

# Knights of Columbus

Fr. James J. Gillespie Council 9299



## Newsletter

February 2010

Volume XXV, No. 2

### Meeting Location

**We will meet in Classroom #9 at Most Blessed Sacrament at 7:30PM.**

### **Grand Knights Report**

By Jim Mossberg

❖ Under Constuction

### Breakfast Moved To Feb. 7, 2010



### **Youth News**

By: Jeff Loy

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Council competition was held Sunday, Jan. 24th in the MBS gym, with District competition held directly afterwards. We had eight participants shooting for Council 9299, with two of them advancing to the District level.

### **Degree Dates**

By Tony Fontanelli

1st Degree at Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Community on SW Green Oaks Blvd.in Arlington Monday February 8th at 7:30PM in the Community Building

Major Degree at Council 6269's Hall on South Cooper Street in Arlington on Sunday February 21st (Mass 8AM, Registration 9AM, Degree Work 10AM-2PM, Meal for Candidates and their families at 2:15PM)

1st Degree at Saint Mathew Catholic Community in Arlington on Monday night March 8th at 7:30PM in the Knights Room

### **Membership News**

By Tony Fontanelli

Congratulations to our newest members. Please welcome them and their families to our Knights of Columbus Council 9299 Family.

William Kolp, Joey Martinez, Richard Rumenapp, William Rumenapp, and Keith Sampson

### **Quotes**



Bob Hope

If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble. ~



. ~Vince Lombardi

Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work

## **Why is it Important that We Continue to Grow the Order?**

**By Tony Fontanelli  
Recruitment & Blitz Chairman**

**We talk a lot about increasing membership in the Knights of Columbus each year and of bringing more Catholic gentlemen into the Order. Many of you are probably thinking that it's just about the numbers and keeping Texas on top in recruitment. You're probably saying "We're pretty comfortable in our local Council" and "Why do we want to spoil a good thing by adding too many new guys?" We must always remember that the Knights of Columbus is not a Men's Club. We owe it to every Catholic gentleman and his family to share with them the vision of Father McGivney. We are a fraternal organization that is dedicated to our four principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism but the Knights can be so much more by also providing Catholic families in every parish with a wholesome environment where family activities and service to the Church, the Diocese, and the Community become a daily way of life year round.**

**If we are to provide the assistance to our bishops, priests and other religious that they need we must have a continuous flow of enthusiastic new members and their families willing and able to work on whatever projects or fundraisers are needed in our parishes, dioceses, and communities. The Knights have always led the way in being "The Strong Right Arm of the Catholic Church" and we cannot be that strong right arm if some of our councils revert to a "Men's Club" mentality and are satisfied with just the social aspects of the Order. We must be the leaders in areas such as support and encouragement of Seminarians, participation in and organization of Culture of Life activities, and helping the less fortunate in any way that we can.**

**Father McGivney envisioned a vibrant and supportive council in every parish and in order for that dream to be realized we must continue to grow the Order and to add new Knights to our numbers. In particular we must focus on involving the young couples in our parishes and their children so that the good works of the Order can continue for centuries to come. When we sign up a new member we need to involve him and his family in our activities right away and encourage him to recruit other Catholic gentlemen to join as well. There's an old saying "Many Hands make for Light Work". The addition of new members and their families each year not only removes some of the burden from existing members but also allows the council to become involved in additional projects and to be of greater help to more people.**

**Although we have 1.9 million members worldwide and 92,000 in Texas alone, this represents only 3% of the eligible Catholic men. Let's all resolve to recruit a new member in the final five months of this fraternal year so we can share Father McGivney's vision, Grow the Order, and expand our activities to benefit more of those that are most in need of our help.**

JAMES A. WILCOX, III

January 21, 2010

*Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr*

Knight of Columbus – Most Blessed Sacrament  
c/o Mr. Alfred Donofrio  
505 Chaffee Dr.  
Arlington, TX 76006

Dear Brother Knights:

Greetings from Assumption Seminary and warmest greetings for this new year! Thank you so much for your very generous gifts to help support my time here at the seminary. I know that Al does a great job of sharing my short notes of thanks, so I wanted to provide a little more detail before the semester gets too hectic.

I spent my Christmas break serving at St. Catherine of Siena for the holy days. However, most importantly I was able to spend some much-needed time with my family. It was truly a blessing from God, as was the white Christmas followed by a beautiful New Year's Day!

Now back at the seminary, let me wrap up a few things from last semester. Classes ended very well. When I returned from Thanksgiving, there was a mad dash to complete all the assignments and prepare for final exams and project—all in two weeks! I thought you might be interested in a few of the papers that I wrote last semester:

- Emergency Baptism: Necessity of Rituals for a Surviving Neophyte
- Environmental Ethics: Living the Call of Stewardship for God's Creation (Presentation)
- Outsiders become Insiders in the Gospel of Mark

This Spring, I'm taking the following classes:

- Catholic Social Teaching
- Pastoral Counseling
- Liturgical Preaching
- Gospel of John
- Christology

I'm very excited about all these classes. This first week has built that excitement as we have looked more in detail the topics we will be studying.

Also, I continue in my ministry of visiting hospice patients, which has been very challenging and equally rewarding. In addition, I will continue with Spanish, which is very important this semester to prepare me for an immersion program this coming summer in Mexico City. I'm looking forward to this.

We began the semester with a great retreat, and our Retreat Master was Bishop Oscar Cantu, the auxiliary bishop of San Antonio. This is the Year for the Priest, so he provided insights into and reflections on his own priesthood, which was enhanced by the other activities planned by our deacon class.

I finished a few books last year and am now in the midst of three great books (outside of academic reading). Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age* is a carry over for me from last year. It will certainly take me a while to finish this epic tome.

My skills on the organ are advancing. As I always say, I am really a pianist; however, I have been enjoying playing the organ, even becoming comfortable with the foot pedals.

I look forward to an opportunity to visit in the near future. In the meantime, please be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Fraternally yours,

  
James Wilcox



Now back in San Antonio, we begin the semester with a 5-day retreat. I look forward to growing deeper in my relationship with Jesus Christ during this time. Please know that you & your families will be in my prayers.

After the retreat, we begin classes, and I'll be taking: Catholic Social Teaching, Pastoral Counseling, Liturgical Preaching, Gospel of John, & Christology. In addition, →

Dear Al & Brother Knights, Jan 2010

I hope this note finds you in good spirits & that your new year is off to a joyous start. Please accept my deep gratitude for your generous support, especially at Christmas. I was able to serve the Christmas Masses at my home parish, where we enjoyed the beautiful White Christmas. I hope you were able to enjoy the snow as well.

I'll continue my ministry of visiting hospice patients, and I'll be working on Spanish in preparation for going to Mexico for immersion this summer.

Please continue to pray for the seminarians & priests of the FW Diocese, especially thru the intercession of St. John Vianney & in this Year for Priests.

In Christ,  
James



Knights of Columbus  
Council 9299  
Arlington, Texas



**Prayer**

**For the Deceased:**

Bill Gilpin  
Paul Ricca  
Pat Poskey's Sister  
Harry Kalina  
Tom Holtz

**For the Sick**

Lillian Connole  
Gene Derbick  
Sallie Diaz  
Kelly Glass  
Mike Gore  
Dennis Helgeson  
Phil Hoffman  
Patti Kunko  
Hank McCloskey  
William Penton  
Kevin Piper  
Frank Rojas  
Larry Steacy  
Irene Suarez

**Special Intentions:**

Vocations, Right to Life, All Priests,  
Religious & Seminarians  
All Fellow Catholics who find their  
faith challenged

**February Birthdays**

John Farley 2-02  
Dan Schoppe 2-02  
Paul Tran 2-03  
Rich Atwell 2-07  
Joe Camperson 2-07  
Tim Bowen 2-09  
Rich Melodia 2-09  
Bob Berg 2-11  
Jeremy Rumenapp 2-11  
Peter Grieser 2-12  
Jon Lord 2-13  
Jim Mossberg 2-20  
Deacon Mike Krempp 2-21  
Eddie Bocanegra 2-27

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Grand Knight	Jim Mossberg	817-277-7398
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Pavliska	817-460-6353
Chancellor	Tom Smith	817-461-8817
Financial Secretary	Frank Oliver	817-277-3236
Treasurer	Charles Romero	817-284-5643
Recorder	Charles Machala	817-277-8008
Advocate	Art Groff	817-460-7242
Warden	Ed Barth	817-801-0611
Inside Guard	Abel Martinez	817-795-6061
Outside Guard	Paul Mogendi	817-682-2747
Trustee - 1 Year	Ric Wilson	817-277-5057
Trustee - 2 Year	Dennis Volz	817-461-6394
Trustee - 3 Year	Alex Trujillo	817-451-2198
Chaplain	Deacon Mike Krempp	817-368-0548
District Deputy	Carlos Ortiz	817-467-3186

**COUNCIL CHAIRS**

Program Director	Bill Pavliska	817-460-6353
Council Activities	Dennis Volz	817-915-0550
Family	Albert Blanco	817-795-5244
Athletics	Joe Wiseman	817-457-9207
Youth	Jeff Loy	817-589-2608
Vocations	Al Donofrio	817-860-7040
Right to Life Families	Ray & Leslie Sailer	817-545-3572
Insurance Liaison	Tony Fontanelli	817-277-6943
Community	Ray Furtner	817-860-0792
Welfare	Al Donofrio	817-860-7040
Church	Joe Camperson	817-460-4037
Charity	Alex Trujillo	817-451-2198
Membership	Tony Fontanelli	817-277-6943
Recruitment	Dennis Volz	817-915-0550
Retention	Tom Smith	817-461-8817
Public Relations	Gil Sanchez	817-274-0355
Newsletter Editor	Ric Wilson	817-277-5057
Lecturer	Charles Romero	817-284-5643
Historian	Jeff Loy	817-589-2608
Fundraising	Dennis Volz	817-915-0550
Webmaster	William Penton	972-270-3773
Widows Liaison	Tim Moloney	817-265-2911
Disaster Planning	Tony Fontanelli	817-277-6943