

## A Brotherhood That Rises in the Storm

In wake of deadly flooding, Knights rally to support Texas families in need

Heavy rain beginning July 3 caused flooding of several major river systems in Texas, with the Guadalupe River in Kerr County causing the most devastation. At least 135 people died, including more than 35 children, and thousands of buildings were affected. One Knight tragically lost his two daughters and parents.

The Supreme Council immediately provided the Texas State Council with \$20,000 and 100 gift cards worth \$100 each for distribution to people in need. Five Knights whose homes were damaged were among those who received grants and gift cards.

“The loss of life and loss of children is gut-wrenching,” said Harry Storey, disaster response coordinator for the Texas State Council and a member of Lumen Christi Council 13520 in Dallas. “No amount of money is going to fix the hurt people are experiencing, so we are doing our best to be there and support those affected.”

National support was overwhelming as Knights from nearly 40 jurisdictions across the country, including Hawaii and Alaska, reached out to offer help. Within days, four storage facilities in Kerrville — Notre Dame Catholic Church, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and two adjacent buildings — were filled with donations.

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### *Minutes of the August Business Meeting*

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM on August 12 by Grand Knight Waverly. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Trustee one year was excused. Roll call followed our Chaplain leading us in prayer. The Warden led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from July were approved as written.

### **Membership Report**

Candidates Garrett Olvera and Dave Drummond were interviewed. It was M/S/A to recommend Garrett and Dave as candidates and schedule an exemplification ceremony for them to attend and become Knights. An exemplification will be conducted on 8/19 after the 6PM mass. All are welcome!

### **Grand Knight Report**

GK Waverly announced Guest speaker Debbie Dunn who spoke about the upcoming Foundations of Faith program. An idea of a council sponsored movie viewing of A Man for all Seasons, about the life of St Thomas More was discussed. Possible months are November or June. Planning meetings continue to discuss the Oktoberfest action items. Follow-up meetings will be needed and announced.

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The cook was thanked for the delicious dinner which was an example of the food to be served at the Oktoberfest event.

**Chaplain's Report**

Chaplain Jaime gave his last report as the council Chaplain. He and Barbara will be moving out of the area on Friday August 15. His report included a story of when he was a Brother in the Salesian Order, how he loves serving and ministering the youth and men in incarceration. He encourages us to put our lives in God's hands, and to not wait for God to solve our problems. Brother Jaime was thanked for his years of service and was giving a standing ovation.

**Treasurer Report**

Checking account balance - \$11,334.96

**Financial Secretary Report****Income –**

Dinner - \$80

Dues- \$194.60

**Bills –**

Hospitality Sunday - \$152.15 – Brother Simpson

Supreme Per Capita - \$210.50

**Programs Director Report**

On the first Tuesday night of the month starting in September at 5:30 there is the recitation of the Rosary. The Council has been asked to participate in the parish picnic on August 24. Participation consists of providing and cooking hamburgers and hot dogs to serve 400- 500 people. Cleanup help is needed. Donut Sunday has been moved to the first Sunday of each month. The Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Oktoberfest planning is in progress. Ask friends and neighbors to attend this event. The new Columbian year began, and dinner hosts are needed at each business

meeting. Sign up sheet will be passed around the room and look for an email from the DGK. Clergy Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Sunday September 28. Location TBD.

**Unfinished Business**

Brother Magee will research Knights gear and share ideas at a future meeting. Safe Environment - is in progress, several members need to complete the process. GK Waverly shall follow up with members who need to complete the training

**New Business**

No new business

**Fourth Degree Assembly**

Meetings are in Placerville on the fourth Thursday of each month, and attendance is growing at meetings.

**District Deputy Report**

DD Morris gave a brief report including when members donate to the \$3.65 Club the funds are used for Columbian Charities. Fill out and turn in all forms.

**Good of the Order**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlie Esola, Bob Bambusa, Gary Gladen and Family. Pray also for Kate Trassare, Cathy Burr, Mike Healy, the victims of recent floods, the victims in Esparto, Sal Ponce, Barbara Outland, Carmen Moreno, Jim Magee, Suzan Chain, John Doner, Bill Benson, Bob and Susan Dominic, Nancy and Dennis Shortino, Bob Dobbs, Deacon Jaime, John Edwards, Jane Ragusano, Fr. Arlon and Steve Oneto.

**Lecturer Report**

A video presentation was shown about the life of Maximilian Kolbe

**Chaplain's Summation**

The meeting was closed in prayer.

GK Waverly closed the meeting at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

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Msgr. Peter Wynhoven Council 3091 in Westwego, Louisiana, worked with Life Scout Gage Pattin, who organized a supply drive for his Eagle Scout project, collecting a truckload of donations for affected families.

“We had to tell many people not to bring more supplies because there was more than could be stored,” Storey said. “People were very eager to do whatever they could to help. It’s great to see the Knights practice their faith and help their brother Knights.”

Texas State Deputy Ron Alonzo said many people approached him at the 143rd Supreme Convention in early August, asking how they could help with recovery efforts. Among them were officers from the New Jersey State Council, including State Deputy James Sweeney, who presented Alonzo with a check for \$13,000.

“When something like this happens, and you see Knights step up and come together as they have, it really makes you appreciate the brotherhood.” Alonzo said. “We make a difference.”

Michael Lorino had been grand knight of Father Kemper Council 6409 in Kerrville for only a few weeks before the floods struck.

“It was just total chaos here in Kerrville,” he said. “It was like a war zone with helicopters flying overhead. This is a real personal situation going on here.”

National and local councils have sent Council 6409 more than \$100,000 to fund local aid,

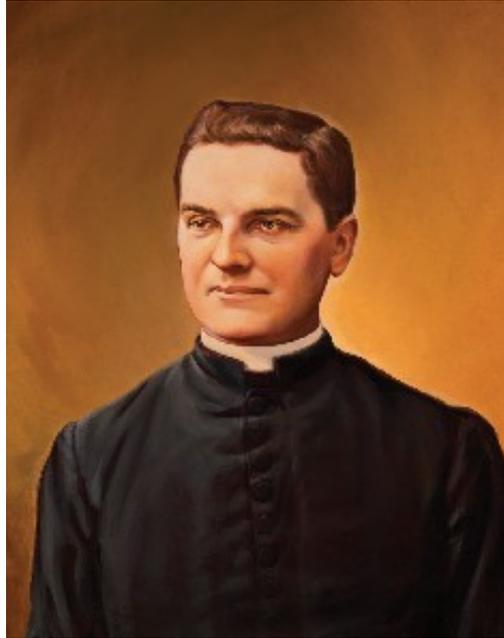
and Knights continue to disperse donations to people in need.



Frank Larousse, warden of Msgr. Peter Wynhoven Council 3091 in Westwego, La., and Gage Pattin, Life Scout, carry boxes of donations collected during Pattin’s Texas flood relief supply drive to a truck delivering them to victims Aug. 2. (Photo by Jamie Orillion)

They have also volunteered at Notre Dame Catholic Church, including unloading and distributing donations received by the parish’s Vincentians.

Two weeks after the flooding, Grand Knight Enrique Estorga of Father Camilo Carlos Garcia Council 10380 in Alamo, Texas, drove frozen food, dry food and supplies more than 300 miles one-way to serve Kerrville residents, working with Council 6409 to coordinate the distribution. While there, he presented the Kerrville council with a gift as a sign of hope: an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Order.



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Welcome New Members to Our Council  
Brothers Dave and Garrett



## September Calendar of Events

*Tuesday, September 2: Rosary on KVGC Radio at SKD at 5:30 PM.*

*Wednesday, September 3: Planning Meeting at SKD at 6:00PM.*

*Sunday, September 7: Donut Sunday at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 10 AM Mass.*

*Tuesday, September 9: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.*

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