

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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Kansas City, Missouri

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Grand Knight's Report

■ *Brother Gene Twellman*

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Knight the last two years. While it has been challenging at times, it has truly been a great time and a great experience. I have enjoyed, and will treasure, the warm help and support you have provided me. Together, in a short amount of time, we have built a council that others already envy. Thank you for being a part in this adventure!

As I try to explain every time I speak with a potential member, being a Knight at St. Thomas More has allowed me to get to know about 100 "Brothers" that I previously might have just recognized as being a familiar face at church. The opportunity to work together at school dances, Roses for Life, Tootsie Roll Drives, the Family Fun Knight and other charitable events, as well as getting together at our social events has allowed me to get to know some really great people that I can now call my Brother Knights. I look forward to participating in those events in the future and helping out where I can.

More importantly, don't forget to attend our business meeting Thursday, June 11, when we will have elections of our officers for the next two years. Please come to nominate, select and support them as you have helped and supported me as we continue to improve on what we have started at STM.

However, before I ride off into the sunset and the new regime takes over following our elections June 11, I have some unfinished business to attend to and, as usual, I need your help. Friday, June 26 is our second annual Family Fun Knight. Larry LeFebvre and Darin Kamradt are co-chairing this event, but will need lots of help, both the night of the event as well as at church the first three weekends of June, when we'll be selling tickets. Please, please be generous with your time and volunteer or agree to help out when asked. Also, please consider making a donation for our Wheelbarrow of Cheer which will be raffled off that night.

Remember, the first watchword of the Knights of Columbus is CHARITY. Please continue to be charitable with your time and help out when you can. Together we are a mighty army—our united efforts make a real difference!

Thanks again, and God Bless!

Upcoming Degree Ceremonies

FIRST DEGREE

■ Tuesday, June 9 at Lee's Summit Council
VFW Hall, 329 SE Douglas, Lee's Summit MO
Be there by 6:30 PM for a 7 PM start.

■ Thursday, June 11 at Smithville Council
Good Shepherd Church, 1103 S Commercial,
Smithville, MO 64089

■ Sunday, June 14 at Fr. Hager Council
1500 NE Englewood Rd, Kansas City, MO 64118

■ Wednesday, July 15, at Belton Council
Be there by 6:30 PM for a 7 PM start.

Contact Gene Twellman at 816-255-5551 to make arrangements to attend. Car pools are available from the STM parking lot.

Fifth Sunday

■ *Brother Larry LeFebvre*

May 31 marked the fifth Sunday of the month, and, as is our custom, Brother Knights and their families gathered as a group to attend 7:30 am Mass.

After church, many of the Knights brought their spouses and families to Waid's restaurant where tables had been reserved for our dining pleasure. The sausage links rolled, the coffee flowed, yada, yada, yada, you get the picture. Anyway, it was a great way to start a Sunday morning. Watch for the next fifth Sunday coming up August 30.

STM Student Recognized

Congratulations to STM student Mathew Rogge, who was awarded Honorable Mention at the state level of the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest.



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Membership Update

Brothers **Rich Byrne, Bernie Hopfinger, Tom Kenagy, David Markus** and **Eric Melgaard** all took their 2nd and 3rd degrees Sunday May 4 at St. Peters. Sponsors attending in support of the candidates were: Phil Muellner, Joe Haster, Jack Ryan, Larry LeFebvre, Paul Hentzen and Gene Twellman.

On Tuesday, May 26, Knights and invited guests gathered in More Hall for the council's first Open House & Information Night. As part of the "Father Invites You to Join" program, letters from Fr. Don were sent to 100 men in the parish, inviting them to attend the gathering and consider becoming Knights.

Fourteen men responded to the call to attend, and ten of them completed Form 100s. We hope to soon welcome them as Brother Knights.

Family Fun Knight

■ *Brother Larry LeFebvre*

The date is fast approaching for our second annual Family Fun Knight. Mark your calendars for Friday, June 26 and come to the church between 6 and 10 PM for an evening of fun, food and friendship.

There will be grilled Italian sausage, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, desserts and beverages. Karaoke for the "Idol" wannabes and games and prizes for all kids are planned as well. You could win a whole "wheelbarrow of cheer," and we don't mean the detergent.

There's going to be more fun than a person should be allowed to have, and all for the low cost of \$5 per person or \$20 per family. WHAT A DEAL! Get your tickets early because these are the advance prices. On-site prices are \$7 and \$25. Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses from June 6 to June 21 and also at the parish office.

Volunteers are needed for ticket sales and to help out at the event. Additionally, if you have a bottle of "cheer" or a six-pack that you would like to donate for the wheelbarrow, please notify Larry LeFebvre (941-9506) for pick-up. If you can give an hour of time to help out that night call Larry.

All proceeds from this event will benefit our church and school as well as other charities.

Bring the whole family and support your council. It'll be a great Knight!

Council Officer Elections to be Held at June 11 Meeting

On Thursday, June 11, during the regular business meeting, officers will be elected for a two-year term that starts July 1. The slate of candidates presented by the nominating committee at the May 14 meeting is:

- Grand Knight - Jack Ryan
- Deputy Grand Knight - Jim Easley
- Chancellor - Craig Borgmeyer
- Recorder - Lawrence Countee
- Treasurer - John Kelly
- Advocate - Paul Hentzen
- Warden - Don Doyon
- Inside Guard - Paul Becker
- Outside Guard - Lee Jones

- 3rd Year Trustee - David Long
- 2nd Year Trustee - Tom Kenagy
- 1st Year Trustee - Gene Twellman

Financial Secretary (Tom Steffens) and Chaplain (Fr. Don Farnan) are appointed positions, and they will continue in their roles.

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

An officer installation ceremony will be conducted by District 9 Deputy Tony Berter on Wednesday, July 1, at 6:30 PM in More Hall. All members are welcome to attend. Officers and spouses will gather afterward at a local restaurant for dinner.

Quatro de Mayo

■ *Brother Larry LeFebvre*

The margaritas flowed, the enchiladas rolled, and the Corona was ice cold, as around forty Brother Knights and their spouses celebrated Cinco de Mayo on the

fourth of May. Our impromptu “Quatro de Mayo” dinner was held at Dos de Oros Mexican restaurant, and a fun evening was had by all who attended. Tom & Cheryl Steffens were the winners of the free dinner and everyone agreed we need to do this more often. Let’s see . . . Flag Day is coming soon . . .



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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June 2 <i>arrive @ 7:30 PM</i>	1st Degree Ceremony O'Hara Council 4387
Thursday, June 4 7:00 PM	Council 14270 Leader Meeting More Hall A
Tuesday, June 9 <i>arrive @ 6:30 PM</i>	1st Degree Ceremony Lee's Summit Council
Thursday, June 11	1st Degree Ceremony Smithville Council
Thursday, June 11 7:15 PM	Council 14270 Business Meeting More Hall C
Sunday, June 14	1st Degree Ceremony Fr. Hager Council
Friday, June 26 6:00 to 10:00 PM	Family Fun Knight St. Thomas More
Wednesday, July 1 6:30 PM	Officer Installation More Hall C <i>dinner to follow at a local restaurant</i>
Wednesday, July 15 <i>arrive @ 6:30 PM</i>	1st Degree Ceremony Belton Council 5586
Sunday, August 30 7:30 AM	Fifth Sunday Mass Flanagan Hall

Contact Gene Twellman at 816-255-5551 or gtwellman@cs.com if you are interested in attending a degree ceremony

Visit the Missouri Knights of Columbus website—MoKofC.org—for links to the Job Bank, insurance agents, state officers, directors, and activities.

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June Milestones

KNIGHTS BIRTHDAYS

01 ... Jim Wright	20 ... Rich Byrne
09 ... Gregg Whipple	20 ... Tom Heaphy
14 ... Ray Hense	22 ... Eugene Merisi
15 ... Joe Remmers	22 ... John Pazell
20 ... Mike Begnaud	23 ... Patrick Cahill

SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS

14 ... Ann Markus

ANNIVERSARIES

03 ... John & Camilla Vogl (65 years)
08 ... Jim & Alice Wright
10 ... Tom & Becky Kenagy
13 ... John & Cheri Kelly
13 ... Don & Karen Loeffelholz (45 years)
14 ... Ray & Martha Hense
22 ... Jim & Denise Easley
24 ... Tom & Cheryl Steffens
25 ... Tim & Christina Steffens
26 ... Jack & Anne Ryan

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

15 years Joe Remmers, Doug Weishar

Compiled by Brother Tom Steffens. Email him at tomsteffens@charter.net with additional milestones.

Items of Interest

- The Council 14270 **web page** will go live July 1, as part of the new STM website. Look for the new web address in the July issue of *Knights News*.
- If anyone is interested in playing on a Knights of Columbus **softball team**, please contact Craig Borgmeyer at 943-0156 or cborgmeyer@kc.rr.com as soon as possible.
- *Knights News* is published on the last day of each month. **Submit newsletter items** by the fourth Thursday of the month. An email reminder will go out on the third Thursday.