

Knights News

APRIL 2011

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #14270



Grand Knight's Report

JACK RYAN

Happy Spring (?) to everyone! Actually, as I write this, it's just started snowing . . . again. It's a good thing Easter is late this year, or we'd all be wearing our Easter finery under parkas!

Fortunately, the cold weather hasn't chilled our council's hot streak of activities! Now that we've completed the soccer challenge, the free throw contest and the essay contest judging, we're all set to make the presentations of awards to the winners at STM school. With Easter being late this year, and to work with the school's schedule, we'll be making the presentations April 28. Come on over to the school and join us in making the presentations in the classrooms at the start of the school day. The whole process takes less than an hour, and it's fun seeing the kids' reactions when their names are called, so let's make a big showing for the Knights of Columbus!

I want to offer my congratulations to the six members of our Saint Thomas More Council who received their Fourth Degree at the exemplification March 19. Jeff Barthol, Lawrence Countee, Darin Kamradt, John Kelly, Eric Melgaard and Doug Weishar are all new Sir Knights; John's father also received his Fourth Degree at the same time, making seven associated with STM at this Fourth Degree Exemplification!

We also anticipate at least two more STM gentlemen joining our council at the First Degree at nearby O'Hara Council on Tuesday, April 5, at 8:00 PM. If you haven't attended a First Degree since your own, I highly recommend doing so, since you get more out of it each time, and have the fun of knowing in advance just what to expect. It's also encouraging to the new members to see a lot of familiar faces there to welcome them. I've attended many First, Second/Third and Fourth Degree Exemplifications, and none has ever been a waste of time for me.

My best wishes to all of you for a joyous, blessed and warm Easter!

Vivat Jesus!



Council 14270 News & Notes

POKER TOURNAMENT Mark your calendars for the upcoming Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament on Saturday, May 21. See page 3 for details.

YOUTH AWARDS The annual presentation of awards at STM School will be Thursday, April 28. Contact Youth Director Craig Borgmeyer (943-0156) to volunteer for this fun and important event.

MEETING NOTES At the March business meeting, District Deputy Tony Berter moved that the council donate \$20 toward a wheelchair, which was approved by the Charity Committee and council. Also approved at the March meeting was \$160 for shelving in the council storage area.

MEMBERSHIP Welcome to our newest member, Mark Fitzgerald! Council membership stands at 130. To reach Double Star, we need to add 14 new members and six new insurance members. So far in this fraternal year, we have added 8 new members and 4 insurance members.

Two men plan to attend the First Degree on Tuesday, April 5 at O'Hara Council. Show your support by attending the degree, which begins at 8 PM.

ELECTIONS Nominations for officers and program committees are welcome. A slate of officers will be presented at the May business meeting, with the election at the June meeting.

SEMINARIAN Keep Sam Geringer in your prayers on his journey to priesthood at Conception Abbey. His email address is: sgeringer@conception.edu.

SHIRTS & CAPS Rocky Hembree is taking orders for council shirts & caps. Shirts with pockets are \$27 (\$30 for 2X+). Shirts without pockets are \$22 (\$27 for 2X+). Caps are \$13 and a minimum order of 48 is needed. Order at the meeting or send orders to Rocky Hembree, Financial Secretary, 11601 Locust, KCMO 64131.

◆ COUNCIL CALENDAR ◆

Leader Meeting Thu 4/7 7:00 PM
Business Meeting Thu 4/14 7:15 PM
STM School Awards Presentation ...April 28
Texas Hold 'Em Tournament..... May 21
Fifth Sunday Mass & Breakfast May 29

From the Insurance Desk

GARY SPITZKEIT, FIELD AGENT

Renew What's Important to You
Spring is the time for renewal. Trees and plants will soon be blooming, and many animals will shake off the cold and become active again. As the winter doldrums end, you'll be ready to get outside with your family, too, and be part of this renewal.



It is also a perfect opportunity to take a few moments to consider your goals and what's important to you and your loved ones. Are you planning to welcome a new child or sending one to college? Are you looking forward to retirement? Will you have enough money to accomplish these goals? What would happen if something happened to you?

Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I'll be happy to meet with you and examine how you can meet your needs and goals. If you've had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. Maybe an annuity or long-term care plan fits your situation. Whatever the case, I'll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

When we meet, you'll discover that the time we spend together will be a commitment to your future and your family's well-being. Let's get together soon to renew your financial goals with the stable backing of the Knights of Columbus.

Brother Knight, if you are not an insured member you are denying your family of seven very important benefits you are entitled to from the Knights of Columbus. I urge you to consider this matter seriously. Help yourself and help your council reach its goal.

Become an "Insured Member." You can reach me at 913-568-4121 or www.gary.spitzkeit@kofc.org. Call me or send me a message – Let's talk.

Pro-Life Action Day

PHIL MUELLNER, PRO-LIFE DIRECTOR

Planning on joining in at the Pro-Life Action Day at the Capitol in Jefferson City? Lend your support and urge passage of the "Pain-Capable Unborn Children Protection Act," which would prohibit abortion after 20 weeks gestation." On April 5, the Missouri Legislature will vote on this bill.

Christ the King Parish will have a bus going to Jefferson City, with boarding between 8:00 and 8:30 AM in the south parking lot at the church, located at 85th and Wornall in Kansas City. There is no cost to ride the bus, which will leave at 8:30 AM and return to Christ the King at 4:30 PM. To reserve a seat, contact Betty Ismert at 333-6759. Seating is limited to 46. Please wear red for life.

College Student Care Packages

ED VAN BUSKIRK

Thank you all for your encouragement and support in helping to complete the College Care Package program. Getting the first and second graders to write notes and draw pictures was incredibly joyful and insightful. We mailed out 38 care packages, which compares to 34 last year. The average cost was \$2.38, for a total of \$90.42. This year I was able to use leftover supplies (envelopes, mailing labels) from last year, keeping the costs down somewhat.

Knights of Columbus Museum

Established in 1982, the Knights of Columbus Museum is a not-for-profit institution serving the educational interests of the general public through periodic exhibitions of art and artifacts. Located in New Haven, Conn., where the Knights were founded in 1882, it also serves as an archive, repository, and gallery for documents and artifacts pertaining to the Knights. Admission and parking are free.

(kofcmuseum.org)



Honoring Our Founder



Knights of Columbus Founders Day, March 29

With the Knights of Columbus, our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, gave Catholic laymen a new opportunity—the chance to grow in holiness while contributing to their parishes, communities and security of their families. He was an idealist, a man whose youthful vision and creativity expanded and matured even as his physical well-being diminished. The 140,000 members of the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild continue his legacy, and promote his cause for sainthood. Membership in the Guild is free.

(fathermcgivney.org)

SAINT THOMAS MORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14270 PRESENTS

TEXAS HOLD 'EM

♣ ♦ POKER TOURNAMENT ♥ ♠



SATURDAY, MAY 21

More Hall • 11822 Holmes • register 7:00 PM • play 7:30 PM

\$\$ CASH PRIZES \$\$

1st \$300 • 2nd \$200 • 3rd \$100

PRE-REGISTRATION \$30 • WALK-INS \$35

TO REGISTER CALL 816.941.9368

PROCEEDS BENEFIT K of C CHARITIES

Saint Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 14270

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

>> send forms to STM Knights Poker Tournament c/o Dave Markus, 11711 Pennsylvania Ave, KCMO 64114 <<



New Sir Knights

On March 19, six council members participated in the Fourth Degree Exemplification, attaining the highest level of membership in the Knights of Columbus. The Fourth Degree, based on the principle of patriotism, was held at the Airport Hilton, where 102 Knights from the western district of Missouri were inducted. Congratulations to these Sir Knights (*from left to right*): Eric Melgaard, Darin Kamradt, John Kelly, Lawrence Countee, Jeff Barthol, Mike Kelly (*from Fr. Hager Council 7064*), and Doug Weishar.

Patriotism: The Fourth Degree

HISTORY

The Patriotic Degree became a part of the Order on George Washington's Birthday in 1900, with 1,100 Knights participating in the first Fourth Degree Exemplification at Lenox Lyceum in New York City. Today there are over 317,000 Sir Knights in nearly 3,000 Assemblies around the world.



EMBLEM

The Triad Emblem features a Dove, Cross and Gobe. The Dove, a symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace, hovers over the Globe. Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's Cross, found on tunics of crusading Knights who battled to regain the Holy Land.

SYMBOLISM

The patron of our Order is Christopher Columbus. Christopher means Christ-Bearer.

Spiritually, the emblem evokes the blessed Trinity: God the Father, Creator of the Universe (the Globe), God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind (the Cross) and God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity (the Dove).

The Blue Globe, the lands of the Western Hemisphere in White, and a Red Cross stress the basic principle of the Fourth Degree: Patriotism.



-- BIRTHDAYS --

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| 02 Barbara Marine | 17 Chip McKenzie |
| 03 Dave Mehl | 19 Barb Watterson |
| 06 Meredith Barthol | 21 Mary Le Febvre |
| 08 Harold Heiman | 23 Geri Duncan |
| 11 Bob Easley | 30 Jacalyn Cahill |

-- ANNIVERSARIES --

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| 09 Bill & Kathy Venable | 19 Joe & Dolores Dyche |
| 10 Mike & Mary Begnaud | 22 Ross & Barbara Marine |
| 15 Larry & Mary Le Febvre | 23 Jeff & Meredith Barthol |
| 18 Mike & Susan Hoefler | 30 Tyler & Laura Barr |



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