

Setting the Course for Knights of Columbus Council # 6950, Katy, Texas

JULY 2025

From the Grand Knight...

Brother Knights (Ladies),

I hope and pray this finds you and all your loved ones well.

Brothers, Stations on the First Tuesday of every month will continue. Please come and join us at 6:00 pm in the Prayer Garden (weather permitting) or KC Hall. All family member's welcome!

I would like to congratulate the officers for fraternal year 2025-2026 – GK Greg Garrison, DGK Tony Baeza, Chancellor Neil Smolik, Treasurer Mark Wegenka, Financial Secretary Alfred Gosch, Recorder Steve Burdette, Lecturer Mike Thornhill, Warden Danny Faldyn, 1 yr Trustee Kirk Jurecka, 2 yr Trustee Mike Hurst, 3 yr Trustee Ray Riddle, Advocate Richard Shirley, Inside Guard Glen Zubler, Inside Guard Marco Martinez, Outside Guard Gene Castro. Brothers congratulate the officers and thank them for taking on these roles.

Scholarship packets have been received and reviewed by the scholarship committee. The recipients this year are Kyra Obsta – Daniel Felcman, Xixtlalli Castillo – Le Roy Stavinoha, Ethan Quinton – Harry Mican, David Fernandez – Grant, and Brody Quinton – Grant.

On June 21st, the St Barts annual Men's Conference went smooth due to the many volunteers and leadership of Richard Shirley. Around 160 men participated.

July 2^{nd} is the installation of officers and scholarship awards. Please join us if you can.

Friday August 1st will be our Czech Mass. See attached flyer. Please contact any Czech relatives and invite them to the event. The Mass will be at 6:00 followed by a meal and some Czech music.

For any potential recruits, please contact Tony Baeza at 346-978-8742 or tbaeza333@gmail.com.

Please remember Brothers that it is our responsibility to take care of our families. Do you have the necessary Life Insurance, if not please contact Brother Glen Janow-Insurance agent. They have many other financial instruments that you can invest in (ex. IRA's, Annuities, Long term Care). Call Glen at (832) 971-2912 to set up a meeting.

Many people are suffering and in need of assistance and prayers. Please remember to pray often. Together we can and will make a difference. Prayer is Powerful!

This will be my final newsletter as your Grand Knight.

I would like to thank all the members who make Council 6950 GREAT! Katy would not be home if it weren't for all our Knights of Columbus Friends, ACTS Community and our neighbors who are more like family. We have set several records over the past two years. A business meeting in 49 minutes, an officers meeting at 29 minutes and another Star Council Award.

I would like to thank Mike Hurst for recruiting the greatest replacement of all time, Greg Garrison. Greg is a great man who will lead this council for the next 2 years. He volunteers countless hours within our community and is the reason our daughter passed Chemistry in college!

I would also like to thank Worthy Trustee # 1, Kirk Jurecka. He has been here to answer phone calls and support me when I had questions.

I would like to thank our Elder Members who have worked decades to raise money and establish the hall and grounds we meet and socialize on. Especially those who are still very active, Ed, Harry, AJ, Leo, Tom, Leon, Robert, Kent, Scott, Pat, Rico, David, Dennis, Bob, Steve, Chic, Paul, Ric and Dan.

All of our contributions would not be made possible if it weren't for our fundraiser leads, especially Greg Garrison with the Sportsman Raffle and Sporting Clay events, Kirk Jurecka, Alfred Gosch and Leads at the Katy Rodeo Concessions, Dan Petter with the BBQ fundraisers and Richard Shirley with the Tilma Sales and Poinsettia Sales.

I would like to thank Deacon Sam, Mike T., and Dr. Dan for their spiritual guidance. They help bring calm to the crazy world we live in.

I would like to thank Alfred, Mark and Steve for outstanding job in keeping up with the council financials, forms, reports and meeting minutes.

I would like to thank Chancellor Tony Baeza and all the volunteers who exceeded the membership recruitment goals for this year.

I would like to thank our advocate Neal Smolik for all the work he has done on the convent.

I would like to thank Danny and Leo for all their hard work around the hall.

I would like to thank our current and past guards, fellow neighbors, Marco, Robert, Charles, and Gene for keeping our meetings safe.

I would like to thank Paul Novak for being our Program Director and all our many directors who are active among the parish.

I would like to thank Kevin Beck for being our Emergency Assistance Coordinator and Chris Ramsey who is behind the scenes leading an active Boy Scout Troop, raising a family, and taking care of our website and advertisement communications.

I would like to thank our past and present Trustees, Kent, Kirk, Richard, and Mike. Let's hope and pray the future officers keep anxiety levels low.

A special thanks to Leo and Richard. They volunteer countless hours for our council and parish activities. Without them, the council would not run as smooth as it does. If you see these gentlemen, shake their hands, and tell them Thank You!

I would like to encourage all members to sign up and volunteer as much as life allows. Come to the meetings prepared to discuss any business and utilize the council's meeting time wisely. Strive to maintain and hold onto the Hall and land our Elders and many members who have passed before us, have left us. Not many councils are as blessed as we are!

As Grandfathers, Fathers, Uncles, or just outstanding family members, set good examples for others.

Go make a difference in the world, no matter which campus you grace with your presence on Sundays!

Your Brother in Christ, GK Ray Riddle

Knight-O-T Month JUNE 2025 – Marco Martinez

Family-O-T-Month JUNE 2025 - Ngozika & Chidiebere Obiefuna

Remember Our Brothers in the Military - Col James Scott Griffin, Major Brent Lanier, LTC Ryon Adams, Patrick Davis

- JUL 1 Stations of the Cross 6 pm Prayer Garden
- JUL 2 General Meeting Officer Installation Catered meal 6:30 also scholarships given out
- JUL 9 KC night at Adoration/Benediction & Rosary 6:45 pm
- JUL 10 Red Rooster 6:30 pm Play some dominos and cards with your brothers fellowship time
- JUL 13- Hall Rental
- JUL 15 4th Degree Meeting Meal 7 pm and Meeting 7:30 pm
- JUL 15 Pray at Planned Parenthood
- JUL 16 Business (Officer) Meeting 6:30 pm All members welcome

Looking Ahead ***********

- AUG 1 Czech Mass 6 pm Meal in FLC 7 pm
- AUG 3 St. Bart's Blood drive 8 am to 2 pm Youth building
- AUG 4 ACTS Meeting
- AUG 5 Stations of the Cross 6 pm Prayer Garden
- AUG 6 General Meeting Meal 6:15 pm, Meeting 7 pm -- Need cooks
- AUG 13- KC night at Adoration/Benediction & Rosary 6:45 pm
- AUG 14 Red Rooster 6:30 pm Play some dominos and cards with your brothers fellowship time
- AUG 19 4th Degree Meeting Meal 7 pm and Meeting 7:30 pm
- AUG 20- Business (Officer) Meeting 6:30 pm All members welcome
- AUG 24 9 am Mass said for Brother William "Skip" Roberts

Brothers it is very critical that we all help in Council activities. God Bless those who contribute!!

Free dues for 2025 -Free dues were drawn at the JUNE Meeting – Kevin Beck, Mark Winzenburg, Kelly Williams, Jerry Ojeda, and James Matura, were not present. You much be present to win!!

Hall Rentals- Call Warden Danny Faldyn 713-858-6586- members pay \$50 per hour, and non-members \$100 per hour.

JULY BIRTHDAYS			
1st Bob Scott	2nd Paul Novak	2nd Don Szymanski	3rd Jose Quintanilla
3rd Cornell Roussseau	4th Mark Wrzyszczynski	6th Barry Guidry	6th Robert O'Malley
10th Dan Worrall	12th Azuka Onianwa	12th Jacob Walla	13th Leon Cernoch
13th Vincent Doucette Jr.	13th Peter Servi	14th Andrew Jurick IV	14th Richard Novak
17th Robert Lee	18th Jeffrey Wozniak	19th Carlos Barquin	19th Alex Guajardo
21st Glenn Doran	25th Oscar Tellez	27th Tim Chase	27th Floyd Trevino
28th Geovanni Fuentes	28th Fr. Miguel Solorzano	28th Mark Winzenburg	29th Vincent LeBlanc
29th Connor Triest	30th Bill Baker	31st Dan O'Malley	31st Patrick Ognowski

^{***} I apologize if I missed any brothers. Best wishes to all.

Honorary Members: Brothers who have been a Knight of Columbus for more than 50 years:

Pat Russek – 68, Orville Schonefeld – 65, John Williams -65, Ed Brzymialkiewicz – 64, Harry Mican – 63, Edward Janda – 63, AJ Vana -57, Ric Jardiolin – 56, Bob Martinelli – 56, Timothy Willis – 56, Paul Johnson -55, Bob Lopes -55, Dennis Mican -55, James Patek -55, Raymond Patek -55, Pat Glueck – 54, David Netardus – 54, David Hammeke – 53, Paul Gannon – 52, Cecil Smith Jr – 52, Larry Supercinski – 52, Vince Doucette – 52, John Kliem – 52, Carlton Berger – 51, Rico Hollas – 51, Leon Berckenhoff – 50, Joseph Ernstes - 50

Degree Schedules:

Please contact Membership Director Tony Baeza, 346-978-8742. Tony will have dates for all upcoming first degrees and major degrees. Brothers if you are a 1st degree please go to a major degree!! Also, if you want to help Tony as a membership director, please speak to him or GK Ray Riddle

09/13//2025 - CUF - Council 16103 - St. Faustina 28102 FM-1093 Fulshear, Tx 77406

Dues for 2025 — FS Alfred Gosch is currently accepting dues for 2025 and beyond. Dues are \$32. Council Website www.kofc6950.org has ability to pay by credit card or you can make check made payable to Knights of Columbus #6950 or you can give him cash at the next meeting. You can mail the check to:

FS Alfred Gosch, 5941 Whispering Lakes Dr., Katy, TX 77493

Historians Corner:

We have important events upcoming

Stations of the Cross – First Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in Prayer Garden or KC hall (weather dependent). All family members are welcome to participate. Invite a fellow parishioners and gentleman to join Council.

Czech Mass & Dinner – August 1st - 6 pm Mass 7 pm meal in FLC.

Clay Shoot – September 13th – Need help with Breakfast setup (coffee, donuts), driving drinks around, helping with the lunch.

Deceased Members Mass – November 9th - at 9 am Mass we will recognize our deceased brothers. After the Mass we'll have breakfast in KC Hall.

Council Christmas Party – December 13th – FLC - working on all the details. Assembly Christmas Party – December 14th – FLC – working on all the details.

2026 Sportsman Raffle – January 17^{th} in FLC – Setup can occur on 1-16.



Fourth Degree News:

Next Exemplification will be held – Oct 18, St Theresa, Sugarland. Have you considered advancing to the Patriotic Degree of our Order? Anyone interested in joining please contact PFN Leo Rice 281-380-0389 or speak to any 4th degree member of Council 6950.

Brother do you have something you wish Leo to put in this Newsletter. A paragraph church related, something of inspiration, something to share with the Council send it my way. leo07rice@gmail.com and I will put in the newsletter following approval from the officers.

Brothers when you go to be with our Lord have you considered leaving Katy Council 6950 part of your assets? The Council does a lot of great work for the church, community, and many charities. Your assistance can aid to make the Council a lasting help to mankind.

KC Hall rentals – 8/15/25,10/18/25, Lifeline 09/27/25, 12/12/25.

ACTS meeting – 9/8/25,10/6/25,11/3/25,12/1/25

Masses for recently deceased brothers:

William "Skip" Roberts - 8/24/25 9 am Mass

Robert "Bob" West -9/07/25 9 am Mass

Good of the Order:

Brothers continue to pray for all brothers sick and in distress. Remember our deceased brothers in your prayers as well. Many good men paved the way for our Council, pray they are with our Lord. Pray also for our Military personnel. Brothers going forward I will list members (and others) to pray for in this area of the newsletter. Please reach me at my email below if you would like to add a brother, loved one, etc.

Please pray for:

Tim Achterberg, Megan D'Andrea, Penny Allendorf, Bob Ashwander, Monica Bargas, Angie Baeza, Kelly Berger, Flo & Ralph Bordelon, Mary Jane & Cliff Brock, Nick Brown, Ann Callegari, Elaine Coffey, Gloria Davis, Ed Dickson, Violet Dyke, Gary Faul, Tom & Sue Fitzpatrick, Paul Gannon, Carol Gates, Pat Glueck, Nancy & William Gosch, Shelly Gosch, Ginger & Scott Griffin, Larry Guidry, Leo Haas, Dan Havel, Craig Heath, Jack & Missy Hutson, Ric Jardiolin, Keith Jobe, Coreen Kennedy, David Klam, Estella Kobza, Mick Kuhn, Robert Kutach, Bob Lopes, Judy Marek, Steve Marinello, Aaron Martinelli Bob Martinelli, Ruth Mechura, Harry Mican, Jean Morris, Renn Nelson, Rusty Neuendorf, Andrew Novak, Paul Novak, Clara & Joe Ognowski, Steve Orsak, Jerry Ojeda, Rose Petter, Garry Powers, David Perez, Leo Rice, Pat Russek, Chic&Connie Saenz, Pat Sammon, BJ Sarver, Marietta Schneider, Marcio A R Silva, Judy&Pete Slot. Craig Smith, Cathy Stone, Anne Stuckey, Craig Tompkins, Donna Tompkins, Lynn Tompkins, AJ Vana, Glen Vinlarek, Sandra Vinlarek, Jake Walla, Jim Weber, Rose & Maurice Wick, Steve Word, Harlen Wunsch, John Yurchevich.

Vocations: Seminarians Sponsored by Council 6950 – Pray for Seminarians Ryan Berger, and MJ Arienza. Please add these men to your prayer list. Let us support them on their journey to Priesthood.

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