

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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Kansas City, Missouri

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# Knights News



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## Grand Knight's Report

■ *Brother Gene Twellman*

**Charity** The first degree of the Knights of Columbus is Charity. I was reminded of that last night as I attended a First Degree ceremony in Belton for our new Brother Knights David Markus and David Redlich. Congratulations gentlemen! Welcome to the greatest Catholic men's organization in the world!

This morning, at 6:40 AM, Brothers Larry LeFebvre, John Kelly and I met Fr. Don and John O'Connor—the new principal at St. Thomas More School. It was a quick meeting at the Church, a five minute "photo op" for a picture of the STM Knights presenting Fr. Don and Mr. O'Connor a \$1,200 check for the school from the proceeds of our June Family Fun Knight. Although it occurred at a time when I am normally just about to wake, all of us were bright eyed and ready to go. Hopefully the picture turns out well. (Brother Joe Haster dropped by on the way out of Mass and thought it looked good.) After the pictures were taken, Fr. Don and Mr. O'Connor thanked the Knights once again for the donation and Fr. Don praised us for a great event, then the small gathering of men turned and went off to take up our normal daily activities.

As Knights, really as gentlemen, Acts of Charity should always be at the forefront of every normal day. It doesn't have to be a monetary thing, and can be as simple as letting some driver pull into the lane in front of us, opening a door for someone, or saying a kind word to one in need.

Throughout the year, we have activities benefitting our school children, as well as members of our parish and our community. Many of you donate significant amounts of time and effort to ensure the success of these events. Each of us have many opportunities to participate in charitable acts. Just a few minutes of our time can make a real difference.

Our upcoming activities in which you can perform an Act of Charity through the donation of your time include:

- STM Parish Picnic on Saturday, September 20;
- Soccer Challenge on Sunday, September 21 at Avila;
- STM Jr. High Mixer on Friday, October 3;
- MR "Tootsie Roll" Drive on Friday through Sunday October 10-12.

If you can, please take a little time out of your day to help out with a donation of your time to help make these events a success.

Always be mindful of an opportunity to be charitable. You, your family, and our community will all be better for it.



PHOTO BY JOHN KELLY

## Family Fun Knight Benefits STM School

Grand Knight Gene Twellman presents a check in the amount of \$1,200 to STM School Principal John O'Connor. Witnessing the presentation are Larry LeFebvre, Family Activities Director for Council #14270, and Fr. Don Farnan, Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish. The amount represents the proceeds from the Family Fun Knight, sponsored by the STM Knights of Columbus in June. Principal O'Connor was very appreciative of the funds, and thanked the Knights on behalf of the students and faculty at STM. He indicated that the money would be put to good use in one of the many educational programs at the school.

## Knights of Columbus Launch News and Information Site for Catholics

The Knights of Columbus recently launched a brand-new Internet-based news and information service for Catholics everywhere—Headline Bistro. The new website provides a quick digest of daily news of interest to Catholics. Whether it relates to world affairs, politics or news specifically about the Catholic Church, you'll find links to the original sources here. You'll also find video clips, detailed state-by-state information about voting and public policy, and recommended books. The Web address is [headlinebistro.com](http://headlinebistro.com).



Headline Bistro is a service of the Knights of Columbus dedicated to bringing readers the top daily headlines that Catholics need to know.

They seek to present the news from the perspective of Catholics who want to know what's happening in the Church, nation and world around them.

From election coverage and breakthroughs in science, to breaking news and opinions around the globe, Headline Bistro is the one-stop site that serves up those headlines

quickly while providing further resources on social issues that are important to Catholics, such as the sanctity of life and marriage.

They encourage all Catholics to visit the website each day, reading the morning headlines, exploring the resources, getting the latest from the Catholic blogosphere and new media producers and sampling worldwide columnists' opinions on the news.

## October Milestones

### KNIGHTS BIRTHDAYS

02 ... Carl Watterson	09 ... Tim Kelly
05 ... Bob Maskill	17 ... Greg Mertes
06 ... Sal Mentasana	30 ... Joe Huber
06 ... Jack Ryan	

### SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS

08 ... Teresa Doty	21 ... Jean Laird
11 ... Betty Doyon	26 ... Nancy Lang
11 ... Alice Wright	31 ... Debbi Twellman
12 ... Teresa Mentasana	

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11 ... Paul & Crystal Hentzen
16 ... Lawrence & Peggy Countee

Compiled by Brother Tom Steffens. Email him at [tomsteffens@charter.net](mailto:tomsteffens@charter.net) with additional milestones.

# 93 Membership Report

St. Thomas More Council #14270 membership stands at 93.

**NEW KNIGHTS** • Welcome to our newest brother Knights: David Markus and David Redlich.

**FORM 100s** • Several gentlemen have indicated they intend to join by completing Form 100s. If you have the opportunity, urge them to get to a First Degree Ceremony, so they can start attending meetings and become active Knights. Better yet, go with them. You'll be supporting a brother Knight as he enters the order, and many Knights report they gain insight each time they attend a degree ceremony.

And make a point to invite someone you know in the parish to consider joining. Tell them why you became a Knight, and about the many activities available for members. As the Knights of Columbus website says:

*Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.*

Contact Recruitment Committee chairman Brad Doty at 816-942-3949 or Membership Director John Kelly at 816-942-3226. **The more we grow, the more we can accomplish!**

## Insurance Report

■ **Brother Kevin Pierce**, Field Agent

Knights of Columbus insurance consistently ranks at the top of the industry in financial stability and ethics. Please call to discuss these services:

- \* Financial needs analysis
- \* Life insurance
- \* Tax deferred fixed-rate annuities
- \* Long-term care insurance
- \* Retirement account rollovers
- \* Estate preservation
- \* Family fraternal benefits



If you haven't visited the Knights of Columbus website in a while, I encourage you to do so the next time you're online. There are many exciting features on [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), but there are two that I wish to make you especially aware of.

The first is our member testimonial area, titled "Stages of Life." In this multimedia area, six "real-life" stories are told—stories of people at different stages of their lives.

Chances are one of them will sound a lot like you. These people talk about how their Knights of Columbus agent took the time to demonstrate for them the need for life insurance in their lives. I'll be happy to do that for you and your family as well.

The second is our Life Insurance Calculator. This handy, easy-to-use online tool was developed to allow you, in about 15 to 20 minutes, to estimate the amount of life insurance coverage you need. The information you'll be asked to provide will be basic (the type most folks would tend to have at their fingertips), and secure (it's intended to be used solely for the purposes of the online calculator—the Order won't capture it or share it with anyone, including me!).

I stress that the number you'll receive is an estimate, based on the basic information you provide. It's not intended to take the place of the free, professional needs analysis that I'll be happy to provide for you and your family. Give me a call at 816-645-6961 or email me at [Kevin.Pierce@kofc.org](mailto:Kevin.Pierce@kofc.org). I'd like to meet with you.

## Items of Interest

■ This year's **Knights of Columbus MR (Tootsie Roll) Drive** will be held the weekend of October 10–12, and we need YOU to help! This year our council will be collecting at the Red Bridge & Holmes "boot block" on Friday, and before and after all the Masses at STM that weekend. **Volunteers are needed for shifts at each location.**

Family members and friends are welcome, and of course volunteers will be needed back at the church hall to count and record the money. We're also accepting additional locations from any council member who will volunteer to be captain for that location. A captain's duties are to obtain permission from the proprietor, sign up volunteers and make sure the proceeds are delivered to the money counters at the church hall. Please notify Jack Ryan at 816-942-8188 if you have a good location that you'd like to take charge of.

Half the proceeds are distributed by our council to help the children in the F.I.R.E. program and other local programs, so please give an hour or two of your time to help these kids!

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## Calendar of Events

Thursday, October 2	STM Council #14270 Leadership Meeting (first Thursday of every month)	St. Thomas More Huhmann Room	7:00 PM
Friday, October 3	STM School 7th & 8th Grade Mixer	Flanagan Hall	7:30-9 PM
Tuesday, October 7	1st Degree Ceremony (first Tuesday of even months)	Archbishop O'Hara Council #4387 5111 E 112th Terrace	7:30 PM
Thursday, October 9	STM Council #14270 Business Meeting (second Thursday of every month)	St. Thomas More More Hall	7:15 PM
Thursday, October 9	1st Degree Ceremony (second Thursday of every month)	Smithville Council #9262 700 Trevis Avenue	6:15 PM
October 10, 11 & 12	MR (Tootsie Roll) Drive	Call Brother Jack Ryan for info at 816-942-8188	
Sunday, October 12	2nd & 3rd Degree Ceremonies	Tri County Council #3414 7501 Kensington Street KCMO 64119	
Monday, October 13	Columbus Day		
Wednesday, November 13	1st Degree Ceremony (third Wednesday of odd months)	Belton Council #5586 700 Trevis Avenue	6:30 PM
Thursday, November 20	Fourth Degree Assembly #566 Meeting (third Thursday of odd months)	Raytown Council #4962 5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff	6:30 PM
Sunday, November 30	Fifth Sunday Mass	St. Thomas More Church	9:30 AM

**Belton Council** is at 700 Trevis Ave, Belton MO 64012. Degree ceremony starts at 7 PM; candidates arrive by 6:30 PM.

**O'Hara Council** is at 5111 East 112th Terrace, Kansas City MO 64137. Degree ceremony starts at 8 PM; candidates arrive by 7:30 PM.

**Smithville Council** is at 1103 South Commercial, Smithville MO 64089. Degree ceremony starts at 6:30 PM; candidates arrive by 6:15 PM.

## Items of Interest (continued from page three)

■ **Good of the Order:** Keep brothers Harold Heiman, Dan Kennaley and Al Hartig in your prayers.

■ If you know of a brother Knight that is **not receiving the newsletter** by email, or that does not have an email address, contact the editor.

■ Council **name badges** are available for purchase. Pin-on and slip-on pocket badges are \$9 and magnetic badges are \$11. We have some orders in, but need a few more to cover the minimum shipping charge from our vendor before we can place the order. Order forms are available at each meeting, or call Brother John Kelly at 816-942-3226.

■ Volunteers are needed for the STM School **7th & 8th Grade Mixer**, which will be in Flanagan Hall on Friday, October 3, from 7:30 to 9 PM. Email Brother Doug Weishar at [dweishar@kcpd.org](mailto:dweishar@kcpd.org) or call 816-943-0609.

■ Thanks to Brother Joe Wynn for printing & delivering copies of *Knights News* to the church.

■ **Newly Renovated McGivney Hall is Dedicated on Catholic University Campus.** Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson delivered remarks Sept. 8 at the dedication of the new McGivney Hall at The Catholic University of America. The building was renamed in honor of the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney after it was renovated with funding from the Knights of Columbus.

■ **Knights Establish "Fathers for Good" Web Site.** The Knights of Columbus launched a new initiative at the 126th Supreme Council Meeting, called Fathers for Good. The centerpiece of the initiative is [www.fathersforgood.org](http://www.fathersforgood.org). "Fatherhood is a gift, a privilege and a responsibility," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson says in a special video message on the Web site.

**Visit the Knights of Columbus  
website at [KofC.org](http://KofC.org)**