

Knights News

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 14270



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Grand Knight's Report

■ *Brother Jack Ryan*

Here we are, another year in the record books, and a new year already upon us! As we look back on 2009, our council has a lot to be proud of.

A list of our activities would take up this entire column, and then some. Suffice it to say that our council members have put in a lot of hours working to make our parish and community a little better. We tried some new things this year, and learned ways to make them even better next year. My thanks to all of you!

John Kolisch, the State Program Director, who presented our Double Star Award, told me how impressed he was with the numerous activity reports at the meeting, and the number of Knights involved. Let's all remember to fill out our 2009 Fraternal Activity Surveys, so all those hours are counted in the council's and the order's total service hours!

We're kicking off the New Year quickly, with two important events coming up: the Roses for Life campaign on the weekend of January 9 and 10, and the KC Chapter meeting here at St. Thomas More on Monday, January 25. We'll need a lot of help for both, so please contact Joe Dyché to help hand out & collect roses at the Masses, or contact me if you can lend a hand preparing or serving dinner before the chapter meeting. As always, thank you for your assistance!

I'm looking forward to a great, exciting 2010!

—*Vivat Jesus!*

-- Roses for Life is this weekend --

Knights will distribute roses before each Mass this weekend, and pick up signed roses after each Mass.

Please check your email for instructions and the time you are scheduled to work.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Joe Dyché @ 942-5812

Larry LeFebvre named State Knight of the Month

St. Thomas More Council's own Larry LeFebvre has been chosen Missouri Knight of the Month for August/September 2009, in recognition of his commitment to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Larry serves Council 14270 as Family Director, creating and organizing events like Family Fun Knight, Toast & Roast with Father Don, and the Columbus Knight Dinner. In addition, he coordinates Knights Out dinners and Fifth Sunday breakfasts.

At St. Thomas More, Larry is a lector, homebound minister, lay presider, wake minister and extraordinary minister of the Eucharist.

In the community, Larry is president of his neighborhood association, organized a national memorial service, served on the Boy Scout Community Relations Board, and is a speaker and presenter at Eagle Scout Courts of Honor.

He directs a national youth essay program with over 300,000 participants annually and organizes a trip to the nation's capital each year for the top 54 winners.

Larry served the VFW for 31 years, retiring as Assistant Adjutant General in 2006.

Larry and his wife Mary have been married for 32 years. They have raised three daughters in addition to caring for over 120 children as foster parents over the past twenty years.



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Fifth Sunday

Sunday, November 29, being a Fifth Sunday, meant that STM Knights met for Mass at 9:30, and then on to breakfast at Dos de Oros.

The next Fifth Sunday is right around the corner,

on January 31. Contact Larry LeFebvre at 941-9506 with suggested locations for the breakfast.

Other Fifth Sundays in 2010 are May 30, August 29 and October 31.

Big Monday @ Sand Trap

On Monday, January 18, Council 14270 will have another Knight Out @ Sand Trap. Come for the half price burgers and college basketball, and bring a friend you think would make a great addition to the council.

Brochures with information on the Knights and our council will be available, along with (of course) Form 100s.

Here's the Big Monday lineup:

6 PM – Syracuse at Notre Dame

8 PM – Texas at Kansas State

For those who attended Monday Knight Football last month, please check your email for the list of proposed Knights.

Donations Up In 2009

Donations made to charitable causes in 2009 by Council 14270 totaled over \$6,000, an increase of over 30% from 2008.

Recipients included: Fifth Grade Vocations Day, Savers of Life, STM Men's Golf Tournament, Roses for Life, CFCA, Vitae Society, STM 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, RSVP Program in support of diocesan seminarians, STM church pew cushions, and causes benefitting from the MR Drive.

Over \$3,700 was raised from Family Fun Knight, Toast & Roast with Father Don, and the Columbus Day Spaghetti Dinner. The MR Drive collected over \$1,600, half of which is returned to the council to distribute locally.

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 14270 2009-2011 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS



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Double Star Award

State Program Director John Kolisch presented the Double Star Council Award for 2008-2009 to Past Grand Knight Gene Twellman during the business meeting on November 12. On behalf of State Deputy Greg Stratman, he congratulated the council for again attaining the honor, and remarked after the meeting that he was impressed about the number of reports from directors and committee members.

In his letter to the council, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said: "Please accept my sincere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. Your dedication to the Order is seen in the high standard of excellence you have achieved. At the same time, I encourage you to carry forward this enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the years ahead. May this award be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of your council to continue to promote the ideals of Columbianism for the good of the church, your community, and the Order."

Essay Contest

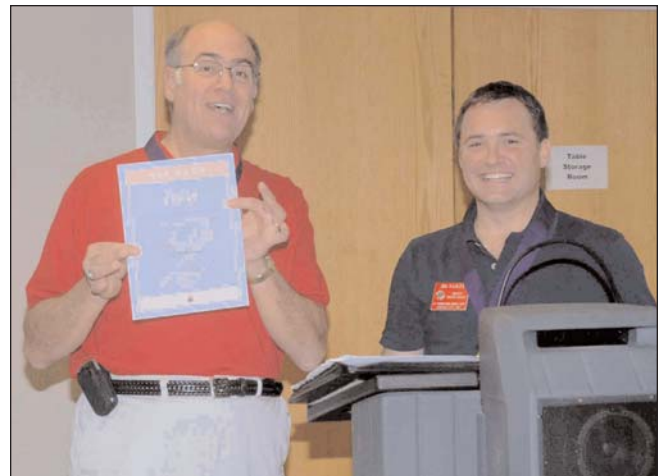
Brother Paul Hentzen is again coordinating the annual Knights of Columbus Essay Contest. Sixth grade students at STM School are asked to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the theme of "Strong Families Build Strong Communities." The goal of the contest is to open the doors of young minds, enabling the entrants to be creative, thoughtful and introspective in their work.

As described on the Knights of Columbus website: "Today's Catholic youth will become the Catholic adults of tomorrow. By their actions and decisions, today's young Catholics will play a major role in the future direction of the Catholic Church. As Knights, it is our obligation to fight for the Church; it is of paramount importance to strengthen the foundation of Catholic principles and teachings in the hearts and minds of the youth."

January 29 is the deadline to submit essays. Entries will be judged after the business meeting on February 11. Contact Paul to volunteer.

The winner at the council level will be eligible for the statewide contest and a chance at a \$100 savings bond.

➤ Paul Hentzen 942-4712



VIP Club

Grand Knight Jack Ryan accepted a VIP Certificate of Membership and pin from Deputy Grand Knight Jim Easley on November 12. Membership in the VIP (Very Important Proposer) Club is open to any member who recruits two new members to the Order. As a Knight recruits more new members, he moves up through higher levels of membership. Incentive awards for higher levels include certificates, pins, gift cards for Knights of Columbus items and Knights jackets. The orderwide top recruiter in a fraternal year earns a trip to the Supreme Convention,

Be sure to put your name and membership number on line 6 of the Form 100 of any new member you recruit in order to qualify for the VIP Club.

2009 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY Saint Thomas More Council 14270

NAME _____

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$144.9 million to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 68 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting, by return email, or return with your soon to be billed dues payment.

1. Number of visits you made during 2009 to:

a. Sick – caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals _____

b. Bereaved – visits of condolence _____

2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2009 _____

3. Estimated hours of volunteer service during 2009:

a. Church Activities – service in all church related activities _____

b. Community Activities – service in all community activities _____

c. Youth Activities – service in all youth activities _____

d. Habitat for Humanity – service in all related projects _____

e. Miscellaneous – service in all areas not outlined above _____

4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2009:

Sick/disabled members and their families:
household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc. _____

Thank you for providing this information. It will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2009.

Support for Seminarians

Through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), Council 14270 has given \$500 each to seminarians Louis Farley and Tim Nguyen. By completing the program, \$100 will be returned to the council for each \$500 donated. Details are at KofC.org

Vocations Chairman Phil Muellner reports that last year, financial help from councils to future priests, sisters and brothers exceeded \$2.6 million. A total of 4,513 seminarians and postulants received support. Since 1981 the Order has provided more than \$38 million in aid through RSVP, helping 61,196 men and women follow their vocations.



Louis Farley

Holy Apostles College & Seminary

1st year Theology

Home Parish:
St. Rose of Lima,
Savannah, Missouri

Birthday: July 22

I first felt His calling to the priesthood when I was in my early teens when I was confirmed into the Catholic Church. I was attending St. Rose of Lima parish in Savannah, Missouri and was attending Bishop LeBlond High School in St. Joseph. After my sophomore year, I had the opportunity to continue my education with the Legionnaires of Christ in New Haven, Connecticut. During my formation there, I realized that if I was going to be a priest that I wanted to be a diocesan priest.

Sixteen years have passed now and I can no longer avoid or dismiss my calling. Over the past year I have been ashamed of myself for cheating the Lord our God and His Holy Catholic Church from their rightful servant. With lots of prayer and meditations in front of the Holy Eucharist, I have realized that Jesus Christ never gave up on me, He was waiting for me to gain the courage and strength to follow Him. With the help of our Holy Mother Mary, I found the strength and the courage to continue down His path offered to me. Through the grace of God I now have the opportunity to further my education to hopefully become a priest for the Kansas City-St. Joseph diocese.

Tim Nguyen

Holy Apostles College & Seminary

1st year Theology

Home Parish:
St. Andrew the Apostle,
Kansas City, Missouri

Birthday: January 31



Over 14 years ago, my family of nine left Vietnam and came to the United States. I have been thinking about being a priest since I was in high school. I have talked to all my friends, my family and priests, and they are all happy for me and have been very encouraging. It is a blessing to be here at Holy Apostles Seminary. Please keep me in your prayers.

The program also involves prayer and moral support, such as sending holiday and birthday cards, letters, and email.
➤ *Phil Muellner 361-3178*

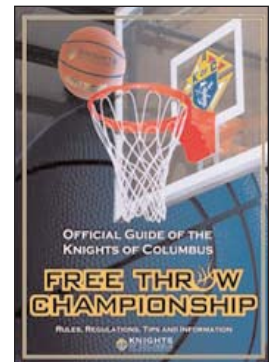
Send mail to Louis Farley or Tim Nguyen at:
Holy Apostles Seminary
33 Prospect Hill Road
Cromwell CT 06416.

Free Throw Championship

Youth Director Tyler Barr invites all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 to participate in the local level of competition for the 2010 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be Sunday, January 24, from 1 to 4 PM in STM School Gym. Participants will compete in their age group and receive a certificate for their participation in the event.

Local winners will progress through district and state competitions. Last year more than 179,000 youth sharpshooters participated in more than 3,000 local competitions.

➤ *Tyler Barr 479-2900*



Calendar of Events

Thu Jan 7 7:00 PM	Council 14270 Leader Meeting More Hall A
Sat & Sun Jan 9 & 10	Roses for Life ➤ <i>check volunteer schedule</i>
Thu Jan 14 7:15 PM	Council 14270 Business Meeting More Hall D
Mon Jan 18 6:00 PM to ?	Knight Out for Big Monday Sand Trap Bar & Grill
Wed Jan 20 <i>arrive by 6:30 PM</i>	1st Degree Ceremony Belton Council 5586
Sun Jan 24 1:00 to 4:00 PM	KofC Free Throw Championship STM School gym
Mon Jan 25 7:00 PM	Kansas City Chapter Meeting ➤ <i>hosted by Council 14270</i>
Sun Jan 31 9:30 Mass	Fifth Sunday Mass ➤ <i>breakfast follows</i>
Tue Feb 2 <i>arrive by 7:30 PM</i>	1st Degree Ceremony O'Hara Council 4387
Sat April 10 <i>arrive by 7:30 PM</i>	4th Degree Exemplification Airport Hilton

Contact Jack Ryan if interested in attending a degree ceremony.
➤ 816.942.8188 or ryansaj@swbell.net

Items of Interest

■ Sponsorship of Carlos Monterrey of Lima, Peru, will continue in 2010. As they did last year, Tom Simone and Craig Laird each donated \$180 to cover the cost.

■ Father Don attended the December business meeting, shared highlights of his recent trip to Spain, and led the rosary. On behalf of the council, Brother Gene Gray presented him with a Spanish-English dictionary. A dedication in English and Spanish honoring Father was inscribed inside thanks to the calligraphy skills of Colleen Schieber.

■ Financial Secretary Tom Steffens is sending out dues notices for 2010 by email. Look for them soon, and don't forget to fill out and return the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity form, which is also on page 4 of the News.

■ Council 14270 is hosting the January meeting of the Kansas City Chapter, which includes councils around the metro area, on Monday, January 25, in More Hall. The meeting will start at 7 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with setup, preparing and serving the meals, etc. Contact Jack Ryan if you can help. ➤ 942-8188

DECEMBER MILESTONES

KNIGHT BIRTHDAYS

07 ... Tyler Barr	18 ... Mike Gaughan
09 ... Ed O'Reilly	19 ... Rocky Hembree
10 ... Joe Wynn	22 ... Gene Gray
11 ... Edgar Palacios	23 ... Patrick Reidy
14 ... John McLaury	

SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

04 ... Cathy Thomas	20 ... Diane Easley
05 ... Margaret Kohn	27 ... Kathleen Stockwell
07 ... Cindy Rogge	30 ... Becky Kenagy
12 ... Barb Van Buskirk	

ANNIVERSARIES

02 ... Patrick & Mary Kim Henehan (25 years)
08 ... Tom & Joanne Reagan
15 ... Joe & Linda Huber
29 ... Marvin & Nancy Lang
30 ... Mike & Tina Gaughan
30 ... Tom & Michelle Heapy

JANUARY MILESTONES

KNIGHT BIRTHDAYS

01 ... John Kohn	24 ... Dick Duncan
05 ... Lawrence Countee	26 ... Jim Easley
10 ... Craig Borgmeyer	31 ... Gus Broockerd
11 ... Lee Jones	31 ... Marvin Lang
17 ... Tom Steffens	31 ... Ross Marine
18 ... Scott Cook	

SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

02 ... Pam Cerotti	19 ... Camilla Vogl
03 ... Mary Maskill	24 ... Jennie Wynn
04 ... Wendy Borgmeyer	

ANNIVERSARIES

08 ... Eugene & Mildred Merisi (63 years)
11 ... David & Sarah Mehl
27 ... Rocky & Peggy Hembree

MEMBERSHIP

35 years ... David Mehl

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