

THE KNIGHT MESSENGER



APRIL 2026



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CHARITY UNITY FRATERNITY PATRIOTISM



A WORD FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

Brother Knights In Christ:

It has been said, *“The journey from the solemn silence of Good Friday to the radiant dawn of Easter morning reminds Knights that God’s love always has the final word. The empty tomb is not merely a sign of Christ’s victory—it is an invitation to live as people of hope and courage.*

In April, we stand in the glow of the Resurrection, called to let Christ’s light shine through our words, our actions, and our service. May draws us closer to our Blessed Mother, whose steadfast faith and gentle strength continue to guide us in our mission. Her humble “yes” to God inspires our own “yes” to charity, unity, and fraternity.

As Knights of Columbus, we are not only witnesses to the Gospel—we are its living messengers. Through acts of kindness, by defending the vulnerable, and by supporting our parish family, we carry the joy of Easter into the world. May this sacred season renew our hearts, deepen our faith, and strengthen our resolve to serve. Christ is risen—let us rise with Him and bring His light wherever we go”. -- G.K. Tom Farrer

Vivat Jesus,

Kerry "KC" Calkins,

Monthly Awards:

Knight of the Month:
Family of the Month:

Roy Boudreaux – Kay Cee Hall Maintenance & Setter
Joe & Shelly Battaglia - New Bingo Caller, Hall Upkeep., Social Events

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Kerry Calkins - Grand Knight
Randy Holland – DG Knight
Al Massey - Chancellor
Bill Burns - Recorder
Richert Mahony - F/Secretary
Ed Rohde - Treasurer
Pablo Gomez - Advocate
Joe Battaglia - Warden
Marco Becerra - Inside Guard
Roy Boudreaux - Outside Guard
Rick Hayley - 3rd Yr Trustee
Michael Spencer - 2nd Yr Trustee
Ray Rivero - 1st Yr Trustee

ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Frank Arnona – Faithful Navigator
Joe Battaglia - Captain
Richert Mahony - Faithful Comptroller
Rick Hayley - Purser
Randy Holland – Pilot
Al Massey – Faithful Adm
Marco Becerra - Scribe
Tim Cooke - Inner Sentinel
Gerald "J" Palmisano - Outer Sentinel
Mike Spencer - 3rd Yr Trustee
Ray Rivero - 2nd Yr Trustee
Kerry Calkins - 1st Yr Trustee

NOTE: Appointed positions not shown

CALENDAR EVENTS AND REMINDERS ...

April 9 – Council Meeting 7 pm (2nd Thurs due to Holy Thursday)

- Start thinking about officer and committee chairmen for next year.
- Star Council completion of final steps.

April 18 – Kay Cee Hall Rental – M. Harrison BD Party (need sitter)

April 25 – April Social – (Note: Should the hall rent on Saturday 25th, I will send an email with the rescheduled date.)

MAY 7 – Council Meeting 7 pm

May 8 – Buddy Ball (need a pro bono sitter)

May 12 – ARC Luau (need a pro-bono sitter)

May 16 – May Social – (Note: Should the hall rent on Saturday 16th, I will send an email with the rescheduled date.)

May 23 – Rodriguez Reunion (Al Massey sitter; to be confirmed by Al)

Dues In Arrears 2025-2026

- *Non Email Members: P. Pignetti, A. Loper, and R.B. Mari ... please call R. Mahony*
- *Email Members: I have sent a separate second notice. Apologies in advance if I included you and you have already paid or provided notice of terminating your membership.*
- *To all: Please send your checks to Richert Mahony at Knights Of Columbus 6872, PO Box #50, Picayune, MS 39466 and/or call Richert at 601 569-6989 to resolve.*
- *If you have moved or choose to end your membership please send Richert a letter or email verifying your action.*

Kay Cee Home Booking Manager –

We are still looking for a personable and responsible person who can take-over this key position. This work is an hour or two a day, focus is on answering the mobile booking phone and hall rental messages, and holding meetings with customers at hall, as scheduled. Excel knowledge helpful, but not necessary if you can manually track calls and complete contracts. If you are interested, please see KC or Ed Rhode.

Volunteer Opportunities –

- Kay Cee Home needs help cleaning the hall on Monday and Thursday mornings. (see Terry Palmeri)
- Monday night Bingo volunteers are always needed for kitchen workers (see Al Massey Or Gary Petit)
- Tuesday morning volunteers needed to help with weekly bingo preparation, and each month end report preparation (see Richert M)

COUNCIL'S MARCH MINUTES

ATTENDING – 14 ... Bill Burns, Recorder (deciphered by KC; if you find any errors or omissions please advise)

OPENING - KC opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Recorder's** – Bill Burns read the March minutes. Motion to approve by Frank West, Second by Ray Rivero. Unanimously approved.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Ed Rhode, Jr. read March report. Motion to approve Ray Rivero, Second by Al Massey. Unanimously approved.
- **Membership** – KC reported that with Ted Holland's membership we have meet our annual goal of 7 and we now have 116 members. Congratulations Ted!
- **Star Council** – KC update
 - **Online FBE Training:** We have 5 completions as of 3/30. I am currently working with Luke McClure to secure the 9 additional online video call views needed to reach our quota of 14.
 - **Columbian Award (SP-7):** As noted above, Randy and I are completing this.
 - **Founders Award:** To Be Determined If This Is A Requirement

OLD BUS - None

NEW BUS -

- Baby Box – Motion by R. Holland, second F. West to approve \$200 as a donation. After some discussion, the motion was approved.
- Marti Grais Parade Float – Concept brought up by Tim Cooke; Tim will work up a plan to present in future.
- Fiat Summer Program (first two weeks in June managed by Kerri Wilder) – Motion by F. Arnona; second by J. Battaglia to hold a Spaghetti Dinner for Fiat, specifically to offset the costs of the lunches (estimated at \$3000), predicated on St. Charles Parish Groups support of ticket sales. Motion was approved. A. Massey will be chairman, J. Battaglia co-chairman ... will start making meatballs in May
- MS State KofC Convention – KC, RR will be delegates; RH, JB are alternates ... April 24 & 25 in Natchez, MS
- Crawfish at Sr. Center – F. Arnona to host and fund, date to be determined. Need manpower.
- Catholic Sharing Appeal – Motion R. Mahony; second R. Haley donate \$500, approved and tabled for April meeting final approval.
- Used Clothing Donations – R. Rivero discussed local drop off store; racks provided for donated clothing and food, encouraged others to do the same. See Ray for details.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- KC announced - P. Gomez as Knight of Month; and Ray and Gina Rivero as Family of Month
- KC read Birthdays; and names of those in need of additional prayers (including brothers who have passed on)
- Prior to meeting closure, KC led all in Lord's Prayer, a Hail Mary, and The Glory Be.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 8:05 p.m.

Brother Knights born in April ...

Name	Birthday	Age
Neeley F May	04-01-1941	85
Norman J Weinstein	04-03-1929	97
Carlos L Aguilar	04-10-1983	43
Kerry L Calkins	04-11-1953	73
Kevin P Burke	04-14-1956	70
Robin P McConnell	04-18-1960	66
Alwin P Perret Jr	04-19-1946	80

Please remember to pray for our Brother's in need ... "Dear Jesus, please heal us, hold us close to you, protect us, and help us always be close to thee."

**Warren Becnel
Kevin Burke
Robert
Creighton Tom
DeCourcy Chris
Diamond
Wayne Becnel
Al Perret**

**Gene Fricke
Kent Madere
Jack Marino
Mike McNeely
Carl Naquin
Donald Nunez
Anthony
Paschal**

**Pete Pignetti
Jojo Rigney
Ray Rivero
Norman Weinstein
Frank West
Fr. Jay
David Barbie**