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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



My Brothers

Well did you all miss your newsletter in March? I apologize but I just couldn't get one out in early April so I've doubled up on this one. We had such a busy 2 months it was hard to put everything into one newsletter but I've done my best. And while the file may be a little big, I hope you all enjoy it. I will try very hard not to miss another month in the future so everyone can follow our council's past and future activities.

Our first event was a surprise wine and cheese reception honoring our Clergy of the Year Father John at St. Theresa's KC Hall on February 14. It was a great event as well over 100 people attended and everyone had a wonderful time. We owe many thanks to SK Randy Yackley who planned and hosted the entire evening. How he managed to keep it a secret from Father is a small miracle in itself but Father was completely unaware of the plans and was very surprised.

On March 6, our council held its Corporate Communion at the 5 PM mass. After mass, we meant at Spring Creek Barbeque and had dinner. We had over 60 Knights and their family members in attendance and everyone had a great time. The food was very good and it was nice that the restaurant was able to reserve their private dining area for us. We were able to all sit together and visit and it was a lot of fun. We also held our Foundation For Life Diaper Drive for the parish at all of the masses on March 6 and 7. Again we are happy to support this program that saves many innocent unborn children from abortion. The diapers go to their Maternal Assistance Pantry which helps supply the new mothers with much needed baby products that they are unable to acquire through the various government programs. So thank you to all who donated the baby products for this very worthy program.

On Good Friday it was an honor for our council to again be asked by Father John, to carry the cross and hold the cross during the Adoration of the Cross services. It is always a very special service and it is very special for our council to be included. So thank you to all of the Knights that volunteered to help with the services.

On Easter Sunday after 11 AM mass, we were able to hold our Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the parish. We had a good turn out of kids and everyone got eggs and had fun. Many thanks to the Chief Bunny Brother Victor for coordinating the entire event. And thanks to all of the Easter Bunnies that not only helped hide eggs and manage the kids on Easter, but also those that showed up the previous week and stuffed the plastic eggs with candy eggs for the children. These events are only successful because you step up and help. So thank you all very much for your hard work. And I know ALL of those eggs made it into the plastic eggs and there were no empty wrappers around after the egg stuffing was over! Right? **Continued on Page 13**

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NEWS FROM STATE

My Brother Knights of Texas

Marietta and I personally invite you and your family to join us at our 106th Annual State Convention. This year we will be in the Beautiful City of Corpus Christi on April 30th –May 2, 2010. What a great way to celebrate our Year of the Priest in the city named for the Body of Christ.

The local convention committee has been working very hard to make this convention a memorable one for all our Brother Knights and their families throughout Texas. Here are a few of the highlights of the upcoming convention. On Friday morning, there are two events from which to choose. For the golfers, there is golf tournament. For the fishermen, there will be a charter fishing cruise. On Friday morning there will also be a Clergy Seminar hosted by our State Chaplain the Most Rev. Placido Rodriguez and Associate State Chaplain Monsignor Peter Flood. This seminar is for all clergy. We ask that you contact your priests/chaplains now, and ask them to please put this on their calendar. Immediately following the Clergy Seminar we will have a Clergy Luncheon for all our clergy.

On Friday afternoon we have planned the Awards Ceremony. Please make plans to attend this important event. Please help us congratulate all the work done by the various individual Knights and their councils. Following the Awards Ceremony we will celebrate our Opening Mass. We will close the day on Friday with a Family night at the Aquarium. Please get your tickets in advance. Your family will really enjoy dining surrounded by beautiful scenery.

On Saturday morning the Convention Business Session begins with the State Deputy's Report. Everyone is invited to listen to the State Deputy's Report. Following the Report, the Business of the Knights begins. While the men will be busy in the business session, the ladies will be enjoying the Saturday Ladies Luncheon. Marietta invites all the ladies to join her and the rest of the lovely ladies to this function. Saturday evening will be our Memorial Mass followed by our State Banquet. Sunday will be another business day for the men. The ladies are invited to attend the Ladies' breakfast with Marietta. Immediately after our convention closes, Executive Secretary, Michael McLaughlin will meet with the elected Supreme Convention Delegates and those interested in attending the Supreme Convention. The 128th Supreme Convention will be in Washington D.C. August 3-5, 2010.

We ask that your council please consider purchasing an ad in the brochure. The ad form, along with all other forms that are required for pre-registration, are found in this booklet. Please fill out these forms accordingly and get them sent by the specified deadline.

Each council is entitled to seat two delegates. Therefore, it is important to elect your delegates early so that you may fill out the registration forms. Anyone who wishes to attend the convention is invited to join us for a fun filled weekend in Corpus Christi. There are so many things to do and see in Corpus Christi, we hope that you will make it. Marietta and I look forward to sharing Corpus Christi and all its wonderful sites, sounds, and tastes with all of you.

Fraternally yours,
Javier and Marietta Martinez

INSURANCE NEWS

WHAT ARE YOU BUYING?

Sometimes, we can have wrong impression of what we are spending our hard-earned money for.

For example, you do not spend 50¢ to buy a paper; you spend that money to buy news. You do not buy glasses; you buy vision. You do not buy an awning, you buy shade.

See what I mean? The same holds true for life insurance. You are not just buying life insurance in case you die.

You buy an education for your children, or a life income for your wife, or a pension plan for the old man you will eventually be. (It is been said that the difference between an "old man" and an "elderly gentleman" is money!) You buy peace of mind, happiness, and more than a little contentment when you buy life insurance.

Call me today to arrange an appointment. Your future is my first concern. Call Leo Lowdermilk at (832) 338-6269 or (800) 460-2706



COUNCIL NEWS

- At our April meeting we presented the Knight of the Mont Award to Bro. Victor Villarreal for all of his work on the Basketball Free-throw Contest and his meals he prepares for our meetings. Good job Bro. Victor. [See picture below](#)
- Also at our April meeting, the council presented Bother Chris Agostinelli with his Major Degree Certificates for going to Second and third Degree and completing his journey to full Knighthood. I encourage all of our membership that are still First Degree members to check with our membership chair Bro. Colin and get set up to attend you Major Degree Ceremony. It is truly a day you will always remember. [See picture below.](#)
- At mass on March 6th, the Council was able to present 2 Family of the Month Awards to 2 very deserving families. Our February Award went to the Broussard family. In addition to providing music for Saturday mass, they were honored for their donation of their Florida condo to the Clergy Night silent auction. Also at that mass, we presented our March Award to the Yackley family. The list of things they do would require too much space but the award was primarily given for their hard work in planning and hosting Father John's reception honoring him for his Clergy of the Year Award. This reception was a great success on Feb 14th at St. Theresa's Hall. Thanks again for a great time. [See pictures below and on Page 7.](#)



Our Knight of the Month for April Bro. Victor Villarreal



Bro. Chris Agostinelli receives his Major Degree Certificates



Bro. Rene and Marcelle Broussard received the Family of the Month Award for February.



SK Randy and Mary Jo Yackley received the Family of the Month Award for March



COUNCIL NEWS

- On April 8th at St. Laurence, our council was privileged to welcome a new brother to our Order. Brother James Kennedy received the honors of the First Degree in our Order. Welcome Brother James. **See picture below.**
- On Saturday March 6th, the council held its quarterly Corporate Communion and held its quarterly diaper drive for The Foundation for Life Maternal Assistance Program. Again this was very successful and after mass, the council families meant at Spring Creek Barbeque in Sugar Land for a great dinner. As you can see from the pictures, the dinner was a great success and we had over 60 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the food and the time we were able to spend together. We'll do this again some time and I look forward to the times we'll have as families when we get our own place!! **See pictures below.**



Welcome to our new Brother James Kennedy who made his First Degree on April 8, 2010 at St. Laurence.



Our council families at Spring Creek BBQ



After our Corporate Communion mass on March 6, 2010 our council families enjoy BBQ at Spring Creek BBQ.



CAMP FOR ALL

The June Rusche Hamrah

Discover Life

May 15th is quickly approaching. We are very excited to have the opportunity to help lay sod and fill dirt around the sidewalks so it is safe for the children to pass. We need 10 volunteers to go and help. If you can help out, please contact Bro. Matt Leyden at mleyden@comcast.net. Brother Matt sent out the forms that are necessary for you to complete in order for you to help at the camp as campers will be on the grounds on this day. This is a great program and one that deserves our support. Please check your schedule and if you can help, contact bro. Matt by May 5th and get signed up.



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BIRTHDAYS

Mar 20 Jerry Nwosuocha, Mar 21 Mark Dixon, Apr 7 Tom Sanford. HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

Our Prayers Are With You



Please remember the following in your prayers:

The following family and friends who are fighting some form of cancer: Sister Maura, Jared Goolsby, GK Gary Bentz, Janet Frerich (Ron's sister), Raymond Tabor (Chris Agostinelli's Uncle), Bill Copenhaver, Marty Adrian, Sam Tramonte, Bill Lackey, David Harris, Phil Adamczak (Colin Kiernan's Brother in Law), Barbara Blandford, Jeanette Hottman, Dale Strasser and Elvin Bethea.

Sue Bishop (Jerry Bishop's sister in law) who is battling severe GI problems. Jim Hamilton, Rosie Ingle, Carlota Hess, Michael Parker, Ingrid Dixon, O Aitken J Waits, Ellen Vaeth and Carson who has severe sinus infections.

Our Men and Women in uniform both living and deceased especially Gabriel Machado deployed in Afghanistan and Corp. Casey Owens

Our Holy Father and all of the clergy especially Fr. Roy for his back procedure The innocent unborn. St. Angela Merici Parish. The intentions of all our Brother Knights.



- May 1 & 2—K of C Annual State Convention in Corpus Christi
- May 5—Regular monthly business meeting at the church office after 7 PM mass
- May 11—AGH Chapter meeting at Council 3077 at 7 PM.
- May 15—Work day at Camp For All in Burton. Check with Bro. Matt Leyden for forms and times.
- May 18—Monthly 4th Degree Assembly meeting at Council 4204 Hall at St. Theresa's.
- May 19—Council Officers meeting at church office after 7 PM mass. All members of the council are welcome to attend.

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 State Convention
2 State Convention	3	4	5 Regular Business meeting	6	7	8
9 Happy Mother's Day	10	11 AGH Chapter meet-	12	13	14	15 Camp For All
16	17	18 4th Degree meet-	19 Officer's meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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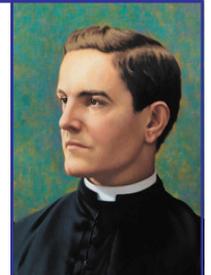
- June 2—Regular monthly business meeting at the church office after 7 PM mass
- June 8—AGH Chapter meeting at Council 3077 at 7 PM
- June 15 —Monthly 4th Degree Assembly meeting at Council 4204 Hall at St. Theresa's.
- June 16 —Council Officers meeting at church office after 7 PM mass. All members of the council are welcome to attend.
- June 26—Team Merici Mow Team scheduled to mow grass at Convent of Vietnamese Dominicans in Missouri City at 8:30 AM.
- June 26 & 27—FFL Diaper Drive at all masses
- June 27— Corp Communion and Officers Installation after 11 AM mass

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Regular Business meeting	3	4	5
6	7	8 AGH Chapter meeting	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 4th Degree meeting	16 Officer's meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 FFL Diaper Drive Mow Convent
27 Corp Communion/ Installation	28	29	30			

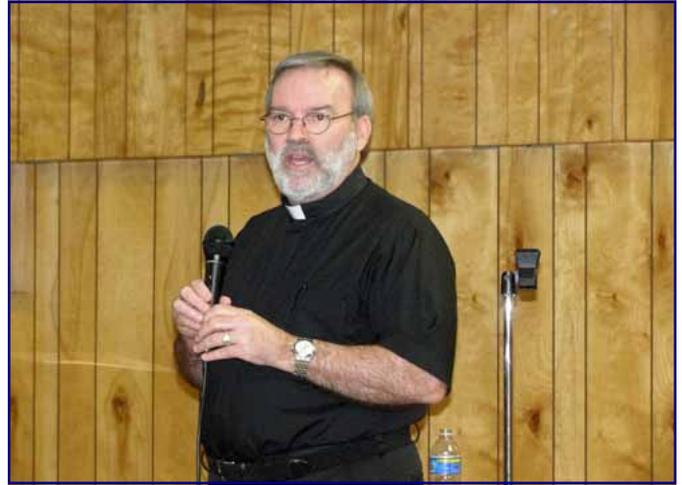


May all of the mom's have a Blessed and a very Happy Mother's Day !





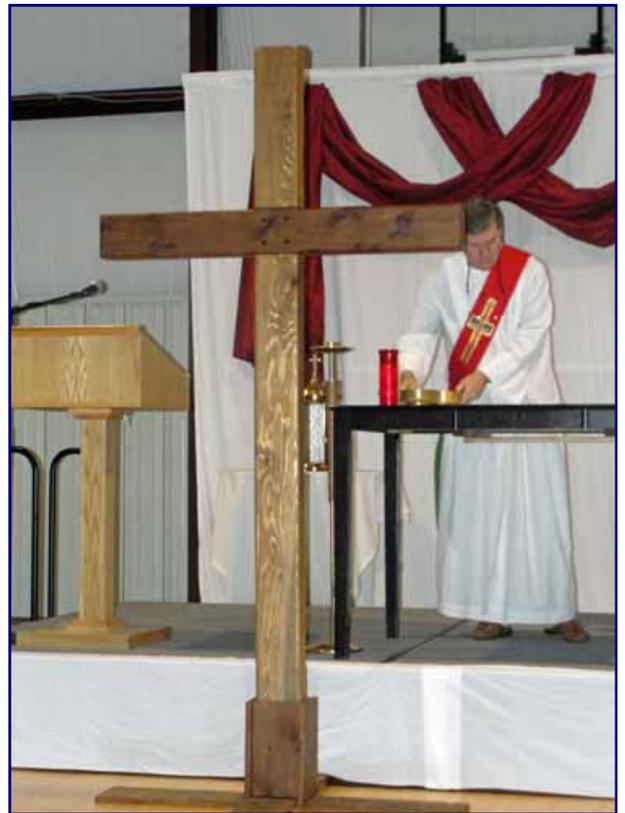
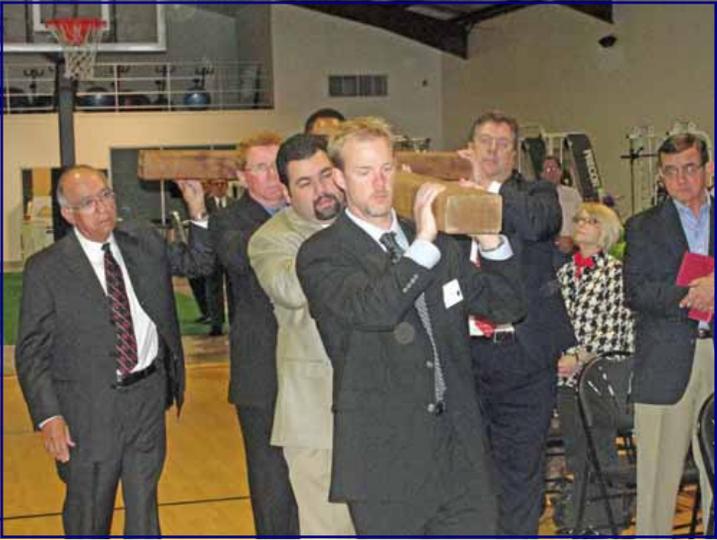
COUNCIL PHOTOS - Father John's Reception



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 so we can have them for our Council records and also so that they may be published in the newsletter.



COUNCIL PHOTOS - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES



It was truly an honor for our Council to be asked to participate in the beautiful Good Friday services again this year. Thanks Father John and thank you to all the Brothers that helped with the services.

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COUNCIL PHOTOS - EASTER SUNDAY



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COUNCIL PHOTOS - GOLF TOURNAMENT



Our 108 golfers get ready to play



Father John starts the tournament with a prayer.



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Don't ask me how he won Closest to the Pin??



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Again thanks to all who participated in the tournament. It was great to present Father a "Big" check!!



\$ 18,000 !!!!

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Camp For All Work Day: Saturday May 15th is our scheduled work day at Camp For All. They are in need of some repairs to the grass and fill around the sidewalks to make it safe for the children to walk there. If you can help with this great program, please contact Bro. Matt Leyden at mleyden@comcast.net and he will get you signed up.

Foundation For Life Diaper Drive: The weekend of June 26 and 27 we are again having a Diaper Drive for the FFL Maternal Assistance Pantry. The amount of diapers we have been collecting has fallen off a little bit and I would like to see us fill their pantry with diapers for the new mothers who have chosen life for their babies and now need help. Please bring a package of diapers and put them near the altar.

Quarterly Corporate Communion: Our Corporate Communion will be on Sunday June 27th at the 11 AM mass. Please try and attend this service as it is great to celebrate the Eucharist with your Brother Knights and their families. In addition it is a great recruiting tool for our Order as men of the parish see us at mass together.

Officer's Installation: Everyone is invited to attend the Officer's Installation Ceremony which will follow the 11 AM mass on June 27 at the PLEX. Stay for a few minutes and watch the officers for the new fraternal year being installed in office by our Worthy District Deputy.

Council Program Activities and Committees: Our various standing program committees are forming, meeting, and planning our upcoming events for the year ahead. If you want to be a part of the selection and planning of activities for our council in the areas of Church, Council, Community, Family, Youth, Membership or Pro-Life, contact the director listed and sign up today. They need your help.

Grand Knight's Report: continued from Page 1

On April 18th our council was scheduled to visit the VA Hospital. Bros. Dennis and Ron visited the veterans and attended mass with them. We are scheduled again on June 27th. Please sign up with Bro. Dennis.

And finally on April 19th we were able to hold our First Charity Golf Tournament at Sienna Plantation Golf Club. We were blessed with good weather and had over 100 golfers turn out to play. With our players, sponsors, volunteers, and all who donated items, we were able to have a very successful event. The council had voted to donate 100% of the net proceeds from the tournament to the parish building fund "Together We Build". So on the following Sunday at mass, our council was able to present Father a check for \$ 18,000! We have since the tournament, received additional donations and will be able to contribute slightly over \$ 19,000 to the building fund. There are far too many people to thank in this limited space, but Bros. Ed, Randy, Victor, and Jerry Bishop; and Sally, Aime, Delores, Sherri and the Women of the Vine did a great job and I thank you all. If I missed you I apologize but know we appreciate your help.

On the weekend of April 30 through May 2, the State Convention was held in Corpus Christi. Bros. Jerry Tomasello, Ron Frerich and myself attended the convention. At the awards ceremony our council was honored with 2 awards. We received First Place in the State Pro-Life Activity category for our work with the Foundation For Life. That's No. 1 out of over 600 council in the State! Congratulations to everyone. And special thanks to Bros. Jerry Tomasello and Ron Frerich for putting together and filing such a nice application for this award. We now will be considered at the Supreme Convention for an International Award. And our October, 09 Council newsletter was awarded Second Place in the State for Council newsletters. It is the one that covered the ground breaking ceremonies for the new building. So it was a good convention for our council and it was nice to be recognized for our hard work. On a sad note, our Worthy State Deputy Javier lost his father the day before the convention started. Brother Javier was at the convention as much as he could be but it had to be difficult for him. Please keep the Martinez family in your prayers and pray for the soul of his father, Ricardo Martinez.

We have 2 months left in this fraternal year. Brothers get out there and recruit a Catholic gentleman for our Order. The State is short of its membership goal for the year so let's try and help. Pray the Rosary. Gary