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OF  
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Saint Thomas More  
Council #14270  
Kansas City, Missouri

2008-2009 OFFICERS

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- Council Director* Tom Kenagy
- Family Director* Larry LeFebvre
- Youth Director* Doug Weishar
- Membership Director* John Kelly
- Recruitment Committee* Brad Doty
- Lecturer* Gene Gray

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# Knights News



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## Grand Knight's Report

■ *Brother Gene Twellman*

**Anticipation** That sour feeling in the bottom of the stomach, that's what I remember feeling as a grade school kid in August. Summer was rapidly nearing its end and I was anticipating (dreading) the start of school. That feeling changed when I made the transition from grade school to high school. The anticipation of starting a new school year in a new school with a ton of new people to meet and get to know was exciting. Our daughter is going through that good anticipation now as she starts her freshman year of high school. Its been fun watching the excitement in her face.

We officially kicked off our 2008-2009 fraternal year with District Deputy Tony Berter officiating our Installation of Officers on August 7. That was followed by dinner out with the officers and their wives. That ceremony marked the start of the end of my tenure as Grand Knight of Council #14270. I'm feeling a combination of excitement and sour stomach anticipating the coming year. We have our work cut out for us in trying to surpass last year's performances—which can cause the sour stomach—but we have last year's experiences to assist us and I anticipate we'll have many new faces (members) joining us. (The officers' wives strongly suggested a group dinner with their Knights. I am open for suggestions on this and other potential events.)

Our Council received the Double Star Award for 2007-2008, by attaining 200% of our net goal of 5% new members and 2.5% new insurance members, as well as timely filing of our reports on four major involvement programs in each category: Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth. The congratulatory letter from Supreme indicated only 501 of all the Councils in the world achieved this award. Here's an "atta boy" to you all, but don't stop now—we want to receive this award again next year! Talk to your friends, relatives and neighbors about joining us!

We raised over \$1,600 in last year's MR Tootsie Roll Drive and I anticipate that Jack Ryan and his crew (which means all of us), will surpass that amount easily this October. We cleared over \$1,200 with our Family Fun Knight in June and will present a check for that amount to the STM School this month. Larry LeFebvre is already anticipating even better crowds, foods and entertainment for next year's event.

We've been presented with an opportunity to "show our colors" with STM K of C shirts, hats, and jackets, but first we need to decide what our colors should be. While I am biased towards black and gold, another good suggestion was to follow the STM School colors of red and white. A survey will be circulated and suggestions are encouraged.

Congratulations on a very successful 2007-2008. For a young Council we have already made great strides. I am excited about, and think we should all anticipate, a great 2008-2009 fraternal year.

## That Man Is You

*That Man Is You* is designed to help men tackle real issues that they face. It looks at the leadership role that men are called to in their families, parishes, and society, and addresses the temptations and struggles men face in our culture. Men who have participated in *That Man Is You* consider it a “home run,” saying that it is the program for which they have been waiting. Priests say that it literally transforms men and saves marriages.

This 26-week interactive Bible study is focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming society.



The program is divided into two 13-week sessions. The Fall session emphasizes the development of the Scriptural vision of man, especially in his relationship to his family and society, while the Spring session emphasizes the practical means of becoming that man.

The first meeting will begin on Friday, September 5, in More Hall. Breakfast will be served at 6 A.M. and the meeting will run until 7:30 A.M.

Registration will take place after Masses the weekend of August 23-24, with information nights on Monday, August 25, and Thursday, September 2. Plan now to participate in this exciting program! For details, call Chip McKenzie at 816-942-9261 or Ed Van Buskirk at 816-215-1483.

## District Deputy's Report

■ *Brother Tony Berter, District 9*

Missouri District 9 is composed of O'Hara Council #4387, south KC; Pope John XXIII Council #5586, Belton; Our Lady of Lourdes Council #6550, Harrisonville; St. Bridget Sons of Mercy Council #13113, Pleasant Hill; and St. Thomas More Council #14270. Each Council has activities planned for this fall. I will email the different Council newsletters to the Council Grand Knights to help keep everyone informed.

Knights of Columbus statewide events include: **Sporting Clays Shoot** on Sept. 27 at Ozark Shooters Complex in Branson (contact Joe Rosenthal at 417-561-4087). The **Bowling Tournament** will be held Oct. 25-26 and Nov. 1-2, hosted by Council #1927 (contact Steve Sahm at 636-433-5167). The **Softball Tournament** is slated for June 27-29 at a location to be announced. We are still looking for a council to host the **Buddy Bass Tournament**. This could be a great fundraiser for your Council. If interested please contact me.

Please continue to answer the Pope's call of “Follow Me—Help Us Build the Church” by recruiting new members.

## 2008–2009 Officers Installed

STM Council #14270 officers for 2008–2009 were installed Thursday, September 4, in a ceremony held in More Hall. District Deputy Tony Berter conducted the ceremony, with State Council Activity Director Paul Quirk also in attendance.

Afterward the ceremony, officers and spouses retired to Dos Hombres restaurant for food and fellowship.



*Council #14270 officers for 2008–2009. PHOTO BY MARIS HASTER*



*From left: State Council Activity Director Paul Quirk, Grand Knight Gene Twellman, and District Deputy Tony Berter in front of the Council #14270 charter in More Hall. PHOTO BY MARIS HASTER*

## September Birthdays

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 02 ... Don Loeffelholz   | 16 ... Pat Henehan     |
| 02 ... Frank Petersen    | 16 ... John Kelly      |
| 05 ... George Schweitzer | 20 ... George Reintjes |
| 09 ... Bret Mersman      | 21 ... Larry LeFebvre  |
| 11 ... Nikolaus Martin   | 24 ... Phil Muellner   |
| 14 ... Joe Dyche         | 26 ... Larry Mosnick   |
| 14 ... Paul Jokerst      | 30 ... Darin Kamradt   |

If you'd like to list your anniversary in *Knights News*, send it to the editor at: [kellyjt@reeceandnichols.com](mailto:kellyjt@reeceandnichols.com). Thanks to Brother Tom Steffens for compiling the birthday list!

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## Membership Report

Currently, St. Thomas More Council #14270 membership is 91.

Several gentlemen have indicated they intend to join by completing Form 100s. If you have the opportunity, urge them to get to a First Degree Ceremony, so they can start attending meetings and become active Knights. Better yet, go with them. You'll be supporting a brother Knight as he enters the order, and many Knights report they gain insight each time they attend a degree ceremony.

And make a point to invite someone you know in the parish to consider joining. Tell them why you became a Knight, and about the many activities available for members. As the Knights of Columbus website says:

*Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.*

Contact Recruitment Committee chairman Brad Doty at 816-942-3949 or Membership Director John Kelly at 816-942-3226. ***The more we grow, the more we can accomplish!***

## Support Our Seminarians

Council #14270 has contributed \$500 to the support of seminarian Adam Haake. Adam is from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Raytown. A 2003 graduate of Archbishop O'Hara High School, Adam transferred to Conception Seminary from Missouri State University in Springfield. He is currently a first year theology student at the North American College in Rome. His email is [ahaake@pnac.org](mailto:ahaake@pnac.org).



Adam Haake



Ian Murphy

Also keep in your prayers seminarian Ian Murphy. Ian is from St. Thomas More Parish. He graduated from Rockhurst High School in 2004. After finishing studies at Conception Seminary, Ian is a first year theology student at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. His email is [imurphy@kenrick.edu](mailto:imurphy@kenrick.edu).

For information on the men currently in Priestly formation in the Kansas City-St. Joseph diocese, go to [www.diocese-kcsj.org/vocation/VocationOffice/meetTheSeminarians.html](http://www.diocese-kcsj.org/vocation/VocationOffice/meetTheSeminarians.html).

## Insurance Report

■ **Brother Kevin Pierce**, Field Agent



September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

**Fact 1:** Nearly three-fourths of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

**Fact 2:** Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

**Fact 3:** Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

**Fact 4:** One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

**Fact 5:** People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision. I'm at 816-645-6961 or [Kevin.Pierce@kofc.org](mailto:Kevin.Pierce@kofc.org). Call me—let's talk.

## Items of Interest

■ This year's **Knights of Columbus MR (Tootsie Roll) Drive** will be held the weekend of October 10-12, and we need YOU to help! This year our council will be collecting at the Red Bridge & Holmes "boot block" on Friday, and before and after all the Masses at STM that weekend. **Volunteers are needed for shifts at each location.**

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**Visit the Knights of Columbus website at [KofC.org](http://KofC.org)**

## Calendar of Events

Monday, August 25	Kansas City Area Chapter Meeting (last Monday of each month)	St. Regis	7:00 PM
Sunday, August 31	Fifth Sunday Mass	St. Thomas More Church	9:30 AM
Thursday, September 4	STM Council #14270 Leadership Meeting (first Thursday of each month)	St. Thomas More Huhmann Room	7:00 PM
Thursday, September 11	STM Council #14270 Business Meeting (second Thursday of each month)	St. Thomas More More Hall	7:15 PM
Thursday, September 11	1st Degree Ceremony (second Thursday of every month)	Smithville Council #9262 700 Trevis Ave	6:15 PM
Wednesday, September 17	1st Degree Ceremony (third Wednesday of odd months)	Belton Council #5586 700 Trevis Ave	6:30 PM
Thursday, September 18	Fourth Degree Assembly #566 Meeting (third Thursday of odd months)	Raytown Council #4962 5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff	6:30 PM
Tuesday, October 7	1st Degree Ceremony (first Tuesday of even months)	Archbishop O'Hara Council #4387 5111 E 112th Ter	7:30 PM
October 10, 11 & 12	MR (Tootsie Roll) Drive	Call Brother Jack Ryan for info at 816-942-8188	

**Belton Council** is at 700 Trevis Ave, Belton MO 64012. Degree ceremony starts at 7 PM; candidates arrive by 6:30 PM.

**O'Hara Council** is at 5111 East 112th Terrace, Kansas City MO 64137. Degree ceremony starts at 8 PM; candidates arrive by 7:30 PM.

**Smithville Council** is at 1103 South Commercial, Smithville MO 64089. Degree ceremony starts at 6:30 PM; candidates arrive by 6:15 PM.

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Family members and friends are welcome, and of course volunteers will be needed back at the church hall to count and record the money. We're also accepting additional locations from any council member who will volunteer to be captain for that location. A captain's duties are to obtain permission from the proprietor, sign up volunteers and make sure the proceeds are delivered to the money counters at the church hall. Please notify Jack Ryan at 816-942-8188 by Aug. 31 if you have a good location that you'd like to take charge of.

Sign-up sheets for all shifts will be available at the September meeting. Remember, half the proceeds are distributed by our council to help the children in the F.I.R.E. program and other local programs, so please give an hour or two of your time to help these kids!

■ The Knights of Columbus **Soccer Challenge**, open to boys and girls ages 10-14, is coming up in September. Youth Director Doug Weishar will have more details at the next meeting.

■ Thanks to Brother Joe Wynn for printing & delivering copies of *Knights News* to the church.

■ **Good of the Order:** Keep brothers Harold Heiman and Dan Kennaley in your prayers.

■ If you know of a brother Knight that is **not receiving the newsletter** by email, or that does not have an email address, contact the editor.

■ Council **name badges** are available for purchase. Pin-on and slip-on pocket badges are \$9 and magnetic badges are \$11. Order forms are available at each meeting, or call Brother John Kelly at 816-942-3226.

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