



# KNIGHT LETTER



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## GRAND KNIGHT REPORT



### ***My Brother Knights and families,***

Brothers, this Fraternal Year is moving quickly and we are in the midst of the busiest time of the year. The retention committee is calling members who are delinquent on their dues to see if we can get them all paid up. Those that are not paid will have their information submitted to supreme to be removed from the Knights of Columbus. This means that they will no longer have available their Fraternal benefits. This is not something that you want to lose. If I can assist any Brother in getting this matter taken care of please feel free to contact me, I will be glad to help.

Valentines / Ladies appreciation night was a huge success. We had a wonderful turn out. I think that all that were able to attend had a great time. For Clergy Night we had a full house as usual. The food was great and the fellowship with the Clergy and our Brother Knights and their family's was even better. Thank you to all that helped on these events and everything that we had at the hall last month. Remember, without you Knights and your family's events like this would not be possible.

Lent is also upon us. It is our time to reflect on our life and prepare ourselves for Easter. Take time to attend your church's Stations of the Cross, say that extra Rosary, or any other activity that brings you closer to God. Prepare and be ready for Easter within your Heart and Soul.

Fraternally Yours,  
**Jody W. Darby**  
**Grand Knight**



## **Knight of the Month**

The ***Knight of the Month*** award for the month for **March 2009** is awarded to **Edwin McCrea**. Edwin is a member of our council and has been for some time now. He is a member of St. Mary's Parish where he is just as involved there as he is with our council. He helps with the St. Mary's Parish picnic and also serves as an usher. He volunteers with the kitchen during Bingo and helps out done in the pit. We appreciate everything that Edwin does for our council. Congratulations Edwin for making Knight of the Month.

## **SYMPATHY**



**Larry Lockhart**  
**Larry Jimenez**  
**Charles Klepac**



**Clarence Entrop Family**

## **Chaplain's Message**

### ***Dear Brother Knights,***

We are already in the Holy Season of Lent. All through the year we seek to love and serve the Lord. Lent is a time when we focus on Him even more intensely, as we prepare to celebrate His death and resurrection. It is a special time to renew our relationship with Jesus. Special days and times of renewal are a deep Christian need. Our Christian life is a relationship with Jesus, our divine friend and Savior. Growth in the Christian life means growth in relationship with Jesus. But once again we may be failing to grow in this relationship. Our love for Jesus may be growing cold without our noticing it. We may even be hurting Him deeply by our sins. We need, therefore, certain times to examine afresh our relationship with Jesus. We need times that will help us to repent for our failure to love Him as we should. We need times that will help us to renew our commitment to love Him with all our hearts. Lent is one of those times. Lent began in the early Church as an intense program of preparation for baptism by the catechumens. For us today, Lent is our intense program of preparation for the renewal of our baptismal vows at Easter. That will be the climax of our Easter celebrations, and indeed of the whole liturgical year. In order to renew our baptismal vows in a meaningful way, and not just as a formality, we need to take Lent seriously. The way we observe Lent will determine how deeply we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Indeed, it will determine our future relationship with him.

How are we to get the most out of Lent? First things first. Let us get our motives right. The Pharisee who said: "I fast twice week and give tithes of all I possess" was doing a lot, we would say. But with the Lord it counted for nothing because he did it to please men. The widow, who put two coins into the treasury of the temple, did not do much, we would say. But the Lord said she had given more than anyone else, because she had given with love. We may not be able to do many big things this Lent. We may only be able to a few small things. But if we do them with much love, the Lord will be pleased. Our relationship with Him will be deepened. That is what is all important.

**Fr. Ranjan Cletus, Chaplain**

## **Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner**

As in the past 40 years, we will hold our annual appreciation for Law Enforcement Personnel in East Bell County with the 41st Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation dinner. The dinner will be held on April 27th. It will begin with a social at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and award presentations at 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP at the hall no later than April 20, 2009 so that we can plan on the number attending.

**Rick Kasberg,**  
**Community Activities, Chair**

## CHURCH DIRECTOR REPORT

*Dear Brother Knights and Families,*

We are in the Season of Lent. It is time for us to prepare ourselves for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We need to pray and ask God to give us the time to spend special time with Him in prayer. When Easter morning comes we can truly feel we have had a good Lenten Season and feel closer to Jesus.

March 17th is St. Patrick's feast day, wear your green and remember the Saint from Ireland. Ask him to pray for us that we may have a better world.

March 25th is the Annunciation of the Lord and also Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. Pray for our unborn that this country will come to its senses and stop the murder of unborn children. Pray that God will change the thinking of our politicians and also of some of our Catholic and Christian brothers and sisters.

March 29th is Founder's Day of the Knights of Columbus in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney. We should all continue to pray that he will be canonized soon as a Saint. He has made a big difference in this world.

God bless all of you and your families and remember to pray for our leaders, the men and women who serve our country and their families and for ourselves.

*Fraternally,*  
*Eugene E. Engbrock*  
*Council 3444 Church Dir.*

### *Knights of Columbus Insurance*

**The Flex Annuity has a rate of 4.75% for deposits of \$10,000.00 and over by March 31. Deposits between \$300.00 and \$10,000.00 will earn 4.5%. Call Field Agent Charles Guenat at 939-1981 for more information.**

### **Membership Drawing**

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

## 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY 1138

*Dear Sir Knights,*

As always as I write my monthly message I hope and pray that it finds all and their families to be well. As I write today it is Ash Wednesday and we begin our preparation for Easter. Lent is a season of fast and abstinence but I do realize that due to a certain factor (age) that the vast majority of our members are "exempted" from this by the Church. This is only right and prudent because some may have conditions that would be exacerbated by following the "rules." I would suggest and encourage all of our members that one good way to observe our Lenten obligations is to spend a few extra minutes a day in prayer. We especially need to pray for our nation and it's leaders that we may come through these hard times. We need to pray that the decisions that are enacted conform to the teachings of the Church and protect the innocent and the infirm. Prayer for our nation is part of our Patriotic duty as members of the Fourth Degree.

I encourage all to try and attend more meetings if you are able. At the next meeting we will charge the Selection Committee to begin the task of putting together the slate of officers to lead the Assembly for the next fraternal year. This may seem a month early but in the newest copy of the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree I received from the Supreme Office it states the Fourth Degree election is to be held during the month of May. This is different from the procedure we have been following and I want all to be informed and hope you will come to the meetings and take part in the selection process.

It is with great pleasure that I can inform you that the Assembly is now supporting a seminarian through the R.S.V.P. program. He is Daniel Gibson and his home parish is St. Mary's here in Temple. At the recent clergy appreciation dinner Bishop Aymond reported that we have forty seminar-ians here in the Austin Diocese. This is a great blessing. Pray for Daniel and all the men who are studying to serve us through dedicating their lives to the Church.

In closing let us continue to pray for each other and for all those who serve and protect us, both the military and the civilian protectors, police and firemen. May God bless and protect us all.

*Vivat Jesus,*  
*Robert Holland*  
*Faithful Navigator*

**Monday March 2, 2009**  
**4th Degree Meeting**

## Happy Birthday - March '09

JOE BARBOSA	DEAN MIKESKA
RICK BECK	TOM OLSEN
DOUGLAS BORYS	M.J. PENNA
JOHN CONNER	RYAN PEREZ
BRIAN GOONAN	HERMAN POLZER
CHARLES GUENAT, JR.	WILLIAM PREWITT, III
CHARLES HOPKINS	TIMOTHY RIEHL
RICK KASBERG	DANNY TEAGUE
ROBERT KASBERG	FRANKLIN TSCHOERNER
JOHN KENT	RICHARD VAN DYKE
BERNARD KOENIG	ERNEST VALDEZ
ROBERT KOPRIVA	WILLIAM WOODS
RICHARD LOTT	JESSE YBARBO
PETER McLEAN	

## Council Membership Director Report

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Time is running out for our Council to get new members and meet our quota for this year that ends June 30, 2009. WE need for each of you to contact one of your Catholic friends and sign him up in March, that is not hard to do if you ask them.

The many good works of the Knights of Columbus are entirely dependent on an involved, committed and growing Council and without a strong membership base and regular efforts to attract new Knights and replace those who have left, none of our important Council efforts on on behalf of the Church and Community would be possible.

It is time to pay your dues. Some of you have received a Knight Alert Letter and a third notice. This means you will have to pay your dues in the following 30 days or you will be facing suspension. We know you don't want that to happen, and we don't want that to happen. Please let me know if you have a hardship or some reason you have not paid. We will work with you as we do not want to lose you. My phone number is 254-778-8638.

God bless you and your family.

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

## Family of the Month

The *Family of the Month* award for the month for **March 2009** is awarded to *Ernest and Esther Mendoza*. They are members of St. Luke's Parish. They and their family are active within their church and our council. Some of their most recent contributions have been to our Reverse Raffle where they had won one of the top 3 prizes. They also assisted in the Halloween carnival at the Hall where they were featured in our haunted house as a mad scientist and demented patient. They give of their time at least once a month to working in the kitchen during Bingo as well as any other venue when asked, such as serving at Expo center for the Maternity Shelter and the Youth Group in Waco. I'm sure we'll see a lot more of them in the years to come. We appreciate their friendship, devotion, loyalty and example they make for us in our Council. May the good Lord continue to guide and bless them in all that they do. Thank you and your family for all that you do.

## Calendar For March 2009

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1 Private Lease Meeting Room From Aug. 22
2 4th Degree 6:30 pm Meal 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Meeting	3	4 Private Lease Ducks Unlimited w/cater	5 <b>BINGO</b> (Pinon)	6 KC & KJT Fish Fry 5-7 pm	7 Private Lease No Cater	8 Hall & Public Bar Closed
9 1st & 3rd Degree 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Meeting	10	11 Hall & Public Bar Closed	12 <b>BINGO</b> (Pedroza)	13 KC & KJT Fish Fry 5-7 pm	14 Private Lease No Cater	15 Hall & Public Bar Closed
16 6:30 pm Activities 7:00 pm Board Mtg.	17 St. Patrick's Day Star Hall	18 Hall & Public Bar Closed	19 <b>BINGO</b> (Castillo)	20 KC Fish Fry 5-7 pm	21	22 Hall & Public Bar Closed
23	24 Pack Night	25 Hall & Public Bar Closed 1st Degree Exemplification	26 <b>BINGO</b> (Haynes)	27 KC Fish Fry 5-7 pm	28 Private Lease No Cater	29
30	31					