

# Knights News

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 14270



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## Grand Knight's Report

■ *Brother Jack Ryan*

By now, I'm sure you've all heard that Supreme has "raised the bar" on membership requirements for making Star Council. The membership increase has been raised from 5% to 7%, and Double Star goes up to 14%. Our council will need a net addition of 7 members from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 to make Star Council, and 14 for Double Star. We've already had 2 more STM gentlemen join our ranks, but we've also had 2 suspensions, so we're just breaking even right now. To continue our unbroken Double Star Council string will require the efforts of every Knight in the council. Here are four suggestions:

✓ If you've spoken to or regularly seen a gentleman at church who is not a Knight, now is the time to invite him to join. You'll often find that he was just waiting for an invitation.

✓ Last spring we solicited lists of names of potential Knights from current members. Of the 100 who were invited to our Open House by Father Don, 19 were able to attend. If you suggested someone who has still not joined, give him a call or just catch him in church, and invite him into the Order personally.

✓ All Knights participating in *That Man Is You!* should bring a Form 100 to every meeting. (A good Knight always carries one anyway!) It's traditional to have all the Knights stand up at one meeting, and that might be the perfect time to hand a potential member a Form 100.

✓ If a gentleman isn't sure about joining right now, ask him to look at the Knights of Columbus pages under Community Life on the STM website. All the activities listed are enough to impress anyone that our council is truly a fun, service-oriented group that they'd want to join. There's an email link to the Grand Knight for more information, and we gained one of our new members that way!

A lot of important activities are coming up in October: the MR Drive, Columbus Day Spaghetti Dinner, Knights' Night Out on Columbus Day, and a restart of the golf cart shuttle for the Masses, so I hope you can all participate and join the fun! Be watching for a meeting reminder next week for more details!

I look forward to seeing you all on October 8!

*Vivat Jesus!*

## Knights' Night Out

Monday, October 12 is Columbus Day, and we will get together for dinner and fellowship with our families and Brother Knights.

Wil Jenny's, a Tex-Mex restaurant at 6700 W. 135th Street is the location. Dress is casual and the menu includes soups, salads, sandwiches, and various entrees.

A private area is reserved, and we will order from the menu with everyone responsible for their own bill. Alcoholic beverages are available. Come for cocktails at 6:00 PM, with dinner ordered around 6:30 PM.

If you plan to attend, please notify Larry LeFebvre at 941-9506 or [laremare@aol.com](mailto:laremare@aol.com).

## Columbus Day Dinner

STM Council will be hosting its first annual Columbus Day spaghetti dinner at More Hall on Saturday, October 17. More Hall will take on the trappings of an Old Italian restaurant, complete with music and the aroma of fresh garlic. The menu includes spaghetti with choice of sauce, Italian sausage, salad, bread, and beverage, for the low price of \$8.00 per person, or \$25.00 per family. Beer and wine will also be available as well as desserts for a nominal cost.

Plan to attend the 4:00 o'clock Mass and then bring the family down for a delightful evening of fine food and merriment. The dinner will run from 5:00 to 8:30 and all proceeds will benefit STM charities.



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## Youth Soccer Challenge Held at Avila College

The STM Council Knights of Columbus Youth Soccer Challenge was held Sunday, September 27 at Avila College. The event is open to boys and girls ages 10 to 14. Contestants are awarded points for their accuracy in penalty kicks to certain areas of the goal.

Congratulations to this year's winners, who will advance to the district competition, also being held at Avila:

Age 10 -- Courtney Stewart, Matthew Grimaldi

Age 11 -- Mary Kate Grimaldi, Brett Easley

Age 13 -- Connor Stewart

The event was coordinated by Tyler Barr, with help from Laura Barr, Larry LeFebvre, Jack Ryan and Doug Weishar. Photos courtesy of Phil Muellner.



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## ***A Presentation for Pews***

■ Proceeds from Family Fun Knight and the Toast & Roast for Father Don have been donated to STM parish to help purchase pew cushions. The cushions are being made and should be in place around the middle of October.

Presenting the \$2,000 check to Father Don Farnan at the parish office on Friday, Sept. 18, were Grand Knight Jack Ryan and Family Director Larry LeFebvre.

## **Attention First Degree Knights!**

■ *District 9 Deputy Tony Berter*

Here's a golden opportunity for you to take your Second & Third Degrees at a nearby location, with plenty of advance notice! In the official ranks of the Order, this degree will upgrade your status from member of the Knights to a full-fledged Knight.

It's also the most interesting and fun degree ceremony. Please join us for the Second & Third Degree Ceremony at the Knights of Columbus O'Hara Council 4387 Hall, 5111 East 112th Terrace, Kansas City, on Sunday, November 1.

Candidates should arrive no later than 12:30 PM, and the degree will start at 1:00 PM. Carpooling will be available from STM parking lot.

The ceremonies take about 3 hours, but are well worth the time, and include a great meal. After the degree ceremonies there will be a meal of open-face roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, and coffee or tea. The cost for the meal is only \$5 (the council covers the cost of the degrees). The hall cannot sell alcohol on Sundays.

Second & Third Degrees need at least 25 members, so they are only held every few months, in various locations. A head count is needed by October 25, so contact Grand Knight Jack Ryan at 942-8188 as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

Many councils will be represented, giving you a chance to meet Brother Knights from throughout KC & western Missouri. We have at least two STM members signed up already, so come on and join the fun!

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

■ *from Phil Paschang* A parishioner has offered the use of a nearby rental home for someone in need of modest rent. STM can use any rent collected for other social justice needs. Another parishioner donated supplies, so all we have to do is clean, paint, and do minor repairs . . . so we need your help!

On Saturday, October 3, people will be needed to clean walls, blinds, floors, and bathrooms, along with interior painting, window repair, and possibly landscaping and deck repair. We can use cleaners, painters, and handymen with some carpentry skills, and people who will coordinate food and drinks for the workers.

Arrive after 8:00 AM at 13108 5th Street, Grandview. We will have supplies but bring your own if possible. Maps are available in the back of church. Contact Phil Paschang at 809-6053 or [ppaschang@msn.com](mailto:ppaschang@msn.com).

■ *from Rita Tiehen* Volunteers are needed by Community LINC to get an apartment ready for a family (mother, two teenagers, and an infant) to move in. We would appreciate help to get this project finished up so the family can move in by Friday, October 12.

From October 3 to 7, tile and carpet will be installed. October 8 will installing blinds, fixtures, etc., and touching up paint. October 9 to 12 will be picking up furniture, shopping and stocking the kitchen, decorating, linens, supplies, etc. And maybe preparing a meal for the family moving in.

If you can help, contact Rita Tiehen @ 941-0586 or [rtiehen@kc.tr.com](mailto:rtiehen@kc.tr.com). Thank you in advance!

## Calendar of Events

<b>Thu Oct 1</b> 7:00 PM	Council 14270 Leader Meeting More Hall A
<b>Tue Oct 6</b> arrive by 7:30 PM	1st Degree Ceremony O'Hara Council 4387
<b>Thu Oct 8</b> 7:15 PM	Council 14270 Business Meeting More Hall D
<b>Mon Oct 12</b> 6:00 PM	Knights' Night Out Will Jennys
<b>Sat Oct 17</b> 5:00-8:00 PM	Columbus Day Dinner More Hall
<b>Sun Nov 1</b> arrive by 12:30 PM	2nd & 3rd Degree Ceremony O'Hara Council 4387
<b>Wed Nov 18</b> arrive by 6:30 PM	1st Degree Ceremony Belton Council 5586
<b>Sun Nov 29</b> <i>Mass time TBD</i>	Fifth Sunday Mass Breakfast after Mass

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

## Items of Interest

■ Seven cases of Tootsie Rolls have been ordered for the upcoming MR Drive on October 9-11. Contact Jim Easley at 942-8925 to volunteer for before and after Mass times, or Jack Ryan at 942-8188 to volunteer for the boot block at Red Bridge & Holmes. Be sure to wear your name badge & council shirt.

■ At the September business meeting, 1,300 Roses for Life were ordered for the campaign in January. Contact Joe Dyche at 942-5812 to volunteer. Also ordered were 1,200 Year for Priest prayer cards, which will be distributed at an upcoming Mass.

■ There are about ten council caps remaining to sell. Contact Rocky Hembree at 942-0069.

■ Monsignor Tighe Council 1698 will have a Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament at Visitation Church, Tighe Hall, Friday, October 23 at 6:30 PM. Entry fee is \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at the door. Contact Shawn Kieffer at 786-4614 or David Blickhan at 305-3737.

## October Milestones

### KNIGHTS BIRTHDAYS

02 ... Carl Watterson	09 ... Tim Kelly
05 ... Bob Maskill	17 ... Greg Mertes
06 ... Sal Mentessana	22 ... Jeff Barthol
06 ... Jack Ryan	30 ... Joe Huber

### SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS

08 ... Teresa Doty	17 ... Jenny Mertes
08 ... Kathy Venable	19 ... Susan Williamson
09 ... Kathleen Mersman	20 ... Karen Remmers
11 ... Betty Doyon	21 ... Jean Laird
11 ... Mary Anne Mulligan	24 ... Daffy Shaw
11 ... Alice Wright	26 ... Nancy Lang
12 ... Teresa Mentessana	31 ... Debbi Twelman

### ANNIVERSARIES

04 ... Scott & Jodi Cook
05 ... Chip & Jenny McKenzie
06 ... Rich & Marsha Byrne (25 years)
11 ... Paul & Crystal Hentzen
13 ... Harold & Mary Elizabeth Heiman (58 years)
14 ... Perry & Pam Cerotti (20 years)
16 ... Lawrence & Peggy Countee
19 ... Luke & Linda Ungashick
20 ... Tim & Kara Bosler
22 ... Vince & Maria Accurso
28 ... Bob & Mary Maskill

### MEMBERSHIP

20 years	.... Frank Peterson
25 years	.... Carl Watterson
50 years	.... Ron Tavernaro

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