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## THE KNIGHT RIDER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



My Brothers,

Well Fall is here and that means two important things are happening. Football season has started and.....there's something else besides football I know. Oh yes, our council activities have picked up! September was a busy month. We cooked 50 briskets and sold them for Labor Day, we volunteered in the first Project Walk Race, and we had our VA Hospital visit. We had good turn outs for all 3 events and everyone worked really hard. So thanks again to everyone that was able to be there and help. The briskets were great and everyone enjoyed them, the Project Walk Race went really great and the pancakes were super good, and we had a good group there to visit our Veterans in the VA. These are great examples of what our Order does and why we joined. The Project Walk Race was one that made me very proud of our council. We had over 20 Brothers show up very early that morning to set up. And then we cooked hundreds of pancakes and gave them out along with sodas and water. Many, many people came up to us and said thank you. It was a great day that raised money for a great cause. It was a very satisfying and enjoyable day so be ready for next year as I promised the organizers we'd be back to help again. And of course the VA Hospital visit went great. Thank you to the 8 Brothers and family members that went to visit our veterans. Our council had the largest group there so we were well represented. I hope the numbers continue to grow in the year ahead as this really is a very rewarding program for those veterans who are inpatients at the hospital and for the Brothers that visit them.

The month of October has several activities on the schedule. The first weekend we will have PLC Workday on Saturday and the Foundation For Life at all of the masses explaining their mission to the parish. Then the following weekend on the 10th and 11th we will hold our FFL Diaper Drive to collect diapers and other baby supplies for the Foundation's Baby Pantry. This program gives new mothers, who were once considering having an abortion, the supplies they need to care for their newborn. This will tie in well to Respect Life Sunday on Oct. 4th. On this day our council will be part of the Life Chain which meets on Hwy 6 and holds signs supporting life from conception to natural death. We can show the public that the KCs support life, and that we support those mothers who have chosen life for their babies instead of abortion. Also on Oct 11th is our Corporate Communion mass at 9 AM. Please turn out with your families and bring the FFL the needed baby supplies. This is a great way to show our parish who we are and what we stand for. And it's a always a special day for me to be able to attend mass with all of my Brothers and our families.

We are scheduled to mow the convent for the Dominican Sisters in Missouri City on Oct 17th. If you have some mowing equipment you can bring that's a big help as they often are short a few things. And after we mow their grass, the nuns cook lunch for us!

And last but far from least, on Oct 24th we are hosting the Annual Trunk R Treat party in the PLC parking lot from 6 to 8 PM. We will need a lot of help to cook and serve hot dogs, and help with parking and safety. Make sure you sign up with Br. Mark Montalbano for this fun evening. There will be lots of games for the kids and everyone always has a great time. So please sign up and help. That's it for October. It'll be a fun month. More to come! Gary Bentz

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## NEWS FROM SUPREME

### .Annual Report of the Supreme Knight

In his annual report delivered at the 133rd Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted the Order's record levels of charity, with over \$173 million in donations and over 71.5 million hours of volunteer service.

The supreme knight cited some of the major accomplishments of the Order: a new record in charitable giving, continued membership growth, and an increase in membership for the 43rd consecutive year to a total membership of 1,883,598 brother Knights.

At the opening of his report, the supreme knight officially announced the convention's theme, "Endowed by Their Creator With Life and Liberty."

"It (the theme) is appropriate since we are meeting in the city of Philadelphia, a city steeped in Catholic history," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson as he opened his report. "My brother Knights, this is the 15th time that I will fulfill my responsibility as supreme knight to report to you on the accomplishments of your Order during the past year. Today, I report to you that the Knights of Columbus has never been stronger and more relevant."

The supreme knight spoke to an audience of nearly 95 archbishops and bishops, including 11 cardinals, scores of clergy and approximately 2,000 members of the Knights and their families from throughout North and Central America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Europe.

"Our parishes and neighborhoods are better places today because of the efforts of our nearly 1.9 million members," Supreme Knight Anderson said in referring to the records of over \$173 million in donations and over 71.5 million hours of volunteer service. "We are building a better world, one council at a time."

He also announced that the Knights of Columbus has seen impressive membership growth including in new areas such as Ukraine, Lithuania, Poland and South Korea.

"Most brother Knights say they were asked to join the Knights of Columbus by a family member or friend," Supreme Knight Anderson said. "Yet too many Knights today rarely ask someone to join us. All of us need to make an extra effort to extend the benefits of membership to more Catholic men, so today I ask every brother Knight to recruit at least three new members this year."

Supreme Knight Anderson also highlighted the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund that has already sent more than \$3 million to assist Christians in Syria and Iraq.

"Our dollars provide housing and medical care," he said. "But we can do more. Today I announce that the Knights of Columbus will redouble our efforts to bring aid to those victims. We will begin a new education campaign to expose the crimes against humanity that are being committed. It is time for a season of truth about what is happening to Christians."

The supreme knight then asked the convention attendees to raise with him the Olive Wood Crosses that had been supplied to them as a show of solidarity with persecuted Christians.

Supreme Knight Anderson also announced that the Knights will be partnering with the group, charity: water, to build 20 new clean water wells in Africa. "As one African priest told us when he heard of our initiative, 'Water is life, and I thank the Knights of Columbus for reaching out with this precious gift of life,'" the supreme knight said.

In discussing the Order's insurance program, Supreme Knight Anderson said that insurance in force is at \$99 billion, an amount that has more than doubled in the last 12 years, and also that the Order's Insurance program has earned A.M. Best's highest rating, A++ (Superior), for the 40th consecutive year

## INSURANCE NEWS

One of the biggest mistakes you can make regarding disability insurance is to assume you can't afford it or you won't qualify. Before you make that assumption, do some basic research and apply for coverage through the Knights of Columbus. The Order's Income Armor product gives you options that can help you fit this critical protection into your risk management budget. Here are two ways you can reduce your premium:

1. Choose a two-year or five-year maximum benefit period.

Depending on your age, the best option is probably a policy that pays benefits until you reach age 67. But a two-year or five-year duration benefit period would cover disabilities you might encounter in your working life.

2. Choose a longer elimination period.

An elimination period is the number of days a total disability must exist before benefits begin to accrue. Typical elimination periods are 30, 90, or 180 days. Choosing a longer elimination period lowers the policy's premium. But be sure you have enough set aside in your contingency fund to account for the longer gap.

As your professional insurance agent, risk management is my specialty. Let's talk about how to protect your income, your retirement needs, and your family's financial future.

Call Leo Lowdermilk at (832) 338-6269 or (800) 460-2706. Or email him at [Leo.Lowdermilk@kofc.org](mailto:Leo.Lowdermilk@kofc.org).



# COUNCIL PHOTOS



Council welcomes Bro. Steve Blackmon after his 1st Degree



Bro. Bill Fred Grates receives Honorary Life Membership for his 25 years as a Knight



Council welcomes Anthony Aranda after his 1st Degree presented to his father Brother Joe Aranda



Council receives a Texas Hall of Fame Award for 5 years of meeting our charity goal from our Worthy DD Tido Peralez



Our September Knight of the Month Bro. Colin Kiernan



Our September Lady of the Month Peggy Nice

**Remember:** If you participate in any Knights of Columbus events or activities and have pictures, please forward them to Gary Bentz at [gsbent@flash.net](mailto:gsbent@flash.net) so we can have them for our Council records and also so that they may be published in the newsletter.



# COUNCIL PHOTOS - PROJECT WALK



On Saturday, September 19th, our council was asked to volunteer to help set up, and to cook and serve pancakes, and serve water and sodas for the 1st Annual Project Walk and Ride Race at Ridge Point High School in Sienna Plantation. We began showing up just after 6 AM and had over 20 Brothers that came and worked very hard in the heat. We cooked and served hundreds of pancakes and donated and served many cases of water and sodas. After the race, we cleaned up and we left about 11 AM and stopped at the fire station next door and donated several cases of left over sodas to them. It was a great day and one we should all be very proud of. Thank you Brothers for your hard work to help those in need. This is who we are!



## COUNCIL PHOTOS AND INFORMATION



*(Pictured Left)* Many thanks to all of the Brothers that showed up at St Laurence to season and cook the Labor Day briskets. The picture to the left was part of the clean up crew that showed up on Wednesday Sept 2 to bag up briskets and clean the smoker pit at St. Laurence. And on Saturday Sept 5th, many Brothers showed up and picked up the briskets and helped to pass them out at the PLC that morning. We sold our limit of 50 briskets and I can tell you for a fact they were delicious! Tender and juicy as any brisket you've ever had. Thanks to Br. Mark Okenfels for coordinating the sales and distribution. It went very smooth and St. Laurence was most appreciative of the good turnout we had to help.

*(Pictured Right)* And a huge thank you to the Brothers and their families that visited the veterans at the VA Hospital on Sept 27th. We had 8 people there which was the most of any of the other councils that were scheduled that day. Everyone that participates in this always says what a great experience it is. And once you go the first time, you'll probably commit to go back many times. So thank you all again for showing up and representing our council.

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### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**Oct 12—Thomas Zvonek, Oct 21—Edward Nunez, Oct 24—Paul Foley**

**Brothers—If your birthday is this month but your name and date are not listed here there's a reason. These birthdays come from the information on our website [www.kofc14617.org](http://www.kofc14617.org). Therefore if you have not gone on the website and entered your information including your birthday, the date is not available for the newsletter.**

### Our Prayers Are With You

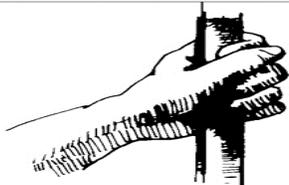


Please remember the following in your prayers:  
 Our Men and Women in uniform both living and deceased  
 Jared Goolsby—Cancer, the Goolsby Family  
 +Brooks Dremley – RIP, The Dremley Family – for Peace  
 Michael Robbins – Cancer, Marie Fuller – Heart Bypass,  
 Bill Copenhaver – Cancer  
 +SK JJ Burianek—RIP, Bro. Arthur Cruz's Mother - RIP  
 Tony Yasilli – Cancer, Victor Elias – Lung Cancer.  
 Our 3 Seminarians – Prayers for their vocations  
 St. Angela Merici Parish.  
 The intentions of all our Brother Knights.



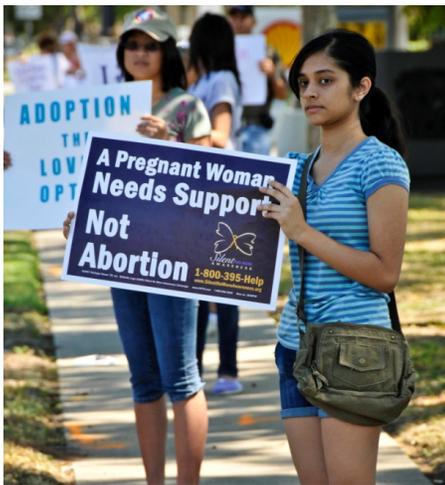
## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPRTUNITES

- **PLC WORKDAY:** Our monthly workday is October 3. It begins at 8 AM at the PLC. The more help we have the sooner we finish. Basically we straighten chairs, change light bulbs, and do whatever needs to be done at the church. This service is very much appreciated by the parish as we maintain the building and save the parish a lot of money. So please show up and bring family.
- **COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Our regular monthly meeting is on October 1 and our Officers' meeting, which is open to all members, is October 15th. Both meetings start right after 7 PM mass at the PLC.
- **LIFE CHAIN:** On Sunday October 4th we will be a part of the Life Chain which shows support for the unborn. We will assemble on HWY 6 and display signs against abortion. Info on Page 8.
- **FFL DIAPER DRIVE:** We will have our semi-annual Foundation For Life Diaper Drive on the weekend on October 10 and 11 at all of the masses. We ask the parish to donate diapers, baby wipes, and any baby supplies for the FFL Pantry which donates these items to new mothers that they have worked with and have chosen to have their babies rather than have an abortion. This is a great foundation that works very hard to protect those innocent unborn babies. Any items we can donate to them is a huge help to them and these new mothers.
- **CORPORATE COMMUNION:** Our council's Corporate Communion will be at the 9 AM mass on Sunday Oct. 11. It is a great chance to attend mass with your Brothers and their families.
- **CONVENT MOWING:** On Saturday October 17th our council is scheduled to mow the convent for the Vietnamese Dominican Sisters in Missouri City. Please be at the convent for 8 AM and if you have trimming or mowing equipment bring it with you. The address is 1602 Adams St., Missouri City. Driving up Texas Parkway (FM 2234), it is the 4th street before Hwy 90. Turn left and the convent is just 2 blocks on your right. After we finish mowing the Sisters serve lunch.
- **TRUNK R TREAT:** Our annual Halloween party takes place on October 24th from 6 to 8 PM in the PLC parking lot. Our Youth Director Bro. Mark Montalbano is again coordinating this event and needs a lot of help. If you can volunteer please contact Mark at [mmontalbano@entouch.net](mailto:mmontalbano@entouch.net) and volunteer. We need help parking, cooking, serving and cleaning up. This is always a great event and the children and adults have a lot of fun. So please help to make this event another success for the parish and our council. And you can wear a costume if you want to! As long as you wear your council cap! See the information page on Page 8.





## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



 *Life Chain*



LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness, and a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian Community against abortion. It is a time for prayerful self-analysis, repentance, and serious commitment to helping end abortion in our nation. During the Life Chain time, idle chatter, frivolity, and both verbal and physical responses to motorists are strongly discouraged.

**Oct 4, 2015 2:00- 3:30 p.m.**

Sugar Land: Hwy 6 & Williams Trace  
(Missouri City: Hwy 6 & Riverstone)

Marie McCoy 281-610-3986

[ChristianVoicesforLifeFB@gmail.com](mailto:ChristianVoicesforLifeFB@gmail.com)



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



5TH ANNUAL  
ST. ANGELA MERICI

### TRUNK OR TREAT & FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

6:00 – 8:00 PM

PLC PARKING LOT

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF “TRUNK OR TREATING” WITH FOOD, GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES.

#### What is Trunk or Treating?

PARTICIPANTS WILL PARK THEIR CAR IN THE EAST SIDE PARKING LOT, DECORATE THEIR CAR/PARKING SPOT WITH FAMILY-FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN DÉCOR AND PASS OUT CANDY TO ALL THE TRICK OR TREATERS. THINK OF IT AS HALLOWEEN TAILGATING! FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO BRING FOOD & BEVERAGES TO ENJOY (NO ALCOHOL, BBQ GRILLS OR PETS ARE ALLOWED).

RESERVE A PARKING SPOT FOR THE TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT BY REGISTERING AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE FOYER OF THE PLC OR BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO [trunkortreat@entouch.net](mailto:trunkortreat@entouch.net).

#### What if I don't want to decorate my car?

FAMILIES THAT WOULD LIKE TO JUST GO TRICK OR TREATING AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN THE OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL PARK IN THE WEST SIDE PARKING LOT. YOU WILL NOT NEED TO REGISTER.

#### How can I help?

VOLUNTEER - STOP BY THE REGISTRATION TABLE AFTER ALL MASSES TO SIGN UP FOR A ONE HOUR SHIFT OR GO TO [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). CLICK ON “FIND A SIGN UP” AND TYPE IN THE EVENT EMAIL ADDRESS: [trunkortreat@entouch.net](mailto:trunkortreat@entouch.net).

DONATE – WE WILL GLADLY ACCEPT STORE-BOUGHT BAGS OF SINGLE WRAPPED CANDY & 2-LITER BOTTLES OF SODA.

#### Brought to you by:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #14617, WOMEN OF THE VINE & YOUTH GROUPS OF ST. ANGELA MERICI.



- Oct 1—Regular business meeting at the PLC after 7 PM mass
- Oct 3—Work day at PLC at 8AM
- Oct 4—Life Chain 2—3:30 PM
- Oct 10—FFL Diaper Drive at 5 PM mass
- Oct 11—FFL Diaper Drive at all masses
- Oct 11—Corporate Communion at 9 AM mass
- Oct 13—ADGH Chapter meeting at Council 3077 begins at 7 PM
- Oct 15—Officers’ meeting at PLC after 7 PM mass.
- Oct 17—Mow convent grass at Dominican Convent in Missouri City at 8 AM
- Oct 19—First Degree at St. Theresa Council 4204 at 7 PM
- Oct 24—Trunk R Treat 6 to 8 PM at PLC

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Regular business meeting	2	3 PLC workday
4 Life Chain on Hwy 6	5	6	7	8	9	10 FFL Diaper Drive
11 Diaper Drive, Corp Communion 9	12	13 ADGH Chapter meeting	14	15 Officers’ meeting 7:30 PM	16	17 Mow convent
18	19 1st Degree at St. Theresa	20 4th Degree meeting	21	22	23	24 Trunk R Treat 6 PM to 8 PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- Nov 5—Regular business meeting at the PLC after 7 PM mass
- Nov 7—Work day at PLC at 8AM
- Nov 7—Council’s Memorial Mass to remember our deceased members at the 5 PM mass at the PLC
- Nov 8—SAM Parish Celebration Picnic at PLC 1:30—4 PM. Cook hot dogs
- Nov 10—ADGH Chapter meeting at Council 3077 begins at 7 PM
- Nov 16—First Degree at St. Thomas Aquinas at 7 PM
- Nov 17—4th Degree Assembly meeting Council 4204 at 7:30 PM
- Nov 19 —Officers’ meeting at PLC after 7 PM mass.
- Nov 23 & 24—Turkey cooking at St. Laurence Parish Hall. Times TBA
- Nov 25—Turkey Pick Up at the PLC from 9 AM to Noon
- Nov 26—Have a blessed and very Happy Thanksgiving

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day	2	3	4	5 Regular business meeting	6	7 PLC workday Memorial Mass
8 Parish Celebration Picnic 1:30-4	9	10 ADGH Chapter meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16 1st Degree St. Thomas	17 4th Degree meeting	18	19 Officers’ meeting 7:30 PM	20	21
22	23 Turkey cooking St. Laurence	24 Turkey cooking St. Laurence	25 Turkey pick up at PLC	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30					



**May God continue to bless our Council and St. Angela Merici Parish. May He guide us and lead us to serve Him by serving our fellowman through our many council activities.**

