

# Knights News

SEPTEMBER 2011

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #14270



## Grand Knight's Report

**JIM EASLEY**

We've come a long way! It's hard to believe that four years ago, our council was started. Through the past 48 months, about 150 members, and countless activities, we've established ourselves as one of the best councils in the nation. For the fourth straight year, we have earned the "Double Star" award from Supreme. Less than 5% of all councils earn this distinction. It's awarded based on council growth and activities. This confirms what we already know: we are a growing and active council in the service of our parish and community.

For the next year, our goal will continue to be a growing and active part of our community. Father Don has challenged us to integrate our activities with the other Saint Thomas More groups: Men of STM, More Friends, Youth Group, etc. Our district has challenged us to take more of an active role with the young men at Avila University. By doing these things, and keeping an eye on recruiting, I'm sure that our council will have more than 200 this time next year.

Many thanks are owed to our past Grand Knights, Jack Ryan and Eugene Twellman. Also, the willingness of so many men to accept leadership roles within this council is very much appreciated. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or email.



## New Officers & Directors

Council officers for the fraternal year 2011-12 were installed Thursday, July 7, by District 9 Deputy Mike Tesmer during a ceremony in Saint Thomas More Church. Following the installation, members & spouses enjoyed dinner at Wil Jenny's. Officers & Committee Directors are:

### OFFICERS

Chaplain . . . Father Don Farnan  
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  
Inside Guard . . . Dave Markus  
Outside Guard . . . Paul Becker  
Grand Knight . . . Jim Easley  
3rd Year Trustee . . . Tom Kenagy  
2nd Year Trustee . . . Gene Twellman  
1st Year Trustee . . . Jack Ryan

### DIRECTORS

Council . . . Larry Le Febvre  
Church . . . Bill Doll  
Community . . . Joe Dyche  
Youth . . . Jeff Barthol  
Pro-Life . . . Phil Muellner  
Vocations . . . Phil Muellner  
Family . . . Patrick Burke  
Membership . . . Doug Weishar  
Charity . . . Dick Hudson  
Public Relations . . . John Kelly

Program committees are in need of committee members to help with activities. It's a great way to get involved in an area of interest. Contact information can be found on page four.

## Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

**09.10 Wine Ring Toss** @ STM Parish Fall Festival 4-9 PM  
*donated wine needed, volunteers to man the booth*

**Membership Booth** (50% off new memberships!)  
*man the booth & recruit new members*

**Parish Fall Festival** *help with More Hall cleanup*  
CONTACT Larry Le Febvre 941-9506

**09.12 Monday Knight Football** @ SandTrap 7 to ??  
Football & Fellowship - *bring a prospect!*  
Two Monday Night games 13037 Holmes  
CONTACT Doug Weishar 943-0609

**09.19 Priest & Seminarian Golf Tournament**  
CONTACT Butch Wagner [butchandanita@msn.com](mailto:butchandanita@msn.com)

**10.7-9 Persons with Developmental Disabilities Drive**  
(Tootsie Roll Drive) *volunteers needed for "boot blocks" on Oct. 7 & Mass collections on Oct. 8 & 9*  
*Opening for captain of a new "boot block"*  
CONTACT John Kelly 942-3226

**10.10 Columbus Knight Dinner** @ More Hall 5-8 PM  
*volunteers needed to set up, clean up, serve, etc.*  
*stylish attire provided for waiters*  
CONTACT Larry Le Febvre 941-9506

**10.14 Life Runners** @ More Hall 5 PM  
*serve dinner to about 150 pro-life runners*  
CONTACT Phil Muellner 361-3178

**10.30 Fifth Sunday Mass & Breakfast**

### COMING SOON

**November – Texas Hold ‘Em Poker Tournament**  
CONTACT Dave Markus 941-9368

**November – Memorial Mass**  
CONTACT Bill Doll 356-6975

**January – Roses for Life**  
CONTACT Bill Doll 356-6975

### ONGOING

**Golf Cart Shuttle** @ Masses CONTACT Jack Ryan 942-8188

**Name Badges** CONTACT John Kelly 942-3226

**Council Shirts & Caps** CONTACT Rocky Hembree 942-0069

### DEGREES

**09.13** First Degree @ Lee’s Summit 7 PM

**09.21** First Degree @ Belton 7 PM

**09.22** First Degree @ Harrisonville 7:15 PM

**10.04** First Degree @ O’Hara 8 PM

**10.16** Second & Third Degree @ Harrisonville 1 PM

**03.24** Fourth Degree

## State Knights Pilgrimage

### HONORING MOTHERS AND FAMILY LIFE



Please join us at the Mary, Mother of the Church National Shrine on the grounds of St. Patrick’s Church, Lake of the Ozarks, in Laurie, Mo. on Sunday, October 2 for a day of reflection, prayer, patriotism, fellowship and celebration for all Missouri Knights, families and friends.

As always, Fourth Degree Honor Guard members will be a big part of the day.

Members are encouraged to participate by dressing out for this special event.

The event schedule is as follows:

10:00 - 11:00 AM Registration, coffee, donuts

11:15 AM Flag Raising and Stations of the Cross

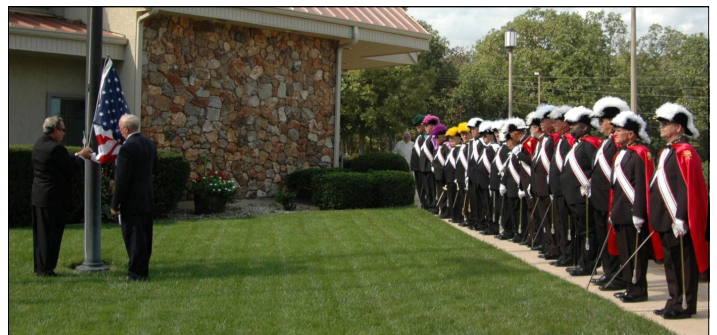
11:45 AM Crowning, Rosary and Outdoor mass

1:30 PM Lunch Available at cost (usually \$9.00)

2:30 PM Closing and Benediction

We will have a 47-passenger motor coach (restroom equipped) and will leave the Knights of Columbus Council 4962 Hall at 6:00 AM. The hall is at 5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff.

Round trip with lunch is \$36.00 per person. Contact Ed Columbus (816-358-8831) to make reservations and make arrangements for paying in advance. Make checks payable to Ed Columbus.



## STM Council 14270 Information & Schedule

### MEETINGS

Officer & director meeting > 1st Thursdays 7:00 PM More Hall  
Council business meeting > 2nd Thursdays 7:15 PM More Hall

### WEB RESOURCES

Council website: [STMKC.com](http://STMKC.com) (*click on Community Life*)  
> *upcoming events, past events, photos, links, contact info*  
State website > [MoKofC.org](http://MoKofC.org) Supreme website > [KofC.org](http://KofC.org)

### NEWSLETTER

*Knights News*, the council newsletter, is published the Sunday after the monthly officer & director meeting and is emailed to members, or U.S. Mail by request. > John Kelly 942-3226



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## In Memoriam

Our Brother Knight **Edward J. Halpin**, 83, of Kansas City, Mo., passed away August 15. Mass of Christian Burial was held August 18 at Saint Thomas More Church, with burial in Resurrection Cemetery.

Edward was born November 30, 1927, in Leavenworth, Kansas to Edward James and Kathryn (Katzung) Halpin. He married the love of his life, Ann Dooley, June 23, 1951. They shared 57 years of happiness until her death in 2008.

He was proud to have founded Halpin & Company Insurance, enjoyed golf and was an avid KU Jayhawk fan. He treasured time with family and friends, including a special relationship with his brother-in-law. Edward was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ann; infant daughter, Martha; two sisters, Kathleen and Mary Virginia; two brothers, Walter and John. He is survived by his children, John (Kathy), Kathy (Larry) Huppe, Chris (Marsha), and Jane Luton; six grandchildren, Ryan (Megan), Katie, Colleen, Scott, Matt and Kelsey.

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Our Brother Knight **Daniel John (Dan) Kennaley III**, 79, of Kansas City, Mo., passed away on his birthday, July 8, at Kansas City Hospice House. Funeral Mass was July 13 at Saint Thomas More Church with graveside services at Calvary Cemetery.

Dan was born on July 8, 1932 in Dodge City, Kan., raised in Wichita, Kan., and Kansas City, Mo. He was preceded in death by his parents, Josephine (Mama Jo) and Dan (Papa Dan) Kennaley, II, and sister, Carolyn Fox. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Kitty; children: Bob (Cindi), Karen (Joe) Byrnes, Jim (Pam), of Fayetteville, NC., Diane (John) Hirt, Dan, IV, Bill, of Dallas, Tex., Pat, and Mike; 15 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and too many nieces, nephews, and cousins to list here.

Dan studied business at KSU in Manhattan, Kan., and architecture and design at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Dan worked in the design and construction industry all his life: designing, building and remodeling residential homes throughout the KC area. He led the design and construction of John Knox Village in Lee's Summit, Mo, and designed and constructed Executive Holmes Estates in Kansas City. He was a member of the construction administration team of Chicago's Comiskey Park, design consultant for the KCSJ-Diocese and was known as "Mr. FHA" to the HUD housing authority for over 20 years. He was an associate member of the American Institute of Architects, 4th degree knight in Knights of Columbus Assembly 566 and a Boy Scout leader.



## Council News & Notes

Next Council business meeting is Thursday, September 8 in More Hall, with rosary @ 7:15 followed by meeting at 7:30. Dave Markus will again have Texas Hold 'Em Poker set up after the meeting.

Next Fourth Degree meeting is Thursday, September 15 at Raytown Council Hall. Dinner @ 6:30, meeting follows.

The council voted to continue sponsorship of seminarian Sam Geringer through the RSVP Program. Keep him in your prayers & send emails of support to [sgeringer@conception.edu](mailto:sgeringer@conception.edu).

Our new District Deputy for District 9 is Mike Tesmer, a Past Grand Knight from Harrisonville Council. Welcome Mike!

As part of this year's PDD Drive, cases of Tootsie Rolls will be available for members to purchase. Members can then resell the Tootsie Rolls at their workplace, school, etc. to generate additional funds for the Drive. Cases will sell for \$50, and any additional proceeds from the sale will need to be turned in by the end of the drive on October 9.

## Insurance Field Agent Report

It seems like just yesterday . . .

Any person reading this will quickly come up with countless ways to complete that last sentence. Abraham Lincoln once said, "The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time." The point is - time flies, and tomorrow will arrive quicker than expected. How many tomorrows will be in your future? Will you be ready?



If you meet with me, your professional Knights of Columbus field agent, and address the needs of tomorrow that my analysis uncovers, you will at least know today what steps need to be taken. During that visit, I'll take the time to review your current situation, educate you on possibilities to enhance your plans and budget. I recommend and advise on what's best for your family, however I can't make decisions for you. You get to make all the decisions, fair enough?

Paying for college for your children may be one of my family's current needs. Or they may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. How about concerns over costly long-term care that could deplete their hard-earned assets? How about creating a legacy by leaving a little something behind for your children or perhaps grandchildren?

Whatever your wishes, whatever your concerns, I have enough experience to work side-by-side with you and be of valued service.

Gary Spitzkeit, KofC, Field Agent

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# Message from Pope Benedict

With more than 2,500 delegates and their families attending, the 129th Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention opened on Tuesday in Denver, Colorado, with the celebration of Mass and a special message from Pope Benedict XVI.

The message expresses the Pope's "deep gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for their continuing contribution to responsible public debate about the great ethical issues which will shape the future of our democratic societies." Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, the Archbishop-designate of Philadelphia and current diocesan administrator of Denver, presided over Mass. This was followed by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson's presentation of the Annual Report. In the 2010 fraternal year, the Order gave over \$154 million dollars directly to charity and performed over 70 million man-hours of voluntary service.

Commenting on the theme of this year's Supreme Convention—"So That The World May Know New Hope"—Cardinal Bertone writes that Pope Benedict "sees in this valued service to the common good an outstanding example of the lay apostolate." "Such a clear and courageous moral witness is all the more necessary in the light of a proliferation of legislative initiatives which not only undermine such basic institutions of society as marriage and the family, but also threaten the fundamental human rights of conscientious objection and religious freedom. As part of its response to these increasingly serious challenges."

Pope Benedict, thinks especially of the "impressive witness to hope given by the Knights of Columbus as they help so many young men to grow to Christian maturity, teaching them to let their lives be shaped by the things that really matter (cf. Phil 1:10) and offering countless quiet examples of the masculine virtues of fidelity, hard work, generosity and self-sacrifice."

The message concludes "This commitment has always been shown first and foremost on the level of the local Councils, in the many quiet ways in which Knights have always sought to help one another, especially in difficult times such as the present economic downturn. It has also found privileged expression in your Order's institutional programs of insurance and financial planning."

### September Anniversaries

- 06 Dale & Carol Covey
- 08 Richard & Geri Duncan
- 09 Dustin & Amy Rogge
- 14 Dave & Ann Markus

### September Birthdays

- 02 Don Loeffelholz
- 02 Frank Petersen
- 05 George Schweitzer
- 06 Ed Van Buskirk
- 07 Linda Woodward
- 09 Bret Mersman
- 10 Joe Gawron
- 10 Joshua Johnson
- 10 Eric Melgaard
- 11 Nikolaus Martin
- 14 Joe Dyche
- 14 Paul Jokerst
- 16 Jodi Cook
- 16 Ed Butkeivich
- 16 Patrick Henehan
- 16 John Kelly
- 20 George Reintjes
- 21 Larry Le Febvre
- 24 Phil Muellner
- 27 Fred O'Dwyer
- 28 Christina Steffens
- 30 Darin Kamradt

# Life Runners

## PHIL MUELLNER, PRO-LIFE DIRECTOR

On Friday, October 14, STM Knights will help serve a spaghetti dinner to a group who will be running in the Kansas City area to raise money for the pro-life movement. The dinner will be served at approximately 5 PM. There will be about 150 runners from about seven states and some from outside the states. Bishop Finn and other people from the diocese will probably be present, along with parents and family of the runners.

I figure there will be about 250 to 300 people at the dinner. The Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese is donating \$500 to help with the cost. We will need volunteers to help in the kitchen, serving and clean up. Members of the STM Respect Life Committee will also help out. This activity will put our council in the spotlight at the diocese and State Knights of Columbus levels.

*more info on this group > [lifegroup413.org](http://lifegroup413.org)*

## Priests & Seminarians Appreciation Day

20th ANNUAL EVENT IS SEPTEMBER 19

Come together with Catholics from both sides of the state line to show support for our clergy on Monday, September 19 at The Nicklaus Golf Club at Lionsgate, 143rd and Nall. The cost is \$250 per golfer and the entire day is free for priests and seminarians.

Please invite your priests, deacons, and seminarians from your parish.

Jamie Roberts 816-308-4536 [jamier@remins.com](mailto:jamier@remins.com)  
[www.celebrateourreligious.org](http://www.celebrateourreligious.org)

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