

# KNIGHT BEAT

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## Grand Knight Report



Worthy Brothers, Sir Knights & Ladies All,

Archbishop Gustavo held the annual Lumen Gentium awards at St Dominic's Catholic church. This is an award for one member or couple from each parish in the SA Archdiocese who has done exception works supporting their parish programs. It was an honor to attend and see SK Oscar & Lady Diana Valdez receive the prestigious award for their work within the Divine Providence parish. Congratulations!

February starts the Lenten season on February 14 Ash Wednesday. I'm hoping we will continue to lead Stations of the Cross at St Vincent de Paul or Divine Providence this year.

Saturday February 10th our Rummage sale will be in full swing, increased signs and flyers are underway and there will be several 50/50 drawings available throughout the 9am-2pm hours. That evening, Divine Providence will have a Valentines western dance. Please call DP Admin office for tickets and support their event.

The Council will have a St Patrick's Day dance Saturday March 17th, the band will be announced and tickets will be available shortly.

Discussion is ongoing that we may have tootsie roll drive two times per year. As always volunteers are need to walk the intersection on Valley Hi drive or maybe 410 & Pearsall Road. Please call me if you can give us an hour or two to raise money for charity!

Your Council Officers are working hard and invite you to join us at Council meetings. Information about the sale of the lot and recent events on the outcome of damage to the Council Hall is available at Council meetings. Please participate to make your council better.

Vivat Jesus!  
Dave  
GK

## District Deputy Report

Brother Knights, I bring you greeting from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and State Deputy Doug Oldmixon.

In continuing with additional information on recruitment, rather saying recruitment let's say eligible potential members, i.e., providing an opportunity to fellow Catholics to join a strong fraternal catholic organization.

In order to be prepared to provide that opportunity to the eligible potential member we need to know some of the history of the Knights of Columbus and Fr Michael J McGivney.

How did all begin? In the later days of 1881 Fr McGivney got together with a group of Catholic men in the basement of St Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut to help the Catholic community. Catholics, at that time Catholics were despised, business establishments posted signs that said, "Catholics need not apply."

It was ironic because this country was discovered and colonized by Catholics. When a family's breadwinner died the family was left destitute, there was no support for the widow and his children. March 29, 1882 a charter was issued by the state of Connecticut to an organization called the Knights of Columbus.

Father Michael J McGivney became interested in the priesthood at the age of 15 years of age. He felt a calling to the catholic church. Went to a seminary in Canada. Had to give up after 5 years and come back to New Haven when his father died. With assistance from a benevolent priest he completed his calling.

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Let us remember in prayer our brothers and sisters who are in need of prayer:

Bishop Tom Flanagan, Carlos Sandoval, Ross and Elida Hernandez, Wayne and Mary Sheppard, Jim Stuckey, Juan Diaz, Thomas Hopkins, Mike Kaiser, Sherman Miller, Frances Moore, David and Minnie Ramon, Family of Cecil and Fabienne Warren, Gloria Elizondo, Otis Rankin, Tel Rapstine, Natalie Wilson, Martin Alonzo, Jack Stephenson, Alfredo Salazar, Andreas Pastrano, Rudy Delgado and David Hathaway's grandson.

Also pray for our elderly brother knights from whom we have not heard from in many, many years and for the members of our Armed Forces.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shade of the Almighty, Say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust."  
He will rescue you from the fowler's snare, from the destroying plague,  
He will shelter you with his pinions, and under his wings you may take refuge; his faithfulness is a protecting shield.  
You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon. Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, near you it shall not come.  
You need simply watch; the punishment of the wicked you will see. Because you have the LORD for your refuge and have made the Most High your stronghold, No evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent.  
For he commands his angels with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go. With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You can tread upon the asp and the viper, trample the lion and the dragon. Because he clings to me I will deliver him; because he knows my name I will set him on high. He will call upon me and I will answer; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and give him honor. With length of days I will satisfy him, and fill him with my saving power.

Psalm 91

How do we find, "Eligible Potential Members?"

- Ministry Fair
- Church Drives
- Open Houses

With help of pastor assemble a list of eligible men to join your council. Assign those familiar with the potential members. Personal contact is better than phone calls or email messages. Be a welcoming committee for your parish, wear your Knights of Columbus badge.

Where do we find potential members? The answer is everywhere. Friends, relatives, neighbors, colleges, at work, fellow parishioners, service providers, family members, and members of other parishes.

By now, I'm sure you've heard about the new requirement for Star Council - that being the Safe Environment Training for ALL Grand Knights, all Youth Directors (as listed on the 365) and any Squire Leaders (Chief Counselor, adult leaders).

Please keep in mind, whether a council will make Star Council or not should not be a deciding factor for doing this training. ALL Councils should be compliant in this training.

A new Online Membership pilot program was initiated on January 16, 2018. This affords a potential member to opportunity to become a Knight. More information to follow as it becomes available.

Fraternally,

Fernando Herrera, District Deputy



## Calendar

February

8 7-7:30pm Mass at the KC Hall  
7:30-8:30pm General Meeting

14 Valentines Day

19 Presidents Day

25 Christmas Day

28 Columbus club meeting 7-8pm KC Hall  
Officer meeting 8-9pm KC Hall

March

8 7-7:30 Mass at KC Hall  
7:30-8:30pm General Meeting

11 Daylight savings begins

28 Columbus club meeting 7-8pm KC Hall  
Officer meeting 8-9pm KC Hall

## Birthdays of Brother Knights

**Bless our brother Knights who have birthdays this month, our loving spouses who we honor on their day, and for those who mark the milestone of marriage.**

## A Knight's Prayer

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our 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 that should characterize those especially 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.