

Knights News

DECEMBER 2010

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #14270



Grand Knight's Report

JACK RYAN

Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año! 2010 has certainly been a prosperous year for our council! Thanks to the efforts of so many of you, we had numerous successful events, raised a record amount of money for charity and brought in 21 new members and several insurance members, which all adds up to receiving our third consecutive Double Star in July! This honor is achieved by less than 5% of all Knights of Columbus councils, which shows that we really have a good thing going! I'll bet we can accomplish even more next year!

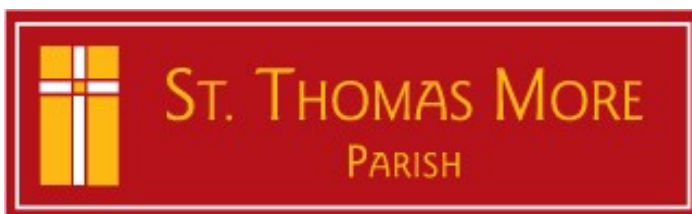
Our last "event" for 2010 will be the December Monday Knights Football gathering at the Sand Trap on Monday, December 13. It's always a fun time (fabulous burgers at half price), as well as a great recruiting tool, so come out and join us, and bring a friend who might be interested in the Knights of Columbus. Wives are welcome, too!

The new year will be starting off with a bang, with two important events: The Roses for Life campaign January 8 and 9, and the Free Throw Contest shortly after that. We'll need a lot of help for both, so please contact Phil Muellner to help hand out & collect roses at the Masses, or contact Craig Borgmeyer if you can lend a hand with the free throws. We're also looking into the possibility of sponsoring a dance/mixer for the upper grades of the school in January or February. As always, thanks for your assistance!

I also ask everyone to please fill out the 2010 Fraternal Activity Surveys, so all those hours you spent are counted in the council's and the order's total service hours. Like the order's totals at the Supreme office, our council counts *only* the hours that are actually reported through the survey forms. We do *not* extrapolate to account for those who didn't report, so our report will only be accurate if everyone submits their information. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter and meeting reminder.

My heartfelt wishes to you and your families for a Happy, Blessed Christmas season. I'm looking forward to a great New Year for our council in 2011!

Vivat Jesus!





Are You Ready for Some Football?
Join STM Knights of Columbus at Sand Trap for
Monday Knights Football
Monday Oct. 18 -- Nov. 15 -- Dec. 13
games start @ 7:30 -- 13037 Holmes Rd

>> DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S FINAL <<
Monday Knights Football
December 13 @ Sand Trap
Bring a friend, Bring your wife
Half price burgers <> Game starts @ 7:30



Baltimore Ravens
> DECEMBER 13 <
Houston Texans



Membership Update As of November, Council 14270 membership stands at 129, with 82 associate members and 47 insurance members. Kevin Schlitzer recently joined the council as a new member, and Tim Kelly and Don Robinson have been readmitted.

New Director Steve Finger has stepped up to lead the Church Activities Committee. The committee will be continuing the college student care package program that was begun last year. (943-0835 sfinger@kc.rr.com)

Charity Committee As approved at the November business meeting, the council will be donating \$1,200 to assist 12 parish families during the Christmas season.

3 on 3 Basketball A donation of \$100 was again made by the council to support this annual tournament, held this year on Sunday Jan. 2. Team sponsorships are available for \$60. (Bernie Hopfinger 942-8827 bhopfinger@hntb.com)

In Memoriam

Lawrence Mosnick, 80, of Leawood, Kan., passed away Wednesday, November 3, at Kansas City Hospice House in the presence of his family. He was born in Detroit, Mich., on Sept. 26, 1930, to John and Josephine Mosnick. Larry attended St. James Catholic School, Lillis High School and Rockhurst University. In 1949, he met the love of his life, Clarice Wefenstette, and they were married on Feb. 9, 1952.

He served in the U.S. Navy for four years and especially enjoyed his duty on the USS Monterey at Pensacola, Fla. He was an avid baseball player and played in the Ban Johnson League. As a young man he participated in the sport of boxing and won the Golden Gloves heavyweight championship in 1948. He was also an avid bowler where he built many lifelong friendships.

He was employed by Allied Callaway Equipment Co., for over 40 years as a Sales Representative. One of his favorite pastimes was spending time at his Lake of the Ozarks home with family and friends. He spent many patient hours in the boat trying to teach children and friends tubing and waterskiing.

He was very active in the Knights of Columbus, served as Grand Knight, was a member of St. Thomas More Council 14270 and a member of Father Donnelley Fourth Degree Assembly. He had a strong faith and was a lifelong member of St. James and St. Thomas More Catholic churches.

His greatest passion and source of pride were his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his loving

wife, Clarice Mosnick, and his children and spouses, Beverly Mosnick of Kansas City, Debbie and Greg Schmidt of North Andover, Mass., Larry, Jr., and Phyllis Mosnick of Crystal Lake, Ill., and Stephanie and Ted Ennis of Kansas City. He is also survived by his loving grandchildren, Jessica, Jake and Nathaniel Schmidt, Emily, Alex and Christina Mosnick, and Lauren and Teddy Ennis.

His family would like to especially thank the staff and stroke survivors at American Stroke Foundation, who provided companionship and rehabilitation for the last five years of his life. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Stroke Foundation, 5960 Dearborn, Suite 100, Mission, KS 66202.

Visitation and rosary was held on Nov. 5 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Nov. 6 at the church, with the Ladies of Charity rosary recited prior to the Mass.

To leave online condolences and view a photo gallery, log on to dignitymemorial.com.

Missouri MR Drive Update

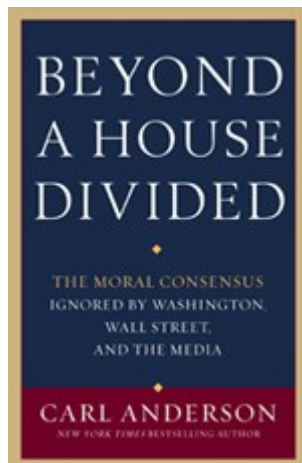
From State Program Director Brad Grill: "On behalf of the many needy individuals who will receive funding from this year's October annual MR Drive weekend, I would like to thank MR Promotions Director Bob Hawkins, his Chairmen, Brother Knights who participated and their family members for a job well done. Our goal this year is \$650,000 and I am confident that we will be close to that number." Council 14270 raised \$1,597.29.

SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS

Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson authors new book

In *Beyond a House Divided: The Moral Consensus Ignored by Washington, Wall Street & the Media*, Carl Anderson explores what many have missed: an overwhelming American consensus on many of the country's seemingly most divisive issues. If the debates are shrill in public, he says, there is a quiet consensus in private - one that America's institutions ignore at their peril.

From health care, to the role of religion in America, to abortion, to the importance of traditional ethics in business and society, Anderson uses fresh polling data and keen insight in *Beyond a House Divided* to show that a



surprising consensus has emerged despite these debates. He sheds light on what's been missing in the public and political debates of the last several years. Anderson is the author of New York Times best-sellers *A Civilization of Love* and *Our Lady of Guadalupe*.

Three New Cardinals are Knights

Pope Benedict XVI elevated 24 bishops and archbishops to the College of Cardinals at a Nov. 20 consistory in St. Peter's Basilica. Three of them are Knights of Columbus.

Raymond Cardinal Burke, prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, became a Knight in 1977 at LaCrosse (Wisc.) Council 839.

Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington (D.C.) became a Knight in 1979 at Duquesne Council 264 in Pittsburgh.

Kazmierz Cardinal Nycz, Archbishop of Warsaw (Poland) became a Knight in 2007 at Warsaw Council 14271, the next council formed after St. Thomas More Council 14270.

Letter from Carlos

Puente Piedra, July 1, 2010

Knights Of Columbus Council

Dear Godparents,

Receive a warm regard from my country and the biggest hug to each of you. May God bless your heart with love, and peace. I would like to thank you for taking care of me and giving me a little of your heart.

I am in final exams; I am studying very hard to succeed. I would like you to be proud of me.

Here in Lima we are in winter. It is very cold, however the warmth of the people is great. We are celebrating our independence day in July. All is red and white because of the colors of our flag.

Once again thank you very much.



More Hoops Youth Activities Director Craig Borgmeyer is organizing the 2011 Youth Free Throw Championship, on Sunday Jan. 16, from 1 to 4 PM in Saint Thomas More School gymnasium. (943-0156 cborgmeyer@kc.rr.com)

Survey Says Look for the annual Knights of Columbus Survey of Fraternal Activity in your email. These forms are vital to our Order's documenting the charitable acts of our councils and members.

Roses for Life The annual drive supporting pro-life causes will be held during all Masses on the weekend of Jan. 8 & 9. (Phil Muellner 361-3178 philipmuellner@att.net)

Knight Riders Do you have a few minutes before & after Mass to offer rides to your fellow parishioners? Volunteers are needed. (Gene Gray 942-2649)

Fifth Sunday All Knights and families are encouraged to sit together on Sunday Jan. 30, and meet for breakfast afterwards. Wear your Knights shirt, a red shirt, your name badge or all three.

Degrees Coming up in February or March is a 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification in our area. All First Degree Knights are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to attain full membership in our order. The yearly Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on March 19. Third Degree Knights who have been a Knight for at least six months are eligible. (Doug Weishar 943-0609 Doug.Weishar@KCPD.org)



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— BIRTHDAYS —

12.04 - Kathy Thomas
12.05 - Margaret Kohn
12.07 - Cindy Rogge
12.07 - Tyler Barr
12.09 - Edward O'Reilly
12.10 - Joe Wynn
12.11 - Edgar Palacios
12.12 - Barb Van Buskirk
12.14 - John McLauray
12.18 - Mike Gaughan
12.19 - Rocky Hembree
12.20 - Diane Easley
12.22 - Gene Gray
12.23 - Pat Reidy
12.27 - Kathleen Stockwell
12.30 - Becky Kenagy

— ANNIVERSARIES —

12.02 - Patrick & Mary Kim Henehan
12.08 - Tom & Joanne Reagan
12.15 - Joe & Linda Humber
12.29 - Marvin & Nancy Lang
12.30 - Mike & Tina Gaughan

— CALENDAR —

Council Leader Meeting
Wednesday, December 1 7:00 PM
Council Business Meeting
Thursday, December 9 7:15 PM
Roses for Life
Saturday & Sunday January 8-9
Youth Free Throw Championship
Sunday, January 16
Fifth Sunday Mass & Breakfast
Sunday, January 30 9:30 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL

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