Grand Knight's Report

A Happy New Year to you all! Personally, my family had enough crises and tragedies this past year, including losing an aunt & uncle in a car crash before Christmas, that I'm glad to see 2010 go. I hope you & yours fared better, and that 2011 is a banner year for us all!

The New Year will be starting off with a bang, with two important events: The Roses for Life campaign January 8-9, and the Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 16. We'll need a lot of help for both, so please contact Phil Muellner to help hand out & collect roses at the Masses, or contact Craig Borgmeyer if you can lend a hand with the free throws. We'll also be putting together the "care packages" for STM college students at an upcoming meeting, so be sure to attend to lend a hand. As always, Thank You for your assistance!

In January, the 2010 Fraternal Activity Survey is also due, and I ask everyone to please provide the information, so all those hours you spent doing good works last year are counted in the council's and the order's total service hours (a copy of the survey is on page 2).

Like the order's totals at the Supreme office, our council counts only the hours that are actually reported through the survey forms. We do not extrapolate to account for those who didn't report, so our report will only be accurate if everyone submits their information. It would be a great help if you could bring that info to the meeting January 13, or just give it to Rocky or me in the next couple of weeks. And don't worry if you're not sure which category something you did falls into, just take your best guess!

Again, my heartfelt wishes to you and your families for a truly Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to a great year for our council in 2011!





Ed Thomas, chairman of the Charity Committee, and Grand Knight Jack Ryan presented a \$1,200 check to STM Pastoral Assistant David Butel. The contribution assisted needy parish families at Christmas.

— JANUARY CALENDAR —

Leader Meeting ❖ Thursday, January 6 7:00 PM

Business Meeting ❖ Thursday, January 13 7:15 PM

Roses for Life **Saturday** & Sunday January 8-9

Youth Free Throw Championship Sunday, January 16 1-4 PM

Fifth Sunday Mass & Breakfast Sunday, January 30 9:30 PM



During a recent First Degree ceremonial at O'Hara Council, Josh Johnson (back row, center) and Dick Hudson (front right) became the newest members of STM Council. Welcome also to John Bambick, who has transferred in.

❖ Fifth Sunday, October 30 ❖







2010 SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

2010 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$130 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 61.1 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. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2010.

Number of visits you made during 2010 to
Sick caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals
Bereaved visits of condolence
Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2010
Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2010
Church Activities service in all Church related activities
Community Activities service in all community related activities
Youth Activities service in all youth related activities
Habitat for Humanity service in all related projects
Miscellaneous Activities service in areas not outline above
Number of hours of fraternal service during 2010
(Sick/disabled members and their families - household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc.)





Monday Knights Football at Sand Trap



SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 14270

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

Boys & Girls ages 10 to 14 Sunday, January 16 1 to 4 pm

STM School Gym

Winners advance to district & state levels

Last year more than 151,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,100 local competitions

< bring proof of age and written parental consent >



SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS Pope Meets with K of C Leaders

On Dec. 17, Pope Benedict XVI received the Supreme Knight and Supreme Chaplain in a private audience. During the meeting, the Supreme Knight presented the Holy Father with the earnings from the Order's Vicarius Christi Fund--a sum of \$1.6 million for the pontiff's personal charities--and discussed various initiatives of the Order during the fraternal year.



The Emblem of Our Order

The Knights of Columbus emblem dates from the second Supreme Council meeting on May 12, 1883, when James T. Mullen, Supreme Knight, designed it.

The emblem consists of a shield mounted upon the Formée cross (having the arms narrow at the center and expanding toward the ends) that is associated with a medieval knight. The Formée cross is the representation of a traditional artistic design of the cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces (a bundle of rods bound together about an ax with the blade projecting) standing vertically and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces is from Roman days, carried before magistrates as an emblem of authority, symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for

Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action.



Membership Update Council 14270 membership stands at 128, with 81 associate members and 47 insurance members. The last month brought 2 new members (Dick Hudson and Josh Johnson), one incoming transfer (John Bambic) and 3 suspended members were dropped.

Double Star In being named a Double Star Council this year, STM Council was in select company. Out of 264 councils in Missouri, only 9 were awarded the Double Star.

Knight Riders Do you have a few minutes before and after Mass to offer rides to your fellow parishioners? Volunteers are needed. (Gene Gray 942-2649)

Degrees Coming up in February or March is a 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification in our area. All First Degree Knights are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to attain full membership in our order. The yearly Fourth Degree Exemplification with be held on March 19. Third Degree Knights who have been a Knight for at least six months are eligible. (Doug Weishar 943-0609 Doug Weishare@KCPD.org)

Name Badges Place your orders for council name badges! Order at the January meeting or call John Kelly (942-3226). Badges come in three styles: pin-on, slip-on and magnetic. Pin-on and slip-on badges are \$10, and magnetic badges

are \$11. Orders will be taken at the January meeting, and by phone until Friday, January 21, when the order will be submitted. Badges will be done by the February meeting. Please pay in advance



— BIRTHDAYS —

1 John Kohn 2 Pam Cerotti 3 Mary Maskill
4 Wendy Borgmeyer 5 Lawrence Countee,
Donald Robinson 10 John Bambick, Craig Borgmeyer
11 Lee Jones 17 Tom Steffens 18 Scott Cook,
Bill Doll 19 Camilla Vogl 24 Jennie Wynn,
Dick Duncan 26 Jim Easley 31 Gus Broockerd,
Marvin Lang, Ross Marine

— ANNIVERSARIES —

8 Eugene & Mildred Merisi 11 David & Sarah Mehl 27 Rocky & Peggy Hembree





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