



Knights of Columbus

Chisholm Trail Council 9368, Round Rock, TX

St. William Catholic Church

December 2016 Monthly Newsletter

Grand Knight's Letter

Worthy Brother Knights;

Since the fourth century AD, when Roman Emperor Constantine adopted Christianity, church attendance in Western Civilization was at its greatest during Christmas and Easter – becoming a very relevant force in the world.

Prior to Constantine, Christianity was illegal. Ironically during this period of intense persecution the number of Christians grew at a phenomenal rate, with an underground network of small home-based churches (like in China).

Today, Christianity's life-transforming power has been stifled in many corners of the world and the last several decades have seen a decrease in church attendance.

The name CHRISTmas forces most people to consider at some level: Who was Christ and why should his living two-thousand years ago make any difference to us today in our hectic modern life?

As Americans, does the Christmas story have anything to do with: our freedom to think and express ideas; our freedom of religion; the equality of people; or even ideas like the size and reach of government?

Clearly, individual rights and freedoms that have defined America and fall directly from a worldview sees humanity as unique, special and worthy of protection. Christianity moreover, teaches that people are created in the image of God.

Cultures that embraced the Biblical value of humanity, have delivered the greatest level of individual liberty over time. While not all of the American founders embraced orthodox Christianity, they did embrace a Biblically-based view of human nature and that every person is created equal "with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

In recent decades, some have been pushing America away from its moral foundation, resulting in increased chaos. Chaos has been answered by increasing the size and reach of government, leading to a decrease in personal liberty.

Humanity desires to express its creativity. True faith, hope and charity cannot be forced upon someone. Vast power invites corruption, whether in business, politics or government. Left unbounded by inner moral guides or external militant guides, 7.5 billion people worldwide would have 7.5 billion moral codes rarely in alignment and leading to self-destruction.

Incredible transformation and healing does result when people bond with their Creator.

Ideas have consequences. Ideas that ring true with life experience yield better results for us individually and for cultures. This Christmas, to change the world in small ways (i.e. through our families, our neighborhoods, our church or at work) consider seeing Christ revealed during Adoration, through the Eucharist at mass or the person in front of us or in the readings of the Bible about his life and message – which all ring true. Yes, Christmas is still relevant in the 21st century.

God Bless,
Frank Alvarez, Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus #9368
St. William Catholic Church

Continuing Family Bonds

On November 13, the KCs held our second Family Fun Event. The event attendance drew: 30 people. KC Council 9368 invites you and your family to a Family Fun Day on Sunday, November 13, 1:00 pm at the Parish Softball Field.

There was a potluck lunch, followed by a short talk on Family Prayer Life and Prayer Time, based on Pope John Paul II teachings. Afterwards, there's a big kickball game between the adults and the kids. The next Family Fun Day event will be either February/March or March/April. For more information on how you and your family can participate, contact Allen Hebert at [512-657-5449](tel:512-657-5449) or allen@yourhollyfamily.com.

Youth Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus, #9368 is hosting the Free Throw Championship on Jan. 21, at St. Dominic Savio, from 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm. It is open to boys and girls, ages 9-14. Contestants will get 15 Free Throws and winners will advance to district, regional and state tournaments. To register, please download the form from the Knights of Columbus website at www.kofc9368.org. Note: A copy of the child's birth certificate must be presented on the day of the competition. For more information call J.J. Lively at 512-925-3448; jjlively13@yahoo.com or contact Gabe Lujan at 512-925-4677; joseph.gabo@gmail.com.

Calendar

December 3
Breakfast with St. Nick
St. William Catholic Church, Pavilion
8:00 am-12:00 pm
Contact: F. Alvarez - 512-964-2637

December 7
KC Council Meeting
St. William Catholic Church, Pavilion
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Contact: F. Alvarez - 512-964-2637

December 8
BrandMuscle Casino Party
Location: TBA
Time: TBA
Contact: Mike Goertz – 512-923-5734

December 9
KC Christmas Party
4391 Green Tree Drive
7:00 pm-10:00 pm
Contact: F. Alvarez - 512-964-2637

Dec 13
IBM Development Group Christmas Casino Party
Location: IBM, 11501 Burnet Rd.
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Contact: Mike Goertz – 512-923-5734

December 14
1st Degree Exemplification
St. William Catholic Church, Pavilion
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Contact: Greg Castro - 512-217-4717

Dec. 17
Casino Party
Location: TBA
Time: TBA
Contact: Mike Goertz – 512-923-5734

January 4
KC Council Meeting
St. William Catholic Church, Pavilion
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Contact: F. Alvarez - 512-964-2637

January 11
1st Degree Exemplification
St. William Catholic Church, Pavilion
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Contact: Greg Castro - 512-217-4717

January 18
KC 9368 Officers Meeting
Exflour, 2350 Double Creek Drive
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Contact: F. Alvarez - 512-964-2637

January 21
KC Free Throw Contest
St. Dominic Savio High School
1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Contact: J.J. Lively - 512-925-3448

January 21
Round Rock LaCrosse Casino Party
Location: TBA
Time: TBA
Contact: Mike Goertz – 512-923-5734

January 28
March for Life Rally
Downtown Austin, State Capitol
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Contact: Rob Prybyla – 512-809-1471

Prayer Requests

Pray for peace and comfort for:

LaVerne Rinken, wife of the late Brother Knight Bill Rinken. She spent a couple of days in the Round Rock Hospital, but is now back home.

SK Moe Esker had been moved to Trinity Home Care in Round Rock, for Physical Therapy. It's suspected that Moe has had a slight stroke. Pray for his immediate recovery.

Carol Woisin who's had numerous return visits to the hospital since her September surgery. Please join in

prayer for Carol that she will have rapid healing and increased strength.

Tom Bierschenk was involved in an accident at his plant that resulted in chemical spilling on his face. He is back to work with issues to be resolved. Please pray for a full recovery, healing and pain reduction.

Ron Davis' 21-year old son-in-law's nephew, Tyler, has just been diagnosed with cancer. All prayers for him and the family are appreciated.

George Price is in the hospital with heart failure. Pray for successful treatment and recovery and for strength for him and his wife, Joan.

Leland Unruh's mother, Martha has contracted bronchitis, and is in constant pain from all the coughing. Please continue praying for her overall health as she fights brain cancer.

Scheduled EIM Classes

Pastoral Center, Austin
St. Margaret Mary Parish, Cedar Park
12/14/2016
12:30 pm-2:30 pm

St. Louis Parish, Austin
11/12/2016
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Les Maciej Project Status

The family of Les Maciej asked that all people wishing to commemorate Les make a donation to the Knights of Columbus in lieu of flowers. To date, we have received \$3,597. The Knights have preliminarily begun planning to dedicate these funds to construct a very nice encasement in the pavilion near the front doors to some of the Knights' awards and history. Fellow brother, Igor Espejo who is a contractor is developing a couple different options at the request of the officers.

Church Requests

Christmas Concert Rehearsal Reception
Parish Hall
Dec. 16, 9:30 pm – 11:30 pm
Volunteers: Need 4 Knights as bartenders.
Contact: Frank Alvarez, 512-964-2637; ecsburges@gmail.com

Confession Marathon (20 priests)
Parish Hall (serve food at noon)
12:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Volunteers: Need Knights to prep & serve
Contact: Frank Alvarez, 512-964-2637; ecsburges@gmail.com

Christmas Eve Parking
Dec. 24, 3:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Volunteers: Need Knights to help with at minimum 2 hour shifts (3pm-5pm or 5pm-7:30pm)
Meet in Narthex to pick up safety equipment
Contact: Frank Alvarez, 512-964-2637; ecsburges@gmail.com

Knights' Birthdays

Burkhardt, Michael - 12/01
 Rodriguez, Christopher - 12/01
 Higgs, David - 12/02
 Mandeville, Thomas - 12/04
 Unruh III, Leland - 12/04
 Antonini, Kurt - 12/05
 McKenzie, Anthony - 12/06
 Risinger, Ronnie - 12/06
 Waters, Russell - 12/06
 Castillo, Cencepcion - 12/08
 Diaz, Lawrence - 12/08
 Torres, David - 12/08
 Hill, Chetwood - 12/09
 Harris, Michael - 12/10
 Ritter, James - 12/10
 Gargano, Frank - 12/11
 Gonzalez, Jerry - 12/11
 Madrigal, Harvey - 12/13
 Calderon, Irving - 12/14
 Price, George - 12/14
 Phipps, Kevin - 12/15
 Kreitzer, Neil - 12/16
 Smith, Roy - 12/16
 Moseman, Robert - 12/18
 Larmeu III, John - 12/20
 Nazareth, Martin - 12/20
 Bevins, Kenneth - 12/22
 Abbatista, Anthony - 12/24
 Griffin, Arthur - 12/28
 Hernandez, Andrew - 12/30
 Mole, Innocent - 12/31

Nov Family Fun Event Pics



KCs Cooking Turkeys for Annie's Way Pics



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Anniversary Dates of Knights Joining the KCs

Brauner, Mark - 12/01
 Schauburger, Wilfred - 12/04
 Ainsworth, Spencer - 12/09
 Ferriola, Chris - 12/09
 Fierro, Jesse - 12/09
 Hartwick, Mathew - 12/09
 Madrigal, Harvey - 12/09
 Salinas, Zachary - 12/09
 Davis, Ron - 12/13
 Garza, Cesar - 12/13
 Glenn, Jeffrey - 12/13
 Leeper, Chad - 12/13
 Maduneme, Ogugua - 12/13
 Moser, Robert - 12/13
 Adams, Mark - 12/15
 Kirking, Bryan - 12/15
 Rivera, Robert - 12/19
 Delaurier, Benjamin - 12/21

Knights Doing Bartending

The KCs are frequently asked by the church and various ministries. To do bartending services, members need to be TABC certified.

Members can go to the TABC website to do online classes which are currently less than \$10, at mytabc.com. The council will reimburse members the full amount if they take the class. dramshopschool.com

The TABC certification is:

- Self- Paced - no time limit.
- The TABC Exam is 25 multiple choice questions.
- TABC allows you to retake the exam once
- Print your 2 year TABC certificate.

Some alcohol training topics are:

- Laws concerning intoxicated persons and minors
- Identifying minors
- How to examine and spot fake IDs for intoxicated people

Need to Know Now?

Check out the Knights of Columbus website to find out more and current information about various activities of the Knights at: <https://kofc9368.org/>.