



San Antonio Chapter Knights of Columbus

January 31, 2010

No. 1

Religious Appreciation Dinner set for February 21



The Chapter Annual Religious Appreciation Dinner is set for Sunday, February 21, 2010 at Council 4140. The dinner is the largest one-day gathering of religious men and women in the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

It is hosted by Knights to honor these religious leaders of our community.

It begins at 4 p.m. with a social hour followed by dinner at 5 p.m. with bingo and prizes immediately thereafter.

All Knights who wish to attend will be charged a meal ticket for \$15. This includes all Knights who will work serving our Religious men and women.

Councils who invite their pastors and nuns are committed to purchasing a ticket for each priest and nun to offset the expenses of this large event.

Deacons are asked to purchase their tickets for themselves and spouses.

All religious orders are honored and invited to share this afternoon with the Knights of Columbus.

Volunteers are needed for transportation of religious.

Flanagan Golf Classic tees off April 12 at Hyatt Resort



Bishop Flanagan will build his 11th house with the proceeds of the Habitat Golf Classic to be held on Monday, April 12 at the Hyatt Regency Resort golf course.

Ticket prices remain the same: \$1000 for a foursome with one clergy playing or \$1200 for a foursome. Individual pays \$300. Corporate and council sponsors are the driving force to net at least \$52,000 to build a home for a San Antonio needy family.

The golf committee co-chaired by Ernest Rodriquez and Dean Murphy need your participation.

Any one can join the committee. No need to call ahead just be at the next meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Oblate Madonna Residence Conference room on Feb. 1.

We urge all Knights and corporate sponsors to join in this worthy cause.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration, prize and goody bag distribution, etc.

Start time will be at 8:00 a.m. followed by a delicious Outback Steakhouse meal sometime in the early afternoon.

Cardinal Medeiros Fellow award for Angel Perez



Above left to right, Caesar Bustos, Chapter President, presents the Cardinal Medeiros Fellow award to Angel Perez for his many years of dedicated service to San Antonio Knights, Delia Perez and State Warden Joe G. Lopez.

Texas Region X Bishops Retreat in Alamo City



San Antonio hosted the annual Region X Texas Bishop's retreat at Oblate's Pat Guidon Center during January 4-8.

Bishops Placido Rodriquez – Lubbock, Raymond Pena, Brownsville, Kevin Farrell, Dallas, and Curtis Guillory, Beaumont, were given transportation to and from the airport by the San Antonio Knights of Columbus during this chilly artic week.

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The retreat is held annually in January for the Texas bishops. Also attending this year was Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo and, serving as host for this gathering, was Archbishop José H. Gomez. Archbishop Patrick Flores and Bishop Bernard Popp also attended.

Chapter President File

My brother knights, this is a momentous occasion, the rebirth of the Chapter Newsletter. Congratulations are in order for Brother Rudy Escamilla who undertook this task for the good of the Chapter members. Our Chapter is very large and good communication is essential in order for us to accomplish all the tasks before us.

One of the major tasks which lies before us and undertaken by the Chapter is the Religious Appreciation Dinner, which was started under the recommendation of our Worthy Chapter Chaplain, Bishop Tom Flanagan. As our Founder Father Michael J. McGivney stated, “the Knights support our Priests”. The Religious Appreciation Dinner supports our Priests, our Sisters, Seminaries, and our Deacons by providing an enjoyable evening with good food, good company and good time. Each year, we build on this event and our Religious look forward to it and enjoy it tremendously.

The success of this event depends on you, because you make up the chapter, the chapter is not only the officers and I; it's every Knight who lives

within the Archdioceses of San Antonio. So your time, talents and possibly treasure will be needed to help support the mission of Father Michael J. McGivney, “In support of our Priests” and ensure this Religious Appreciation Dinner is the best ever.

Sign up for volunteering to help out on February 21st, volunteer to pick up some Nuns and take them to the events, donate a gift basket, have your council write a check for offsetting the cost of the event.

Our Worthy Chaplain, and 650 religious men and women are counting on you to do your part. Let's not disappoint them.
*Fraternally, Caesar Bustos
ASA Chapter President*

State Free Throw dribbles to Antonian High School

The State Council Basketball Free Throw will be held at Antonian High School on March 6. Showtime is 7:30 a.m. for registration

Remember to bring a copy of the birth certificate and ensure that the child's council is current in state per capita in order to participate.

Contact Carl Bernal at 210-496-8651 or email at chbern34@juno.com for more information.

**Tootsie Roll Drive
April 10**


The spring Tootsie Roll Drive is scheduled for April 10 at your local intersection. You stand at the intersection with a bucket on hand and strangers

give you money. Your council gets to pay your state charities allotment with someone else's generosity. This is a win/win for all but especially for those councils who annually participate in this freebie.

All proceeds go to State Charities. Deadline is not set and info will be forthcoming at the end of February but the norm is to have your council roster in one month ahead of the drive.

The San Antonio Police Department will no longer take your old roster so every council must turn in a new list on Excel format.

For more information email Richard Delgado at: delgadojr.richard@gmail.com



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**Last man standing
could be you**

June 25 may be your day to help Bishop Thomas Flanagan build another home for a needy

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family.

Last Man Standing is the event set for Council 4140 at 6 p.m. It is a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity home that brother Knights build for our beloved bishop.

Only 300 tickets will be sold and your purchase gives you an enjoyable evening, a juicy steak dinner for two with all the trimmings. Best of all you are automatically entered to win \$5000, \$1000 or \$500. Good food and perhaps a little monetary gain for you.

Tickets are \$100 plus you get free beer and wine along with the other goodies above. Make checks payable to: Bishop Flanagan Habitat for Humanity.

This fundraiser is to complement the Habitat for Humanity Golf Classic.

First Degrees

- 1st Wed. Council 9291
- 2nd Mon. Council 6358
- 3rd Tues. Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Oct Council 7613
- 3rd Mon. Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. Council 4315
- 3rd Mon. Council 7983
- 3rd Thurs. Council 4140
- 4th Tues. Council 4183
- 4th Tues. except Nov, Dec. Council 11596
- 4th Thurs. Council 12208 St. Ann
- 4th Sun. Council 2687 San Felipe

Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Chapter Chaplain

My Brother Knights,
Pray for one another.
Help one another.
Affirm and encourage one another.
Pray the Rosary.

Mary and her Knights...Pray to Mary, our Mother, to intercede for us.

Have a listening heart for people. Inspire and motivate our youth by using good Christian models for them.

Be always there for one another. I am always there for you. Just call me at my number, 210-308-8899.

St. John Vianney, Cure of Ars. Patron of Priests. Pray for us.

God bless my brother Knights and your families.

Take time to plan a spiritual journey for yourself and for your family. Take time to read and reread and reflect on one Reading each week. Suggested Bible Readings include one reading for each week.

1. Matthew 5:1-12.
2. Matthew 17:1-8.
3. Luke 15:11-32.
4. Luke 22:39-46.
5. Luke 24:13-35
6. John 2:1-12.
7. John 13:1-17.

God bless you.

† Bishop Tom Flanagan, D.D.
Knights of Columbus
Archdiocesan Chapter Chaplain

2010 Events

February

- 1 Habitat Golf Meeting Oblate
- 7 World Day for Consecrated Life
- 11 World Day of the Sick
- 11 Chapter Executive Board Mtg.
- 13 St. Piux Valentine Dance
- 13 Council 4140 Valentine Dance
- 13 February-Valentine Dance at St Mark the Evangelist
- 15 Council Audit Form 1295 due
- 17 Ash Wednesday**
- 17 Chapter Meeting Schertz 6358 Lenten Ashes distributed at meeting at 6:45 p.m.**
- 20 February--Diocesan Free throw at St PJ. (Districts responsible to

schedule and conduct prior to this date)

21 First Sunday of Lent

21 Religious Appreciation Dinner

22 110th Anniv. of 4th Degree

March

1 State Per Capita LSAFE due

1 State Scholarship Grant form due

1-31 State Blitz for membership

6 Basketball Free Throw at Antonian HS

11 Chapter Executive Board Mtg

4 Pescadores de Hombres honors Bishop Flanagan

5 World Day of Prayer

14 Daylight Savings clock up 1 hour

15 Service Prg. Award apps due

15 State Family Award due

17 Chapter Meeting St. Joan of Arc 10181

17 St. Patrick's Day

21 First Day of Spring

25 Annunciation of the Lord

28 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

29 Monday of Holy Week

29 KC Founder's Day

30 Passover begins

31 Newsletter award apps due

April

2 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

3 Vigil of Easter

4 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

8 Chapter Executive Board Mtg.

9 KC Couple's Retreat

10 Supreme Per Capita

10 Supreme Catholic Adv.

12 Bishop Flanagan Golf Classic

21 Chapter Meeting Assumption

13523...councils provide food/drinks, etc.

30 State Convention Corpus Christi

Pope John Paul II Declared 'Venerable'

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council rejoices at the news that Pope Benedict XVI has formally acknowledged the heroic virtue of Pope John Paul II.

This was accomplished by his elevation to venerable a necessary step towards the canonization of a saint.

San Antonio Major Degree Corps Exemplifications

Jan. 9 Austin	Council 8156
Jan. 31 Victoria	Council 1329
Feb. 6 Lulling	Cancelled
Feb. 27 4th Degree Holy Trinity	
Council 9967	
Mar. 27 H. Trinity	Council 9967
Apr. 10 Georgetown	
Apr. 24 A. de Padua	Council 8738
May 16 V. de Paul	Council 5262
Jun. 13 Victoria	Council 9088
Jun. 19 Holy Spirit	Council 786

Bold type denotes
San Antonio degrees.

Become a member of the Major Degree Team. Choose from as many as 14 different roles.

Email Eli Farias at efarias@satx.rr.com for further information.

Diocesan Deputy Report



It's great to revive the Chapter newsletter. Thanks to Rudy Escamilla. The Mid-Year Conference was very successful 45 Councils represented. Sad to see that 43 Councils missed it; 130 members in attendance.

Thanks to the hospitality of host Council 4298. Seminarians now supported 100%. Thanks to participating Councils led by Council 4183 supporting ten. State Charity support is now at 80.74%. 52 Councils qualified for "Quick Start"-A Record.

MEMBERSHIP GOAL-750. ASA now at 33% of goal. Much work required.

Clergy Recognition date is 21 February-this requires HIGH PRIORITY.

Support the re-flooring project at St PJ starting on 23 January. Support the Bishop Flanagan-Habitat-Knights golf tourney in April and the "Last Man Standing" fund raiser to build the 11th Habitat house.

Support American Wheel Chair Mission--Goal-every Council one chair at \$150. THANKS FOR ALL SO MANY OF YOU DO AT YOUR COUNCIL AND BEYOND.

Archdiocese State Charities goal nears



Compared to last year, the current State Charity total contributions are at \$90,863 or 80.74% of the state council allotment for this diocese.

This compares to last year's numbers at this time of \$70,730 or 65.54%.

Four districts and 52 councils have at minimum 100% of their allotment covered.

Please continue to send your council contributions as soon as possible but certainly before April 30 for the Texas State Council Convention.

Kudos to Assistant Diocesan Deputy Dean Murphy and all the councils who are working to exceed this year's goal of \$112,000.

The State Convention is the first weekend in May. Please turn in your donations by April 30.

Religious Appreciation Dinner assignments

This yearly dinner for all religious men and women in the archdiocese requires every council's participation in the form of workers and monetary donations as well as gift cards and gift baskets.

We also need any and all kinds of desserts.

Registration table will be manned by Richard Gonzales and Bill Wittman.

Greeters in the lobby will be a District Deputies and their ladies.

Meal is headed by Council 4140 Henry Hannasch and workers.

Bar will be manned by Chair Ernest Saldivar and State Warden Joe G. Lopez and their workers.

We need a couple of Knights to handle gifts next to stage and security of gifts in the room where desserts will be in.

Brother Knights this is *not our party* and therefore sitting down with the religious invitees is strictly *verboten*.

If you are attending we ask that you serve drinks to our guests and help in the sitting as they arrive, move around and assist the chapter in whatever way is needed.

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A Haiti message to State Officers from Supreme Council

Jan 14, 2010

In an effort to come to the aid of the people of Haiti, who are suffering a humanitarian catastrophe of huge proportions in the wake of Tuesday evening's 7.0 earthquake, the Knights of Columbus has today sent an immediate contribution of \$50,000 to Catholic Relief Services, and we are asking that state and local councils make their contributions through the Supreme Council so that we can maximize the impact of the funds raised.

Donations by individual Knights can be made on line, and this feature should be available on the Supreme Council website (www.kofc.org) by later this evening. Checks should be made out to **Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and mailed to 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510. Please write "Haiti Earthquake Relief" on the memo line of the check.**

Contributions will be used to provide assistance wherever it can have the most immediate impact, and where the need is greatest.

Please ask all Knights and their families to also offer their prayers for the victims of this terrible disaster.

Locally, Guadalupe Radio Network, KJMA 89.7 FM, has been running spots

encouraging donations by way of the KC Supreme Council.

Assumption's seminarians supported

God is great indeed. Every diocesan seminarian at Assumption Seminary is now assigned to a KC council for monetary support. This according to seminary support guru Bill Wittman. Kudos to William for a great job.

Most councils are not finished with their check distributions and we urge them to finish all monies promised seminarians by Spring Break.

Austin Diocese overtakes San Antonio in membership

The Diocese of Austin with just 19 districts has overtaken San Antonio with 21 districts in membership.

Current January numbers tilt in Austin's favor at 58,579 to San Antonio's 57,308 according to Rich Moken, Assistant Diocesan Deputy for Membership.

The only way we can remain No. 2 in state is for councils to step up on recruiting and bring those candidates to the 1st Degrees.

Councils are the answer and District Deputies need to muscle their blitz to a higher level to remain second only to Houston.

Grand Knights, lets make this happen. Remember our State Council is having a good year. So should your council. Our Church needs you.

Chapter newsletter accepting articles and advertisements

Articles submitted to this newsletter must be camera ready copy – no hand written or email copy please. Word limit is approximately 100 words.

Please use spell check and proof read the article written to avoid misspellings and ambiguities in the message. Articles must be sent no later than the 20th of February as a **Word document attachment**. No editorial content should be in the message unless it merely describes an event positively.

Advertisement of your business is encouraged and the monthly rate is \$25 for one issue and \$17 for 12 issues. Congratulatory declarations such as anniversary or birthday are boxed ads and the fee is \$10 for a one-sentence statement.

All queries and articles sent for submission should be sent to: rudy_242@hotmail.com

New Braunfels Council 4183's Herculean donors

By George Gagnon, Grand Knight Council 4183

Council 4183 strongly supports seminarians.

Through several initiatives, Council 4183 raised just over \$25,000 this year for seminarian support.

In the 2009-2010, Council 4183 sponsored 10 Assumption seminarians, the Missionaries of the Holy Family, and the

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Dominican Ministry of the Deaf Apostolate.

To do this, Council 4183 set a 10% tithe on the gross receipts of all Council fund raising, held several dedicated fund raising raffles, and hosted "free" monthly fellowship dinners with associated free will collections and raffles. These activities garnered the \$5,000 necessary to sponsor 10 seminarians for the RSVP program. At the same time, Council 4183 established a "Seminarian Burse" to which it dedicated a percentage of bingo receipts from our weekly Bingo and solicited donations from members and local businesses. At the end of the year the Burse had over \$15,000 in it, with a commitment for \$4,500 more in the next six months.

This money is specifically to assist seminarians in desperate financial need. Additionally, with a member of our Council in formation at Assumption Seminary, Council 4183 hosted a Christmas fundraiser that collected nearly \$1,200 for "our" Seminarian.

Finally, on February 27th, New Braunfels Council 4183 will host its 2nd annual "Knight with the Seminarians." This year's event will begin with Mass at 5PM at Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Church in New Braunfels.

Cocktails begin at 6PM and dinner begins at 6:45PM at the council hall. This year's guest speaker is Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan.

All the proceeds for this event go to support our seminarians

and our seminary Council 13523.

**2009 – 2010
Chapter Meetings**

Jul. 15 St. Peters
Aug. 19 St. Marks 7613
Sep. 16 San Fernando 9463
Oct. 21 4183 New Braunfels
Nov. 18 St. Brigid
Dec. 16 Open Meeting
Christmas Lady of Grace 10191
Jan. 20 St. John Neumann 9291
Feb. 17 Schertz 6358
Mar. 17 St. Joan of Arc 10181
Apr. 21 Seminary 13523
May 19 Our Lady Fatima 4315
submit election slate for officers
Jun. 16 St. James 7770
Elections
July 21 Open meeting Chapter
Installation of Officers St.
Anthony Claret **Council 10090**

**Valentine's Dinner
and Dance at Council
4140**

Saturday, February 13 is your invitation to join brother Knights and lady Knights and girlfriends to the 6th Annual Valentine Dinner and Dance.

Social begins at 6-7:00 p.m., Dinner between 7-8:00 p.m. followed by live music by *Tobias*. Council 4140 is located at 6909 Camp Bullis Road convention facility.

Tickets are \$35 per person.

**Kudos and hip hip
hooray! Texas
surpasses 91,000 in
membership**

*The best thing about the future is
that it comes only one day at a
time. - Abraham Lincoln*

**Chapter Knight and
Family of the Year
presentations**



Angel Perez and Delia above accept plaque for Knight of the Year (above) at the Chapter Christmas Party on December 16, 2009. Shown here left to right are Chapter President Caesar Bustos, Angel and Delia Perez.



Chapter Family of the Year was awarded to the Sam and Annette Garcia family (below) from Prince of Peace Parish for their family commitment and involvement in Knights and community. Chapter President Caesar Bustos, Sam Garcia, Samuel Garcia, Annette Garcia, Bottom Row Aeneas Garcia, (not pictured Sarah Garcia).

Kudos and congratulations to Angel Perez and Sam Garcia and family.

Pescadores luncheon to honor Bishop Flanagan March 4

Knights are encouraged to purchase luncheon tickets at \$75 apiece for the 4th Annual Pescadores de Hombres Luncheon sponsored by La Promesa Foundation honoring Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan.

Speaker will be Jim Staples, a convert to our faith, at Holy Trinity Banquet Hall. Luncheon is at 11:30 a.m.

Make checks payable to *Guadalupe Radio Network*. Please check mail to Pescadores de Hombres Luncheon, 3308 Broadway, Suite 401, San Antonio, TX 78209 or call Richard Reyna, General Manager, at 210-579-9844.

Drivers needed to pick up nuns

Brother Knights who have access to SUVs, vans and/or buses are needed to pick up nuns for the Religious Appreciation Dinner on February 21.

There is nothing more spiritually lifting than speaking with and enjoying the sisters' companionship as you pick them up and then return them back home after the dinner.

SK Chris Anders, Council 4315, once again has volunteered to coordinate this transportation endeavor.

You may email him at: ccj196639m@aol.com.

Or call him at home 566-3296 or his cell 387-7848 to sign up to help our nuns.

Haitian archbishop killed by devastating earthquake

Catholic News Agency-

The earthquake that struck Haiti just before 5 p.m. local time has claimed thousands of lives, according to news reports coming from the island. Among the many lives lost in the catastrophe are those of 100 Catholic clergy and missionaries and 22 seminarians.

The Italian daily *La Repubblica* reported the death of Archbishop Serge Miot, Archbishop of the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince at 4:44 a.m. (CDT). According to the brief report, his body was found in the rubble of the archbishop's office. They also reported that the Vicar General, Msgr. Benoit, was still missing. According to the Vatican's Fides news agency, Apostolic Nuncio to Haiti, Archbishop Bernardito Auza was reported as saying: "Port-au-Prince is totally devastated. The cathedral, the Archbishop's Office, all of the big churches, all of the seminaries have been reduced to rubble. The same luck for the Ministry buildings, the Presidential Palace, the schools. The Parish Priest of the Cathedral, who was spared, told me that the archbishop of Port-au-Prince would have died under the rubble, together with hundreds of seminarians and priests that are under the ruins."

Fourth Degree Exemplification

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be on

February 27, 2010 at Holy Trinity Parish, 20523 Huebner, San Antonio, Texas, 78258. Host Assembly is Holy Trinity Assembly 3191. All events will be at Holy Trinity parish.

The schedule for the day is as follows: Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Faith Formation Center, with the exemplification starting at 2:15 p.m. Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. in the Church immediately followed by the banquet in the Banquet Hall.

The ladies have planned an entertaining and informative day for all attending the exemplification in the Faith Formation Center.

The cost for the exemplification for candidates will be \$70.00. The candidates will be the guest of the Master and will receive one (1) complimentary banquet ticket for themselves.

Additional banquet tickets for wives and other guests will be \$25.00.

Banquet tickets are \$25.00 per person. Candidates must purchase banquet tickets for their family and guests in advance through the gaining assembly.

Sir Knights must also purchase banquet tickets in advance through their assemblies for themselves, family and guests.

All tickets must be purchased in advance. Checks should be payable to your assembly.

Fraternally,
Michael G. Morrison Master, District Two Province.

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Address Service Requested

A brief note to all San Antonio Knights regarding the decision to bring back the Chapter newsletter ...might serve a purpose as this venture begins. The San Antonio Chapter makes every effort to bring all speakers, announcements, whether from a council, a district, our archdiocese, State or Supreme Council at our meetings.

At every monthly meeting speakers are invited to sell their wares, push their favorite charity or bring forth a pronouncement of some sort. The Chapter Directory is informative and as current as those listed within make their address, telephone or email addys known to us. Further, the Chapter Google Group is full of daily announcement on worthy news that may be of interest to all Knights.

Lastly, our website is absolutely full of data. Seek and you shall find at (<http://satkc.org/>). Council meeting dates, address, major degree dates, Chapter Meeting Minutes, pictures, Habitat for Humanity info, retreats, local leadership, the list goes merrily along with the reader.

We humans are mere mortals so we opt not to be flustered by this barrage of data in our information highway. The more info we have sometimes the more it is resented. And we don't seek once we have access to it even though it was demanded. We call someone to ask where the next meeting or first degree will be held. The more information we are given sometimes works incrementally against anyone going to a website, email, directory or such.

My point is that either we sinker deeper or provide a new resurrected option for information, i.e., this Chapter Newsletter. Please read it and give us feedback. If you have a council article they will be accepted but word limitations and other parameters are listed inside this issue. First come first served. Editorial privilege will allow for some editing if subject is lengthy. Please send all queries to rudy_242@hotmail.com.

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