

Knights News

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SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #14270



Grand Knight's Report

JACK RYAN

First of all, I want to thank all of you who completed the 2010 Fraternal Activity Survey. This year's numbers compared favorably with 2009, easily qualifying our council for the activity requirement of the Double Star Award. In case anyone asks you what the Knights do for the community, here are this year's reported council totals:

1. Number of visits to:
 - a) the sick — 129
 - b) the bereaved — 67
2. Number of times donated blood — 16
3. Hours of community volunteer service:
 - Church Activities — 811
 - Community Activities — 1429
 - Youth Activities — 855
 - Habitat for Humanity — 0
 - Miscellaneous Activities (not listed above) — 375
4. Hours of fraternal service to sick/disabled members and their families — 185

Speaking of the Star/Double Star Award, we still have a long way to go to reach our new member requirement for the award, but this month we have a golden opportunity to draw in some more men of our parish. Through the initiative of the State Council, each of the bishops in Missouri has written a letter personally inviting men of his diocese to join the Knights of Columbus.

This project, called the Bishop Blast, will begin for us with the publishing of Bishop Finn's letter in our parish bulletin the weekend of February 19 & 20, followed by a membership table after all the Masses the weekend of February 26 & 27. Most men of our parish should find it hard to turn down a direct invitation from the bishop, especially if they see a lot of Knights at the membership table the following week! Hanging around for a few minutes

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Bishop Blast ~ Feb. 26 & 27

Bishop Blast is a statewide effort, using the support of our Bishops to recruit new members

A letter from Bishop Finn will be published in the bulletin the weekend of Feb. 19 & 20

The next weekend, Feb. 26 & 27, we will man an information table in the narthex after all Masses

Volunteer to help or just stop by after Mass!

Contact Membership Director Doug Weishar
(doug.weishar@kcpd.org 943-0609)

Knights Night Out

LARRY LeFEBVRE

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 15, for another fun Knights Night Out. Yes, it's the day after Valentine's Day, but here is an opportunity to show that special someone that you love them twice as much! Or, for those of you who might have forgotten Valentine's Day, you have a second chance to make good.

Seriously, you are all invited to Wil Jenny's restaurant located at 135th and Glenwood in Overland Park. We've been there before and everyone seemed to enjoy both the food and atmosphere. Cocktails will begin at 6 PM, followed by your selection for dinner.

We will again have a drawing and you might be lucky enough to have your meal paid for. Don't miss out on this fun event with your Brother Knights and their families.

If you plan to attend, please contact me so that proper seating can be arranged. We will have a special area for our group. See you there! (laremare@aol.com 941-9506)

COUNCIL CALENDAR

- Leader Meeting Wed 2-2 7:00 PM
- 5th Grade Vocation Days 2- 9 & 10
- Business Meeting Thu 2-10 7:15 PM
- Knights Night Out Tue 2-15 6:00 PM
- Bishop Blast Sat/Sun 2-26/27



ST. THOMAS MORE
PARISH

From the Vocations Chairman

PHIL MUELLNER

Fifth Grade Vocations

On Feb. 9 & 10 the annual Fifth Grade Vocations Days will be held at O'Hara High School. The children listen to talks from the various religious representatives of priests, nuns and brothers about a life in the religious vocations.

They are treated to a breakfast snack and a luncheon. At the end of each day, Bishop Finn celebrates Mass at Saint Regis. It is great day for the kids to enjoy. The role of the Knights is to support the function by helping serve donuts and juice in the morning and hot dogs in the afternoon.

If you would like to help out, please plan to be there around 8:30 to 9 AM. I am hoping that many Knights will volunteer to help out for some hours. Our council is supporting this function with a \$50 donation. These children are the future priests, nuns and brothers.



Seminarian Support

At the January business meeting, the council voted to support seminarian Sam Geringer with a donation of \$500 through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP).

Sam is currently studying at Conception Abbey in Conception, Mo. His parents are from Wellington Mo., and his home

parish is St. George in Odessa Mo. Please support him with your prayers, cards and emails. His birthday is November 10. Sam may be reached at:

660-944-2851 or ansgeringer@conception.edu

Conception Seminary College, 37174 State Highway VV
P.O. Box 502, Conception, MO 64433-0502

Through the RSVP program, the council will receive \$100 back from Supreme Council.

Religious Greeting Cards

The Printery House at Conception Abbey is an organization that sells religious greeting cards for all sorts of occasions from Christmas to anniversary cards. Other religious goods are also sold. The proceeds from these cards and other goods help support the monks of Conception Abbey and the seminary college, where young men receive a college education as they prepare for the priesthood.

What a great way to support your faith. The cards are very reasonable in price and can be bought as a single card or in multi units. They can be reached at www.printeryhouse.org or 800-322-2737. (philmuellner@att.net 816-508-9959)

Fifth Sunday Mass & Breakfast

Thirty people attended breakfast at Dos de Oros on Sunday, January 30. Joe & Maris Haster won the free breakfast.



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after your usual Sunday (or Saturday) Mass, schmoozing with fellow parishioners and handing out cards, pamphlets and Form 100s is something fun we can all do, so let's be sure to show a big turnout for this important event!

February 5 & 6 is also a good opportunity to enjoy some great food and support the parish and the Boy Scouts, with the Souper Bowl on Saturday and the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday. And don't miss our next big Knights Night Out at Wil Jenny's, Tuesday, February 15! It won't interfere with Valentine's Day plans, and your wife will be doubly grateful if you treat her to dinner out two nights in a row!

For those of you who haven't seen it yet, Mark Dierks did a beautiful job building our council display case, and we're now able to show the great awards our council has earned instead of just storing them. Be sure to come to the meeting February 10 and take a look!

Vivat Jesus!



Knights & STM Work Together in Support of Life

PHIL MUELLNER

St. Thomas More Council had another successful Roses for Life drive on January 8th & 9th at all Masses. Close to 1,300 roses were signed. The signed roses were sent to Senator Claire McCaskill in advance of the annual March for Life, informing her that parishioners of Saint Thomas More are against abortion. Thank you to all Brother Knights who helped out at the Masses.

Field Agent Completes Home Office Training

NEW HAVEN, CT—Executive Vice President of Agencies and Marketing Thomas P. Smith, Jr., is pleased to announce that field agent Gary Spitzkeit of the Struempf Agency in Kansas City has recently attended and successfully completed a week of intensive training at Knights of Columbus Insurance International Headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut.

Mr. Spitzkeit resides in Raymore, and came to us with over 11 years of insurance experience. He is in his first year as a Knights of Columbus field agent. In order to be invited to this special training session in New Haven, he had to fulfill a number of requirements in his first months.

As a field agent, Mr. Spitzkeit is required to stay on a rigid educational track while a new agent and throughout his career. In New Haven, he received instruction on explaining the benefits of life insurance, annuities, long-term care to his clients and their families, in addition to supplemental courses in ethics, marketing and compliance. Mr. Spitzkeit can be reached at 913-568-4121. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefits society with more than \$77 billion of insurance in force.

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 14270 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship *Congratulations* TO THIS YEAR'S WINNERS

AGE 10

Matthew Moriarty, Mandy Mayer

AGE 11

Bridget Roudebush, Charlie Krebs

AGE 12

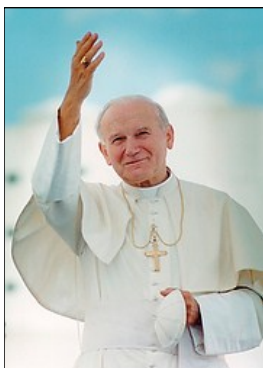
Brett Evans Mary, Kate Grimaldi

AGE 13

Beth Borgmeyer, Danny Hoop

AGE 14

Sam Krebs, Samantha Ruiz



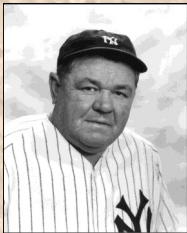
SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS Beatification of Pope John Paul II

"The beatification of Pope John Paul means that Catholics, and indeed all people, have a model for the heroic virtue each of us should strive to embody. A love of neighbor and defense of human dignity, a willingness to break down barriers and to dialogue with people of other faiths, a willingness to forgive

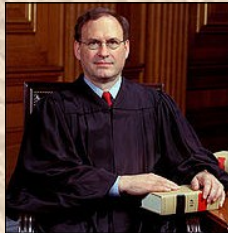
even the man who shot him, and the sincerity to ask for forgiveness for himself and the Church. This was a man who taught us how to live, and in the twilight of his years taught us how to die. He was in his life, and remains now man for all people, and example to us all." Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

Review historic moments in the papacy of Pope John Paul II, and his relationship with the Order, at KofC.org.

Notable Knights



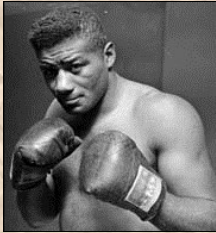
Babe Ruth



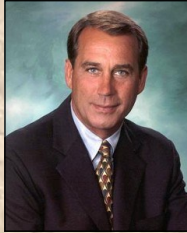
Samuel Alito



John F. Kennedy



Floyd Patterson



John Boehner



Jeb Bush



Vince Lombardi



Sgt Maj Daniel Daly

Other Notable Knights

Richard J. Daly, James J. Braddock, Mike Ditka, Joyce Kilmer, Jerry Orbach, Lou Albano, Sargent Shriver, Ron Guidry

Two-time Medal of Honor recipient, called by Marine Commandant "the most outstanding Marine of all time"



From the State Council

The Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus has made a priority of helping individuals with intellectual disabilities. So when State Deputy John Appelbaum learned that Dr. Rolanda Maxim was writing prescriptions for Special Olympics for her developmental pediatrics patients, he couldn't have been happier.

Dr. Maxim's innovative work at the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Childrens' Medical Center is a vote of confidence in the benefits of Special Olympics programs and training. To Appelbaum and the 42,000 Missouri Knights of Columbus, it's confirmation that their tireless volunteer work and fundraising is making an impact throughout the state.



Fourth Degree Enrich your commitment to your country and the Order by joining the highest degree in the Knights of Columbus. The yearly Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held March 19 at the Airport Hilton. Several men in our council will join the Fourth Degree, which is centered on the principle of patriotism. Information and application forms will be available at the next meeting.

GET YOUR BADGES!

Only 3 badge orders have come in, so there's still time! Badges come in pin-on or slip-on (\$10) & magnetic (\$11).

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— BIRTHDAYS —

- 1** Mary Pazell ♦ **4** Kathy Hopfinger ♦ **6** David Lanter
8 David Markus ♦ **10** Katherine Long
12 Alex McManus ♦ **16** Linda Huber
17 Joanne Reagan ♦ **18** Gafoga Visieso
9 Jeanne Holmes ♦ **20** Susan Hofer
21 Mary Kim Henehan ♦ **23** Cheryl Steffens
27 Gary Hense ♦ **28** Joe Smith

ANNIVERSARIES —

- 5** Tom & Lenore Simone **15** David & Katherine Long



Gary Spitzkeit

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