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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT



My Brother Knights,

Well another Super Bowl is in the books and you Steeler fans should be happy and Cardinal fans should be proud. Our council had a super month that should make you all very happy and proud. It started with our first Free Throw contest at Baines MS gym. The kids had fun and all of the Knights who helped had a good time. A few got out and relived their youth shooting a few hoops. Thanks to Brothers Victor and Enrico and everyone who helped put it together on very short notice. Next year's will be even better as we have all year to plan it.

We then had Respect Life weekend. Brothers what can I say? It was terrific and every one of us should be very proud of our council and our parish. Sunday was unbelievable. I have always enjoyed Corporate Communion. It gives me a special feeling to celebrate the mass and receive the Eucharist together as a council and as a family. It also puts us in front of the parish community and lets them see their Knights perhaps in a way they had not seen us before. A 4th Degree turnout is always great and adds so much to any occasion. But to have 8 Sir Knights there in full regalia was very special. So we owe a huge thank you to the 4th Degree Sir Knights from Assembly 2243 and their Faithful Navigator SK Red O'Laughlin. What was really special was the fact that the 8 Sir Knights came from our own council and our two neighboring councils at Holy Family and St. Laurence. Again it is special to be able to show our parish that part of our Order. Even the small children were impressed. One of the little ones asked SK Ron "Where did you hide your horses?" I think Brother Ron said they were "around back". It was great. Of course the other reason for the day was the "baby shower" for the Foundation for Life Maternal Assistance Program. Between the council and our parish, we collected enough baby items to overfill the pantry at FFL. On Monday Brother Jerry delivered all the items to the FFL office and the ladies there were so appreciative. Again Brothers be very proud of your council. We did a very good thing **continued on Page 7.**

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### Points of Interest to all Council Members:

**WEBSITE:** If you have not already done so, please go to our new website at [www.kofc14617.org](http://www.kofc14617.org) and login using the password you were sent. You may change your password and also update your member profile to be sure we have your information correct.

**INFORMATION CHANGES:** If you have a change of address you are asked to contact Brother Ron Frerich so that we can update our records. Email changes to Ron at [rjfrerich@earthlink.net](mailto:rjfrerich@earthlink.net).



## NEWS FROM SUPREME

### Supreme Knight to Call for Increase in Volunteerism Throughout United States

January 22, 2009

With the philanthropic giving index down 22 percent, and the economic crisis affecting nonprofit organizations nationwide, Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, will call for a summit of charitable and volunteer organizations to be held in New York City next month.

In a speech today at Fairfield University, Anderson will invite the nation's top charitable and volunteer organizations to attend a summit on Feb. 27 on volunteerism and the charitable response to the economic crisis.

The summit will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Fairfield University Center for Faith and Public Life.

The speech will also encourage charitable organizations to work together with the new administration to emphasize and create opportunities for volunteers, especially at a time when financial donations to charity are decreasing.

Speaking just days after the Jan. 19 National Day of Service, Mr. Anderson will also call for Americans to take the spirit of that day forward and to make 2009 "the year of the volunteer."

"Government and charities must work together for the good of our country, and in difficult economic times, that means creating opportunities for Americans to give of their time and talent, as well as their treasure," said Anderson. "People may be unable to donate \$50 or \$100 dollars to charity, but everyone can certainly spend an extra hour a week – that's less than 10 minutes a day – doing something for the good of his or her neighbor."

## NEWS FROM STATE

### A Message from State Deputy Javier Martinez...

#### *"Welcome to the All New Texas State Council Online Community"*

We're proud to have launched the new Texas Knights of Columbus State Council Online Community serving over 89,000 Knight members from all over the great state of Texas and beyond, bringing them together in a virtual community to discuss and collaborate.

The Texas State Council Online Community is designed to bring our faith and fraternal community the daily catholic news, current information about our State Programs and Resources along with lively discussions, information, articles, photos, stories about our great Order and more. Please take a moment to register and join us Online!

## INSURANCE NEWS

### AN ECONOMIC MUST

Do you have seat belts in your car? Of course you do! How many do you have? Aren't you certain that you have one for every member of your family? Would you buy an automobile that only provided one "belt" – that being for you?

But would you believe that family after family with whom I visit are running along with one "belt" of insurance on the father. Somehow, the common opinion seems to be that death will strike only the father – not the mother.

Today, insuring your wife's life is an economic must. With "wife insurance," should death occur, you have a fighting chance to retain at least a semblance of a home for your children.

Call me today to discuss these needs. Leo Lowdermilk, council agent at (832) 338-6269 cell or (800) 460-2706.



## COUNCIL NEWS

- January 17th we had our first K of C Free Throw contest at Baines Middle School gym. We had a good turn out of kids and Knights and everyone had a good time. Our two age group winners were Nick Moccia and Dante Giannetti. They move on to the District competition on February 8th at St. Theresa's. Good luck to you both! [See pictures below.](#)
- On January 24th & 25th we held our first Respect Life weekend. Our Knights collected baby items for the Foundation for Life baby pantry and passed out Roses for Life after mass. The project went very well and the FFL received a truckload of diapers and other baby supplies. It was a great project and one we will repeat in the future. The Foundation had one of their ladies at mass on Sunday to pass out literature and receive our donations. She was amazed by the generous support of the parish and our Knights. [See pictures on Page 6.](#)
- On January 25th we had our second Corporate Communion. Our council turned out in numbers and so did our Fourth Degree Brothers. Sir Knights from our council and our neighboring councils at St. Laurence and Holy Family turned out in their regalia and, as always, represented our Order with great dignity. Thank you Sir Knights. [See pictures on Page 6.](#)
- On January 30th several Knights and their wives attended the annual Clergy Appreciation Night in Stafford. Our council sponsored 3 tables as we joined about 1400 Knights and their families, in honoring the clergy of our Archdiocese.
- January 31 we went to St. Laurence and bagged briskets and cleaned the pit. We sold 34 Super Bowl briskets. Again we had several Knights help and along with our Brothers at 11343, we had a good time. [See pictures page 7.](#)



Free Throw Competition at Baines Middle School



Our Free Throw Competitors



Nick Moccia Free Throw Winner



Dante Giannetti Free Throw Winner



## FATHER JOHN'S CORNER



I have the privilege of being Chaplain to our Council 14617. As your Chaplain I also receive from Supreme the 'Chaplain's Report'. In the January issue there was published address given by Supreme Chaplain Bishop William E. Lori. The title of his address was "Knights Encouraged to Communicate the Faith".

It is a fine address and I found myself challenged by the words of our Supreme Chaplain. In a nut shell he wrote about the witness we as Knights are to give to the community, but first and foremost to our families. One line that really struck me was this, "Among Catholic men, there is a tremendous hunger to know the faith and to embrace, amidst the confusion of our culture, what Catholic manhood is all about." He then went on to give us the challenge. In the face of all this hunger we (the Knights) have the ability to deliver.

It is in our service, solidarity and prayer that we do the work of bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel. I could not have been prouder when we gathered for our Corporate Communion witnessing to the power of the Eucharist and the action of working for LIFE in our efforts to support Foundation for Life. What a powerful witness to our parish community. So many came up to me and said I never realized what the Knights were about. The power of families gathered together at Mass. The witness all of you give.

A reminder that we now have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 9:00 AM until 6:45 PM. If time ever permits, make a stop. What are you planning for LENT? It is coming soon. This is a holy season for making space for God. Commit to spending time with God's Word. The bulletin has the scripture chapter and verse for every day. Decide to spend time with the upcoming Gospel for Sunday Mass. Gather as family and share prayer at meals, or before tucking in the little ones. There are plenty of opportunities for us to communicate the faith first and foremost with our families!

Bishop Lori is correct when he says that the Knights of Columbus have the ability to deliver. We witness this each and every time we take seriously our call to be men of the Knights of Columbus.

THE NATURAL CHOICE IS LIFE!

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### Our Prayers Are With You

Please remember the following in your prayers:



- Father John Weyer's soul. May he rest in peace with the Lord
- The soul of Renny Blanchette the father of DD Gary Blanchette
- Brother Bill Copenhaver
- Our Men and Women in Uniform both living and deceased
- Our Holy Father and all of the clergy
- The innocent unborn
- St. Angela Merici Parish



- February 4—Regular Business meeting at 7:30 PM
- February 10—Archdiocese Galveston/Houston Chapter meeting at Council 3077 at 7:00 PM
- February 14—Major Degree at St. Thomas More Council 3910
- February 17—4th Degree meeting at KC Hall at St. Theresa's at 7:30 PM
- February 18 - Officers' meeting at 7:30 PM

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- March 27—29—4th Degree Exemplification at Lake Jackson, TX.

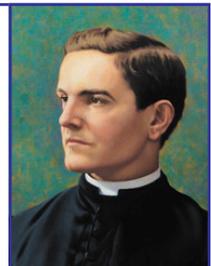
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*May all of our Brother Knights and their families, as well as all of the parishioners of our Parish and their families enjoy a prosperous and safe 2009 and may it be a year filled with many blessings and successes and much joy.*

*St. Angela Merici and Father McGivney, Pray For Us*





Respect Life & Corporate Communion January 25, 2009



Sir Knight Ed Petru doing the readings for mass



Children bring up baby items for FFL baby pantry



Families bring up gifts for the FFL baby pantry



St. Angela Merici's donations for the FFL baby pantry



Veronica with Foundation for Life talks to parishioners

\*\*Go to the new State website at <http://www.cdsmediagroup.com/tkofc/index.php> and read the **two articles** there about our Council and about our Council's Respect Life Weekend and our collection for the Foundation For Life\*\*

**Remember:** If you participate in any Knights of Columbus events or activities and have pictures, please forward them to Gary Bentz at [gsbent@flash.net](mailto:gsbent@flash.net) so we can have them for our Council records and also so that they may be published in the newsletter.



Some of our Knights at Clergy Appreciation Night



Super Bowl Briskets ready to bag at St. Laurence



Bagging up some of the 140 Super Bowl briskets.



Our Knights and our St. Laurence Brothers bag briskets

**GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT—*continued from page 1*** for those who really need and deserve our support. If you want to tour their facility, the Foundation has given us an open invitation to go and see firsthand the wonderful work that they do and where our donations go. We will have another collection in the future. And we will assist the Foundation where we can on some of their Pro-Life activities. And finally we passed out our Roses For Life lapel stickers to all of the parish. If you didn't get one please see Brother Fernando. We owe him a thank you for coordinating this meaningful program.

We had a special evening with 1400 of our Brothers and their families at Clergy Appreciation Night where the Chapter honors the priests and religious of the Archdiocese. We sponsored 3 tables which got us listed in the program, and we also helped with setup which got us recognized by the MC our Worthy Diocesan Deputy Brother Cruz. It was a fun evening with 14 Brothers and their wives and Father John attending. Thanks to all who helped with the Super Bowl briskets. We sold 34 and I can attest to the fact that they were delicious. Great job and thank you St. Laurence Council!

Coming up on **February 14th** we have a **Major Degree** at St. Thomas More. We plan on taking a group to this ceremony. If you are still a First Degree, I urge you to consider joining us for the day and finishing your journey to full Knighthood. This is particularly important if you are currently serving or may be considering serving this council as an officer. If you plan to go please make sure you register with Brother Colin. If you are already a 3rd Degree and want to go and support your Brothers please let him know as well. May God Bless you all. Gary