

Knights News

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 14270



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Grand Knight's Report

■ *Brother Jack Ryan*

In this month of Thanksgiving, we in the St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus council especially have much to be thankful for. After another highly successful—Double Star—year, your hard work has given us a great start in the 2009-2010 fraternal year, with several great activities and more new members. Our parish has now moved back into our beautifully expanded church building, and continues to thrive and share during this difficult economic period. Due in no small part to our council's contributions, the pews will soon have the long-needed seat cushions, to cap off the remodeling work. My heartfelt thanks go out to all of you who have contributed so much effort in making our council such an active and growing one.

Some radio stations and most stores will begin playing Christmas music around-the-clock on November 1, and Santa will pop up in the malls soon after. Pushing the Christmas buying season ever earlier, the secular trend is beginning to relegate Thanksgiving Day to nothing but a turkey-and-football day in the middle of the Christmas season. Some stores are even staying open on Thanksgiving Day, pulling their

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– 2nd & 3rd Degree –

Missouri State Deputy Greg Stratman; new Third Degree Knights Jeff Barthol, Joe Huber and Rick Dostal; Grand Knight Jack Ryan; Phil Muellner and District 9 Deputy Tony Berter

- State Deputy to visit STM -

Make plans to attend the November business meeting on Thursday the 12th. State Deputy Greg Stratman will be here to present the Double Star Award for 2008-09 to Council 14270.

Only 12 councils in Missouri qualified last year to be named Double Star.

Membership Update

Welcome to the newest members of Council 14270: Mark Dierks, Ryan Melgaard, and Brad Weishar, who completed the 1st Degree October 6 at O'Hara Council 4387. Transferring to our council was Dick Shaw.

Congratulations to the newest 3rd Degree Knights in our council. At the 2nd & 3rd Degree Ceremonies held November 1, Jeff Barthol, Rick Dostal and Joe Huber advanced to full Knighthood.



– New First Degree members –

Mark Dierks, Brad Weishar, Ryan Melgaard



ST. THOMAS MORE
PARISH

Knights' Night Out

■ *Brother Larry LeFebvre*

On Monday evening, October 12, our council celebrated Columbus Day by taking our spouses to Wil Jenny's restaurant for a delicious dinner.

Approximately 45 people attended and enjoyed the Tex-Mex fare that is offered by the restaurant. Cocktails began at 6:00, with dinner from the menu taken around 6:30. Reports are that the portions were ample and the taste was excellent.

The lucky couple who won the drawing for a free dinner was Larry & Clarice Mosnick.

If you have a suggested restaurant that you would like the Knights to try for a Knights' Night Out, please call Larry LeFebvre at 941-9506 with your recommendation.



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Fifth Sunday Mass & breakfast

November 29 is a Fifth Sunday, and STM Knights and their families will again sit together at the 9:30 Mass. Breakfast at Dos de Oros restaurant (13029 Holmes) will follow.

National Catholic Youth Conference

Kansas City is hosting the National Catholic Youth Conference from November 19 to 21. Many volunteers are needed, and the Knights of Columbus are called upon to help. Sign up for any of several time frames and service areas through the diocesan web site at diocese-kcsj.org.

New Year's Eve Dance

Raytown Council hosts a New Year's Eve Dance Thursday, December 31, at the Knights Hall, 5101 Blue Ridge Cut-off. Doors open at 7 P.M. and the celebration kicks off at 8 P.M. with DJ music from The BossMan until 12:30 A.M. Admission includes open bar, party favors and prizes. Tickets are \$25 a couple in advance or \$30 at the door. Seating guaranteed to the first 150 couples tickets sold. Attendees may bring alcoholic beverages and the hall is non-smoking. Call Jim Doll at 316-9483 for tickets. Tables can be reserved with a minimum of four advance couple's tickets.

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2009 MR (Tootsie Roll) Drive

■ *Brother Jim Easley*

A big thanks to Brother Knights who put on the classic vests to participate in the annual MR Drive, which raises funds to support the mentally handicapped.

Our annual drive consisted of a “boot block” at Red Bridge and Holmes on Friday, October 9, and our presence at all Masses on October 10 and 11.

Coordinated by Grand Knight Jack Ryan, the boot

block, raised \$390.50 in the morning and \$381.11 in the evening, for a total of \$771.61.

Our appeal at weekend Masses raised an additional \$859.13, for a grand total of \$1,630.74.

Half of the money raised by our council is sent to the state MR fund in support of Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center, and half goes to a charity benefitting those with developmental handicaps chosen by STM Council.

Last year, STM Council funds were sent to F.I.R.E. and SPRED.



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SOCCER CHALLENGE



PHOTO: TONY BERTER

■ *District 9 Deputy Tony Berter*

The District 9 Knights of Columbus Youth Soccer Challenge was held Sunday, October 4, at Avila College.

Winners in this year’s Challenge were:

- Girls age 10 – Olivia Ferdig *Council 13113*
- Girls age 11 – Mary Kate Grimaldi *Council 14270*
- Girls age 13 – Kacey Brietbach *Council 13113*
- Boys age 10 – Levi Cohen *Council 13113*
- Boys age 13 – Douglas Croy *Council 6550*

Other participants included Zach Cohen, Matthew Grimaldi, Brett Easley, Alex Coday, Courtney Stewart and Connor Stewart.

Advancing to state are Olivia Ferdig, Levi Cohen and Douglas Croy.

Thanks to all who came out to Avila to cheer on the children.

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employees away from their families, in order to get an early jump on “Black Friday.”

We as Christians should stand up against this trend, and truly celebrate Thanksgiving as it was intended—a day set aside to give thanks to our loving God for all the wondrous blessings he has bestowed on our land. Let’s decorate our homes for Thanksgiving instead of

pulling out Christmas decorations just yet, switch off those “early Christmas” radio stations, and especially avoid patronizing any stores on Thanksgiving Day.

A peaceful, grateful heart on that day will carry over into peace of mind and reduced stress heading into the always-hectic Advent and Christmas season.

May you all have a warm and happy Thanksgiving Day with friends and loved ones! —*Vivat Jesus!*

Columbus Knight Dinner

■ Brother Larry LeFebvre



On Saturday, October 17, STM council held its first annual "Columbus Knight Dinner" in More Hall. The hall was transformed into an Italian restaurant, complete with colorful tablecloths of red, white, and green, red checkered napkins, a strolling accordion player, and Italian waiters.

A hostess was also on hand to direct diners to a table, where they were served a delicious meal of pasta with a choice of three

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Benvenuto!
— WELCOME TO THE FIRST ANNUAL —
Columbus Day Spaghetti Dinner

PRESENTED BY STM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14270 \$8 OR \$25 family



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Dinner (from page 4)

different sauces, in addition to Italian sausage. Warm garlic toast, a crisp cold salad along with a beverage, rounded out the entrée. Beer and wine were available as well as a variety of deserts.

Everyone who attended commented on what a treat it was to be served instead of standing in line, and also on how wonderful the food tasted. Patrons ate and drank all they wanted and were presented a bill which they paid on their way out. The dinner ran from 5 to 8 P.M. and all the proceeds will go to STM charitable causes supported by the Knights of Columbus.

A big thank you to the members of the Family Activities Committee—Vince Accurso, Don Doyon, John & Cheri Kelly, Eric Melgaard and Tom Simone, for all their efforts in planning this event. Thanks also to John and Sandy Jungk of Old World Spices & Seasonings for donating the pasta and preparing the sauce, Tom Simone and the Mendolia Italian Sausage Company, Brancato Catering, Jack Stack Barbeque, and Mark Spence of Faultless Linens.



There were numerous Brother Knights who volunteered for setup, cooking, serving, bartending, cashiering and cleanup. All of you worked long and hard and made this dinner a success. Last, but not least, the Italian waiters who donned their costumes without complaint and really worked their aprons off. I think we all gained a new respect for restaurant wait service.

Our plan is to make this an annual event and hold it on Columbus Day so as not to compete with other parish or neighboring events. If you would like to serve on the Family Activities Committee, please contact Larry LeFebvre at 941-9506 or laremare@aol.com.



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Calendar of Events

Thu Nov 5 7:00 PM	Council 14270 Leader Meeting Huhmann Room
Thu Nov 12 7:15 PM	Council 14270 Business Meeting More Hall
Wed Nov 18 arrive by 6:30 PM	1st Degree Ceremony Belton Council 5586
Wed Nov 22 arrive by 6:30 PM	1st Degree Ceremony Raytown Council 4962 (in honor of Bishop Finn)
Sun Nov 29 9:30 Mass	Fifth Sunday Mass Breakfast follows at Dos de Oros
Tue Dec 8 arrive by 7:30 PM	1st Degree Ceremony O'Hara Council 4387

Contact Jack Ryan at 816.942.8188 or ryansaj@swbell.net if you are interested in attending a degree ceremony.

Items of Interest

■ The next **Fourth Degree** Ceremony is scheduled for April 10, 2010, at the Kansas City Airport Hilton. All Third Degree Knights who have been a member for six months are eligible for the Fourth Degree.

■ Do you have photos of council events, mementos, etc? **Scrapbook** editor Phil Muellner is looking for items to document our council history, and would appreciate your help. > pmuellner@aol.com

■ **Knight Riders**, the golf cart shuttle for our less physically able fellow parishioners, is up and running for the 4:00 and 9:30 Masses. Plans are to add the 7:30 Mass. Gene Gray is coordinating. > 942-2649

■ Please note these **officer changes** on page 2: Rocky Hembree is Church Director, Tyler Barr is Youth Director, and Phil Muellner is Pro-Life Director.

■ In recognition of the **Year for Priests**, STM Knights distributed 1,200 prayer cards after Masses on the weekend of October 24-25.

■ The council voted at the October business meeting to donate \$600 to **Vitae Caring Foundation**, which works to encourage a culture of life through mass communications. > vitaecaringfoundation.org

November Milestones

KNIGHTS BIRTHDAYS

24 ... David Redlich 28 ... Edward Halpin
30 ... Jim Bodine

SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS

02 ... Karen Redlich 23 ... Cheri Kelly
05 ... Peggy Countee 28 ... Rita Bodine
10 ... Barbara Tavanero 28 ... Melaine Schriedeler
18 ... Tina Gaughan 29 ... Rosemary Lanter
19 ... Sarah Mehl 30 ... Bev Amor

ANNIVERSARIES

24 ... Bernie & Kathy Hopfinger (25 years)
27 ... Mark & Mary Groves (5 years)
28 ... Frank & Doris Petersen (63 years)
29 ... David & Susan Belzer

MEMBERSHIP

45 years ... Larry Mosnick

■ Community Director Joe Dyche is sending out cards each month to Knights and their wives who are celebrating wedding **anniversaries**. If you aren't on the list, email your information to Tom Steffens so he can update the council records. > tomsteffens@charter.net

■ Thanks to Darin Kamradt for printing **1,300 fliers** for the Columbus Knight Dinner.

■ The **Roses for Life** campaign will be on the weekend of January 9-10. Volunteers are needed to hand out roses before Mass and collect them afterwards. Contact Joe Dyche. > 942-5812

■ **Wreaths Across America** strives to place a wreath on the grave of every veteran, during ceremonies on the second Saturday of December. The motto of the program, which started in 1992, is: Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, Teach our children the value of freedom. > wreathsassamerica.org

■ New member? Need a change in office or emblem? Or just don't have a council name badge? Order one today. Magnetic badges are \$11, slip-on pocket & pin-on are \$10. > johnkellykc@gmail.com