



# The Knight Times

A monthly newsletter published for the members of Ascension Council #11139 – February 2010

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## Grand Knight's Message – Bernie Schmidt

With five months to go in the Fraternal Year 2009-2010, Council 11139 continues to excel in all areas in support of those among us in need of our assistance. The most recent Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity shows a Grand Total of 17,660 hours given by the Knights of Columbus of our Council in the areas of Church, Community, Youth and Miscellaneous. We can all be very proud of this accomplishment. Items of note for the month include:

- The Roses For Life campaign headed by Brother Knight Ed Thoman resulted in having 1800 Roses signed by the parishioners at all masses on January 2nd & 3rd. Brother Ed wishes to thank all of the Knights that participated.
- Brother Steve Martinez, Youth Director, conducted the Basketball Free Throw and Essay competition during the month of January. Three Ascension school children have advanced to the Regional level in the Basketball Free Throw competition and two Essay contest winners received \$50.00 each during a special presentation after Mass on February 10. Congratulations, Brother Steve, for a job well done.
- Membership recruiting is going forward thanks to the efforts of our Membership Director Brother Mel Trotier and his very able committee. A special welcome to all our new Brother Knights. I look forward to meeting each one of you at an upcoming Council meeting.
- Several of our Brother Knights attended the Catholic Men For Christ Conference on February 6 and came away with a renewed sense of their Christianity revolving around the theme **The Glory of God is Man FULLY ALIVE.**

Thank you, my Brother Knights for all that you do in the name of Council 11139 and particularly for those most in need of our assistance.

Vivat Jesus  
Bernie GK

## Council Director – Mike Berg

- **Adopt-A- Platoon** – Following retired Capt. Justin Marshall's January 10th after mass-presentation, the Adopt/A/Platoon program received an overwhelming amount of items for our Ascension military guys. All items were shipped to: PFC Robert Taylor, U.S. Army, Iraq; SPC Kevin Wagnitz, U.S. Army and SFC Lane McKinney, U.S. Marines, both in Afghanistan. SSG Gabe Schultz, U.S. Army, is presently stateside and due to be deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. Sincere thanks go out to those Brother Knights, as well as the Ascension parishioners, for their continued support of our Adopt/A/Platoon Program. Without them, there would be no "AAP" program.
- **St. Patrick's Day Party:** This annual Ascension party will be held on Saturday, March 13th. Tim Walsh (636.532.5250) might still have a few dine-in dinner tickets left; but, if you call him and find that the party is sold out, you can still order carry-out dinners, help at the party for a short time and/or sell a few raffle tickets to friends and neighbors prior to the five \$100.00 drawings on March 13th. Many thanks go to the all that have volunteered to help at the party and to help sell a small number of the raffle tickets.
- **Bagels/Donuts** - Our monthly February Bagels & Donut event will be held on Sunday February 21. Anyone wishing to help with this event is encouraged to call Ramiro Benitez at 532-1596
- **Golf Tournament** - Work is in high gear for this year's Golf Tournament to be held on June 4th at Bear Creek-Wentzville. This is a tremendous opportunity for newer Knights to easily associate with their Brothers and assist Council # 11139 and Wings of Hope in our most ambitious fundraiser to date. An AM and PM tee-off has been scheduled so golfer (singles and foursomes) recruitment is critical to its success. If you have not already expressed your willingness to play or help, please call Tom Hoenig (636-300-3777) or Mike Berg (636-532-0063).

Welcome our  
newest brothers:  
Bryan Ackerman,  
Charlie Wunderlich,  
Ryan Hillenbrand

Newest 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree:  
Bob Moore

## Membership Director – Mel Trotier

Spring is right around the corner and so is our SPRING OPEN HOUSE MEMBERSHIP EVENT. The Open House will be Sunday, March 21<sup>ST</sup>, in conjunction with our regular 3<sup>Rd</sup> Sunday bagel and donuts event. There is only one Council meeting before the Open House so Officers and Directors please think about updating your displays and making preparations.

All Brothers are asked to consider inviting a prospective Knight to the Poverty Supper on Ash Wednesday, bagels and donuts, or other events to meet fellow Knights and to learn about the Knights.

We are an organization dedicated to Service and that requires manpower! How many times have we said someone would be a good Knight? Ask them! Contact Mel Trotier, (636-530-1496; or e-mail [melvin.trotier@ascensionkofc.org](mailto:melvin.trotier@ascensionkofc.org)) if you need help.

## Community Director – Kevin Hennessey

**Felice Cuores:** There are four party/dances remaining this season until we break for the summer. They are February 20, March 20, April 10 and May 8. Guest attendance has been averaging just under 200 per dance and volunteer participation is growing. Thank you, Ascension Knights and Ladies, who always show up in impressive numbers. We have sufficient volunteers for the February dance, but need more for the remaining dances. Check your calendars and call Bill Lukas at 636-537-9801 to volunteer.

## Church Director – Jerry Lamoureux

**The Year for Priests activities continue at Ascension:**

- Write a personal note to our priests. Note cards available at Bagel and Donut Sundays: January 17 and February 21
- Day of Prayer for our priests in March TBD
- Thank you Reception for our priests May 3, 2010

If you have not yet received one of the new prayer cards for priests see me at our next meeting. They will be available at our meetings and in the back of both Churches. We will also have a supply of the prayer cards along with a special display set up at upcoming bagel & donut Sundays. Remember to pray for our Priests during The Year for Priests: June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010. We will also be saying this prayer at all of our meetings through May.

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests,  
Pray for us and our priests.

**Other Church Activities** - Special thanks to Brother Bob Donohue for leading the Rosary on Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup>. Our next Rosary will be on Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Church and it will be led by Pat Hosey. We will be saying the Rosary for the intention of the Unborn and any special intentions that are requested. We hope you, your family and friends will join us.

The third annual Catholic Men for Christ Conference on February 6 was terrific. Total attendance was over 1,200 men which included nearly 250 Knights. Ascension Council and Parish was well represented with around 20 attendees. The presenters and presentation topics were excellent topped off with a very inspirational closing Mass. The post conference reception for all Knights of Columbus and Knights of Peter Claver drew about 65 men, well below our hoped for 100. Dignitaries at the reception included the KofPC Supreme Knight and National Chaplain, Bishop Hermann, plus a written message from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. Hope to see more of you there next year at the fourth annual conference.

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming Church events:

- Weekly Men's "55 Minutes" Group & Bible Study: Thursday Mornings 7:00 a.m. - 7:55 a.m. in the Parish Hall behind the Little Church. All men of the parish are welcome.
- Next Men's CRHP weekend February 20-21, 2010. Contact Chris Foeldi to register. 636-532-9344
- Future White House Retreat Prayer Days: Ash Wednesday February 17 or Monday of Holy Week March 29th. Contact the White House to register ASAP. 314-533-8903
- Holy Thursday Service April 1, 2010
- RCIA Reception following Holy Saturday Evening Mass April 3, 2010
- Divine Mercy Sunday April 11, 2010 Service and Mass at Incarnate Word Church
- Altar Server Recognition Night Thursday April 22, 2010
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday April 25, 2010
- Mother's Day Weekend Distribute Gifts May 8-9, 2010
- Ascension Parish White House Retreat May 13-16, 2010
- Sunday, June 13, 2010 Deacon Frank Vonesh Mass and Reception:
  - 12:15 p.m. - Thanksgiving Mass at Ascension for the members of Ascension.
  - 1:15 p.m. - Reception in the Ascension MPR sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Council #11139

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me at home at 636-536-0846. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

## Family Director – John Thompson



Father Michael J. McGivney  
1852 - 1890

The Fifth Sunday Mass and Breakfast was held on January 31. 31 Knights and family members sat together at the 8 am Mass, where were recognized in the post-Communion announcements. We filled the five pews reserved for us, and several other Knights were seated with their families elsewhere in the congregation for lack of space in the reserved area. After Mass, 22 Knights and family members enjoyed breakfast at Mimi's in the Chesterfield Valley. We needed two large tables but the staff at Mimi's kindly was able to accommodate us. Good food and strong coffee kept the conversation going.

At the February meeting, a poll will be conducted investigating interest in the Fifth Sunday Mass at different Masses. If there are sufficient numbers, we may rotate the Fifth Sunday Mass between different times so everyone can participate. The next Fifth Sunday is May 30.

At the January meeting, members elected Bill and Jan Lukas our Family of the Month. Bill directs the Council's RSVP program in support of seminarians and coordinates the Council's participation in Felice Cuores. He is the state Religious Information Bureau Secretary / Treasurer, and represents the Knights of Columbus on the organizing committee for the recently concluded Catholic Men for Christ conference. Jan leads the Parish School of Religion and is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. While Bill is ineligible to be nominated as State Family of the Month because he is already a state chairman, Bill's nomination was submitted to the Supreme Office and entered into the monthly drawing for a small statue of the Holy Family.

## Youth Director – Steve Martinez

### THE ASCENSION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASKETBALL FREE-THROW CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE COUNCIL LEVEL AND THE 2009-2010 MISSOURI STATE ESSAY CONTEST

The Ascension Knights of Columbus Council would like to thank all the Knights who helped in the annual BASKETBALL FREE-THROW CHAMPIONSHIP at the Council level. This years activity was held in the Ascension Gym on Tuesday, January 12th and Wednesday, January 13th. Approximately 250 boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14 years participated in this event. As in the past the competition was held in the Ascension gym during the children's normal PE time and the Knights performed the score keeping.

The winners at the Council level are as follows: Bridget Carter was the 10-year-old girls' champion and Paul Knocke was the winner of the 10-year-old boys' division in a tie breaker with Jack Fogerty, Ethan Robinson and Chris Kirwan. In the 11 year-old bracket, Emily Looney was the girls' champion and Sam Schulte was the boys' champion. Twelve-year-old winners in the girls and boys division were Kaelie O'Reilly and Daniel Wacker. The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Claire Dressel and the boys' division was won by John Kopsky in a tie breaker with Walker Basham. Fourteen-year-old champions were Madeline Childs in the girls' bracket and Drew Miller in the boys'. A special Congratulation goes to Emily Looney and Drew Miller who each made 15 baskets out of 15 attempts, a

perfect performance. Each of the above students are invited to compete at the District level on January 31st.

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*From the Web...*

**Adopt-A-Platoon Update**

Pictures posted from Capt Justin Marshall's address to Ascension [read more ...](#)

**Sunday with Santa Pictures are HERE!**

From the popular "Sunday with Santa" event held on December 13, pictures from all masses are now available for viewing and printing [read more ...](#)

**St Patrick's Day Party**

Ascension's 5th Annual St. Patrick's Day Party will be held on Saturday, March 13th. This annual parish event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and space is limited; so, all are encouraged to make their reservations early. [read more ...](#)

The District level of competition was held at St. Richards Parish Gym on January 31st. The Ascension winners at District are as follows: Bridget Carter was the 10-year-old girls' champion. In the 14 year-old bracket, Madeline Childs was the girls' champion and Drew Miller was the boys' champion. Each of the above District winners are invited to compete in the Regional competition which will be held on Sunday, February 21st at noon at Duchesne High School in St. Charles. The Missouri State Competition will be held at the Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City, on Sunday, March 21st at noon.

Children in Ascension School have done a fantastic job in preparing Essays for the 2009-2010 Knights of Columbus Missouri State Essay Contest. Children in grades 5 -8 have submitted over 100 Essays on the topic: "STRONG FAMILIES BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES". A special thanks go out to a number of Knights and members of the Ladies Auxiliary who volunteered to judge the Essays. I am grateful to both organizations for their help and support. Final judging of the Essays has been completed at the Council level. In the 5th and 6th grade bracket Olivia Holmes received an Honorable Mention for her Essay. In the 7th and 8th grade bracket the First place Essay was submitted by Keenan O'Reilly and the Second Place Essay was submitted by Christine Lane. The winning Essay at the Council level will be submitted to the Knights at the Missouri State level for further competition. Thanks again to the students and Essay judges for a tremendous effort in the Essay Contest.

## For the Good of the Order

With the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church being major sponsors of the Boy Scouts of America across the USA and February 2010 being the 100th anniversary month of the BSA, we have invited the Catholic Committee on Scouting (of the Catholic Youth Apostolate, Archdiocese of St Louis) to be our February speaker.



Ann Lederman, Director of the Catholic Scouting Committee, will share the many activities and events they manage, including (1) Youth Programs, including day, week, and weekend retreats for youth in Scouting, facilitating and promoting local Archdiocesan and national faith-building programs, emblems and awards for Catholic youth in Scouting; (2) Adult Programs, such as Lay Apostolate formation retreat programs, as well as other training programs for adults, Moderators, and Counselors working with youth in scouting. Recognition programs are offered for Adult leaders and all those who contribute to the spiritual development of Catholic young people in scouting; (3) Scouting Units, such as recognition programs for Catholic Scouting units. These programs provide the youth with a deeper understanding of their Catholic faith in the areas of religious and vocational awareness.

The Mission of the Catholic Youth Apostolate (<http://www.archstl.org>) is to help all young people hear the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and to help all young people actively respond to the Gospel message and enthusiastically participate in the mission of Jesus Christ and His Church.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and Honor Guard – Jack Giebe

The annual Faithful Navigator Mass and Breakfast will be held on February 28, 2010 in the St. Vincent DePaul Chapel at the Cardinal Rigali Center at 10 am. Honor Guard report at 9:30 am. Spouses and family are welcome. Please call Rick Schmidt for reservations - 314-846-4361. Those 4th Degree Members with over 50 years of Service to the 4th Degree will be honored. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please remit your check, payable to the St. Louis Assembly 565, to Bob Hawkins, 520 Audubon Place, Manchester, Mo. 63021.

The Annual 4th Degree Exemplification will be held at the Airport Marriott on March 6, 2010. The Honor Guard should report at 10:30 am



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## Columbian Squires – John Gouveia



The Squires had a great skiing event at Hidden Valley which was a big success and lots of fun for all. I was very impressed with the first time skiers that took to the hills without any fear. They did very well with minimal falls. Luckily we all escaped getting hurt as some took on the most difficult, black diamond, slopes with ease. I am also amazed at the progress for the second time skiers as they really challenged themselves by taking more difficult runs. I want to thank the parents for their help making the day fun and safe. I am sure by the smiles on their faces that everyone had a good time.

The midyear meeting that was scheduled for January 29th to 31st was cancelled due to inclement weather. However, the Squires are looking forward to planning a great State Convention in early June. The Squires are also planning to host a Swing Dance fundraiser at the "Pillar in the Valley" on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. A portion of the proceeds will be given to a local St. Louis charity called "People to People, Haitian Children's Project". The Squires all look forward to hosting this event which will bring some needed help to the victims of Haiti's recent earthquake.

## Upcoming Events ([view online](#))

- Felice Cuores – Feb 20
- St Louis Chapter Meeting – Feb 22
- General Meeting February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Parish Main Hall

## Easter Request for St Agatha's

Brother John Wood has received the following list of foodstuffs from Sister Joan at St. Agatha's Parish in the inner city. If you wish to donate any of these items, please bring them to the Council meeting on February 23 or on March 23 and give them to Brother John Wood. If you wish to make a monetary contribution instead, it would be very much appreciated. This collection provides food and help with utility bills for families in St. Agatha's parish during the Easter season. Delivery will take place on March 26, 2010 at a time to be announced.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Canned Ham                     | Canned Chicken             |
| Any other canned meat products | Peanut butter              |
| Grape Jelly                    | Canned fruits of all kinds |
| Fruit juices of all kinds      | Cookies                    |
| Cake mixes                     | Icing                      |
| Pasta sauce                    | Corn muffin mix            |
| Bar soap                       | Toothpaste                 |
| Toilet paper                   | Paper towels               |
| Face tissues                   |                            |

# Ascension Catholic Church Sixth Annual St. Patrick's Day Party

Sponsored By: Ascension Knights of Columbus



**Date:** Saturday, March 13, 2010  
**Time:** 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM (Self-Served Buffet Dinner Starting at 6:30 PM)  
**Place:** Ascension's Multi Purpose Room  
**Note:** Entry To The Party Will Be Through The Ascension School Entrance

Entertainment, Great Food, Door Prizes and Good Company All Provided

## Dinner Reservation Form

Your Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse or Guest Name (see below to reserve for a large group): \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City & State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

| Description   | Quantity | Price                       | Total |
|---|----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Dine-In Buffet Corned Beef Dinner   |          | \$12.00 each                |       |
| Carry-Out Corned Beef Dinner  |          | \$ 9.00 each                |       |
| Raffle Tickets (5 - \$100.00 Prizes)  |          | \$5.00 each (3 for \$10.00) |       |
| <b>Total Amount Due (please make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus – 11139):</b> |          |                             |       |

- **To Make Reservations:** Mail this form (with your payment) to Tim Walsh at 1343 White Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017-2411 or phone 636-532-5250. Seating is limited; so, please make your plans as early as possible.
  - **Buffet Dinners:** Prepaid dinner tickets will be required and will be mailed directly to you or to your guests (unless otherwise requested) prior to March 13<sup>th</sup>. The distribution of dinner tickets by you directly to your guests is encouraged.
  - **Carry-Out Dinners:** Prepaid dinner tickets will also be required. Your tickets and pick up information will be mailed directly to you prior to March 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Table Reservations:** Tables will be reserved for groups of eight (8) or more. When making your dinner reservation, please provide full payment and the names and addresses of all your guests.
- **Sorry, no refunds after Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

