

# Knights News

MARCH 2010

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 14270



## Grand Knight's Report

■ *Brother Jack Ryan*

As we move into March and begin Lent, can spring be far behind? (We all hope not, although this stubborn winter weather can make us start to wonder if spring will ever arrive!) Like most Catholics, Lent is not a season I actually look forward to each year, although, as I like to tell non-Catholic friends, it's hard to really appreciate the mountaintop (Easter) if you haven't been through the valley (Lent).

Our Church and our Order also provide us with four great celebrations in March. The first, of course, is the feast of St. Patrick on the 17th, when we Irish rejoice in the great missionary bishop having driven the "snakes" (Satan's band) out of the formerly pagan Ireland. The second is the feast of St. Joseph on the 19th, of similar importance to several other cultures and also to Knights, who try to model their fatherhood and family life on his great example. On March 25th, nine months before Christmas, the church commemorates the Annunciation, which is fittingly held up as a sign of life's beginning at conception, and the importance of protecting life before birth, a cause where we Knights lead the way. The fourth

March feast is specific to the Knights of Columbus, our Founder's Day on the 29th, honoring our beloved Father Michael McGivney by building up the Order he founded. Let's all celebrate these feasts so dear to the hearts of Knights by resolving to bring one new member into our order during the month of March!

Lent, of course, leads up to the great Easter Triduum, and the celebration of our rising to new life in Christ. Coming at the start of spring, Easter has come to be associated with new life in general, which is why the Knights of Columbus have chosen April as the perfect month to hold our Savers of Life collection. (April also puts it 6 months away from the MR Drive.) Similar to the MR Drive, we'll be collecting money after Masses on April 10 & 11 for the Knights' pro-life activities, which include purchasing ultrasound machines and supporting the Vitae Society. (Don't worry, we won't be doing a boot block!) Instead of Tootsie Rolls, we'll be handing out Savers of Life seed packets, with real sunflower seeds. The new narthex makes this an easy activity for everyone, so be sure to come to the March council meeting to sign up to help at a Mass.

*May you all have a blessed and productive Lent.—Vivat Jesus!*

## College Students Away From Home Program

■ *Brother Rocky Hembree*

When students go away to college they often lose touch with their church community and faith. This is a critical time because for the first time in their lives they don't have a Catholic structure built into their environment and they have yet to develop their own Catholic schedule and habits. They encounter direct challenges to their Catholic faith from their peers and university professors. As a result, many young men and women drift away from their faith during this time of their life, and for some, the rest of their lives.

The St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus would like to help these young men and women stay connected to their faith and let them know that we care about them. By sending a carebox several times each year, students will

feel a connection to their parish and faith, and know others are praying for them and their success. The carebox will include a handwritten letter of support and encouragement to the student, information on staying committed to their faith, some type of goodies, seasonal cards, and let them know that the Knights of Columbus are praying for them daily and at monthly meetings.

The Church Activities Committee has begun organizing this program with \$300 approved at the February meeting. If you have a child or grandchild in college that you would like to be a part of this program, please submit their name.

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ST. THOMAS MORE  
PARISH



**District 9  
Free Throw  
Championship**  
February 21 – Kearney H.S.  
STM students Samantha Ruiz,  
Mary Mertes and Brad Yancey

**Catholic Radio**

Jim O’Laughlin, owner of Catholic radio station 1090 KEXS, recently announced that due to financial difficulties the radio station will be forced to go off the air permanently. A “Save our Signal” pledge drive and other Activities have been organized to keep the station up and running. Please consider a donation, and keep them in your prayers. You can reach them at 630-1090 or 888-447-2425.

➤ Principal Joseph Monachino, Jr., St. Pius X H.S.

**Knights of Columbus Retreat**

United in Charity: Preparing for the Paschal Mystery  
Friday supper through Sunday lunch, March 19-21

Take a weekend apart with other Knights at Conception Abbey to refresh and renew your hearts and souls for the celebration of Christ’s Paschal Mystery.

Fr. Patrick Caveglia and seminarian Knights will lead reflections, pray the Liturgy of the Hours and celebrate the Eucharist in the basilica. Ample time for personal quiet time and prayer.

➤ [conceptionabbey.org](http://conceptionabbey.org)

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## MR Program Update

■ *State MR Promotions Director Ed Columbus*

With 27 councils left to report, the MR totals stand at 90% of our goal with \$572,806.16. Please try to get your final reports to me by the end of March. My Chairmen and I will be calling councils that have not returned their final report or still have outstanding turnaround money available. Thank you to all of the councils that met the deadline for submitting form #4584, Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics, with Supreme.



At this printing 39 councils have returned the form, reporting donations of \$39,084, including 317 volunteers totalling 2628 hours. Last year we received an additional \$3750 from Supreme for Special Olympics in Missouri. There is still time for your council to donate to the Contest of Concern for Special Olympics and be recognized at the State Convention in April. To date 48 councils, auxiliaries, and assemblies have donated a total of \$22,755.49 to the Contest of Concern for Special Olympics. We are at 65% of our goal of \$35,000.

The raffle of an HD TV, laptop computer and a GPS system for Contest of Concern is going well. Sales are brisk with a total turned in so far of \$2669. Tickets will be sold all the way until the drawing at the state convention. If you are not able to get the money and stubs to me before the convention, send them or bring them with you when you come; they will get in the drawing.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure working with all of you these past two years as your director. I have met more people than I can count and as many friends. Thanks to all who have made the MR Program a success. Thanks for the memories.

### DOUBLE STAR COUNCIL GOALS

#### **INCREASE NET MEMBERSHIP**

7% for Star Council – 14% for Double Star Council  
 Current membership = 115 (net +8) 57% of goal  
*(not counting two pending incoming transfers)*

#### **INCREASE INSURANCE MEMBERSHIP**

Goal = +3 (now +2) 67% of goal

#### **CONTRIBUTE 125% OF GOAL TO R.I.B. FUND**

Goal = \$7.50 per member  
 State R.I.B. Chairman Bill Lukas reports  
 we are at 144% of R.I.B. goal



**Knight's Night Out at Wil Jenny's**  
 Monday, February 22





## Fifth Grade Vocation Days

*February 10 and 11  
Archbishop O'Hara H.S.*

Priests and religious sisters and brothers talked to every fifth grader in Catholic schools and some home-schooled fifth graders over two days at the 15th annual Fifth Grade Vocation Days held February 9-10 at Archbishop O'Hara High School.

Students were cheered on at the door by high school volunteers, attended a pep rally and participated in classroom sessions. Lunch and a morning snack of donuts and juice was served to over 800 students by the Knights of Columbus. Each day concluded with Bishop Finn celebrating Mass at St. Regis Church.



**COUNCIL CALENDAR**

<b>Thu March 4</b> 7:00 PM	Council 14270 Leader Meeting Huhmann Room
<b>Thu March 11</b> 7:15 PM	Council 14270 Business Meeting More Hall D
<b>Mon March 15</b> 6:00 PM to ?	Knight Out for Big Monday Sand Trap Bar & Grill
<b>Sun May 30</b> 9:30 Mass	Fifth Sunday Mass ➤ <i>breakfast follows</i>

**UPCOMING DEGREES**

<b>Tue March 8</b> <i>arrive by 7:00 PM</i>	1st Degree Ceremony St. Elizabeth Council 14163
<b>Wed March 21</b> <i>arrive by 6:30 PM</i>	1st Degree Ceremony Belton Council 5586
<b>Tue April 6</b> <i>arrive by 7:00 PM</i>	1st Degree Ceremony O'Hara Council 4387
<b>Sat April 10</b> <i>arrive by 7:30 PM</i>	4th Degree Exemplification Airport Hilton
<b>Wed May 13</b> <i>arrive by 6:30 PM</i>	1st Degree Ceremony Raytown Council 4962
<b>Wed May 19</b> <i>arrive by 6:30 PM</i>	1st Degree Ceremony Belton Council 5586

Contact Jack Ryan ➤ 942.8188 – ryansaj@swbell.net

**Items of Interest**

■ **From District 9 Deputy Tony Berter:** If you or someone you know is looking for a job, check the job bank on the Missouri Knights of Columbus website. Employers, remember to advertise your job openings . ➤ [MoKofC.org](http://MoKofC.org)

■ The latest **Knights of Columbus Insurance** *Financial Beacon* is posted on the council website. Contact Field Agent Mike York for your insurance needs. ➤ 561-5632

■ **Membership Director** Doug Weishar urges every Knight to target someone they know that they feel would be a good addition to the council. If we each do that, we can double our membership.

■ From Brother **Joe Dyche:** “Just wanted to say hello and let you know I am home but have not had the open heart surgery yet. The infection is gone and all swelling a thing of the past. Going for final blood tests one day next week and hope surgery will follow. Thanks to all my Brother Knights for the thoughts and prayers and visits while in the hospital. Delores will email when it gets scheduled. Thanks again to such a nice group of gentlemen!”

■ A volunteer is needed to print 20 color copies of *Knights News* each month for mailing to members without email.

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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

<b>01</b> Joe Murphy	<b>20</b> Thomas McLaury
Doris Petersen	<b>28</b> Tom Reagan
<b>02</b> Mark Rogge	Mary Begnaud
<b>04</b> Mildred Merisi	Kitty Kennaley
<b>07</b> Mary Elizabeth Heiman	<b>29</b> Steve Finger
<b>18</b> Don Doyon	<b>30</b> Maris Haster
Bill Venable	Donna O'Reilly

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>04</b> Bud & Susan Williamson (1972 – 38 years)
<b>08</b> Ed & Donna O'Reilly (1986 – 24 years)

**Upcoming Charity Events**

**Dare to Dream Golf Scramble**

The Dare to Dream Golf Scramble is Saturday, May 1 at Swope Memorial Golf Course. The event benefits the Special Olympics of Missouri Athlete Sports Camp, and the over 15,000 Special Olympics athletes in the state.

The event includes 18 holes of golf with cart, tee favors, breakfast, snacks, lunch, beverages, prizes and awards.

➤ [Laurie Shadoan 800-846-2682 or Shadoan@somo.org](http://LaurieShadoan.com)

**Blisters for Sisters**

The fourth annual C.O.R.E. (Celebrate Our Religious Enthusiastically!) walk-a-thon is Saturday May 1 at Church of the Nativity Parish, 3800 W. 119th in Leawood. Sponsored by the Serra Club to raise money for women religious in the area, the event has routes of 1.4, 2.4 and 3.4 miles. Registration is from 7:30 AM to 8:30, and the walk is from 8:30 to 10:00. Mass is at 10:00, and lunch follows at noon.

➤ [blistersforsisters.org](http://blistersforsisters.org)

**F.I.R.E. Golf Tournament**

The 12th annual F.I.R.E. Golf Tournament is Monday, April 26 at Blue Hills Country Club. Tournament proceeds fund special education teachers, paraeducators, continuing education, materials and equipment in our Catholic schools through the Foundation for Inclusive Religious Education.

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