

# Knights News

DECEMBER 2011

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #14270



## Grand Knight Report

JIM EASLEY

Between Soccer Challenges, Tootsie Roll sales, Columbus Night Dinners, and Life Runners--we've had quite a few activities! A big THANK YOU to Larry LeFebvre, John Kelly, Jeff Barthol, and Phil Muellner to help organize and pull this off for the council!

Although it has been busy lately, we helped raise some money for our charity fund, supported our diocese with the Life Runners, and had some fun with the youth of the parish. To all of the volunteers, too numerous to mention, another big THANK YOU! The power of our organization is the willingness of each of us to do one or two things per year to help support or parish and community.

Sitting in the pews with my family the last few Sundays, we heard the annual calls to renew our stewardship pledges for the next year. One week, it's in support of our diocese. Another week we hear the same call to commit to our own parish. As good Catholic men, we know that stewardship involves not only gifts of treasure, but of our time and talents as well.

So, as we prayerfully consider how to support the material needs of the church and diocese, please consider how you will donate your time and talents as well. Our charitable works support the families of Saint Thomas More, the needs of the developmentally disabled in the state, and our religious. If you're looking for a place to lend a hand, think of us.

Please let me know of any questions or concerns that you may have!

Vivat Jesus!

## STM First Degree – Monday, January 16

### SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 14270

*will conduct its inaugural*

### Exemplification of the First Degree

Monday, January 16, More Hall @ 6:00 P.M.

### Join Degree Honoree Father Don Farnan

as STM Council welcomes new members in a ceremonial presented in our own parish hall

*Contact Membership Director Doug Weishar at 943-0609 about candidates you think would be interested in this special opportunity. (No one admitted to More Hall after 6 pm)*

## CHARITY The First Principle of the Order

As the end of the year approaches, it's again time to distribute what the council has collected in the Charity Fund through our events during the past year. Make a point to attend the upcoming December business meeting on Thursday, Dec. 15 to participate in the giving

Recent fundraising events included the Columbus Knight Dinner, which raised over \$2,000, and the second Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament, which brought in over \$900.

In addition, the Drive for Persons with Developmental Difficulties (the Tootsie Roll Drive) netted nearly \$1,900. Half of the PPD money goes to the Missouri State Council. The council half of the donations were \$324 each to SPRED, FIRE, & Special Olympics.

## STM Council News & Notes

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Currently STM Council has 154 members. To reach Star Council, 2 members and 3 insurance members are needed.

Recruiting 12 new members & 3 insurance members will make us a Double Star Council

### RSVP PROGRAM

Keep in touch with & support our sponsored seminarian, Sam Geringer  
[sgeringer@conception.edu](mailto:sgeringer@conception.edu)

### FRATERNAL SURVEY

Don't forget to complete the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

### VOLUNTEERS

Check page 4 for upcoming volunteer opportunities



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## In Memoriam

**George "Jerry" Gerard Reintjes**, 93, of Kansas City, Mo., passed away Tuesday, December 6. Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, December 9 at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, with burial following in Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation and rosary was held Thursday, December 8, at McGilley State Line Chapel

Jerry was born September 20, 1918, in Kansas City, Mo. to George and Margaret (Mallott) Reintjes. He attended St. Francis Xavier, Rockhurst High School and Findley Engineering College. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1945, and met the love of his life, Mary, who also served.

He retired from Geo P. Reintjes, as the Chairman of the Board. Jerry was a city councilman for Prairie Village and a world traveler. Jerry played American Legion Baseball, enjoyed sports, and was a Notre Dame fan his whole life. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, OFF Club, Knights of Columbus, St. Ann Circle 15, and More Friends. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Jack, Joe and Margaret. He is survived by his siblings, Robert, Betty McDonald, Marie Thorpe; children, Rita Blume, Michael Reintjes, Kate Reed, Maureen Reintjes, Terri Reintjes and Brian Reintjes; Poppo to fifteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and Jan.

Condolences may be left online at [www.mcgilleystatechapel.com](http://www.mcgilleystatechapel.com). Memorial contributions may be made to Rockhurst, St. Thomas More Catholic Church or Kansas City Hospice House.

**Ralph Alan "Bud" Williamson**, 72, of Kansas City, Mo., passed away unexpectedly Saturday, December 3. Visitation was held at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church on Monday, December 12, followed by a Memorial Mass. A Celebration of his life was held at Blue Hills Country Club.

Bud was born June 10, 1939 in Ft. Wayne, Ind. He attended the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and he remained a loyal and devoted Huskers fan. Bud was a PGA member for 46 years (1965-2011), the 3rd Head Golf Professional at Blue Hills CC (1976-2001). He served on the Midwest Section PGA Committee and Board, and served as the Midwest Section PGA President in 1983. Bud was on the National PGA Board of Directors and PGA District 7 Director. He was also a U.S. Senior Open Tournament Player. Bud helped create "Clubs for Kids" with Tom Watson and officiated the Children's Mercy Hospital Classic for 18 years at Blue Hills CC. In 2011 Bud was honored as an inductee to both the Nebraska Hall of Fame and the Midwest Section PGA Hall of Fame.

He was preceded in death by Ralph Alan Williamson, Sr. (father), Cecilia Appleman Williamson (mother), Phyllis Williamson Scallion (sister), Thomas Williamson (brother), and son-in-law Jason Brown. He is survived by his wife Susan Williamson, two daughters, Lisa Ives and Lynn Brown, and two grandchildren, Owen Ives and Marli Brown. Also surviving is his brother Mike Williamson, several nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be sent to: The First Tee of Greater Kansas City, 7501 Blue River Rd, Kansas City, MO 64132.



### 2012 Free Throw Championship

Sunday, January 8 ♦ 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Open to boys & girls age 10 to 14

Contact Youth Director Jeff Barthol 942-3267



**Jesus is the Reason**

**for the Season**

## Knight in Shining Armor Award

### ED COLUMBUS, STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

There is an award that is not promoted as much as it could be--the Shining Armor Award. The award was established by Supreme to get new members as active in as many facets of the Knights of Columbus as possible. A new Knight, to qualify for this award, must in his first year:

1. Be involved in at least 3 council service programs
2. Attend at least 3 council business meetings
3. Receive his 2nd & 3rd degree
4. Meet with the council insurance representative
5. Recruit at least one new member



## Columbus Knight Dinner

**COUNCIL DIRECTOR LARRY LeFEBVRE**

The third annual Columbus Knight Dinner was Monday, Oct. 11 in More Hall. The hall was transformed into an Italian bistro, complete with Italian waiters, strains of old Italian music, and of course a delicious Italian meal consisting of spaghetti with three kinds of sauces available, along with Mendolia Brothers Italian sausage. There was also a great salad, hot garlic toast, beverage and dessert.



A big Knights of Columbus thank you to the following for their very generous contributions to the success of the evening: John Jungk and Old World Spices, Mark Spence and the Faultless Linen Company, Tom Simone and the Mendolia Brothers Sausage Company, Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbeque, and all the Brother Knights who helped with the kitchen, serving, clean-up, advertising, cashiers, our wonderful hostess Cheri Kelly, and all who assisted in the evening. Our Charity Fund realized a profit of over \$2,000 which will help some needy families this Christmas.

## Meet Life Initiative

**PRO-LIFE DIRECTOR PHILL MUELLNER**

Starting this fraternal year, State Deputy John Appelbaum announced the Missouri Knights of Columbus has started a "Meet Life" campaign. This program has as its goal to reduce the number of abortions in Missouri by 50% by 2016 through placement of ultrasound machines in pregnancy help centers.

Also planned is a van with an ultrasound to park outside Planned Parenthood centers. This strategy stopped all abortions for an entire day in an abortion clinic in St. Louis. Appelbaum said, "This will give pregnant women the opportunity to meet their baby as early as six weeks into their pregnancy at no cost to them." It has been shown that 95% of women who see their fetus through an ultrasound will complete the birth and not abort the baby. With eight ultrasounds delivered already around major cities, the program's goal is to put other ultrasounds in some of the more remote areas of Missouri.

Appelbaum believes this is a war we need to fight and is a war that we can win. The Missouri Knights will be teaming up with the *Vitae Foundation*, which will handle the multimedia research, and *In His Image Ultrasound*, which will supply the technology. Supreme Council will provide one-half of the cost of each ultrasound, with fundraisers held for pregnancy help centers and Missouri Knights providing the other half of the cost.

This program will initially be a Knights program but will be later expanded to involvement with individual dioceses, parishes and other non-Catholic pro-life organizations. Posters and DVDs will be available for this purpose. Appelbaum is asking each Knight to donate \$10 per year for the next 5 years to achieve this goal.

FOR INFO CONTACT     Doug Kissinger  
Missouri Director of Respect Life  
dkissinger@centurytel.net  
417-336-2023.

TO DONATE CONTACT     Lou Holtmann  
loukofc@yahoo.com     636-285-1600

CHECKS PAYABLE TO     Meet Life, Columbian Charities  
7007 Carriage Hills Meadows  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016

Please include your council number on your check.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**01.08 Free Throw Championship**  
Boys & Girls 10-14 STM Gym 6 - 8 PM  
CONTACT Jeff Barthol 942-3267

**01.16 Big Monday @ SandTrap**  
After First Degree (approx. 7:30)  
SandTrap 13037 Holmes  
CONTACT Doug Weishar 943-0609

**01.29 Fifth Sunday Mass & Breakfast**  
Knights & families sit together @ 9:30  
Mass, then out for breakfast  
CONTACT Bill Doll 356-6975

**JANUARY 7 & 8 – Roses for Life**  
CONTACT Bill Doll 356-6975

### ONGOING

**Golf Cart Shuttle @ Masses**  
CONTACT Jack Ryan 942-8188

**Council Name Badges**  
CONTACT John Kelly 942-3226

**Council Shirts & Caps**  
CONTACT Rocky Hembree 942-0069

### DEGREES

CONTACT Doug Weishar 943-0609

**01.16 First Degree -- STM 6 PM**

**03.24 Fourth Degree @ Airport Hilton**

## Welcome Our New Third Degree Knights

Nine more  
STM members  
reached full  
Knighthood by  
attending Second  
and Third Degree  
Exemplifications  
recently.

*(pictured above)*

Deputy Grand  
Knight John Kelly  
Josh Johnson  
Dennis Krupp  
Dick Hudson  
Grand Knight  
Jim Easley

*(pictured below)*

John Maschek  
Ed Mason  
Mike Gaughan  
Rick Howard  
Charlie Lynn  
Tom Fritts



### Knights Mass Shuttle

CONTACT Jack Ryan 942-8188



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL KNIGHTS NEWS VOLUME 4, NUMBER 8

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**02** Karen Redlich **03** Kevin McManus **03** Kevin Schlitzer **03** Tom Simone  
**05** Peggy Countee **05** Chris Petree **07** David Belzer **07** Brad Doty **08** Tom Kenagy  
**09** Amy Roggee **10** Barbara Tavernaro **12** Dustin Rogge **11** Betty Doyon  
**11** Mary Anne Mulligan **11** Alice Wright **14** Bernie Hopfinger **18** Tina Gaughan  
**19** Sarah Mehl **23** Cheri Kelly **28** Rita Bodine **23** Michael Flynn **24** David Redlich  
**25** Mark Concannon **28** James Bodine **29** Rosemary Lanter **30** Bev Amor

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**07** Cindy Rogge **09** Scott Bennett **09** Edward O'Reilly **10** Ken Woodward  
**10** Joe Wynn **11** Edward Palacios **27** Kathleen Stockwell **12** Barb Van Buskirk  
**18** Mike Gaughan **19** Rocky Hembree **20** Diane Easley **22** Gene Gray **23** Patrick  
Reidy **27** Brian Hochstein **29** Mark Fitzgerald **29** Ed Mason **30** Becky Kenagy

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

**07** Greg & Jenny Mertes **10** Leo & Bev Amor **13** Bret & Kathleen Mersman  
**19** Ed & Kathy Thomas **21** Patrick & Jacalyn Cahill **21** Steve & Jeanne Finger  
**24** Bernie & Kathy Hopfinger **24** Randy & Karin Stuppy **28** Frank & Doris Petersen  
**39** David & Susan Belzer

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

**02** Patrick & Mary Henehan **08** Tom & Joanne Reagan **29** Marvin & Nancy Lang  
**30** Mike & Tina Gaughan **30** Tom & Michelle Heaphy

CHAPLAIN <b>Fr. Don Farnan</b>	FINANCIAL SECRETARY <b>Rocky Hembree 942-0069</b>
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