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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT



My Brother Knights and families,

I think we can all agree that the dead of winter is over and that spring is here. Just like our Lord Jesus who gave up his life for us, for our sins, died on the cross but then raised up on the third day in fulfillment of everlasting life, we have a new chance at following the Word of Our Lord and doing the deeds that are right and just. The flower that was dormant thru the winter now awakes

to the warmth of the sun. If you were like that flower (dormant) now is your chance to awaken to the Lords Words and try follow in his footsteps. The flowers will bloom and show off all of their inner beauty in the coming months, but you too can bloom and show your inner beauty by your acts of kindness and good deeds. Make the time to attend church this Easter.

We picked up three new Knights this past month giving us a total of 11. We still need 5 to make our goal. Let's get out there and find some good Catholic gentlemen to join our ranks. I am starting to make a final call to the members who are behind on their dues. The middle of this month we will start to send suspension notices to Supreme on the ones that we cannot get paid up. If you know of someone that has not paid their dues please try to contact them and help get them caught up. If there is a real problem, financial or otherwise, that is keeping them from paying please let me or one of the other officers know.

Jean and I wish all the Brother Knights and their families a very Happy Easter.

Fraternally Yours,
Jody W. Darby
Grand Knight Council 3444



Knight of the Month

The ***Knight of the Month*** award for the month for **April 2009** is awarded to **Clifford Wohleb**. Clifford Wohleb. Clifford is a current 3rd degree member of council #3444 and has been for 41 years. He is also a 4th degree member as well. Clifford has served in many roles over the years for our council and we appreciate his dedication. He is a big supporter of the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Parish. Clifford has contributed to our fundraisers from finances to organization. He also is a pretty decent chef and assist with cater meals & meetings. Everybody likes his beans. We appreciate his efforts, loyalty and dedication to our council. He is definitely worthy of the recognition as Knight of the month. Keep up the good work and may God Bless you!

SYMPATHY



Guadalupe Zambrano



Get Well

Delores Peterek
Billy Goonan

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

It is much easier for the Christians to celebrate Christmas than to celebrate Easter. At least we are capable of imagining and re-creating for ourselves the scenes of the birth of Jesus- the manger, the cold night, the child Jesus wrapped in swaddling cloths, etc. But the Resurrection! How can we picture the scene? What are we to do if we want to reconstruct the scene of the resurrection? All four versions of the Gospel present us merely with the scene of the empty tomb, the surprise and the wonder of the visitors to the tomb on that early morning. Even when Jesus presents himself, all the versions of the Gospel, clearly say that he was not recognized. Mary Magdalen first thought he was the gardener (*Jn. 20:11-18*); the disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus (*Lk. 24:13-43*); Thomas refused to believe his companions (*Jn. 20:24-29*). In short, the Easter scene or the Resurrection is an embarrassing feast for the Christians. And yet, somehow the Christians know and want to celebrate Easter solemnly. From the Acts of the Apostles we learn that the eye-witnesses all agree in telling us that Christ rose from the dead and appeared to them, even though they did not recognize him at once. In other words, to recognize Christ risen from the dead they needed something more than their eyes. What did they need? Faith. They needed faith to understand the truth of Jesus resurrection, to grasp the force of the fact that Jesus was alive in a new and more powerful way than before. This faith came to them as Christ spoke to them. The moment Jesus said: "*Mary!*" she recognized him. "*Were not our hearts burning within us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures*". It was not only faith but also the joy and the exultant jubilation in meeting Jesus that made the eye-witnesses so bold to proclaim it. This meeting with Jesus was the greatest event in their lives. No other event was like it. It was their fullness of experience that drove them out to share it with all around them.

The preaching of the Apostles about the Risen Christ was not in vain. Hundreds and thousands were converted and accepted Jesus, being assured that they also will share in Jesus' resurrection. This was how the early Christian communities were built-up: sharing the faith of the eye-witnesses in the resurrection of Jesus and sharing in the new life that emerged from this faith. As we celebrate Easter every Christian should ask himself or herself: who is Christ for me? Is he alive and present in my life? Where do I recognize the Risen Christ? What am I doing to meet him? Unless we have full commitment in faith to Christ, the Risen Lord, it is in vain the we profess our faith: "*I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Father, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried on the third day he rose again*". Not only Easter Day, not even only during Easter season, but always let us try to keep alive the Easter faith: no longer an embarrassing feast, but a meaningful, a powerful and, in fact, the only necessary feast of our faith. Thus we dare to sing : Alleluia, the Lord is Risen. May the Peace, Joy and Happiness of the Risen Lord be with you and your family during this Easter season and always.

Your Brother in the Risen Christ, Fr. Ranjan Cletus.

CHURCH DIRECTOR REPORT

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Lenten season will be over in a few weeks. We pray it has been a good time for all of us to meditate on the Crucifixion of Christ and His being our Savior.

Thank God for the rain we received in the month of March. The farmers, ranchers and gardeners are very happy for now. We pray for more in the future. Water is our livelihood for survival. It is our drink and our food, but let us not forget where all of this comes from and we must have the Body and Blood from Our Lord and Savior to get to Heaven, if we fail, we have nothing.

April 5th will be Palm Sunday, the start of Easter week. Let us make every effort to attend the services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday Mass. This is our Faith, we should all do our best to be there for the Lord.

April 19th is Divine Mercy Sunday.

The month of April is a very busy and important month for all of us.

May all of you and your families have a blessed Easter Season. God Bless you.

Fraternally,
Eugene E. Engbrock
Council 3444 Church Dir.

Announcement

Easter Egg Hunt April 11th @ 9:30 am

It's time once again for the annual Easter egg hunt. For the younger kids we will have plenty of eggs and prizes on the lawn. The older kids will be given small flashlights to hunt for eggs in the "Dark" inside the hall. Lot's of fun was had last year. Hoping for a big turn out this year so please help spread the word.



Membership Drawing

Bruce E. Goonan name was drawn for the membership drawing. Bruce was not present and the \$400 goes back to be drawn again next month.

4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY 1138

Dear Sir Knights,

As we come upon the joyous season of Easter and the celebration of our Lord's resurrection we should all give thanks for the hope that this imparts into our lives. We are an Easter People. We live with the true knowledge of Christ's rising from the dead and the wonderful hope that we will one day join Him in that ever-lasting life. Christ created His Church through His sacrifice and we as members of it must live out the truths that it teaches. And as members of the Knights of Columbus and "the right arm of the Catholic Church" we are called to be unwavering in our support. I know many may think that what I am writing here is "preaching to the choir" but unless the "choir" raises it's collective voice then it serves little purpose. We must not be silent in our support of the values taught by our Church.

At this coming meeting, April, we will be presenting a new slate of officers of the upcoming fraternal year. I encourage all to attend and to consider serving in some capacity with your Assembly. In truth the demands of officer ship are small. I mostly request for all to remember that this is your assembly and not that of those elected to office.

A side note. It has been reported correctly that Scott and White Hospital has entered into an exclusive agreement with the Board of Directors of Kings Daughters Hospital to "study" the possibility of taking over KDH. What is not being widely distributed is that Seton Hospital Systems, a TRUE CATHOLIC health care system, has sent two letters asking KDH to discuss merging with them. There is an organization in Temple, Citizens Against Healthcare Monopoly that are trying to get KDH Board of Directors to discuss this proposed joining with Seton. Their address is 3809 S General Bruce Drive #103, Temple, TX, 76502. Their web address is www.citizensagainsthalthcaremonopoly.com. I encourage you to contact them and see how you can support the organization in bringing true Catholic Healthcare to Central Texas.

It is with a saddened and heavy heart that I report that the beloved wife of Sir Knight Ray Peterek, Dolores, passed away March 25th. Let us keep Ray and his children in our prayers as they grieve the passing of their loved one.

In closing let us continue to pray for all our service men and women who are in harm's way protecting our freedoms. Let us pray for the leaders of our nation that they may gain the wisdom to respect all human life from conception to natural death. And let us continue to pray for each other that we may all be healthy and serve one another and our Church as we are called to do.

Vivat Jesus,
Robert Holland
Faithful Navigator

Monday April 6, 2009
4th Degree Meeting

Happy Birthday - April '09

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| OT Beck | Johnny Maruna |
| Edwin Bigon | Edward Matous |
| Jesse Castillo | Leroy Meyer |
| Nestror Centeno | Clem Mikeska |
| Nathan Drozd | Stephen Mikeska |
| Christopher Golliver | Raymond Peterek |
| Ralph Gray | James Plank |
| Raymond Fiala | Thomas Rivera |
| Adolpho Hernandez | Earl Rule |
| James Herring | Rodney Seale |
| Thomas Hesse | Raymond Sehon |
| Brian Hoelscher | James Skrhak |
| Rudolph Hrachovy | Donald Sladeczek |
| George Hubik | David Smetana |
| Dennis Krcha | Robert Snigger |
| Leo Lane | Virgil Wilde |
| Phil Leibowitz | Jimmy Zajicek |
| Larry Lockhart | Kenny Zajicek |

Council Membership Director Report

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Our Council had a First Degree on March 25th and gained two new members and one re-entry. New members are Marvin D. Atkins, M.D. and William A. Sandlin, both St. Mary's parishioners. After several years of being out of the K of C's, we were very happy to have Dale Petter, the oldest son of the late Deacon John Petter, and his mother, Janie Petter, back in our Council. He was a devoted Deacon, Catholic gentleman and a brother Knight. We surely miss him after over a year of his going to his eternal reward. God rest his soul.

Let us all get a from 100 and sign up a new member in honor of Deacon John Petter. There will be another First Degree in April, so bring in your new applications before the 2nd Monday, April 13th for reading and approval so we can have them in the Council in April. Do it for Deacon John.

Bless you and your families. Have a Blessed Easter.

Fraternally Yours,
Eugene E. Engbrock,
Membership Dir. Council 3444

Family of the Month

The *Family of the Month* award for the month for April 2009 is awarded to *W.C. & Jeanette Marek*. They are members St. Mary's Parish. Both are very active within their church and community. W.C is a current 3rd degree member and has been for the past 29 years. W.C. is our current scout leader and has been an advocate for their programs and our support for some time now. His son's have also been apart of scouts and worked their way up in rank. Jeanette has been kind enough to bake homemade goodies for the scouts to sell as a fundraiser at our Fish Fry's; man is some of that stuff good!! They also provide support spiritually and financially. We appreciate their willingness to help our council and their parish. Thank you for your efforts and friendship. Join me in congratulating them as family of the month.

Calendar For April 2009

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--|----------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| | | 1 Hall & Public Bar Closed | 2 BINGO (Pinon) | 3 KC & KJT Fish Fry 5-7 pm | 4 Private Lease No Cater | 5 Hall & Public Bar Closed <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> |
| 6 4th Degree 6:30 pm Meal 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Meeting | 7 | 8 Hall & Public Bar Closed | 9 BINGO (Pedroza) | 10 KC & KJT Fish Fry 5-7 pm | 11 Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am at the Hall Private Lease | 12 Hall & Public Bar Closed <u>EASTER</u> |
| 13 1st & 3rd Degree 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Meeting | 14 | 15 Hall & Public Bar Closed 1st Degree Exemplification 7:15 pm | 16 BINGO (Castillo) | 17 | 18 Private Lease No Cater | 19 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification 7:30 Mass |
| 20 6:30 pm Activities 7:00 pm Board Mtg. | 21 | 22 Germania w/cater | 23 BINGO (Haynes) | 24 KC Fish Fry 5-7 pm | 25 Private Lease Lure Show (Snack Bar) 11:00 - 3:00 | 26 Hall & Public Bar Closed |
| 27 Law Enforcement Night | 28 Pack Day | 29 Hall & Public Bar Closed | 30 BINGO (Pedroza) | | | |