2. Work Gloves

Dress attire:

1. Closed toe shoes (NO flip flops)
2. Shirts must have sleeves
3. Medium length shorts

Please note there will be campers at the time we are working, please be considerate, and the activities are for the campers, not the volunteers.

Volunteer age requirements:

1. Anyone over the age of 18 (lunch preparation and cleaning for those not power washing.)
2. Children ages 13 to 17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact: Matt Leyden, 713-962-5575, [mleyden@comcast.net](mailto:mleyden@comcast.net)

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## Knights of Columbus

### District 75

## First Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, October 12, 2009

Sienna Plantation Golf Club — Missouri  
City, Texas



Entry Fee: \$100 per individual; \$400 per team.

(Includes green fee, range balls, shared cart, lunch and prizes)

Format: Four-Player Team Scramble

(Men and Women / Teams and Individuals Welcome)

8:30 A.M. Shotgun start followed by lunch, awards and prizes

Please make checks payable to: **St. Angela Merici Council 14617**

Mail entry and checks to: Gary Blanchette DD#75  
4723 Stoney Point Ct.  
Sugar Land, TX 77479

For additional information contact:

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<u>Gold Sponsor</u>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<u>Silver Sponsor</u>	<b>\$450.00</b>
1-4 person team entry fee		2-Individual entry fees	
1-Hole sponsor sign		1-Hole sponsor sign	
4-Tournament hats		2-Tournament hats	
4-Special goodie bags		2-Special goodie bags	

<u>Bronze Sponsor</u>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<u>Hole Sponsor</u>	<b>\$100.00</b>
1-Individual entry fee		1-Hole sponsor sign on tee box	
1-Hole sponsor sign			
1-Tournament hat & special goodie bag			

### **Beverage Cart Sponsor \$250.00**

- 1-Special cart signage
- 1-Tournament Hat

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT TEXAS STATE COUNCIL CHARITIES**

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Council Soccer Challenge:** Our council will hold its first KC Soccer Challenge for kids ages 10 thru 14 on Sunday September 13th from 2 to 4 PM at Camp Sienna. Contact Brother Victor Villarreal and sign up to help.

**Grass Cutting at the Convent:** Team Merici is scheduled to cut the grass for the convent on Adams St in Missouri City on Saturday morning September 19th at 8AM. Be there and bring any mowers you may have.

**Groundbreaking for the Parish:** On Sunday September 20th after the 11 AM mass which will be celebrated by Archbishop Emeritus the Most Reverend Joseph Fiorenza, the parish will go to the property in Sienna and break ground for the first building. Please lend a hand wherever needed. If you go to mass wear your council shirts so our council is well represented.

**Camp For All:** Saturday October 3rd our council is scheduled for a work day at the camp. This is a wonderful facility for young people with physical and mental challenges. See the information on Page 10 and contact Brother Matt Leyden to sign up. He needs 20 workers to go. This can include family members.

**Life Chain Sunday:** On Sunday October 4th we will be a part of the Life Chain in Sugar Land. We are scheduled to be between Settler's Way and William Trace on Hwy 6 beginning at 2 PM until 3:30 PM. Contact Brother Fernando Hess for information or see the note below.

**District 75 Golf Tournament:** On October 12th, Columbus Day, we are hosting the First Annual District 75 Golf Tournament at Sienna Plantation Golf Club. Information about the tournament and registration is on Page 11. Please sign up and play or sponsor. Get a company you trade with to sponsor. The money will go to our State Charity goal for this year. We need your support! Columbus Day—Where else would you rather be??

**Council Program Activities and Committees:** Our various standing program committees are forming, meeting, and planning our upcoming events for the year ahead. If you want to be a part of the selection and planning of activities for our council in the areas of Church, Council, Community, Family, Youth, Membership or Pro-Life, contact the director listed on Page 6 of this newsletter and sign up today. They need your help.

### Life Chain Oct 4th 2:00 – 3:30 PM on Hwy 6.

Life Chain is a nationwide, peaceful, prayerful public witness against abortion. Join members of over 20 area churches on Hwy 6, between Hwy 59 and Settler's Way, to hold signs such as "Abortion Kills Children" "Abortion Hurts Women" and "Jesus Heals and Forgives." St. Angela Merici members will meet on East side of SH-6, between Settler's Way and Williams Trace. This is on the side with Kroger, McDonald's etc. Parking is available in front of and behind the chiropractor's office at the end of the Kroger building (toward Williams Trace), at the professional building behind McDonald's and Taco Bell, and at Spec's, which is closed on Sunday. We will pass out signs at the masses on Oct. 3rd and 4th. For info contact Brother Fernando.

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put together activities for the council and their work is paying off. If you look at the top of Page 12 you can see a list of some of these projects they have scheduled for the next few weeks. Please sign up to help on these activities and if you can, sign up for one of the committees listed on Page 6. Get active and get involved. That's what makes this council a success. I particularly want you all to consider the Grass Mowing, Camp For All, The Chain of Life, and the District Golf Tournament. We need many of you to sign up for these events to make them successful. See the information on these events in the newsletter and please sign up for them. They are all very worthwhile events and they all are directly tied to the main principal of our Order, Charity. Again Brothers the return on your investment is tremendous.

And finally I need to thank all of you for your prayers and concerns for me. I told you at the meeting that I had had a biopsy and it turns out there is a malignant growth in my throat. I am waiting to get into MD Anderson and will begin treatment there. The good news is that it is very treatable and we have caught it early. So the outcome is very hopeful. I will tell you that you all have been a great gift to me and my family. Previously we would have been facing this with a few friends. But now we have all of you and this parish to support us. I believe in the power of prayer as I have seen it work many times. So with your prayers and support, and God's healing grace I'll be fine. I will continue as the GK as long as I feel I am able to keep up. Bless you all. Gary