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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. BASIL COUNCIL 4204
702 BURNEY ROAD, SUGAR LAND, TX 77498-2610

April 1, 2009
MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7:00PM

NEWSLETTER
COLUMBUS CLUB 1ST Tuesday - 7PM

IN UNITY WITH OUR STATE OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

Larry Zapalac- Immediate Past State Deputy

Jim Collins- State Treasure

Robert Vacek- Audit Committee

Pete Muceus- Education/Training

David Morris- St College Council Chairman

Gary Blanchette- District Deputy

Brothers in Christ,

Greetings from a very humbled Grand Knight. In last months news letter I was typing my input just after talking to Father Reynolds and Jim Collins about an organization called the Eastern Star. I did not know anything about them. Father and Jim enlightened me to the max. The problem was that I printed the following statement. **“We stand behind our Priest, we really are ardent Catholics and we do not believe in adoration to just name a few.”** Of course the knights of Columbus **“BELIEVES”** in Adoration of our Blessed Lord and Savior. Please accept my apology for this extreme error. The devil put the word, NOT, in the middle of a sentence were it does not belong.

We have three months left in this fraternal year. Our past Grand Knights are looking for candidates to run for office starting July 1, 2009. Please pray on your roll in our council and let one of the committee members know if you are interested. Brother Bill Talles has agreed to chair the committee so give him a call if you can serve. It is a very rewarding experience as well as an honor and privilege to serve our council in a leadership roll. Please pray on it and ask for Gods guidance on your decision.

The scholarship rules are inserted as a flyer in this news letter. Please make copies and give to all High School Seniors that qualify and are interested in the chance win a \$1,000 scholarship.

Reflection: “The happiest of people don’t necessarily have the best of everything;
They just make the best of everything.”

PRAY THE ROSARY,
Bob Sullivent
Grand Knight 4204

Chaplain Report

My Brother Knights:

Each year, on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, the liturgy of the Church invites the faithful to enter more deeply into the Passion of Christ. On those days, the account of the Lord's suffering and death are proclaimed, and we take part in the dramatic events that unfold before our eyes. There is no Christianity without the Cross, a truth illustrated by the liturgies of Holy Week.

"Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory" (*Luke 44-45*), Jesus asks. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that "the Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the center of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God's saving plan was accomplished 'one for all' by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ" (*CCC*, no. 571).

During the season of Lent, we have had the opportunity to unite ourselves more closely to the Cross of Christ through our prayer, sacrifice, and works of mercy. It is precisely my means of these practices that our minds and hearts are better disposed to hear and act upon the Word of God proclaimed to us. Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him (see *Matthew 16:24*).

The liturgical schedule for Holy Week will be included in the Palm Sunday bulletin. Let me encourage you to join your fellow parishioners as we re-live these mysteries of our salvation.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds

Financial Secretary

Brothers,

2nd Notice dues statements were mailed in early February to members who had not paid their 2009 dues by January 31. Please submit your dues promptly. If you have a problem paying the dues, please contact me at 281-491-9671. The Council can work something out – without the general membership finding out.

One of our Council members, Deacon Chris Valka, C.S.B. will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday May 9 at 11:00 am at St. Anne's Church. Chris is a member of the Basilian order and transferred his membership to our Council while he attended the Novitiate at the Former House of Prayer. Council members are invited to attend his ordination. Morgan Rice, who was in the Novitiate with Chris, is professing his final vows on Friday evening at 7:00 pm.

A number of Brothers and their families are having medical problems. Please pray for your Brothers and their families.

God bless,
Pete Muceus, FS

Council News

Brothers, the 2009 KC Coin Drop is almost upon us. I know that April 18th is a good way off but I also know that each of you has a very crowded dance schedule and I'd like to make sure that the KC Coin Drop is on your **"dancing list"** come the 18th of April. If you're like me if it doesn't get scheduled, more often than not, it just doesn't happen! I'm asking for a commitment of 2 hours of your time on that Saturday either from 8 to 10, 10 to 12 or 12 to 2. Obviously we'll take more than two hours if you can devote the additional time.....we'll also take you for just an hour if that's all you can give on that day. Brothers my goal is to hit the **\$5,000** level on the 18th which would be a first for our Council. We can reach this figure if we can cover the corner of 99 and 90 with Knights on Saturday, April 18. Please commit today to help enable us to help others. Brothers, I look forward to your E mail response with the time that you can help. Thank you in advance for your anticipated support of this very worthwhile program. Ken Stilling / Chairman

I am co-chairing the State Convention Golf Tournament on Friday May 29 at Southwick Golf Course. We can use about 5 members to help out with the tournament and need to borrow 2 pop-up tents for use during the tournament. I'd also like to think the Council could have at least one golf team. The cost is \$320 per team or \$85 for an individual golfer. See me Friday or anytime, email me, or call me at 281-491-9671. Pete Muceus, co-chair.

I want to congratulate the Council winners for the Month of February. We had a lot of good nominations. To bad only one gets the honor, there are so many deserving of this. Knight of the Month for February is Brother Anthony Valchar, Rookie of the Month is Brother Bill Ross, Family of the Month is State Treasure Jim Collins Family, Lady of the Month is Pat Stolarski, and Youth of the Month is Miss Elizabeth Mule'. I also want to congratulate our newest 3rd Degree Brothers. They are David Wleklinski, John P. Pistone, Dominic Kutra & Joe Longoria. The following Knights were able to attend the degree in Rosenberg along with these new Knights. Thanks to Past Grand Knight John Pistone, Joe Williams, John Hermann, Fred Stratton & Ken Kilgore.

From Brother Ken Stilling on the Basket Ball Free Throw Awards Ceremony:

Okay, based on the feedback I've received from all of you it looks like **April 6th** will work much better for the majority of you. Therefore, we will plan to conduct our Annual Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 6th starting at **7:00** in the KC Hall. Any and all family members are welcome including grandma and grandpa. Please try to be there by about 6:50 if you can. In addition, I would appreciate it if you could Email me back a confirmation that you can be there on the 6th. Thanks very much. Ken 281-630-0668.

A small prayer for our troops:

'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.'

May 12 is a very important election date. When the folks in Austin revised the property taxes in the last legislature they FORGOT to keep the Homestead Exemption Cap for 65 and older citizens in the new bill. As a result it does not exist as of the end of this year. On May 12 you will have a chance to add it back in for our appraised value for our Homesteads. PLEASE VOTE as noted below from Duchess Collins.

“MAY 12 is the day to vote! Early Voting begins April 30. You may not be 65 soon, but you will be some day; or someone you care about is or will be. **Please vote the Homestead Exemption Cap.** Duchess”

The following is information received from Supreme:



This week's fight for religious freedom in Connecticut

The Knights of Columbus stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the Catholic bishops and priests of Connecticut this week, and won a significant battle with opponents of the Church. But more battles probably lie ahead.



(March 13, 2009) - When the Connecticut senate and house co-chairmen of the Judiciary Committee introduced Bill 1098 on March 5, they apparently hoped few would notice until it was too late. The measure proposed to strip the bishops and priests of the state of all administrative authority over their own churches, a blatantly unconstitutional intervention in the internal affairs of a church. The Knights of Columbus quickly joined the bishops and the Connecticut Catholic Conference in a public condemnation of the bill. The bill's sponsors were taken by surprise, and cancelled a planned Wednesday hearing. But some 5,000 Catholics from all around the state came to Hartford for a protest rally at noon on March 11, when the hearing had originally been scheduled to begin.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson delivered a strongly worded speech, along with Archbishop Henry Mansell, Bishop (and Supreme Chaplain) William Lori, and Bishop Michael Cote. You can watch the [video of the speeches](#) by going to this web page:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/officers/media/videos/ctrally.html>

You can read more about the rally and the controversy here:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/news/legislative/detail/548363.html>

Read the Supreme Knight's op-ed column in the Stamford Advocate here:

http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/opinion/ci_11872974

A reprint from an email from Brother Pete Muceus: "On May 15, our Council will have its annual golf tournament. This is an occasion for participants to have a good time, share camaraderie and fellowship. The event pays for itself and even produces some profit for the Council to use in its charity efforts. In the past, it has funded the college scholarships. The tournament costs \$100 per individual. If your company has sponsorship funds available, there are opportunities to be a sponsor as listed on the attached flyer. You can mail me your completed entry form and check or bring it to a meeting. Brothers Gary Blanchette and Ken Stilling are the co-chairs and they stress the need for volunteers to help with the tournament. The volunteers get a great free lunch (their hamburgers are HUGE and TASTY and filling) as well as enjoy yourself!"

Bob Sullivent
Grand Knight 4204

Birthdays

St. Basil Council 4204 January 2009 Birthday Report

Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday
Conrad A. Czenski	04/01	Federico S Mora	04/14
Stephen H. Michell	04/02	Christopher M. Morris	04/14
Steve A Azinger	04/04	Richard F Foley	04/15
Wayne W. Grandin	04/04	Chris W Spiers	04/15
Vincent G Ramos	04/05	Dr Kenneth R Spence	04/16
Kevin J Matocha	04/07	Jerry J Hurtado	04/20
Jonathon L. Zschech	04/07	William L Quintanilla	04/22
Spencer R Stauffer	04/09	Mark L Neslony	04/22
Harold M. Freeman	04/09	James E Boney	04/23
Joseph L Pikas	04/11	Raymond J Tanking	04/25
Paul R. De LaRosa	04/11	Edward J Borski	04/25
Joseph P Nilles	04/11	Jose N Malcaba	04/26
Glen R Redding	04/12	Floyd B. Thigpen	04/26
Steven Bassey	04/12	Alejandro Iglesias	04/28
William B Miller	04/13	Henry L. Heitman, Jr.	04/29
David A. Wleklinski	04/13	Kevin P. Welfel	04/30

GOOD OF THE ORDER

St. Theresa Parish Ministries	Annette Bezney	Virginia Sanchez	Robert Schumann
Roy Raska Family	Fr. Andy Sebesta	Selma Shimek	Laurent Meister
Karyn Guillary	Fr. Roy Ogerro	Pete Muceus	VA VETS
Widows of Deceased Brothers	Bob Morgan	Marguerite Iglesias	Karen Cromer
Florian & Evelyn Bartos	Linda Kasper	James Claire	Don Hill
Steve & Patsy Kalmus	Fred DeNisco	Rusty Herring	Annette Hare
Ken Kilgore	Ruth Berndt	Sloan Bryant	Joe Syring
Bob Sullivent	Carrie Peters	Michelle Millodof	Sheri Dunham
Tina May	Paul Bacque	Brooke Bailey	Rita blair
Vivian Herrera	Billy Fuechec	Afton Keeton	Rauda Asfura
Roger Strong	Sandy Cepica	Jaro netardus	Shirley Wolverton

Pray for our Brother Knights and our families and Intentions

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2008-2009

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Teen Dance Director	Mike Matalka	281-494-7617
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Bereavement	Ralph Stolarski	281-494-1831
Coin Collection	Ken Stilling	281-437-2216
	Ralph Stolarski	281-494-1831
Golf/Turkey/Halloween	Gary Blanchette	281-240-1774
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Grand Knight

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