

# Knights News

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 14270



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## Grand Knight's Report

■ *Brother Jack Ryan*

I want to begin my first report with another word of thanks to Gene Twellman for all his hard work and accomplishments as our first Grand Knight. Starting a new council from scratch is quite a challenge to begin with, but to grow it to over 100 members in the first two years is truly remarkable! I'll have some big shoes to fill.

Secondly, I want to thank all of you for entrusting me with the helm for this great organization for the coming year. We have a lot of momentum built, due to the hard work of so many brother Knights, and I'll do my best to keep that momentum going, so that our council will continue to grow in numbers, activities and effectiveness as a resource for our parish. To do that requires effort from every Knight. Although the officer positions have been filled by election, our council leadership team also includes representatives from all the standing committees. These include Programs, Church Activities, Vocations, Charity, Membership, Community Activities, Council Activities, Family Events and Youth Activities.

Several of these committees need additional hands—your hands—in order to be successful. As the old saying goes, “many hands make light work,” and yet most of our committees for the past two years have been “committees” of one. With all the successful activities we've had through the efforts of the current directors and their small “ad hoc” volunteer teams, imagine what we could accomplish if every brother in our council agreed to give two or three hours of his time sometime during the coming year planning and carrying out the work of just one committee. By the next council meeting, please consider volunteering to assist on one of these committees, even if only for an hour or two for the whole year. With input from every brother, there's no limit to what we can accomplish for our council, our parish and our community!

*Vivat Jesus!*

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bob@stmkc.com or  
(816) 942-2492x212

Go to [www.stmkc.com](http://www.stmkc.com),  
click on "Community Life," then "Knights"

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The Council website is up and running on the new STM website. Go to [stmkc.com](http://stmkc.com), click on community, then Knights of Columbus. The 19 web pages cover topics like the history of the Knights, officer list, insurance program, past and upcoming events (with photos), as well as a useful links page. On the newsletter page, you will find links to the current and back issues of Knights News.

## Welcome New Members!

Since the last newsletter in June, eleven men have joined STM Council 14270. Total membership is now 112.

Completing the first degree on June 9 at Lee's Summit Council were: Rich Dostal, Bud Williamson, Gary Hense, Mike Hofer, Joe Gawron, Tom Reagan, and Bill Venable.

On July 15, Luke Ungashick and Ed Van Buskirk completed the first degree at Belton Council.

Joe Davidson and David Lanter have also joined the council as transfers.



## And Now for the Larry Report...

■ *Brother Larry LeFebvre*

### *Knights to Host "Toast & Roast"*

In 1959, there were some interesting people born; Randy Travis, "Weird" Al Yankovic, John McEnroe and Fr. Don Farnan, to name a few. Because of the impact these individuals have made on all of us, as well as their chosen profession, STM Knights of Columbus will be commemorating that great year with a "Toast & Roast" of, and for, Fr. Don, on Friday evening August 21.

The evening will consist of dancing to the music of the '50s & '60s, selected speakers imparting humorous insights into Fr. Don's past, musical performances by renowned singing groups, and a few surprises. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served along with beer, wine and soft drinks. I'm sure there will be birthday cake as well.

Come dressed in your best 1959 clothing, or as your favorite politician, movie star, celebrity or sports figure from that era. Go online to "1959" for more ideas.

Mark your calendar for Friday, August 21 at 7:00 PM in Flanagan Hall. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. Make reservations now by contacting Larry LeFebvre at 941-9506/laremare@aol.com, or the parish office at 942-2492/information@stmkc.com.

Don't miss out on the event of the half-century. Make your reservations today!

### *Family Fun Knight: A Sweltering Affair*

While I was enjoying the pleasant temperatures of Ecuador (70's), my Brother Knights were sweating it out at our second annual "Family Fun Knight" held on Friday, June 26. The unusually hot weather kept many people home, but those who attended enjoyed the cool comfort of More Hall, and the great food, fun

and fellowship which more than made up for the sticky heat.

Thanks to Darin Kamradt, who co-chaired this event, and to all Brother Knights who came out and worked various venues. I understand the turnout of volunteers was tremendous. Many thanks also to our commercial supporters: Mendolia Brothers Italian Sausage Co., Price Chopper, Lipari's Sun Fresh and Jack Stack Barbeque. Thanks also to Dr. Kurt Muehlebach, D.D.S., for underwriting the cost of the tickets.

While our profit margin was not as good as last year, we still have a considerable amount of money that will enable us to help charitable causes in and around STM.

### *Fifth Sunday August 31*

Sunday, August 31, will be the fifth Sunday of the month, and, as is our custom, STM Knights of Columbus will attend 7:30 AM Mass with their family, and then enjoy breakfast at Waid's restaurant at 103rd and Stateline.

Since we will be back in the church before the next fifth Sunday rolls around in November, this will probably be the last 7:30 Mass we will be attending as a group. It is anticipated that we will go back to the 9:00 AM Mass at that time.

## Officer Elections

Council officers for the 2009-2011 term were elected at the June meeting. New directors are: Charity Director Ed Thomas, Church Director Edgar Palacios, Membership Director Doug Weishar, Youth Director Joe Murphy, and Publicity Chairman John Kelly. Below is a complete list (with contact numbers) of officers and directors.

### SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 14270 2009-2011 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS



CHAPLAIN <i>Fr. Don Farnan</i>	FINANCIAL SECRETARY <i>Tom Steffens - 942-7582</i>	3rd YEAR TRUSTEE <i>David Long - 942-2561</i>	FAMILY DIRECTOR <i>Larry LeFebvre - 941-9506</i>
GRAND KNIGHT <i>Jack Ryan - 942-8188</i>	TREASURER <i>John Kelly - 942-3226</i>	2nd YEAR TRUSTEE <i>Tom Kenagy - 942-5161</i>	MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR <i>Doug Weishar - 943-0609</i>
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT <i>Jim Easley - 942-8925</i>	LECTURER <i>Gene Gray - 942-2649</i>	1st YEAR TRUSTEE <i>Gene Twellman - 942-1473</i>	PROGRAM DIRECTOR <i>Jim Easley - 942-8925</i>
CHANCELLOR <i>Craig Borgmeyer - 943-0156</i>	ADVOCATE <i>Paul Hentzen - 942-4712</i>	CHARITY DIRECTOR <i>Ed Thomas - 941-9376</i>	YOUTH DIRECTOR <i>Joe Murphy - 943-0440</i>
RECORDER <i>Lawrence Countee - 941-0624</i>	WARDEN <i>Don Doyon - 942-8027</i>	CHURCH DIRECTOR <i>Edgar Palacios - 550-3791</i>	ADMISSIONS CHAIRMAN <i>Brad Doty - 942-3949</i>
	INSIDE GUARD <i>Paul Becker - 943-8968</i>	COMMUNITY DIRECTOR <i>Joe Dyche - 942-5812</i>	PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN <i>John Kelly - 942-3226</i>
	OUTSIDE GUARD <i>Lee Jones - 941-4041</i>	COUNCIL DIRECTOR <i>Tom Kenagy - 942-5161</i>	VOCATIONS CHAIRMAN <i>Phil Muellner - 361-3178</i>

## Student Financial Aid

■ *Brother Tom Steffens*

In “Financial Aid to Education,” a brochure produced by the Knights of Columbus, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, wrote:

“The long history of the partnership between the Knights of Columbus and Catholic education goes back to the years shortly after our founding, with the establishment of a Chair of American History at the Catholic University of America in 1904.

“In ensuing years this collaboration took on landmark proportions as the Order funded the Oregon School case heard by the Supreme Court in 1925. It was a favorable decision of the nation’s highest court that

justified the right of the Catholic school system to exist.

“Over the years the Order has remained a staunch ally of institutions of learning, of parents and of students through a well-developed and well-financed series of scholarships and aid programs.”

For a brochure on the Knights of Columbus scholarship program, call 203-752-4332.

Information on scholarships to Catholic University of America is on their website: [www.cua.edu](http://www.cua.edu).

Applications for scholarships at other Catholic colleges may be obtained after October 1 and must be submitted no later than March 1 to be eligible for consideration. See [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org).

The Missouri State Council awards 11 scholarships each year. See [www.MoKofC.org](http://www.MoKofC.org).

# Family Fun Knight – Fun for All Ages!



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## Calendar of Events

<b>Tuesday, August 4</b> arrive @ 7:30 PM	1st Degree Ceremony KCMO Council 4387
<b>Thursday, August 6</b> 7:00 PM	Council 14270 Leader Meeting More Hall A
<b>Thursday, August 13</b> 7:15 PM	Council 14270 Business Meeting More Hall C
<b>Sunday, August 30</b> 7:30 AM	Fifth Sunday Mass & Breakfast Flanagan Hall

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

## Items of Interest

■ At the June 11 business meeting, Admissions Chairman Brad Doty accepted a **recruitment award** on behalf of the council for having recruited at least five new members.

■ The council audit for the first half of 2009 was completed July 19 by the trustees and submitted to Supreme.

■ Knights of Columbus Night at the T-Bones will be Saturday, August 8. The tickets are \$15, and include all you can eat. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 532-0912 or 616-5034.

■ STM Council will host the western regional of the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. Council competitions are usually held in September, with districts in October and regionals in October or November. The state championship will be in November.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 14270

The council newsletter, *Knights News*, is published monthly. Submit newsletter items by phone: 816-507-1070 or email: JohnKellyKC@gmail.com.

The *News* is sent by email unless you are on the snail mail list. Call if you need to make a change.

## Milestones

### KNIGHTS BIRTHDAYS – JULY

02 ... Joe Haster	14 ... Paul Hentzen
08 ... Dan Kennaley	16 ... John Vogl
09 ... Ron Tavernaro	31 ... Fr. Thomas Haake
12 ... Rich Dostal	31 ... Ed Thomas

### KNIGHTS BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST

02 ... Vince Accurso	10 ... Tim Stockwell
02 ... Chris Gaughan	13 ... Gene Twellman
02 ... Mike Mulligan	14 ... Tom Fritts
05 ... Bob Schmiedeler	15 ... Mark Groves
08 ... Tim Steffens	17 ... Fr. Don Farnan
09 ... Jerry Holmes	17 ... Bob Round
09 ... Phil Kratofil	29 ... Joe Davidson

### SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS – JULY

20 ... Anne Ryan	21 ... Peggy Hembree
21 ... Susan Belzer	

### SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST

02 ... Kelly Reidy	12 ... Dolores Dyche
04 ... Denise Easley	13 ... Laura Barr
09 ... Donna Melgaard	20 ... Kristin Gaughan
10 ... Mary Jane Weishar	20 ... Crystal Hentzen

### ANNIVERSARIES – JULY

03 ... David & Rosemary Lanter
10 ... Brad & Teresa Doty
14 ... Chris & Kristin Gaughan
17 ... Bob & Diane Easley
24 ... Eric & Donna Melgaard

### ANNIVERSARIES – AUGUST

01 ... Doug & Mary Jane Weishar
12 ... Salvatore & Teresa Mentasana (70 years)
14 ... Craig & Jean Laird (30 years)
14 ... Gene & Debbi Twellman
16 ... Tim & Kathleen Stockwell

Compiled by Brother Tom Steffens. Email him at tomsteffens@charter.net with additional milestones.