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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

It's September, with school starting back up and the Labor Day holiday upon us and the County Fair going on marks the unofficial end of summer. We have a jam packed six weeks of fellowship and charity fundraisers coming up. Please make an effort to get involved.

We are having our 3rd annual KC Memorial Fish Fry drive-thru on September 9th. All proceeds will benefit the KC Memorial Scholarship Fund. We need everyone to help fill in where needed. Tickets are available in advance for 10 dollars by calling the hall @ 968-5117. Plates will also be available that evening.

Sacred Heart School is having their GOLF TOURNAMENT on Sept. 16th at Frisch Auf and our council is a 1,000 dollar sponsor and preparing a meal for the golfers. This is one of their major fund raisers. If you would like to play in the tournament or be a sponsor please contact Rodney Gerik at 979-540-8814 or just come out and help.

Our Annual Turkey and Dressing Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 1st. This is one of our major fund raisers and helps fund our donation to the KC State Charities. Please mark your calendars and come out and help.

On Sunday, October 11th we will celebrate Columbus Day. There will be a Dinner and short program starting at 11:00 am. I ask all members to RSVP by October 5th by calling the hall at 968-5117.

October is the month of the rosary. Our Council will again lead the rosary during the month in the various parishes. Please contact your church directors and let them know if you can help out. Pray the rosary as often as you can.

St. Wencelaus Parish of Holman is having their church picnic Sunday, September 20th. Also Queen of the Holy Rosary will have their picnic Sunday, October 4th. Try to come out and support our local Parishes.

Our organization is now on Facebook. To find us search La Grange Knights of Columbus. If possible friend the account and you will receive notifications and reminders of upcoming events. We are in the beginning stages and will build the monthly calendar also. Future plans to post photos when warranted of events and/or special occasions.

In closing our last Red Rooster of the year is on Tuesday, September 29th. Come out for good food, fellowship and have a chance to win one of our Grand Prizes. Don't forget to bring your canned goods donation for our food drive for AMEN FOOD PANTRY. Hope to see you there.

Grand Knight,
Randy Proske

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PROSPECTIVE K OF C MEMBERS

There will be a 1st Degree Exemplification on Sunday, September 13 at Smithville K of C Hall, 204 Mills Street. Candidates need to be there by 1:30 p.m. It will start at 2:00 p.m. or on Tuesday, September 22 our Council will have a First Degree starting at 6:30 p.m. following our officer's meeting. If anyone knows of someone wanting to join, please call Jody Supak at 979-966-3140 or Randy Proske at 979-505-0262. This is an excellent chance to grow our council – Please spread the word.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The editorial of the past issue of “Columbia” (by Alton Pelowski) focused on Pope Francis’ recent *encyclical* letter “*Laudete Si*” (*Praise Be to You*) as it relates to values espoused by the charter of the Knights of Columbus. “Laudete Si” means “Praise be to you” which is the first line of a canticle by St. Francis that praises God with all his creation. From the outset, Pope Francis states the goal of the document: “... I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home.” (#3) He then emphasizes that his message is not just to the clergy and lay Catholics but to all people as he says, “... I urgently appeal, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation that includes everyone, since the environmental challenges we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.” (#14)

Throughout the document then, the Holy Father reflects not only on our relationship with the natural world, but also on our relationship with God, with each other, and even with ourselves. There is a need for a true “human ecology”, the pope says, that recognizes both the moral law and the fact that mankind is given a nature which is intimately connected with the rest of the world. This unity of creation generates a “universal fraternity” and inspires charity. In this way, charity, unity and fraternity become integral to a civilization of love. This is in contrast to our contemporary world’s obsession with power, technology and consumption.

As part of his response, the pope urges us to “slow down and look at reality in a different way” and to cultivate “an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness.” (#114)

Such an attitude of the heart was espoused by Venerable Michael McGivney as he founded the Knights of Columbus. It affirms the insight that the Christian, like the Good Samaritan, is to have “a heart which sees... where love is needed and acts accordingly.” This is the mission and legacy of the Knights of Columbus on the local level responding to needs of parishes and communities; and on the international level responding to the displaced especially orphans and needy, hungry children. Nevertheless, Knights and their families are not immune from the temptations and distractions of the world. Let us heed Pope Francis’ call to conversion and prayer so that our actions may bear fruit.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Dan Kahlich, Chaplain

◆ ◆ ◆ **ATTENTION KC MEMBERS** ◆ ◆ ◆

Our next council meeting is Tuesday, September 8th. Social starts at 6:15 p.m. with meal around 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starting at 7:15 p.m. The monthly door prize drawing this month is \$380.00. You must be in attendance to win. Please come out and enjoy a great meal and fellowship.

◆ ◆ ◆ **KC OFFICER'S MEETING** ◆ ◆ ◆

Our next KC Officers meeting will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd. Meeting will start @ 6:00 P.M.

◆ ◆ ◆ OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY ◆ ◆ ◆

Our Council will be leading the rosary before Mass at all three parishes. If you would like to help out please call our Church Directors. For Sacred Heart contact Morgan Smith at 968-6974, Benedict Kallus at 247-4424 for Holy Rosary in Hostyn and Larry Sulak for Sts. Peter and Paul in Plum.



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Happy Birthday To You!

Our Council would like to wish the following members a "Happy Birthday" and many more happy, healthy years ahead. Enjoy your special day!

- Sept. 01 - Douglas Supak
- Sept. 02 - Christopher Srubar, Kevin Janda,
Eric R. Faldyn, Ethan Heinrich
- Sept. 03 - Jaye Weishuhn, William Drab,
Ron L Heintschel
- Sept. 05 - Andrew L. Kruppa
- Sept. 06 - David Janda
- Sept. 08 - James Divin, Michael Tofel, Mark Gerik
- Sept. 09 - Reuben Hoehne, Kyle Supak
- Sept. 10 - Patrick Janacek, Jacob Kozelsky,
Jeffrey Cook
- Sept. 11 - Christopher Cernosek
- Sept. 12 - Darryl Joost
- Sept. 13 - Wayne Beseda
- Sept. 14 - Anthony Sevcik, James Hoffmann,
Steven Stolle, Craig Sims,
Mathew Cowen, Martin Martinez
- Sept. 15 - Richard Henning
- Sept. 16 - Gregory A. Gardner
- Sept. 17 - Arnold Janda, Eric Escalante
- Sept. 19 - Richard Cernosek, James Trlicek
- Sept. 20 - Christopher Urban, Edward Matocha,
Marcus Recek
- Sept. 21 - Matthew Stolle, Derek Wied
- Sept. 22 - Paul Janda, David Janak, Ryan Weishuhn,
Kevin Kalina
- Sept. 23 - Mark Prause
- Sept. 25 - Garrett Denham
- Sept. 26 - Theo Svec, John Cernosek
- Sept. 27 - Bobby L. Gilmore, Matthew Torres
- Sept. 28 - Russell Freedman
- Sept. 30 - Steven Kallus, James Gardner,
Clinton W. Nichols



– Important Dates To Remember –

SEPT. 8TH—

KC Meeting 6:15 P.M. Social

SEPT. 9TH—

KC Memorial Scholarship Fish Fry

SEPT. 16TH—

Sacred Heart Golf Tournament

SEPT. 20TH—

**St. Wenceslaus Church Picnic in
Holman**

SEPT. 22ND—

KC Officer's Meeting 6:00pm.

SEPT. 27TH—

**KC B-B-Q Chicken and Sausage and
Ribs**

SEPT. 29TH—

Red Rooster

OCT. 1ST—

Turkey and Dressing Drive Thru

OCT. 4TH—

**Queen of the Holy Rosary in Hostyn
Feast**

OCT. 11TH—

Columbus Day Dinner

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EARNS TOP RANKINGS FROM A.M. BEST-40TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR DOUG SUPAK NAMED INTERNATIONAL FIC OF THE YEAR

Citing the Knights of Columbus' strong presence in Catholic communities & its members' loyalty, ratings agency A.M. Best reaffirmed the KofC's rating of A++ (Superior) for financial strength. The rating agency's announcement marks the 40th consecutive year the Knights of Columbus earned A.M. Best's highest marks. The Knights of Columbus has \$99.1 Billion of life insurance in force & \$22 Billion in assets under management. No insurer in North America is more highly rated than the Knights of Columbus.

"Knights and their families are not just customers, they are members of a fraternal family, united by their common bonds of faith and service," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Our rating is a testament to our ethical and sustainable business philosophy, which combines good business decisions with an outlook that puts people before profits." Supreme Knight Anderson added that "a key to our organizations strength consists of our excellent agents, who are Knights of Columbus and who view their brother Knights as family members."

Speaking of excellent agents, Field Agent Doug Supak was named the "International FIC of the Year" by the Fraternal Field Managers Association, the National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counsellors and the American Fraternal Alliance. Doug who was honored as the State FIC of the year at the NAFIC convention in May, will be honored at the International NAFIC convention to be held in Indianapolis in September. He is the first Knights of Columbus agent to receive this prestigious award.

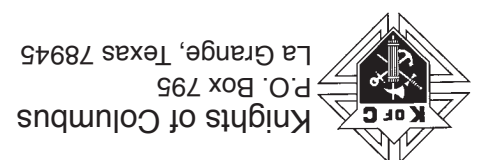
Doug is a 38-year veteran of the Knights of Columbus field force, beginning his career on Jan. 1, 1977. Throughout his professional career, Doug has earned numerous accolades for his exemplary service to his members. Doug is a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), a recipient of both the National Quality Award and the National Sales Achievement Award, a perennial Supreme Knight's Club qualifier and a quintessential 100 percent agent.

Doug is also a committed Fraternalist. In his 54 years as a Knight, he has served as Grand Knight, as District Deputy and as group chairman for over 30 years. Doug is also extremely active in his community, having been a long-time Little League & Babe Ruth Coach as well as a CCD teacher & usher for Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Above all else, Doug is a committed family man, devoted to his wife Marian, his four children, his 13 grandchildren & his 8 great-grandchildren. Thanks to Doug, the Supak's are a legacy family with the Knights of Columbus. Both his sons – Tom and Jody – have enjoyed long careers with the Knights. Jody is a Field Agent alongside his father and Tom is their General Agent. Congratulations to Doug for achieving this award & thank you for being the epitome of what it means to be a Knights of Columbus Field Agent.








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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GROUP 7		1	2	3 Fair Assn.	4	5
6 GROUP 8	7	8 KC Meeting 	9  K of C Fish Fry Drive-Thru (All Members Help)	10	11	12
13 GROUP 9 1st Degree at Smithville K of C Hall 1:30 p.m.	14	15	16  Sacred Heart Golf Tournament	17	18	19
20 GROUP 10	21 Country Music Show 	22 Officer's Meeting & 1st Degree Exemplification	23	24	25	26
27 GROUP 11 BBQ Chicken Sunday	28	29 Red Rooster	30	1 OCTOBER Turkey and Dressing Dinner	2	3 Marie Villegas (Bar Only)
4 GROUP 1	5	6	7	8 LCRA Meeting	9	10 Kozel Wedding (KC Catered) 
11 GROUP 2 Columbus Day Dinner	12 La Grange High School Career Night (KC Catered)	13 KC Meeting 	14 Kalmus Fundraiser	15 Farm Bureau (KC Catered)	16	17  La Grange Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry

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Group 3 - Pat Kalina Jr./Jared Surman 966-3702

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Group 6 - Proske/Supak 968-8630/968-5332

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