

Knights News

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #14270



Grand Knight's Report

■ *Brother Jack Ryan*

While spring flowers bloom, our council continues to blossom as well. New members are joining nearly every month and, as you can see throughout this newsletter, our activities in support of school, parish and community continue at a brisk pace.

Recent projects include award presentations and an upper grade mixer for the school, a council "Open House" with invitations from Father Don, and ongoing support for our young parishioners in college through the "care package" program. Speaking of the latter, I want to personally thank all those who stayed after the March meeting to write personal notes that were included in packages sent to students.

Due to some logistical issues, the council leadership team has decided to cancel our participation this year in the Savers of Life collection, which I described in last month's newsletter. We will do some further research and consideration, and might initiate it next year. Stay tuned!

I hope all of you had a chance to participate in one or more of the Easter Triduum services, in addition to the obligatory attendance at Easter Sunday Mass. I personally find that the Passion services leading up to Easter make the joyful Sunday celebration even more meaningful. On a personal note, my wife's uncle, Father Gerald Waris, officiated at the Holy Thursday Mass at STM, and it was especially meaningful for our family this year. *Vivat Jesus!*



State Knights Convention

Grand Knight Jack Ryan and his wife Anne (*photo above*), along with Phil Muellner, represented Council 14270 at this year's Knights of Columbus state convention in Jefferson City. Elected to state office for the 2010-2011 fraternal year were:

State Deputy John Appelbaum (*photo below*)

State Secretary Keith Milson

State Treasurer Bob Fournier

State Advocate Dennis Buchheit

State Warden Richard Van Dyke

Welcome New Members!

Council 14270 has five new members: **Ed Butkievich, Bill Doll, Dustin Rogge, Randy Stuppy and Mitch Mauer**. All transferred from other councils, except Mitch Mauer, who completed his first degree on March 12.

COUNCIL CALENDAR

05.30	Fifth Sunday Mass	Church / Waid's	9:30AM
06.03	Council Leader Meeting	Huhmann Room	7:00PM
06.10	Council Business Meeting	More Hall D	7:15PM
06.10	Officer Elections	(during meeting)	
TBA	Officer Inductions	STM Church	
06.25	Family Fun Knight	More Hall & campus	6-10PM

➤ check website for latest info: stmkc.com (click on community life)

UPCOMING DEGREES

06.01	First Degree	O'Hara Council 4387	7:00PM
06.27	First Degree	Raytown Council 4962	7:30PM

➤ contact Doug Weishar: 943-0609 or doug.weishar@kcpd.org



Family Fun Knight

Family Fun Knight is Friday, June 25, from 6 to 10 PM. Family Director Larry LeFebvre is looking for volunteers to sell tickets after Masses the two weekends before, as well as work the event. He is now accepting donations for the Wheelbarrow of Cheer. Contact Larry at 941-9506.



STM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
-present the third annual-

Family Fun Knight

Friday June 25 6-10 PM
In and Around More Hall

hamburgers - Italian sausages - baked beans
sides - salads - desserts - iced tea - water
soft drinks, beer & wine available

kids games with prizes - karaoke
drawing for the Wheelbarrow of Cheer

seating and activities inside and outside
shaded seating available outside

ADVANCE TICKETS SOLD AFTER MASSES
-- June 12-13 AND 19-20 --
\$6 person / \$22 family in advance
(\$8 person / \$25 family at the door)
for info or tickets call **816-591-9904**



Council Elections on June 10

Council officers for the 2010-2011 fraternal year will be elected during the monthly business meeting on Thursday, June 10.

At the meeting, the council trustees will present a slate of candidates that includes all current officers, with two exceptions. Ed Thomas will be on the ballot for the outside guard position currently held by Lee Jones, and Phil Muellner will be on the ballot to replace Tom Kenagy as two year trustee.

The floor will be open to nominations of other candidates and discussion before the vote is held. A candidate for council office must be a member of the council in good standing having attained at least the Third Degree.

The proposed slate of officers is as follows:

- Grand Knight Jack Ryan
- Deputy Grand Knight Jim Easley
- Chancellor Craig Borgmeyer
- Recorder Laurence Countee
- Treasurer John Kelly
- Advocate Paul Hentzen
- Warden Don Doyon
- Inside Guard Paul Becker
- Outside Guard Ed Thomas
- Three Year Trustee David Long
- Two Year Trustee Phil Muellner
- One Year Trustee Gene Twellman

The Council Chaplain and Lecturer are appointed annually, and the Financial Secretary is appointed to a three-year term.

KNIGHT & SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

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| 04.02 Barbara Marine | 04.03 David Mehl | 04.06 Meredith Barthol | 04.08 Harold Heiman |
| 04.11 Bob Easley | 04.17 Chip McKenzie | 04.19 Barb Watterson | 04.21 Mary LeFebvre |
| 04.23 Geri Duncan | 04.23 Mary McLauri | 04.30 Jacalyn Cahill | 05.03 Karen Loeffelholz |
| 05.03 Dan Watson | 05.09 Ed Butkievich | 05.10 Leo Amor | 05.11 Mary Gawron |
| 05.13 Dave Long | 05.14 Marilyn Smith | 05.14 Luke Ungashick | 05.17 Dale Covey |
| 05.18 Paul Becker | 05.21 Perry Ceriotti | 05.24 Doug Weishar | 05.26 Craig Laird |
| 05.28 Tim Bosler | 06.01 Jim Wright | 06.09 Gregg Whipple | 06.10 Bud Williamson |
| 06.14 Ray Hense | 06.14 Ann Markus | 06.17 Michelle Heapy | 06.17 Karin Kraft-Stuppy |
| 06.23 Kara Bosler | | | |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 04.03 Joe & Jennie Wynn | 04.09 Bill & Kathy Venable | 04.10 Mary & Mike Begnaud |
| 04.15 Larry & Mary LeFebvre | 04.18 Mike & Susan Hoefer | 04.19 Joe & Dolores Dyché |
| 04.20 Joe & Rosie Murphy | 04.22 Ross & Barbara Marine | 04.23 Jeff & Meredith Barthol |
| 04.30 Tyler & Laura Barr | 05.10 Patrick & Kelli Reidy | 05.12 Don & Betty Doyon |
| 05.19 Ken & Linda Woodward | 05.20 Joe & Mary Davidson | 05.20 Gerald & Jeanne Holmes |
| 05.23 Darin & Kathy Kamratt | 05.24 John & Mary Pazell | 05.24 Mark & Cindy Rogge |
| 06.03 Ron & Barbara Tavernero | 06.03 John & Camilla Vogl | 06.06 Gene & Nadine Gray |
| 06.08 Jim & Alice Wright | 06.10 Tom & Becky Kenagy | 06.13 John & Cheri Kelly |
| 06.13 Don & Karen Loeffelholz | 06.14 Ray & Martha Hense | |

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

- Mike Mulligan - 50 years Ross Marine - 35 years Vince Accurso - 15 years

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- CHAPLAIN
Fr. Don Farman
- GRAND KNIGHT
Jack Ryan - 942-8188
- DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Jim Easley - 942-8925

- CHANCELLOR
YOUTH DIRECTOR
Craig Borgmeyer - 943-0156



- FINANCIAL SECRETARY
Rocky Hembree - 942-0069
- RECORDER
Laurence Countee - 941-0624
- TREASURER
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN
John Kelly - 942-3226
- LECTURER
Gene Gray - 942-2649
- ADVOCATE
Paul Hentzen - 942-4712
- WARDEN
Don Doyon - 942-8027
- INSIDE GUARD
Paul Becker - 943-8968
- OUTSIDE GUARD
Lee Jones - 941-4041
- THREE YEAR TRUSTEE
David Long - 942-2561
- TWO YEAR TRUSTEE
Tom Kenagy - 942-5161
- ONE YEAR TRUSTEE
COUNCIL DIRECTOR
Gene Twellman - 942-1473
- CHARITY DIRECTOR
Ed Thomas - 941-9376
- COMMUNITY DIRECTOR
Joe Dyché - 942-5812
- CHURCH DIRECTORS
Rocky Hembree - 942-0069
Ed Van Buskirk - 215-1483
- FAMILY DIRECTOR
Larry LeFebvre - 941-9506
- MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
Doug Weishar - 943-0609
- ADMISSIONS CHAIRMAN
Brad Doty - 942-3949
- VOCATIONS CHAIRMAN
PRO-LIFE DIRECTOR
PHOTOGRAPHER
Phil Muellner - 361-3178
- KNIGHTS NEWS EDITOR
John Kelly - 942-3226

2010 Knights Essay Contest

■ *Brother Paul K. Hentzen*

Council 14270 conducted its 3rd annual essay contest for the students of St. Thomas More School during February. A total of 52 essays were received from Laura Knapp's 6th graders. This year's theme was "Strong Families Build Strong Communities." Ms. Knapp said this was "raw 6th grade writing," since all of the work on the essays was done in the classroom. It was obvious from the quality of the essays submitted that the students put a great deal of thought and work into their writing.

A good number of Knights were on hand to present certificates and gift cards to the writers of the top four essays. The winners were not announced ahead of time so students were excited and anxious to hear who had won. This year parents of the winners were tipped off ahead of time so they could attend the presentation.

A gift card was also presented to Laura Knapp in appreciation of her efforts to promote the essay contest. Thanks also to Principal John O'Connor, who graciously worked the awards into the school day and attended the presentation.

This year's essay contest winners are:

1st place - Danny Hoop

2nd place - Danny Cuddy

3rd place (tie) - Anna Bennett and Joey D'Alesio

The first place entry by Danny Hoop was submitted to the Missouri State Knights of Columbus to be entered into the state contest. Danny Hoop's winning essay is reprinted below.

Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to Laura Knapp and John O'Connor.

You Can Make a Difference

by Danny Hoop

Strong families have many strong traits that go into building a strong community. Traits such as happiness, love, and care. There are also other traits such as respect, responsibility, and sacrifice. All of these traits are needed to build the strongest families possible. While you are reading my essay think about what our world would be like without this trait or even what I could do to help myself and my family have this trait.

Respect is essential for building up a strong family and community. Respect is letting an elderly person sit in your spot if they are standing. If you see someone fall down instead of laughing at them go and help them up. Children in a strong family must

appreciate what their parents do for them. Building up respect with your loved ones will help you build up respect in your community.

Without love and care our lives would not be the same. If we do not love our neighbors as ourselves there would be no gift giving at Christmas. The less fortunate would never get a chance to prove themselves if nobody cared for them. We also do many simple things too, like pushing someone's car if they get stuck in the snow. Small or large everything we do builds up our families and communities. Love is a very important trait in our families too. Eva Burrows once said "In family life, love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together, and the music that brings harmony."

Responsibility is a must in every strong family and community. Firemen have the big job of putting out fires. Everyday citizens have the responsibility of following traffic laws to keep themselves and other people safe. In my family we can get new pets if we take on the job of feeding it. Sometimes the city will build parks for the town, but if they do that we have the responsibility of keeping it clean. Almost all strong families and communities are very responsible.

Happiness is sometimes an overlooked trait in communities and sometimes in families. If everybody is happy about their job or, anything we do, we will do it better. Almost everything a parent does is to make their child happy or give them a better life in the future. Happiness means more to some people than to other people. I always try to be happy in everything I do as well as trying to make other people happy.

I think sacrifice should be a big part of every family and community. What would our world be like without sacrifice? Our great nation might have the right of freedom without the troops sacrificing their lives for our freedom. There are different kinds of sacrifice. Some people sacrifice their time to run fundraisers and charities. Others give up their money and materials to those charities. Sacrifice is always great for others, but it usually makes you feel better than if you act selfish. If you think the same thing before you do something ask yourself why should I be selfish?

Materials and money are a big part of our lives, but the things that build up really strong communities are the things we do for others to make where we live a better place. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. told us "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." To me that means we must work together as one toward the same goal of building up a stronger community, which will never happen if we are all selfish. Some people say there is no way I can make a difference but if you just start by doing one act of love or sacrifice you can make a difference in your community and world.

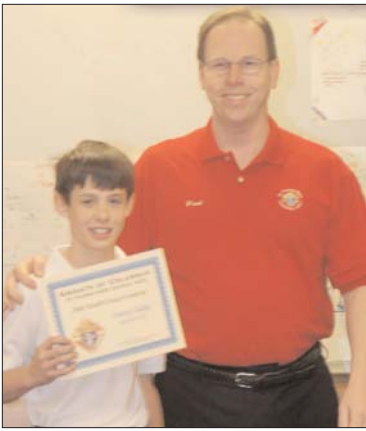
Father Don Meet & Greet Brings New Knights to STM Council

Several gentlemen stopped by More Hall after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, May 2, to visit with Fr. Don and other members of Council 14270. Some filled out Form 100s there, some took one home and many expressed some interest in becoming a Knight.

Membership Director Doug Weishar expects several men will attend the First Degree ceremony on June 1 at O'Hara Council 4387. The degree begins at 7 pm; candidates are asked to be at the O'Hara Council hall by 6:30.

A carpool will leave from STM parking lot at 6:15. Current members are invited to support the new members by attending the First Degree. Meet at STM parking lot for the carpool, or be at O'Hara Council by 6:45. Contact Doug Weishar at 943-0609 or doug.weishar@kcpd.org.

Other First Degrees are scheduled before July 1, the deadline to get members on the roster before the end of the fraternal year. Contact Doug or Jack Ryan at 942-8188 or ryansaj@swbell.net.



Youth Awards Presentation

On Thursday, April 15, STM Council 14270 held its second annual STM Youth Awards Presentation, honoring students for excellence in youth activities sponsored during the year by the STM Knights of Columbus: Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Championship, Essay Contest and Poster Contest.

Items of Interest

■ **Fifth Sunday!** On May 30, council members are invited to sit together at the 9:30 Mass, then meet for breakfast at Waid's restaurant on 103rd Street. Pews will be reserved on the far right side as you enter the church. Remember to wear your council shirt and/or name badge. Even if you don't attend the 9:30 Mass, still plan to join us for breakfast

■ Please welcome **Rocky Hembree** as our new council financial secretary. Also welcome back **Joe Dyche** after his surgery and recuperation.

■ The council voted at the May meeting to distribute our half of the **M.R. Drive proceeds** evenly among F.I.R.E. (Foundation for Inclusive Religious Education), SPRED (Special Religious Development) and Special Olympics. A total of \$1,510.99 was raised. The state half of the proceeds go to Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

■ **Mike Mulligan**, a charter member of our council, was recently honored at a dinner by Raytown Council 4962 along with other charter members from that council's founding 50 years ago.

■ Doug Weishar asks that you keep in your prayers his 19-year-old nephew, **Andrew Weishar**, who is fighting colon cancer.

■ The Missouri Knights of Columbus **Golf Tournament** is Saturday, July 31, at Schifferdecker Municipal Golf Course in Joplin. For information contact djbertoncino@yahoo.com.

■ The Knights of Columbus passed a milestone on April 30, when membership exceeded **1.8 million**. Membership grew from 1.7 million to 1.8 million in less than five years and continues a growth trend in which the number of Knights has grown every year since 1973.

SOCCER CHALLENGE

CONTEST WINNER	AGE GROUP	TEACHER/CLASSROOM
Courtney Stewart	Girls 10	Paula Pawlewicz (Grade 5)
Matthew Grimaldi	Boys 10	Paula Pawlewicz (Grade 5)
Mary Kate Grimaldi	Girls 11	Joann Katzer (Grade 6)
Brett Easley	Boys 11	Laura Knapp (Grade 6)
Connor Stewart	Boys 13	Rita Derrington (Grade 8)

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

CONTEST WINNER	AGE GROUP	TEACHER/CLASSROOM
Bridget Roudebush	Girls 10	Cathy McDaniel (Grade 4)
Charlie Krebs	Boys 10	Julie Lobb (Grade 4)
Tess Rellihan	Girls 11	Sue Wachtel (Grade 5)
Jack Powell	Boys 11	Tammy Ciecior (Grade 5)
Mary Mertes	Girls 12	Kelly Rose (Grade 7)
Danny Murphy	Boys 12	Laura Knapp (Grade 6)
Samantha Ruiz	Girls 13	Rita Derrington (Grade 8)
Sam Krebs	Boys 13	Jerry Nyquist (Grade 7)
Mackenzie Manning	Girls 14	Rita Derrington (Grade 8)
Brad Yancey	Boys 14	Debbie Roberts (Grade 8)

ESSAY CONTEST

CONTEST WINNER	AGE GROUP	TEACHER/CLASSROOM
Danny Hoop	Grade 6	Laura Knapp (Grade 6)
Danny Cuddy	Grade 6	Laura Knapp (Grade 6)
Anna Bennett	Grade 6	Laura Knapp (Grade 6)
Joey D'Alesio	Grade 6	Laura Knapp (Grade 6)

POSTER CONTEST

CONTEST WINNER	AGE GROUP	TEACHER/CLASSROOM
Adele Rogge	Grade 4	Cathy McDaniel (Grade 4)

Double Star Council Progress

- ① INCREASE NET MEMBERSHIP BY 14
Membership = 120 (net +9) -- **64%** of goal
- ② INCREASE INSURANCE MEMBERSHIP
Goal = +3 (now +3) -- **100%** of goal
- ③ CONTRIBUTE 125% OF R.I.B. QUOTA
Goal = \$7.50 per member -- **144%** of quota