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Grand Knight Report



My Brother Knights and families,
(No Grand Knight Report for this month)

Yours in Christ,
Jody Darby
GRAND KNIGHT



Knight of the Month

The *Knight of the Month* award for the month for March 2010 is awarded to Gene Engebrock. Gene is an original charter member of Council #3444 when it was first started. Needless to say, he has been a Knight for quite some time now as well as a 4th degree Knight. He has held many positions within the ranks from Grand Knight to Church director for our council where he held that position of Church Director for 25+ years and we are truly grateful for his service. Gene has organized many of our reverse raffles and contributed to them monetarily and with numerous hours of labor. He has helped out at the hall at catered events and one of the most important events that he helps with, if not organizes, is Clergy Night where he is the emcee. He knows a number of these priest and deacons personally and has the utmost respect for each of them and it shows as he talks with them. Gene has advised our council in many areas as needed when asked or when we've needed direction and it takes patience, understanding, compassion and sometimes firmness to do so. Gene, we'd like to thank you for your efforts in and around our Council and your continued mentorship. St. Mary's where he is also a member shares this same gratitude for all that he does for them from Finance council, Eucharistic minister, handy man, etc...you can usually find Gene there if he's not at the hall here working along side his fellow brother Knights. We again are appreciative of his time, efforts, and dedication as a Knight, brother, and most importantly our friend. He is worthy of recognition of Knight of the Month. May the good Lord bless you Gene in all that you do.

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

During this Holy season of Lent let us reflect a little bit on the Value of Suffering. Many people were present on Calvary when Christ was crucified. Some came just to satisfy their curiosity or to jeer at Christ. Others came because they were genuine friends of Christ. Each one had his own way of looking at things. Their thoughts and feelings were colored by their own attitudes and convictions. The good thief for example, sees his suffering as a just punishment for his sins and accepts it with resignation. He feels pained that Christ, the innocent, should suffer so much. He fearlessly acknowledges him as his Savior. Whereas the thief on the left sees suffering as curse. He finds it unbearable. He gives into swearing and cursing. His unwillingness to suffer adds to his suffering. He desperately looks for some relief. Why does he ridicule Christ? Is it because he want to win the sympathy of the crowd and to find some consolation in their sympathy? We don't know. Both the thieves undergo the same punishment. For one it turns out to be blessing, for the other a curse. The inner disposition of each plays decisive role. To those who see suffering as a curse, even ordinary suffering appears as unbearable. Whereas to those who understand the value of suffering, it appears light.

Mary participates in the suffering of her son more intimately than anyone else. Jesus is her dearest treasure on earth. She lives for him not for herself. He is the greatest joy of her heart. Because of this intimate relationship, she feels for him more than anyone else. Though her suffering is great, she does not see it as a curse, but as a glorious means to express her love- her unconditional surrender to her heavenly father. She remembers the words of her son "Truly I say to you, unless the grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world, will keep it for eternal life" (Jn. 12:24, 25). Those prophetic words of Jesus become a living reality in the life of Mary. As a grain of wheat surrenders itself to the earth, Mary surrenders herself completely into the hands of the heavenly Father, and accepts his plan unconditionally. The grain of wheat breaks itself open to give birth to a new plant and promises a hundred fold harvest. We see the same process in Mary in a far richer form. Every act of love is precious in the sight of God. As we are limited beings, we live our life moment by moment. We are not sure of the future moment till they arrive. As every moment also is a new gift on our part. Though there is an element of continuity, there is also an element of newness, as fresh efforts are needed to remain loyal to our previous commitment, in the face of stiff opposition. We know from our own experience how difficult it is to remain loyal to our commitment in the face of mounting opposition. Every such situation is a new challenge. Mary's life bears ample testimony to it. She had to face situations that broke her heart into pieces- situations that called for mighty act of love and surrender. They were really fresh birth-pangs. They helped her to give birth to Jesus anew, in her heart for the redemption of the world. When suffering is seen in this light, its redemptive value shines out all the more resplendently. Suffering is part of our life. Nobody can avoid it always. When we accept it in the right way, it becomes stepping stone to a higher degree of love. However it turns out to be stumbling block when we see it as curse.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Ranjan Cletus.



Easter Egg Hunt

The council will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd - the day before Easter at 9:30 am. We have lots of chocolate and other candy this year so please help us get the word out.

Church Director Report

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Thanks to all who were able to attend the Annual Clergy Appreciation Banquet. We had a good turnout even with numerous conflicts that night.

Last month I asked that we pray for a bishop and we have been blessed with the appointment of Bishop Joe S. Vasquez. He will be installed as the fifth bishop of the Austin Diocese on March 8, 2010.

Please continue to pray for the unborn.

Fraternally yours,

Bruce J. McAtee

Council 3444 – Church Activities Director



QUARTERLY

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING



Sign Up a New Knight
& Be Included In
Drawing for \$100



Next First Degree – TBD
Next Drawing – June 14th



4th Degree Assembly 1138

Dear Sir Knights,

There will be a Spring Exemplification in Georgetown, Texas on March 19 and 20th, 2010. I would love have a good showing for “our” Assembly. We have so many good third degree members that would be a great asset and if you know a someone that is interested, please call me at (254) 771-5837.

As you know, we are having a Reverse Raffle on March 20, 2010. I still have a lot of tickets that haven’t been given out. If every member of the Fourth Degree in “our” Assembly bought one ticket, we wouldn’t have to sell but 50 tickets. A majority of the prizes have been purchased and we need to sell these tickets as soon as possible. I will try to get to the Churches and try to sell some tickets after each Mass and if anyone could help me, I’d deeply appreciate it. My number is (254) 771-5737. If anyone feels they can sell twenty, ten or even five tickets, please let me know and I will deliver them to you personally. WE HAVE GOT TO SELL THESE TICKETS SOON! Please help me in this effort to sell these tickets so, we can have a great fund raiser.

We are still in the Year of the Priest. Let us continue to support Our Priest and Seminarians. They do so much for us, we need to show how much we appreciate their concerns for us.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Vivat Jesus,

Wayne Garrett

Faithful Navigator

Special Thanks!

A Special Thanks to **Dan Marsh, Rudy Hrachovy, Lewis Sodek, and Clifford D. Wohleb, Sr.** for taking out the old natural gas manifold at the pit. Then replacing the new natural gas manifold for the pit.

These members saved the council hundreds of dollars by doing the work themselves. For that the Council is Grateful for their hard work.

Happy Birthday - March 2010

JOE L. BARBOSA	PETER N. MCLEAN
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Family of the Month

The Family of the Month award for the month for March 2010 is awarded to The Wohleb Family. Clifford and Jennes are members of St. Mary's Parish. Clifford is a current member of the 3rd and 4th degree Knights. He and his wife contribute in many ways to our council, their parish and to their community. Clifford most recently organized the annual chili raffle where I'm sure we were able to put some much needed funds into our account. He also has made a great effort in recruiting new members where he currently holds the position of Recruitment chair. His wife is always at his side helping in any way she can from catered events, fundraisers, and organizing stuffing envelopes, etc. We really appreciate her for the efforts she makes on behalf of the Knights. We would also like to mention the great meal Clifford did for the ladies appreciation dinner, he has a knack for this. The Knights of Columbus, their Parish and community are grateful for the dedication. Their family is worthy of recognition of Family of the Month. God Bless!

Council Membership Director Report

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

As Membership director there are some changes that are being made to meet protocol. All form 100's that come in by members have to be given to me, I will check them out, and I will read them at the regular meeting. When I read the form 100 at the meeting, the Proposer will be mentioned and given credit. On Sunday February 14, 2010 we had a First Degree with three candidates. Our council had one candidate Mr. Kelly D. McPhee. He is in the RCIA program and they let him out early due to being deployed in the military. To make it fair to all, Kelly McPhee's name cannot be used in the drawing until the other RCIA members have completed their course. We plan to have another first Degree soon I just do not have a date yet.

Also, another way we can get new members is to ask them personally face to face. There are many of our members in Council #3444, that have Catholic friends who would join the Knights of Columbus if they were just asked. Always have in your possession some form 100's, and let's go out into our community or at church and recruit a new member this coming year.

Your council needs your help to find new members. As I stated before, you will be helping a good Catholic gentlemen as well as helping your Council reach their goals. We have a great K of C organization here at Council #3444 and let your friends know about it.

God bless you always.

Fraternally,
Clifford D. Wohleb, Sr.
Membership Dir. Council 3444

March 2010 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 4th Degree 6:00 pm Meal 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Meeting	2	3 Hall Closed	4 BINGO (Pinon)	5 KJT & KC Fish Fry 5-7 PM@KC Hall	6 Father Jim ~ Farewell ~
7 Hall Closed	8 1st & 3rd Degree 7:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Meeting	9	10 Hall Closed	11 BINGO (Pedroza)	12 KJT & KC Fish Fry 5-7 PM@KC Hall	13 Private Lease <i>no cater</i>
14 Hall Closed	15 6:30 pm Activities 7:00 pm Board Mtg.	16	17 Hall Closed <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 BINGO (Castillo) Hamburger Plate Night	19 KJT & KC Fish Fry 5-7 PM@KC Hall	20 4th Degree Raffle <i>w/cater</i>
21 Hall Closed	22	23 <i>(Pack Night)</i>	24 Hall Closed	25 BINGO (Haynes)	26 KJT & KC Fish Fry 5-7 PM@KC Hall	27 Private Lease <i>no cater</i>
28 Hall Closed	29	30	31 Ducks Unlimited <i>w/cater</i>			