



# KNIGHT LETTER



CHARITY UNITY FRATERNITY AND PATRIOTISM

## COUNCIL OFFICERS 2008/2009

### 3rd Degree Council

Chaplain .....Father Ranjan Cletus  
 Grand Knight.....Jody Darby  
 Deputy Grand Knight.....Wayne Garrett  
 Chancellor.....Richard Castillo  
 Warden.....Leonel Castillo  
 Treasurer .....Louis Zaleski  
 Recorder .....Johnny Pedroza  
 Lecturer .....Barney Rodriguez  
 Advocate .....Bruce McAtee  
 Inside Guard.....Ed Reisner  
 Outside Guard.....Jerry Richmond  
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 Trustee, 2 Year.....Rudy Hrachovy  
 Trustee, 1 Year.....Eugene Engbrock  
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### 4th Degree Assembly

Faithful Friar .....  
 Faithful Navigator .....Sir Knight Robert Holland  
 Faithful Captain.....Sir Knight C.J. Wilde  
 Faithful Comptroller.....Sir Knight John G. Hutka  
 Faithful Pilot.....Sir Knight Joe Stewart  
 Faithful Scribe.....Sir Knight Albert W. Garrett  
 Faithful Purser.....Sir Knight Jason Hoelscher  
 Faithful Admiral.....Sir Knight Phil Leibowitz, Jr.  
 Faithful Inner Sentinel.....Sir Knight Richard Davenport  
 Faithful Outer Sentinel.....Sir Knight Frank Castillo  
 Faithful 3 Year Trustee.....Sir Knight Clifford Wohleb  
 Faithful 2 Year Trustee.....Sir Knight Eugene Engbrock  
 Faithful 1 Year Trustee.....Sir Knight Charles Tischler

Membership Director.....Eugene Engbrock  
 Recruitment Chairman.....Richard Davenport  
 Retention Chairman.....Eugene Engbrock  
 Retention Committee .....Three Trustees  
 Scouts.....W. C. Marek  
 Scholarship.....Louis Zaleski  
 Bingo Chairman.....Louis Zaleski  
 Council Athletic Fundraiser.....Daryl Entrop  
 Respect Life Couple.....Richard and Amy Castillo

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## GRAND KNIGHT REPORT



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

Brothers, the fraternal year is almost over. We still need five members to make our goal. Please do not give up at the last minute. Let's get out there and ask a qualified brother to join our order.

This month we will be holding elections. The nominating committee has talked with the current officers and they have all agreed to serve for another term. The only officer that will change is the three year trustee. Louis Sodak has offered to take the position. Remember that none of the positions are final until voted upon by the membership. If there is anyone interested in holding an office please come to the May meeting. Any third degree member is eligible to run for any office.

I have cleared a couple of members off the delinquent dues list. The notices to suspend letters are going out. I really hate to do this to our members but those that do not pay their dues will be suspended.

*Fraternally Yours,*  
*Jody W. Darby*  
*Grand Knight Council 3444*



### **Knights of Columbus, Council #3444 Honors Outstanding Peace Officer**

Officer Joshua Moore was honored by the Knights of Columbus, Council #3444 with the "Outstanding Peace Officer of East Bell County" Award on April 27th. The Award was presented at the 41st Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Temple. Officer Moore is with the Temple Police Department and serves with both the patrol and narcotics units. In 2008 he was dispatched to and handled over 800 calls for service. In many cases these calls resulted in arrests for illegal possession of handguns and possession of methamphetamines and cocaine.

**Other Law Enforcement Officers from various agencies in East Bell County were also honored with awards. These individuals were:**

- John Willingham, Department of Public Safety
- Isaac Crawford, Bell County Juvenile Probation
- Glenn Pitrucha, Bell County Sheriff Department, Deputy
- Irene Sperry, Bell County Sheriff Department, Correctional
- Darren Boyse, Bell County Adult Probation Office
- Robert Gatewood, Belton Police Department
- Roberto Ginete, Bell County Juvenile Detention
- Janis Moehnke, Bell County Communications

Officers eligible for an Award were below the rank of Sergeant. Each agency nominated one or more Officers, based entirely on the vote of the men and women with whom they serve. Biographical resumes were submitted by each agency for the Officer nominated to receive the agency's award. These resumes were then considered by a Committee of the Knights of Columbus to determine which Officer should receive the Outstanding Peace Officer of the Year Award. Rick Kasberg, Chairman of the event, said, "it was no easy task for the Knights to select a single Officer from among so many worthy candidates".

## Chaplain's Message

*Dear Brother Knights,*

At the end of May we will be celebrating the great feast of Pentecost. From the beginning the Christian confession of faith has been Jesus is the Lord. This brief confession expresses the Christians' belief in the Incarnate Jesus who died for our sins only to be raised to the highest heaven where He sits in glory at the right hand of the Father. St. Paul tells us that only the Holy Spirit given us by the risen Lord can enable us to confess in God the Father, the source of all unity and love. In Jesus Christ the love of God for man was made visible for all to see. And now in the gift of the Spirit, the love of God is poured into the hearts of men uniting them with God and one another. The first result of the coming of the Spirit is that the Apostles begin speaking as the Spirit dictates. The Spirit is now the inner power in the disciples proclaiming the person of the dead and risen Lord to all. He is the consoling presence in their persecutions, the principal agent in every event in the Church. For the world, as well as for the Church, a new era has opened. The gift of tongues and the presence of peoples from many nations point to the inauguration of community with a universal mission and to the breaking down of the ancient divisions of man through languages and races. All divisions originate from sin. All unity comes from the Spirit of love.

One faith, one hope, one love living in the hearts of many and different peoples from all over the earth joins us together into the one body of Christ. "Once we were no people but now we are God's people. {1 Peter 2:10}. The reality of the Church is mysterious. It is one. Yet this one Church, expressing as she does the riches of God, is manifold in the gifts and charismas she possesses. All Christians form the one body of the risen Lord, yet each one serves the whole in his own Spirit-given way with his own Spirit-given gifts. Each of us lives and works, not for himself, but for the whole, for Christ and his members.

*Your brother in Christ, Fr. Ranjan Cletus.*

### SYMPATHY



*Elias Bigon Family*  
*Georgia Smetana*



### In Loving Memory of

**Ray Ybarra**

**09-07-1917 to 02-11-2009**

**3rd Degree - 32 years**

**4th Degree - 31 years**

**James Smetana, Sr.**

**10-08-1928 to 04-06-2009**

**Niskayuna, NY**



## CHURCH DIRECTOR REPORT

*Dear Brother Knights and Families,*

The school year will be over for 2008-2009 after this month. This should give an opportunity for families to spend more time together this summer and take advantage of doing activities and even vacation time together. The month of May is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary. "Mary's Knights" should include their families in a daily Rosary together during the month of May. What a great way to begin the spring and summer months. Let us all, brother Knights, remember our first degree when we received the Rosary and made a commitment. Stop for a few minutes and bring your family together and pray together. We don't hear the "Family that prays together, stays together" much anymore and maybe that is the reason we have so much turmoil in the world today.

May 3rd is a "World Day of Prayer" for vocations. We should take the time for special prayer on this day for vocations. A family Rosary would be great.

Do not forget your Mother on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th. If your Mother has gone on to Heaven, pray for her and ask her to pray for you. Always pray for your Mother.

Sunday, May 24th, please mark your calendar for a celebration of honoring our Pastor of St. Mary's, Father Ranjan Cletus for his 25th anniversary of priesthood, who serves St. Mary's so graciously when needed. Please watch for details in St. Mary's Church bulletin.

May 23-25 is Memorial Day weekend. We must not forget to pray for those who gave their lives for their country and us. Keep you and your family safe as you travel this weekend and return home safely and in good health and spirits.

Pentecost Sunday is May 31st. Thank God we have the opportunity to worship as we wish in this country and do not take it for granted.

Congratulations goes out to all students who will graduate from the 8th grade, High School and College in the month of May/June of 2009. This is a big step forward to make and this step will effect your life for years to come. Make the right decisions and your life will be better for it.

*Fraternally,*

*Eugene E. Engbrock*

*Council 3444 Church Dir.*

### **Knight of the Month**

The ***Knight of the Month*** award for the month for ***May 2009*** is awarded to ***Jerry Richmond***. Jerry is a current 3rd degree member of council #3444 and has been for roughly 20 years. He is also a 4th degree member as well. Jerry recently has served in the position of outside guard. He is a big supporter of the Knights of Columbus and St. Luke's Parish where he is a member. Jerry volunteers in all areas of our organization. He comes down to the pit and helps; he helps bingo with organization and working pull tabs or what's needed. He contributes to and sponsors some of our events, most recently Law Enforcement night. We appreciate his efforts, loyalty, contributions, 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!

### **Membership Drawing**

**Charles J. Ramm name was drawn for the membership drawing. Charles was not present and the \$400 goes back to be drawn again next month.**

## 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY 1138

*Dear Sir Knights,*

As we progress through the fraternal year the time has come to elect the officers who will lead the Assembly for the next year. I encourage every member who can to attend our next meeting, May 4th, and take part in the process. As usual we will have a slate of officers to present to the Assembly but we also will ask for any nominations from the floor. This is each members chance to place another's name or even their own into consideration for the positions. Please try and attend and take part in our election process. The proposed slate of officers for the upcoming year is as follows:

Faithful Navigator	C. J. Wilde
Faithful Captain	Joe Stewart
Faithful Pilot	Jerry Richmond
Faithful Admiral	Robert Holland
Faithful Scribe	Wayne Garrett
Faithful Purser	Jason Hoelscher
Faithful Comptroller	(POSITION IS OPEN)
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Richard Davenport
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Jerry Garcia
Faithful Trustee, 1 year	Eugene Engbrock
Faithful Trustee, 2 year	Clifford Wohleb
Faithful Trustee, 3 year	Phil Liebowitz

As you can see we do not at this time have someone for the position of Faithful Comptroller. We desperately need to have this position filled, as it is one of great importance to the Assembly. Again I ask everyone to attend the meeting if at all possible and to take part in selecting who will lead us for the next fraternal year.

In closing let us continue to pray for each other and for all of our service men and women who are giving of themselves to protect our way of life and our right to conduct our business as we do. Let us also continue to pray for all our dearly departed so that the Light of Christ shine upon them and they may rest in peace.

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Robert Holland*

*Faithful Navigator*

### ***Announcement***

Congratulations to **Christopher Mosmeyer**, **Manuel Alaniz**, and **Steve Richmond** who completed their 2nd and 3rd degree on Sunday 19 April. Thanks to Council 3444 for hosting the Degree team and preparing the meal for candidates and members.

**Monday May 4, 2009  
4th Degree Meeting**

## Happy Birthday - May '09

Richard Castillo	Francisco Partida
Rev. Thomas Chamberlain	Mario Polendo
Jody Darby	Larry Posvar
Esequiel Enriquez, Jr.	Danny Ramm
Michael Espinoza	Frederick Ream
John Flynn	Jerry Richmond
Curtis Gerick	Steve Roeder
Billy Goonan	Joe Solis
Terence Green	Rev. Rocky Vaz
Lloyd Hoelscher	Joseph Vela
Christopher Kelly	C.J. Wilde
David Kelm	
Dana Manes	
Wilton Marek	
Eugene Matthews	

## Council Membership Director Report

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

We are still working on our quote for the fraternal year 2008-2009 until June 30th, 2009.

Our Council hosted a 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification on Sunday, April 19th, 2009 at our K of C Hall. There were only three of our first degree who came into the higher degrees. We have a lot of 1st degrees who need to make their higher degrees. Please keep this in mind for the next year. We would like to see all 1st degree members knighted into the 3rd degree.

Plans are being formulated for another 1st degree before the end of our fraternal year. As a Knight, take the initiative to sign up your Catholic Brother 18 years old and older. It is our responsibility to give every Catholic gentleman an opportunity to be in the largest and best Catholic organization in the world. Have a "Form 100" available at all times!

**God Bless you.**

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

## Family of the Month

The *Family of the Month* award for the month for **May 2009** is awarded to **Dr. Mike & Ursela (Uishi) Applewhite**. They are members St. Mary's Parish. Both are very active within their church and community. Mike is a current 3rd degree member and has been for the past 8 years. Mike is former Grand Knight within our council and has served in the Trustee capacity as well. Uishi has been just like another Knight for our council. She has filled in for Dr. Applewhite when he has been unable to, from Bingo to anything else he's involved in. She generally is one of our bartenders at our functions and is very good at it, EVERYBODY likes when she tends bar. Mike & Uishi are very family oriented and contribute their time and efforts in so many ways. 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 May 2009

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