

Knights News

MAY-JUNE 2011

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #14270



Grand Knight's Report

JACK RYAN

This column marks my final report to you as Grand Knight. It has been an indescribable honor and privilege to serve with such a dedicated and hard-working group of officers, directors and Knights for the past two years. As John Kolich, the State Program Director, said when presenting our second consecutive Double Star Award nearly two years ago, "If there were a Triple Star Award, this council would deserve it!" He was understandably impressed by all the activities being reported by all the different directors--not just the same few doing everything--without a single one simply saying "No report."

Speaking of the Star Council Awards, when Supreme raised the bar for Star/Double Star Council from 5%/10% growth to 7%/14% growth at the same time that I became Grand Knight and our membership growth was leveling off, I was afraid we might not see another Double Star. But YOU still came through, and our council still reached the higher quota for our *third* consecutive Double Star!

As of this writing, with the great success of the Father Don Open House and the ten men who took the First Degree on May 25, it looks like we will achieve a *fourth* consecutive Double Star!

As you know, elections for the 2011-2012 fraternal year will be held during our next council meeting on June 9. The slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee appears in this newsletter, but nominations from the floor are welcome. The new officers will be in place effective July 1.

I can only hope that the next Grand Knight receives the same terrific support from the council that I have received, as I'm sure he will. He couldn't possibly be more proud than I am to be a member of this great organization! A big THANK YOU to all of you for two great years! Have a fun summer, and let's keep this council rocking!

Vivat Jesus!



COUNCIL CALENDAR

Council Meeting (Elections) ... June 9 7:15 PM

More Smoke! BBQ Cookoff ... June 25-26

Officer Installation ... July 7 7 PM

Council Meeting ... July 14 7:15 PM

Council Officer Elections to be Held at June Meeting

On Thursday, June 9, during the regular business meeting, officers will be elected for a one-year term that starts July 1. The slate of candidates, which was presented by the nominating committee at the May 14 meeting is:

- Grand Knight** Jim Easley
- Deputy Grand Knight**..... John Kelly
- Chancellor** Doug Weishar
- Recorder** Larry Le Febvre
- Treasurer** Paul Hentzen
- Advocate** Craig Laird
- Warden** Jeff Barthol
- Outside Guard** Paul Becker
- 3rd Year Trustee** Tom Kenagy
- 2nd Year Trustee** Gene Twellman
- 1st Year Trustee** Jack Ryan

The Financial Secretary (Rocky Hembree) is appointed by the Supreme Knight, and the Lecturer and Chaplain (Fr. Don Farnan) are council appointed positions.

Prior to the voting, any additional nominations from the floor may be presented for any elected office, with the consent of the nominee.

An officer installation ceremony will be conducted by District 9 Deputy Tony Berter on Thursday, July 7 in STM Church. All council members are welcome to attend. Members and spouses will gather afterwards at a local restaurant for dinner.



Welcome New Members!

The First Degree Exemplification held May 25 at Pope Pius XII Council 4962 added ten new members to the STM Council roster. The Degree, with Bishop Finn in attendance, included 48 candidates, with over 20% coming from STM.

These new members, along with other recent First Degrees, readmissions and transfers, bring council membership to 140.

New STM Knights are: Jerry Beck, Scott Bennett, Harold Cole, Dick Duncan, Mark Fitzgerald, Mike Flynn, Eric Hartenbower, Dave Herbert, Charlie Huffman, Josh Johnson, John Maschek, Greg Mertes, Bob Murphy, Fred O'Dwyer, Larry Otto, Chris Petree, David Rothemich and Austin Van Buskirk.

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Blisters for Sisters

PHIL MUELLNER

The Fifth Annual Blisters for Sisters Walk-a-Thon, sponsored by the Serra Clubs of Kansas and Missouri, was held on May 7 at the Church of the Nativity, 119th Street and Mission Road in Leawood, Kansas. The Walk-a-Thon, honoring women religious of the Catholic Church, has grown significantly from the 57 Sisters who came five years ago, to 128 sisters who attended this first Saturday in May. Joining the sisters were 208 registrants who enjoyed a walk, Mass, lunch and sharing the excitement the sisters have when winning a raffle item.



-- Saint Thomas More's 1st Annual --

MORE SMOKE!

BBQ COOK-OFF

June 24 & 25 ♦ Rain or Shine ♦ STM School

- SCHEDULE -

Friday, June 24

- 5:00 PM Drop off equipment & set up booths
- 6:30 PM All team meeting
- 7:00 PM Social call

Saturday, June 25

- 8:00 AM Breakfast in More Hall
- 11:00 AM Judges meeting
- 12:00 PM Sausage turn in
- 12:30 PM Chicken turn in
- 1:00 PM Ribs turn in
- 1:30 PM Pork turn in
- 2:30 PM Awards ceremony

BAR-B-QUE

COMPETITION IN 4 CATEGORIES
ribs -- chicken -- pork tenderloin -- sausage

TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED
*for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each category
and for Grand Champion*

All meats will be cooked onsite;
can be prepared & marinated beforehand

**Top three teams invited to the
all-parish championship in September**
Scoring will follow standard Kansas City
Barbecue Society (KCBS) contest rules.

KCBS rules and judging instructions at www.kcbs.us

> At least one team member must be an STM parishioner <

Have Questions? Want to Help? Want to Judge?

email Scott Bennett at sbennett43@kc.rr.com

MORE SMOKE! BBQ COOK-OFF REGISTRATION

TEAM NAME _____

TEAM MEMBERS (MAX 4) _____

HEAD COOK _____ EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

T-SHIRT SIZES _____ MEDIUM _____ LARGE _____ XL _____ 2XL

Entry fee \$50 per team Make check payable to Men of STM and mail to
Scott Bennett, 901 W 112th Street, KCMO 64114 - or drop off at Church Office



Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

The first KofC Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament had nearly 50 entrants and raised nearly \$1,500 for the council charity fund. Kudos to Dave Markus and his team for putting on a fun & profitable event. After over four hours of play, the winners were:

- First Place (\$300) Helen Forte
- Second Place (\$200) . . . Tom Dunn
- Third Place (\$100) Vince Accurso



STM Youth Awards Presented

PAUL HENTZEN

The annual Knights of Columbus Youth Essay Contest was held again this year. The theme was: "What Qualities do you Consider Most Important in a Friend?" The sixty-three entries were judged on content, thought, grammar, spelling, and neatness. The council members who volunteered to judge the essays pored over the entries and narrowed them down to the top four essays. As always, it was a challenge to pick the best because so many of the students did such a great job.

Jessica Nicolosi and Anna Oliphant tied for third. Henry Roth took second place, and the first place award went to McKenzie Torgerson. Certificates and gift cards were presented to the winners at the school awards presentation, including previously announced winners of the Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Championship. Several Knights were able to come and support the students. Many thanks to Laura Knapp for her wonderful support and participation in the essay contest. As STM parishioners we have the right to be proud of our school and the education our children are receiving. The winning essay is reprinted below.

A TRUE FRIEND by McKenzie Torgerson

To be a good friend you need to have many qualities. You pick who your friends are by who they are in their hearts. Some people pick who their friends are by how they appear. That is not the right thing to do. You need to be a true friend by how you are on the inside not by how you look. These are just some qualities I like in a friend . . . honesty, caring, and being you.

To be a good friend you need to be honest. To be honest means to tell the truth and to know you do not need to hide anything from your friends. If they constantly lie, they aren't being a true friend. When one of your real friends

tells you something like your skirt is on backwards, they aren't trying to embarrass you they are trying to help you. One my friends was honest when I was in math class and they told me that my shirt was on inside out. It was a little embarrassing, but I knew that she was just trying to help.

Another quality you need to be a good friend is to be caring. To be caring means to be helpful by maybe cheering up your siblings when they are sad or to ask if your sister needs something when she is sick instead of just watching TV and saying "Get it yourself!" Imagine if you were her. My friend showed that she cared for me when I was out of school for a few days because I was sick and everyday I was out she would call to ask if I was getting better when she got out of school.

A good friend needs to have the quality of being his or herself. I mean seriously . . . come on . . . you're not going to hang out with someone just because you want to be popular or cool are you? I sure hope not! If you do that you aren't being a true friend. To be yourself means to be glad to be yourself and to act like you usually would around others. You need to accept who you are and you need to be that person. God created you out of his love and he made you the way you are for a reason.

These are all every important qualities to have to be a true friend. You should really think before saying something that might hurt someone that is close to you. Friends are one of the biggest gifts God gave you and we need to be thankful for that. Your friends are people you can talk to and to let your feelings out to. You can tell them things



that you don't want to share with others. Your friends are also people that you can enjoy being around and have fun with. If you have a friend who likes to socialize then I bet they would be glad to listen. I am a good friend to many people and I do have most of these qualities but there is always room for improvement.



Council 14270 News & Notes

YOUTH AWARDS On April 28, the annual STM Knights of Columbus Youth Awards presentation was held at STM School. Students were recognized for achievement in the Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Championship and Essay Contest. See page 5 for a list of the Essay Contest winners and a reprint of the winning essay. Soccer and Free Throw winners were announced in previous issues.

SEMINARIAN UPDATE Keep the council's sponsored seminarian Sam Geringer in your prayers on his journey to priesthood at Conception Abbey. His email address is: sgeringer@conception.edu.



A seminarian previously supported by the council was ordained to the priesthood. Father Louis Farley was ordained May 28 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. He also joined the Knights of Columbus May 25, along with ten men who became STM Knights.



Fifth Sunday May 29 @ Dos De Oros



----- BIRTHDAYS -----

MAY

- 03 Karen Loeffelholz
- 03 Daniel Watson
- 09 Ed Butkevich
- 09 Dick Hudson
- 10 Leo Amor
- 11 Mary Gawron
- 13 David Long
- 14 Marilyn Smith
- 14 Joe Crayon
- 14 Luke Ungashick
- 17 Dale Covey
- 18 Paul Becker
- 21 Perry Ceriotti
- 24 Doug Weishar
- 26 Craig Laird
- 28 Tim Bosler

JUNE

- 01 Jim Wright
- 10 Bud Williamson
- 14 Ann Markus
- 14 Ray Hense
- 15 Joe Remmers
- 17 Karin Kraft-Stuppy
- 20 Mike Begnaud
- 20 Rich Byrne
- 20 Tom Heaphy
- 22 John Pazell
- 23 Kara Bosler
- 23 Patrick Cahill
- 23 Mark Deirks

Happy Birthday!

----- ANNIVERSARIES -----

MAY

- 10 Patrick & Kelli Reidy
 - 12 Don & Betty Doyon
 - 19 Ken & Linda Woodward
 - 20 Joe & Mary Davidson
 - 20 Jerry & Jeanne Holmes
 - 23 Darin & Kathy Kamradt
 - 24 John & Mary Pazell
 - 24 Mark & Cindy Rogge
- ### JULY
- 03 Ron & Barbara Tavanero
 - 03 John & Camilla Vogl
 - 06 Gene & Nadine Gray

- 08 Jim & Alice Wright
- 10 Tom & Becky Kenagy
- 13 John & Cheri Kelly
- 13 Don & Karen Loeffelholz
- 14 Ray & Martha Hense
- 15 Tom Fritts & Kathy Maguire
- 17 Gary & Rita Hense
- 22 Jim & Denise Easley
- 24 Tom & Cheryl Steffens
- 25 Tim & Christina Steffens
- 26 Jack & Anne Ryan
- 27 Joe & Karen Remmers

Knights State Golf Tournament

The Missouri Knights of Columbus will hold their annual golf tournament at Heritage Hills Golf Course in Moberly on July 30. Msg. John C. Mahoney Council 995 will be the host. The format is a 2 person scramble with shotgun start. Cost is \$150 per team which includes green fees, cart, and lunch. Saturday morning (7:30 AM) or afternoon (1 PM) tee off times are available. Deadline for tournament and lodging is July 15. Forms are available on the Missouri State Knights of Columbus website, MoKofC.org.

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