

## Grand Knight's Report JACK RYAN

We did it!! Despite the bar being raised from 10% to 14% and starting out with three suspensions, our council has again grown enough to qualify us for our third consecutive Double Star Award! Our net gain this fraternal year was 15 additional members (Star quota 7) and 5 Insurance members (Star/Double Star quota 3). Congratulations to all of you who recruited one or more members this year!

Of course the Star/Double Star award is also based on programs during the year, and, thanks to your efforts, we were able to shine in that area as well! From the MR Drive to Knights Night Out, from Roses for Life to the Family Fun Knight, we continue to have a very active council. If you haven't assisted or participated in any of our activities, I strongly encourage you to not miss out any longer. As I like to tell new Knights after their First Degree, the honor starts with becoming a Knight, but the fun starts with getting involved in council activities!

Although we have a short breather from major activities this month (no parish-wide birthday celebration this year), we can't ever let up on our recruiting efforts. The bar has been raised again this year, so will we need at least 9 new Knights this fraternal year just to make Star Council. With three more unavoidable suspensions pending, that means we'll need a total of 21 new members to achieve our fourth consecutive Double Star. That's just 3 more than our total new members last year, so I know we can do it!

On a related subject, I ask that all of you who are still First Degree members keep Sunday, September 12 open. That's the date of the next Second & Third Degree in the KC metro area, currently scheduled for St. Ann's Church in Independence. Although it takes most of the afternoon (plus a free dinner), the Second and Third Degree is definitely the most interesting, and carries some additional benefits: Third Degree Knights are qualified to be council officers, and to officially be called "Knights." Technically, First Degree members are "Members of the Knights of Columbus." Taking the degree in September also qualifies you to take the Fourth Degree, which is always in April. Fourth Degree bestows some wonderful benefits, which I'll talk about later.

Have a great summer! Vivat Jesus!

### Annual Pilgrimmage ED COLUMBUS

This is the initial announcement about a Motor Coach bus to take interested Catholics to the Annual Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage. This year the Pilgrimage will be to Starkensburg, Missouri, in rural and rustic mid Missouri, on October 3.

The bus will leave the Knights of Columbus Hall in Raytown at 6:30 AM and return at around 7 PM. We will stop along the way for breakfast on your own. Cost to ride the bus will be \$34.00 per person, which includes a \$9.00 lunch at the site, prepared by the local Knights of Columbus council.

The Kansas City Chapter of the Knights of Columbus has guaranteed the bus. For more information, please contact Ed Columbus @ 816-358-8831.

Seats are on a first paid basis. Make checks out to: Kansas City Chapter, Knights of Columbus, and mail to Ed Columbus, 4807 Appleton, Kansas City, MO 64133.

# Rediscover the Music of the St. Louis Jesuits!

"Be Not Afraid," "Here I Am, Lord," "One Bread, One Body" and more!

#### LIVE in Concert Proceeds benefit CRISTO REY KANSAS CITY

A Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth High School

#### Sunday, September 19 3:00 PM Visitation Church 5141 Main

General Admission: \$25 Priority Seating: \$35

Patron tickets: \$100 (includes reception with St. Louis Jesuits, prime seating and autographed book)

For tickets and more information Central Ticket Office: 816-235-6222 cristoreykc.org

## **Officer Installation**

Council officers for the fraternal year 2010-11 were installed Thursday, July 1, by District 9 Deputy Tony Berter during a ceremony in Saint Thomas More Church.



District 9 Deputy Tony Berter congratulating Grand Knight Jack Ryan

## Vitae President to Speak at STM PHIL MUELLNER

STM Knights of Columbus Council and Ann Verhulst, chairperson of the STM Respect for Life committee, have arranged for Carl Landwehr, president of the Vitae Caring Society, to speak at STM on Wednesday, October 20, at 7:00 PM in More Hall.

Please mark your calendar for this event and spread the word to your neighbors and friends. More information will be forthcoming in the parish bulletin and *Knights News* as the date approaches.



## 9th Annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 5586, Belton MO

Four-Person Scramble - Brown Bag Lunch BBQ Buffet Dinner - Hole-in-One Prizes - Longest Drive Foursome Contest - Closest to Pin - Money Hole Putting & Chipping Contest

September 18 - Noon Shotgun Start Hoots Hollow at Country Creek

Team: \$280 Individual: \$70

Contact Joe Cummings 816-331-4294 JLCDJC@gmail.com



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#### **Welcome New Members**

Joe Crayon David Gordon Phil Holderness John Humphrey Charlie Lynn Kevin O'Sullivan Matt Ungashick Roger Williams

#### **Membership Milestones**

Tom Steffens 45 years





Knights Night Out THE WELL









#### **COUNCIL CALENDAR**

**Fifth Sunday** 

MASS & BREAKFAST AT WAID'S

Council Leader Meeting Thursday, August 5 7:00 PM

Council Business Meeting Thursday, August 12 7:15 PM

Fifth Sunday Mass & Breakfast Sunday, August 29 9:30 AM

> Second & Third Degree Sunday, September 12

MR (Tootsie Roll) Drive Friday-Sunday, October 8-10

Columbus Knight Dinner Monday, October 11 5-8 PM



























#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

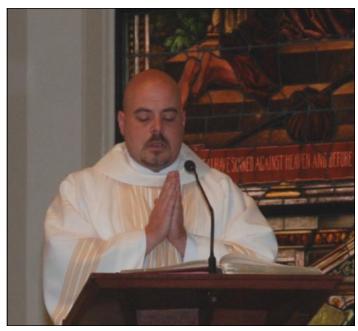
07.03 - John & Margaret Kohn 07.04 - David & Rosemary Lanter 07.05 - Ed & Barb Van Buskirk 07.10 - Brad & Teresa Doty 07.18 - Mike & Susan Hoefer 07.10 - David & Karen Redlich 07.10 - Carl & Barb Watterson 07.14 - Chris & Kristin Gaughan 07.16 - Craig & Wendy Borgmeyer 07.17 - Bob & Diane Easley 07.22 - Joe & Maris Haster 07.24 - Eric & Donna Melgaard 08.01 - Doug & Mary Jane Weishar 08.04 - Mike & Mary Anne Mulligan 08.10 - Jim & Rita Bodine 08.12 - Salvatore & Teresa Mentesana 08.14 - Craig & Jean Laird 08.14 - Gene & Debbi Twellman 08.16 - Tim & Kathleen Stockwell 08.21 - Dick & Daffy Shaw

#### **KNIGHT & SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS**

07.01 - Rosie Murphy 07.02 - Carol Covey 07.02 - Joe Haster 07.02 - Charlie Lynn 07.06 - Brad Weishar 07.06 - Sarah Jokerst 07.08 - Dan Kennalev 07.09 - Phil Paschana 07.09 - Ron Tavernaro 07.10 - Kathy Maguire 07.11 - Maria Accurso 07.12 - Rick Dostal 07.13 - Ryan Melgaard 07.14 - Paul Hentzen 07.14 - Mitch Mauer 07.15 - Kathy Whipple 07.16 - John Vogl 07.17 - Jenny McKenzie 07.18 - Kathy Kamradt 07.19 - David Gordon 07.20 - Mary Davidson 07.20 - Anne Ryan 07.21 - Susan Belzer 07.23 - Peggy Hembree 07.24 - Phillip Holderness

07.25 - Nadine Gray

07.31 - Ed Thomas 08.02 - Kelli Reidy 08.02 - Vince Accurso 08.02 - Chris Gaughan 08.02 - Mike Mulligan 08.04 - Denise Easley 08.08 - Tim Steffens 08.09 - Donna Melagard 08.09 - Jerry Holmes 08.09 - Philip Kratofil 08.10 - Mary Jane Weishar 08.10 - Tim Stockwell 08.12 - Dolores Dyche 08.13 - Laura Barr 08.13 - Gene Twellman 08.14 - Tom Fritts 08.17 - Fr. Don Farnan 08.17 - Bob Round 08.20 - Kristin Gaughan 08.20 - Crystal Hentzen 08.22 - Linda Ungashick 08.25 - Dick Shaw 08.29 - Joe Davidson



Deacon Louis Farley at the Father-Son Mass

### Father Don Meet & Greet SUNDAY, MAY 2







# Seminarians Update

As you may know, this year our council supported Tim Nguyen and Louis Farley, who have been attending Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Conn. Through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), they each received \$500.

They will soon be returning to seminary. Please send card or emails to them. In this time when the number of priests, brothers and sisters are down, we need to support vocations for the future of the Catholic faith.

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