



# The Compass

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

JANUARY 2026

## From the Grand Knight...

Brother Knights (Ladies),

I hope and pray this finds you and all your loved ones are doing well. I personally want to thank each member and the wives for all you did to make 2025 a huge success. As many of you know we received the Star Council award under Brother Ray's leadership so thank you for a job well done.

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! Invite someone...

Sportsman's raffle tickets are available to pick up. There are still over 20 books in my possession so please come get a book and help me sell them before the raffle. Please help with the donations for our \$1 raffle during the ticket drawing. Donations can be for children and adults. We need everyone's helping to make this fund raiser a success.

The Christmas party was awesome. I would like to thank everyone who set up the FLC and decorated. The food was fantastic once again from Ben Chuck Wagon. We had lots of help cleaning up the FLC as well. Again, a gigantic thank you to everyone including Santa. The desserts were fabulous, thanks to all who contributed appetizers as well.

The Big Game BBQ sale is coming soon. We will be selling behind church after all Masses on January 24/25<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>. We will cook on February 7<sup>th</sup> and distribute on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Brother Dan Petter appreciates everyone's help.

It's getting close to Rodeo time when our council needs all the help we can possibly muster. As most of you know the event requires a lot of physical labor. The main dates will be Feb 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> but a lot of things will be happening prior to the big dates. More information will soon follow but any specific questions please reach out to brother Alfred.

Please do your best to find new members to join our council. For any potential recruits, please contact Neil Smolik at 832-687-0240 or [neil.smolik@gmail.com](mailto:neil.smolik@gmail.com).

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!

The New Year has arrived, and we all get a fresh start to another year in this great nation. Always remember there are other people who need your help so even though there is no holiday stay your best to be kind to your fellow man. Say "hi" to a stranger or a simple "good morning" as you go about your day. I promise you it will make someone's day.

Your Brother in Christ,  
GK Greg Garrison

**Knight-O-T Month DECEMBER 2025 – Leo J. Rice**

**Family-O-T-Month DECEMBER 2025 – Maria & Kevin Beck**

**KNIGHT OF THE YEAR 2025 – ED BREZZY**

**FAMILY OF THE YEAR 2025 - CINDY & NEIL SMOLIK**

**Upcoming Events \*\*\*\*\***

- JAN 3 - Hall Rental  
 JAN 6 - Stations of the Cross – 6 pm – KC Hall  
 JAN 7 - General Meeting – Meal 6:15 pm, Meeting 7 pm -- Team helping GK Greg  
 JAN 14 - KC night at Adoration/Benediction & Rosary – 6:45 pm  
 JAN 15 - Red Rooster – 6:30 pm – Play some dominos and cards with your brothers – fellowship  
 JAN 17 - Sportsman Raffle – meal 5:30 pm Raffle starts 6:30 pm  
 JAN 20 - Assembly 2721 General Meeting – 7 pm Meal Meeting 7:30 pm – 6950 is the cooks  
 JAN 21 - Business (Officer) Meeting – 6:30 pm – All members welcome  
 JAN 24-25 – Selling Big Game BBQ after all Masses  
 JAN 31 - Hall Rental – 2 pm – 10 pm Brother Mike Shannon  
 JAN 31 - Move in day to Rodeo – watch for emails  
 JAN 31 – Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Selling Big Game BBQ after all Masses

**Looking Ahead \*\*\*\*\***

- FEB 3 - Stations of the Cross – 6 pm – KC Hall  
 FEB 4 - General Meeting – Meal 6:15 pm, Meeting 7 pm -- Need cooks  
 FEB 7-8 Need 5 Brothers to work Rodeo Arena – 9 am to 3 pm  
 FEB 7-8 Cook for Big Game and Pick up on 8<sup>th</sup> – need help with customer pickup  
 FEB 10 - Need 2 fryers and 7 in Livestock kitchen from 10:30 to 5 pm  
 FEB 11 - Livestock Kitchen open 7 am to 5 pm – SLACK from 6:30 pm till Midnight??  
 FEB 11 - KC night at Adoration/Benediction & Rosary – 6:45 pm  
 FEB 12-13 – Katy Rodeo – Need 5 brothers at 7 am for breakfast, 2 fryers – 2 more for livestock window. Rodeo Arena 5:30 pm  
 FEB 14 - Need 7 brothers for lunch 10 am. Need 20 in Rodeo arena 5:30 pm  
 FEB 15 - After 7 am Mass move everything back to KC Hall.  
 FEB 17 - Assembly 2721 General Meeting – 7 pm Meal Meeting 7:30 pm  
 FEB 18 - Business (Officer) Meeting – 6:30 pm – All members welcome  
 FEB 19 - Red Rooster – 6:30 pm – Play some dominos and cards with your brothers – fellowship  
 FEB 20 - 1<sup>st</sup> Fish Fry – Need help 4 pm to 9 pm

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

**Free dues for 2026** -Free dues were drawn at the DECEMBER Meeting – Jesus Perez, Robert Rodriguez, Derek Dunn, Robert Equitz were not present. However, Greg Garrison was present and wins! Must be present to win!!

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

<b>JANUARY BIRTHDAYS</b>			
2nd Louis Soto	3rd Gene Castro	3rd David Hunsucker Jr.	7th Dan Petter
8th Cliff Brock	9th Frank Morales	10th Harlen Wunsch	11th Robert Chachere Jr.
11th Justin Hurst	11th Ikenna Muoghalu	11th Pat Russek	12th James Griffin
12th Joe Ognowski	13th Joe Aguilera	16th Derek Dunn	16th Edgar Guthrie
16th Les Haas	19th Steven Hauck	20th Carlton Berger	21st John Ghigliotti
21st John Williams	25th David Klam	27th Mark Allendorf	28th Norm Glover
28th Steve Orsak	28th Juan Ygnacio	30th Rusty Neuendorff	30th Fernando Torres
31st John Anderson	31st David Sztroin		

\*\*\* 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 Jardioli – 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 Ernsts – 50

## **Degree Schedules:**

Please contact Membership Director Neil Smolik, 832-687-0240. Neil will have dates for all upcoming first degrees and major degrees. Brothers if you are a 1<sup>st</sup> degree please go to a major degree!! Also, if you want to help Neil as a membership director, please speak to him or GK Greg Garrison.

**01/18/2026 – CUF – Council 14512 St. Edward – 2601 Spring Stuebner Rd Spring, Tx 77379**

**Dues for 2026** – FS Alfred Gosch is currently accepting dues for 2026 and beyond. Dues are \$32. Council Website [www.kofc6950.org](http://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.

2026 Sportsman Raffle – January 17<sup>th</sup> in FLC – Setup can occur on 1-16. Meal at 5:30 pm and Raffle starts at 6:30 pm.

Katy Livestock Show and Rodeo – Move equipment to Rodeo grounds Jan 31<sup>st</sup>/Feb. 1. From 7<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be serving in some aspect of kitchens, watch for details to come.

Big Game BBQ – Cook on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and Pick up on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. We will need help selling items behind church prior to these dates, watch for more details.



### **Fourth Degree News:**

Next Exemplification will be held – **January 31, 2026 at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Houston.** 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 – 2026 -

ACTS meeting – 2026 -

Masses for recently deceased brothers:

None at Press Time

## ***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, 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, Sue Fitzpatrick, Paul Gannon, Carol Gates, Pat Glueck, Nancy & William Gosch, Shelly Gosch, Ginger & Scott Griffin, Larry Guidry, Leo Haas, Dan Havel, Craig Heath, Carrie Hurst, 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&Rosalie 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, Charles, Tom Rice, Pat Russek, Chic&Connie Saenz, Pat Sammon, BJ Sarver, Marietta Schneider, Richard Shirley, Marcio A R Silva, Judy 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, MJ Arienza, Jessie Conine. Please add these men to your prayer list. Let us support them on their journey to Priesthood. Pray for those studying for **Diaconate** – Robb Stagg, George Vibar, and Ramiro Rodriguez.

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