



KNIGHTS NEWS

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #14270 ❖ FEBRUARY 2012

Grand Knight Report

If anyone suggests activity declines in the wintertime, they haven't seen our council! January was a flurry of activity for the council, from the Roses for Life signature drive, the Basketball Free Throw Competition, our Inaugural First Degree Exemplification, and concluding with our quarterly Fifth Sunday Mass and Breakfast – we had a LOT going on!

This *Knights News* will highlight some of those activities. As an organization dedicated to serving our parish and community, we will be successful with **continued growth, engaged membership, and integration** with our Parish.

On Jan. 16, we welcomed ten new First Degree members to our council plus several transfers from other councils. By hosting our own First Degree ceremony, we will make becoming a Knight more accessible for our own parish members. We continue to look for other men to join our council: practical Catholic men over 18 years old.

By continuing to increase our membership ranks, we'll be able to provide more significant service to our church and community. Although a larger membership roster will make us feel good, it's important for our members to be engaged. It's not that we're just looking for hundreds of hours of service per year. We want all of our members to feel included and participate.

To that end, we put together an information sheet about the Knights and our council to re-introduce the Knights to all of us. If it's been awhile since you've participated in an event or attended a meeting, drop by next time!

Many of us serve on other parish boards and organizations, and that's

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Council 14270 held its inaugural Exemplification of the First Degree on Monday, Jan. 16 in More Hall. Becoming First Degree Knights were (*front row left to right*) James Clossick, Tim Mullen, John Rellihan, Jesse Auld, and (*back row left to right*) Greg Heiman, Joe Lewellen, Matt Burns, John Reilly, Gary Smith and Tyrone Gutierrez. Fr. Don Farnan was the Degree Honoree. Grand Knight Jim Easley presented Fr. Don with a certificate in "recognition of his efforts in promoting the founding and growth of the council."

4th Degree March 24

- **WHO?** -

Third Degree Knights who have been a Knight at least six months

- **WHAT?** -

Fourth Degree Exemplification

- **WHEN?** -

Saturday, March 24

- **WHERE?** -

Kansas City Airport Hilton
8801 NW 112th St KCMO

- **WHY?** -

Patriotism - the Fourth Degree

- **HOW?** -

Complete information, including registration forms, is available at MoKofC.org (Programs/Fourth Degree).

Deadline is March 10

(sign up at the March 8 meeting!)

See page 2 for more info...

KNIGHTS NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, February 21 is our next Knights Night Out. Join us at RC's Restaurant in Martin City at 6:30 PM. for dinner and to enjoy feasting with our brother Knights. Spouses or lady friends are invited.

New Knights are especially invited to attend; it's a good way to meet other members and have a great time.

RSVP to Larry LeFebvre 941-9506



Free Throw Results

Last year over 223,000 sharpshooters participated in 3,200 local competitions of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. More than 60 competed in their age group at council level competition held in STM Gym on Jan. 16. The winners were

age 14 boys – Trevor White
 age 14 girls – Caroline Grimaldi
 age 13 boys – Weston Verhulst
 age 13 girls – Mary Kate Grimaldi
 age 12 boys – Matthew Grimaldi
 age 12 girls – Tess Rellihan
 age 11 boys – Matthew Moriarty
 age 11 girls – Emily Livingston
 age 10 boys – Jack McInerney
 age 10 girls – Samantha Giangreco

Winners in district competition held Feb. 5 at Coronation Gym were:

age 14 boys – Trevor White
 age 14 girls – Caroline Grimaldi
 age 13 boys – Weston Verhulst
 age 13 girls – Mary Kate Grimaldi
 age 12 boys – Matthew Grimaldi
 age 10 boys – Jack McInerney
 age 10 girls – Samantha Giangreco

STM students won seven out of the 10 contests at the district level, and they will advance to the regionals.

This year the council offered a pizza party to the team with the highest participation at the council contest. Teams coached by Greg Mertes and Don Allen had 75% competing, and each were awarded a pizza party.



UPCOMING EVENTS

02.21 Knights Night Out Dinner
 RC's Restaurant 6:30
 CONTACT Larry Lefebvre 941-9506

03.29 K of C Founders Day

04.29 Fifth Sunday Mass & Breakfast
 Knights & families sit together @ 9:30
 Mass, then out for breakfast
 CONTACT Bill Doll 356-6975

05.04 Texas Hold' Em Poker Tourn.
 Registration 7:00 Play 7:30
 CONTACT Dave Markus 941-9368

ONGOING

Golf Cart Shuttle @ Masses
 CONTACT Jack Ryan 942-8188

Council Name Badges
 CONTACT John Kelly 942-3226

Council Shirts & Caps
 CONTACT Rocky Hembree 942-0069
 CONTACT Dennis Krupp 942-0597

DEGREES

CONTACT Doug Weishar 943-0609

03.18 2nd & 3rd Degree -- noon

03.24 Fourth Degree @ Airport Hilton



Why Join the 4th Degree?

Complete your advancement in the Knights of Columbus

Earn the title Sir Knight

Spend a day with Brother Knights from around the state

Be eligible for the Honor Guard

4th Degree Knights are invited to come for some or all of the day to support candidates

Last year STM Council had 6 candidates take the degree & several Sir Knights there in support of the candidates

Registration deadline is March 10

Sign up at the March 8 Meeting



For more details, contact

Jim Easley jeasley4@kc.rr.com
 John Kelly johnkellykc@gmail.com



STM Council 14270 MEETINGS

Officer & director meeting
 1st Thursday 7:00 PM More Hall

Council business meeting
 2nd Thursday 7:15 PM More Hall

WEB RESOURCES

Council website: STMKC.com
(click on Community Life)
upcoming events, past events,
photos, links, contact info

State website > MoKofC.org
 Supreme website > KofC.org

NEWSLETTER

Knights News is emailed to members or mailed by request
 CONTACT JohnKellyKC@gmail.com 942-3226

"Be Not Afraid!" Membership Campaign

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is conducting the "Be Not Afraid!" Membership Campaign in honor of the Beatification of Blessed John Paul II. Participating in the campaign is easy! Just recruit new members!



Campaign incentives are as follows:

- ❖ Recruit at least 1 new member per month and receive a Blessed John Paul II Medallion for that month.
- ❖ Recruit a minimum of four new members and receive a large specially struck Blessed John Paul II Medallion with a stand for display.
- ❖ When a council recruits a minimum of six new members during the "Be Not Afraid" Membership Campaign their Council Chaplain will receive a specially struck Blessed John Paul II Medallion with display stand.



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awesome! Let's continue to build bridges (not silos) among these groups. If you are involved in another group project, and you need some help, think of the Knights! Our members help with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Home and School, More Friends, Serra Club, STM For All, St Joseph Table, and numerous youth and family activities.

Your activities are our activities, your priorities are our priorities! That is what a brotherhood is about Let us know how we can help! Thank you again for all that you do! *Vivat Jesus!*

♦Jim Easley



Women's Clinic: A Dream That Became Reality

On Feb. 7, the ultrasound funded by the Knights of Columbus Meet Life program was formally dedicated at the Women's Clinic in Grandview.

Deborah Neel, Executive Director of the Women's Clinic, started the evening with information about the clinic and its purpose. The clinic has an examination room, along with meeting rooms for consultation and their other programs.

One room, Josiah's Shopping Palace, is filled with donated clothes for the infants.

Bill Francis, Respect Life Director for the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese, discussed the impact of the Meet Life Program and the Knights of Columbus. Representing the Knights of Columbus were State Program Director Bradley Grill and State Meet Life Chairman Lou Holtmann, both of whom shared details of the Meet Life Program.

Father Stephen Hansen, Pastor of Coronation of Our Lady Parish, blessed the ultrasound. There are some more ultrasounds that will be placed soon.

Thanks goes to the hard work of the Knights of Columbus councils for working on this plan and turning a dream into reality. The goal of the Meet Life program is to reduce the number of abortions in Missouri by 50% by 2016 through placement of ultrasound machines in pregnancy help centers.

The Women's Clinic is looking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information about the Women's Clinic call 816-836-9000.

♦Phill Muellner



MORE SMOKE

The parish BBQ contest is scheduled for June 8 & 9

The Jazz and BBQ event normally held in October is being combined with this event and will be held after 4:00 PM Mass

Contact Scott Bennett sbennett43@kc.rr.com

STM Charity Fund at Work in Our Community



A special thank you to our council. Ed Thomas, Jack Ryan, Phil Muellner, and I helped get the gift cards from Wal Mart & present them to David Butel at the church office. After this, we went to deliver the 10 cards to the volunteers at St. Louis parish getting ready for their families to come for Christmas. It's good to see our charity go directly to the people that need it the most. ♦Jim Easley



In Memoriam

Edward L. Mason, of Kansas City, Mo., passed away peacefully into the hands of our Lord at the age of 80 on Jan. 3. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Thomas More. Visitation and Rosary was at McGilley State Line Chapel.

Ed was born in legendary Fort Dodge, Ia. on Dec. 29, 1931. He attended Sacred Heart High School, graduated from the College of St John's in Collegeville, Minnesota and received his Masters in Classics from Creighton University. After faithfully serving the Diocese of Sioux City, Ed received a new calling and moved to Kansas City in 1969 where he met

his wife of 39 years, Sarah Mason. Together they had a son whom they raised with love, faith, patience and pure kindness.

Ed worked for Universal Underwriters for 25+ years and, after retiring, spent his time volunteering at Birthright and Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA). Ed was also a Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and loved watching basketball, writing, playing viola, travelling and watching more basketball.

Ed is survived by his wife Sarah (Sally), his son Tim and daughter-in-law Erin, his three grandchildren Dorothy, Finnian and Helen, his brothers-in-law Jim (Alice) Rice and

Morris (Jo) Dearing, and his much beloved nieces and nephews spread throughout the country.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his three sisters Mary, Rita and Regina. Ed's faith and devotion to life inspired all around him, even through his final days, and the family would like to thank all the wonderful nurses, doctors, friends and family members who provided comfort, care, laughter and prayers during Ed's journey to the Lord.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations to be made to Birthright International 6309 Walnut Street, KCMO 64113 or CFCA (cfcausa.org). Condolences may be left online at www.mcgilleystatelinechapel.com.

Fifth Grade Vocations

On Feb. 15 and 16, the annual Fifth Grade Vocations Day was held at O'Hara High School. This event is sponsored by the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese with help from the Knights of Columbus and Serra Club.

Priests, brothers and sisters from various orders were present to talk and answer questions children had about a religious life. Our Pastor, Fr. Don Farnan, was present on Thursday, talking about the life of a parish priest.

About 900 parochial and home-schooled students attended. Each day began with donuts and juice for breakfast and hot dogs, chips, and cookies for lunch for the kids. In the early afternoon, Mass was celebrated by Bishop Finn in the school gym.

There was a rally in the gym for the kids, with several speakers, including Vocation Director Fr. Richard Rocha.

The kids at the rally were very enthusiastic. Thanks to the 20 students from O'Hara High School who acted as a welcome committee for the children.

Overall it was a great two days. Remember that some of these children may become our future Church leaders and teachers. If any of your children are leaning toward a religious vocation, please support them. Our council donated \$100 to the event this year.

◆Phill Mueller



After the First Degree on Jan. 16, STM Knights New and Old Gathered at SandTrap



Roses for Life

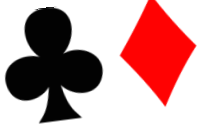
Our council had a great Roses for Life campaign on Jan. 7 and 8, collecting over 1,300 signatures on roses. The roses were delivered to our Missouri legislators in Washington. The 39th annual March for Life was held in Washington, D.C., on January 23rd. Thanks to all Brother Knights who helped that weekend. ◆Phil Mueller

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament

Stay tuned for the next tournament May 4th

Mark your calendars for May 4, when Council 14270 will again host a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament in More Hall. Cash Prizes are \$300 for 1st, \$200 for 2nd and \$100 for 3rd.

Pre-registration price is \$30, and walk-ins are \$35. Contact Dave Markus at 941-9368.



At the last tournament, held Nov. 19, the prize winners were: Anna Vitali (1st), Josephana Manino (2nd) and Irene Weishar (3rd).



On Sunday, Jan. 29, STM Council Attended Fifth Sunday Mass @ 9:30 Followed by Breakfast at Dos de Oros



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