



**THE FORTY-TWO O FOURWARD!**  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. BASIL COUNCIL 4204  
702 BURNEY ROAD, SUGAR LAND, TX 77498-2610

December 1, 2009  
MEETINGS 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAYS 7:00PM

NEWSLETTER  
COLUMBUS CLUB 1<sup>ST</sup> 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

Brother Knights,

We had a great turnout for the Annual Turkey Dinner which made it an outstanding success. Our Memorial Meeting was on November 16<sup>th</sup> and had a tremendous turnout of over 120 people that enjoyed a wonderful turkey and dressing dinner prepared by our devoted cooks, Steve Kalmus, Ralph Stolarski, Ed Borski, and Marvin Casper. Many thanks go out to you guys for feeding so many people. What a ministry you have.

Our annual Christmas party is on December 6<sup>th</sup> show your Christmas spirit and attend with your kids and Grand kids. Bring a gift for your children wrapped and tagged with their name. Santa will give them out as in the past. Also, bring a gift to exchange in the adults gift exchange. We will place the Mens and Ladies gifts on different tables. As your number/name is called out you will be able to select a wrapped gift. We will have a great fajita dinner at the Christmas party so and enjoy good eating at its finest.

Middle School Dance on November 20<sup>th</sup> was a fun night for all, we had a great turnout of Knights but the weather had a low turnout of kids. All Knights that attended, thanks for all ya'll do to make this dance a success. December's Teen dance should be a big turnout for the kids just before the Christmas Holiday on December 18<sup>th</sup> so we need a lot of help.

Support the CDA and purchase bake goods in front of the church December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Christmas is upon us once again. This year has flown by so fast, so tell your friends and family how much they mean to you because time flies and before you know it the thorn you have is too festered up to heal. God Bless, and have a Marry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Pray your Rosary!!

Reflection: “

Grand Knight,  
Jeff Schumann  
KC4204@firehousemail.com

## **Chaplin's Croner**

Brother Knights:

With the approach of the holy season of Advent, the Church invites us to prepare our minds and hearts for the coming of the Lord. The liturgy presents three "advents" of Christ: His birth in human flesh, His coming in glory at the end of time, and His presence in the human heart by means of His grace.

In addition to all of the practical preparations for the celebration of Christmas, we ought not to forget the spiritual task before us. As we decorate our homes, let us think of the works of charity that should adorn our lives. As we prepare the Christmas feast for our families, let us remember the unending banquet of Heaven to which we are called. As we shop for gifts for family and friends, let us remember that God makes a gift of himself to us.

Advent is a good time to make a sincere and devout confession of our sins. In addition to the usual parish confession schedule, a penance service will be held on Tuesday, December 22. A number of visiting priests will join the priests of the parish in making the Sacrament of Penance available.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds*

## **Financial Secretary**

Brothers,

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving!

Father Bob Matzinger has had some medical issues and a medical procedure performed recently. He is recovering and needs our prayers. Fr. John Robbins prostate cancer is causing him very serious medical problems; he needs our prayers. Let's include Fr. John's recovery in our prayers. Brother Jerry Byrd is recovery from a medical procedure at home. Keep all our members and their families in our prayers. Brother Mike Abbott's wife, Renetta, tripped and fell Saturday evening Nov 14 and chipped some teeth, broke her right hand, and sustained facial and knee abrasions. Her broken hand has been set in a cast. Her broken teeth have a temporary fix while the teeth are evaluated for any nerve damage. Let's pray for Renatta's complete recovery.

There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree at the meeting on Monday December 21. The honoree for this degree is Fr. Reynolds. Let's have a good turnout of candidates. This would be especially good for college students home for Christmas. Have all candidates at the Annex by 6:15 pm.

The Clergy Night celebration is on Friday, January 29 at the Stafford Centre (2610 South Main in Stafford), the same location it was held last year. This is an affair where over 1,000 Knights and their ladies will gather to recognize our priests and clergy. A social hour and cocktails will be start at 6:00 p.m. with Dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. If you are planning on attending, please notify me ASAP and submit your payment to me prior to December 1.

Milton Lutz who heads the prison ministry is asking your support for Cookie Sunday at the prison unit on December 6<sup>th</sup>! Last year volunteers distributed cookies to 1000 inmates at the Central prison unit. The cookies were donated by volunteers from over 40 Churches working in the Christian Fellowship Ministry. Milton and volunteers will be in front of the KC Hall on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> between 8 and 12 AM to collect your cookie contributions; they will be distributed that day. This provides a touch of home to the men confined in prison during the holidays.

The annual dues bill will go out at the beginning of December this year and will include the Annual Survey of Fraternal Individual Member Worksheet. The dues are payable prior to January 15. Regular member dues are \$36. Once you receive your dues notice, please pay it promptly. Thanks for keeping your dues current. If any member has a problem paying their dues, please contact the Grand Knight or myself. Please complete the worksheet and return it with your dues payment. Supreme is having the Culture of Life \$2 assessment for each council member. Your voluntary contribution along with your dues will be appreciated.

I wish all of you a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a blessed, safe and happy New Year.

God bless,  
Pete Muceus, FS

## **District Deputy #75**

Worthy Brothers,

The holidays are upon us and we **really** do have reasons to celebrate and be thankful. I know I am thankful for my Lord and Savior, my family, my friends, my job and especially my brother Knights. It has been a full year since I first took office as your District Deputy and I realize how grateful I am to have brothers who care about the same things that I care about. You have taught me many things and I thank all of you for that; I especially want to thank my wife Gerry for standing behind me in this endeavor and encouraging me to be the best that I can be as your District Deputy. In the past month, District 75 and Council 4204 have seen some awesome events take place. The District has held two first degrees in which we welcomed 20 new brothers to the order. We held a Squires Investiture at Council 7382 in which 4 young catholic men became members of the Squires. This could not have been possible without the help of John Clennan and a few of his Squires from St. Basil Council. Thanks to you and the boys John! As I attended the council meetings in the district this past month I was able to pass out checks to each of the councils for their participation in the District Golf Tournament, man I really like handing out money! Hopefully next year we will be able to pay off every council's state charity goal. A few weeks ago we had a tremendously successful Turkey Dinner with the help and support of my brother Knights, the Catholic Daughters, the JCDA and the Squires, a BIG THANK YOU to all those that came to help and or eat at this years event. As you can see we have had a busy and successful few weeks but the icing on the cake came last week when it was published that District 75 made Star District for the last fraternal year. It has been a long time since this district was recognized as a Star District and I want to thank Immediate Past District Deputy Dennis Marek for getting the ball rolling and helping me get started. I also want to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to our order. Congratulations Council 4204 and District 75!

My brothers, as we wind down this calendar year, I hope that you look back on this past years accomplishments and say a prayer of thanks to God for all the blessings that He has given us. I also hope that you will commit yourselves even more to the coming year and all that it holds in store for us as catholic families and brothers.

May God bless you and your families this Christmas season,

Gary Blanchette  
District Deputy #75

## **Columbus Club News**

The third quarter financial report was issued in early November. Thanks Lloyd. Considering the economy we are holding our own. We will be preparing the 2010 budget in December. Suggestions are welcome.

We are considering a cleanup campaign in the next few months. A few brothers have expressed interest in helping, always looking for more. Perhaps a morning or two after the Christmas holiday. Some may have a few extra days off and need to get out of the house.

Continue to look for help in two other areas; small projects and cleaning the trophy case area. A lot can be accomplished in just a few hours with two or three people. I tend to spend a few hours on Saturday or Sunday mornings doing the small projects. If you can to help please drop me a note at [uhnider@winfstream.net](mailto:uhnider@winfstream.net).

The Columbus Club is updating its by-laws. It will be discussed at the regular meeting in December.

Dan Rega

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE / December 18**

Help is needed as early as 6 PM. Most folks are needed from 7 PM on! Please come and help with one of our most important fund raisers.

### **General Council News**

A note from the Grand Knight. This is the special service held at the Memorial Meeting on November 15. For those of you that was not able to attend here is the presentation. As the Grand Knight said these words he placed the item on a small round table on the stage. Visualize your loved one sitting at the table as you read this.

“This table honors the men who served in the Knights of Columbus that we honor tonight.

The small table represents one Knight’s battle against many in his life.

The white tablecloth honors his pure heart when he answers the calling of a Catholic gentleman to serve in the Knights of Columbus.

A lemon slice, symbolize a Knight’s bitter fate.

Grains of salt symbolize families tears shed since he left.

An empty chair at the table represents our missing Brother Knight.

A black napkin signifies the sorrow of his death.

An inverted glass stands for a meal that won't be eaten tonight.

A white candle symbolizes peace he has with the Lord.

The red rose in the vase, tied with a ribbon represents the Love he showed you for the support you gave him to be a Knight of Columbus.

As we honor each one tonight, I want you to know he is sitting here in this chair and in all of our hearts.”

## **About the News Letter**

In the past it was left up the Grand Knight to write, edit, and publish a news letter every month. A while back Brother and Worthy State Treasurer Jim Collins came to me and pointed out, on several occasions, that other councils have a group of folks that do this task in their council. Therefore, we are attempting to start such an endeavor at our council. Currently we have an editor and input, hopefully, from our directors, officers, Event Chairs, ETC. We would like to put together an editing board that would be responsible for information going in the news letter. One area could be about our ladies and what they are up to. Not just the CDA, all ladies and their interest as everyone is not a member of the CDA. It would be nice to highlight one lady a month. Maybe someone could do an article on the Lady of the Month in the newsletter such as an in depth interview. Another might be to highlight one of our Clergy in our Area or one of our State Officers or State Committee Members. What about our hard working event Chairs and volunteers? The candidates for this honor are almost endless. Simply put, one or two people cannot do this alone. Please pray on the above thoughts and provide your feedback to myself and our Worthy Grand Knight Jeff Schumann. We have a lot of talented people in our order and you are one of them. Please pray on stepping up and filling in for this ministry of information.

## **Soccer Challenge News**

Cayden Capello, son of Brother Joe Capello, who won the Council 10 yr old boy soccer challenge just won at the State competition! Congratulations Cayden!

Brother Rob Dicken's father whom we prayed for had successful surgery and is doing well. He should be out of the hospital this coming week. Keep his recovery in your prayers.

There is an older family in St. Theresa that has no water in their kitchen. Brother Joe Pikas became aware of their situation and is asking if someone can take a look and see what is wrong. Joe has established a rapport with the family and may need to be there when the evaluation is done. If someone can look at the kitchen plumbing, please let me know and I'll let Joe know and coordinate the date/time of the visit.

## **Columbian Squire Circle 3058**

Columbian Squire Circle 3058 has had a very successful November. They started off the month with their first sales of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Magnets at the Turkey Dinner on November 1<sup>st</sup> and sold a sufficient amount of Magnets to recoup their initial investment. Anyone interested in purchasing one of these Magnets should contact John J. Clennan, Chief Counselor for the Columbian Squires at 713-306-5013. Magnets will also be sold after various Masses between now and Christmas.

On November 8<sup>th</sup> the Columbian Squires at St. Theresa had the privilege and opportunity to assist the Columbian Squires St. Thomas Aquinas with their investiture. Our Squires first attended the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church along with the Squires from St. Thomas Aquinas and their candidates. Afterwards they participated in their investiture ceremony. The Ceremony was also attended by various dignitaries from the Knights of Columbus. A nice meal was had by all after the ceremony concluded.

## **Roof Repair Update**

On Saturday Nov 14th Mike Matalka and I meet with a representative of John Kidd Construction to ask some additional questions and review a copy of the 10 year warranty being offered. The representative inspected the roof again, and continued to sell the advantages of using this system. Our goal was to review the written warranty. Long story short he did not have a copy of the warranty as requested. He was clearly told we would not move forward until we reviewed the written warranty.

On Monday I spoke to Mr. Kidd and he informed me that his first quote was in error and the price is now \$25,000 plus. I quickly informed him that this would stop the project. Over the next few days emails went back and forth with Russ at Topps Products over the change in price and the warranty. The other contractors in the area that are trained on this product only do industrial work. Our project is too small.

On Thursday Nov 19th it was agreed to go our own ways. Russ at Topps Products was apologetic on what took place over the past few days.

I will review the path forward with the directors and provide an update on the new plans. Bottom line is we lost some time but no monies changed hands. Special thanks to Mike Matalka for his assistance.”

Dan Rega  
CC President

## **Turkey Dinner a big success**

The annual turkey dinner was a success again! Figures from Treasurer Lloyd Waguespack are: Dinner sales \$7,262.00 and dessert sales \$650.06 = total/gross income \$7,912.06. Expenses were \$2,412.31 with net profit \$5,499.75. A check has already been made to the CDA for 50% of the net profit or \$2,749.88.

## Birthdays

### St. Basil 4204 Birthday Report December 2009

Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday
Nicholas J. Zapalac	12/01	Neal O. Robichau	12/16
Gary W Steuernagel	12/04	Martin T. Williams	12/16
J Arnold Knoche	12/05	Gregory D. Fuller	12/17
Ben P Bono	12/06	Donald E. Hensley	12/17
Frank A. Mba	12/06	Mrs. Isabel Flores	12/18
David F. Becker	12/06	Mrs. Louis Bronikowski	12/19
Michael A. Mule'	12/06	Donald W Mattern	12/19
Mrs. Lena Ruffino	12/07	Dale J. Stroyick	12/19
Rodney R. Smith	12/07	Robert W Bohuslav	12/20
Mrs. Dina Zakrzewski	12/08	Michael R Chisenhall	12/20
Jason J. Mikolajek	12/08	Victor C Novosad	12/21
Fred W. Hodson	12/08	Anthony J Valchar	12/21
Olin E. Ludwig	12/08	Charles R. Olvey	12/21
Curtis Osborne	12/09	Jacob M. Rodriguez	12/21
Ryan C. Hodson	12/09	Anthony F. Mancuso	12/21
Daniel W. Cawthon	12/09	David H. Shumpert, Jr.	12/22
Matthew D. Johns	12/09	Joseph W. Azzarello, Sr.	12/24
Donald R. Dickens	12/10	Darrell F Pavlicek	12/24
Emil D Zbranek	12/11	Abraham Thomas	12/24
Timothy E Sweat	12/11	Harry F Richards	12/26
Marco Roncal	12/11	John S. Sudela	12/26
Guy A. Baird	12/12	Alois H. Grahmann, Jr.	12/28
Jude Ezike	12/12	Leonard A Simek	12/29
Mrs. Lucy Cavazos		John P. Pistone	12/29
12/13		Mrs. Genevieve Puskarz	12/30
William M Tallas	12/13	Daniel T. Korkmas	12/30
Stephen W. Winzerling	12/13	Richard S Pena	12/30
Garyl L. Hester	12/14	Daniel E. Rega	12/30
Timothy L Schumann	12/15	Dennis W Marek	12/31
Rev John F. Robbins, CSB	12/16		

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Let us join in prayer and ask God for His healing for those who are ill and to share His strength with them and their families. These Brother Knights and friends are in need of prayer, so please take time to remember them.

St. Theresa Parish Ministries	Virginia Sanchez	Robert Schumann	Karen Cromer
Roy Raska Family	VA VETS	Bob Morgan	Selma Shimek
Fr. Roy Ogerro	Karyn Guillary	St Theresa Prayer list	Raymond Valchar
Widows of Deceased Brothers	Margaret Foster	Louis Board	Brad Dickens
Fred Trlicek	Kelly Studdert	Jerry Byrd	Linda Kasper
Louis Dvoretzky	Rosie Janson	Jack Sim	Charles Sullivent
Fr. Reynolds	Bob Sullivent	Florian Bartos	Jason Mikolajek
Alex & Marguerite Iglesias	Pope Benedict	Fr. Ritz	Ken Kilgore
Angie Timmermann	Fr Roy Oggerro	Diane Waguesback	Eleanor Price
Annette Falbo	All Basilian Priest		

Pray for all Brother Knights and their families and Intentions

## COUNCIL OFFICERS 2009-2010

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Fish Fry	Ed Sebesta	281-242-4563
	John Clennan	281-491-8090
Chief Cook	Steve Kalmus	281-240-5991
BBQ Coordinator	Fred Trlicek	281-491-9040
	Bill Tallas	281-980-1682
Columbian Squires	John Clennan	281-491-8090
	John McDonald	281-494-7498
	John Sim	281-980-4506

## Columbus Club Officers and Directors

<u>President</u>	Dan Rega	<u>Directors:</u>	Al Guerra	Paul Cinquemani
<u>Vice President</u>	Lloyd Waguespack		Bill Louviere	John Gambino
<u>Secretary</u>	Mike Mule'		Mike Matalaka	Sal Salinas
<u>Treasure</u>	Ralph Stolarski		Bob Sullivent	open
			Grand knight	Jeff Schumann

<u>Hall manager</u>	Ralph Stolarski
<u>Maintenance Manager</u>	Fred Trlicek
<u>Leasing Manager</u>	Bob Sullivent
<u>Bar/Event workers:</u>	Gene Travis
	Fred Trlicek
	Jeff Schumann
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