

San Antonio Chapter Knights of Columbus



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Vatican moves Gomez to Los Angeles

Hispanics are the fastest-growing group in the American Catholic Church

April 8, 2010

Pope Benedict XVI named San Antonio Archdiocese Archbishop José Gomez as 'coadjutor archbishop' – successor in waiting that gives him the right of succession - to Cardinal Roger Mahony, Los Angeles, on April 5. Archbishop Gomez begins his duties in May. Cardinal Mahony turns 75 in February and must submit his retirement as is custom.

Gomez will assist Cardinal Mahony in governing the diocese and take his place if he is absent or impeded.

Gomez at a news conference at the cathedral in downtown Los Angeles stated, "Los Angeles, like no other city in the world, has the global face of the Catholic church. "It's one of the great Catholic communities in the world."

His appointment highlights the importance of U.S. Hispanics in the Church and, with some 3.5 million Latino Catholics in the Los Angeles archdiocese of almost 5 million, it marks Gomez' pathway to becoming the first Hispanic Cardinal in the U.S.

In a separate nod to Latino Catholics, Pope Benedict in 2007 named the first cardinal for heavily Latino Texas, Archbishop Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston.

Archbishop Gomez was born in Monterrey, Mexico, and studied theology at the University of Navarra in Spain. He was ordained a priest in 1978 and worked in the Galveston-

Houston area and in Denver before being named archbishop of San Antonio in 2004.

The Los Angeles Archdiocese covers Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, covering more than 8,700 square miles and a total population of 11,258,000. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is the largest archdiocese in the United States

There are 225 Catholic elementary schools serving some 65,000 students, and 53 Catholic high schools that educate nearly 30,000 students. The archdiocese has 356 diocesan priests and 640 religious priests ministering in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Times in its local addition story by Steve Lopez starts with this salutation: "Dear Archbishop Jose Gomez: Welcome to Los Angeles!"

No word on who will replace Archbishop José Gomez. An Archdiocesan Administrator will be named on an interim basis upon Archbishop Gomez's departure

Reverend Victor M. Carrillo honored at Mexican American Catholic College campus

Community Room named after this gentle retired priest

Reverend Victor Carrillo, retired priest of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, who died November 17, 2009, has been honored with the community room where new college seminary students are housed which

now bears his name.

Father Victor served as Confessor in residence to the college students and the Hermanas Josefinas, the keepers of the seminary cafeteria.

Father Carrillo was ordained in 1987 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, his home parish. He also served St. Margaret Mary, St. Jude, Sacred Heart in Floresville and St. Ann in La Vernia.

At his passing, Father Carrillo had his seminary students and faculty priests at his bedside. Students loved his kind and gentle nature.



Three Father Jims in one photo and all having a good time! *Left to right*, Fathers Jim Cashin, Sacred Heart, Comfort, Texas, Jim Shea, St. Gerard, and Jim Walsh, retired priest from the diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire share a relaxing moment during the Irish Open social on March 23rd at St. Gregory the Great parish hall.

Irish Open at Republic Golf Course

Some 27 clergy and deacons enjoyed a nice sunny day at Republic Golf

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Course next to the Salado Creek off of Southeast Military Drive on March 23 during the annual Irish Open for priests and deacons.

Golfers came from Corpus Christi, Laredo, Comfort and parts in between for a spring day of relaxation among their peers.

Council 3412 and 4140 are the only two councils supporting this golf tournament. We urge other councils to make a small monetary donation for 2011. For information on council support for our clergy contact Rudy Escamilla.

Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Chapter Chaplain

Give thanks to the Lord for his mercy endures forever and his love is everlasting. It is that time in the fraternal year when giving thanks to God and thanks to many Brother Knights for a great fraternal year of faithful service of time, talent and treasure. Thank you, my Brother Knights for all that you do for your Church, for your community and for your Knights of Columbus Council and your Knights of Columbus Assembly. It is the one time to say thank you, but not the only time.

Thank you. The words we love to hear and so let us make them a part of all our meetings – large or small and say thank you to everyone. Our thank you will lift our spirits up and fill our hearts and homes with joy, love and laughter.

Make it a habit to include lots of thank you greetings – on emails, your letters, your cards or notes you write to people. Make each day a better and brighter day by thanking God, thank our family and our friends with a special thank you and a word of encouragement to your Brother Knights.

Thank you!

**God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers.
A young boy**

Last Man Standing Habitat for Humanity

Friday, June 25, 2010 6:00 p.m. Council 4140. \$100 ticket includes steak dinner for two, wine, beer, chance for \$5000, \$1000, and other prizes.. Call George Terrell @ 210 532-1367, Jerry Janecka @ 210 393 7128, or Jim Wade @ 210 392 2788.

Proceeds from this evening will supplement the funds derived from the Bishop Thomas Flanagan Habitat Golf Classic to build a new home this fall.

Please support our Bishop Tom and a worthy family by buying your council tickets.

Chapter President File

I offer my heartfelt thanks to all of our brothers who made the Bishop Flanagan Golf Classic a fantastic success. Thanks to the Councils, Assemblies, our sponsoring business and all the many volunteers who worked very hard on this event. Our Golf committee will have a wrap up meeting and we will provide the financial numbers on our May general meeting.

Our April meeting will be held at Assumption Seminary and the focus will be on the Seminarians and their activities. We are working on a Farewell gift from the Knights for our Departing Archbishop Jose Gomez who will be reassigned to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. More details will be forthcoming. Until next time, we continue to carry our cross for our families, our council's, our parishes, and our priests.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

I cannot say it enough for all the help and support that all the knights gave to The 11th Annual Bishop Tom Flanagan Golf Tournament.

We had more knights and some spouses that volunteered this year than in the previous ten years. Special thanks to the volunteer co-chairmen Victor Quesnot and Jesse

Aguilar for performing an outstanding job.

I would like to express my appreciation on behalf of Bishop Tom and the golf committee to all councils and assemblies for their monetary donations and support.

My sincere gratitude to the golf committee for their dedication and unending diligence.

I, also, want to thank the Knights of Columbus insurance agents who provided the appetizing breakfast tacos for the volunteers.

The outstanding performance by the 4th Degree Honor Guard from and Larry Zoller who played The Star Spangled Banner on the trumpet added a special touch to the tournament.

The meal provided by Outback Steakhouse was again, one of the highlights of the tournament.

A special thanks to our Title Sponsor McNair Custom Homes owner, John McNair, from council #786 and his business associates for their dedicated monetary support in the past eleven years.

North Park Dealerships owner Clarence Kahlig provided two

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THE LORD IS RISEN!!

This is what makes the Easter Season an absolutely fantastic time of the year. I encourage each of you to resolve to see the face of Jesus in all whom you meet. Listen to what they have to say. Resolve to do well in all undertakings, especially those that involve your family. Today is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Have you noticed the beauty of nature in the form of wildflowers that surrounds us today? If you have not already done so, take a ride in almost any direction and enjoy this blessing. It has been a while since God's brush has painted such beauty.

Another form of beauty can be found in the recent accomplishments of so many of our Brothers and their Councils. It is good to recognize and

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realize these achievements so here are a few to think of which we all should be proud.

---All seminarians are being financially supported—not just those who come from our Archdiocese, but ALL who are in seminaries in San Antonio, thanks to the work of Brother Bill Wittman and all Councils and individuals involved.

---The most successful Bishop Flanagan/Habitat for Humanity Golf tournament has just been completed, thanks to the leadership of Brothers Ernest Rodriguez and Dean Murphy and to the many golfers and dozens of volunteers. This effort will help to build our 11th Habitat house.

---A safe and successful Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser just completed will enable us to provide our Archbishop with significant funds to care for our deaf community. Thanks to the efforts of Brother Richard Delgado and so many Brothers from participating Councils.

---The Archdiocese of San Antonio was the first jurisdiction in Texas to achieve and to exceed 100% of Round Table goals thanks to the persistence of Brother Richard Moken.

---St PJ's Children's home enjoys about 3800 square feet of new tile flooring in their dining facility and other support continues under the direction of Brother Jesse Aguilar.

---Over 100 wheel chairs were provided to Clergy Retirement Homes.

---Council 9017, San Juan de los Lagos, is re-activated after many years of dormancy as officers were installed on April 18th, thanks to the efforts of Brother Henry Gonzales.

---A new Council will be activated at St. Gabriel Parish before the end of the current fraternal year as promised by Brother DD Olie Dangerfield.

---You are able to read this article because of the efforts of Brother Rudy Escamilla who single handedly revived our Chapter Newsletter after several years of dormancy.

If I were to include individual Council achievements, the list would be endless. Space limitations cause me to stop here. Thanks for all you do.

Bishop Cantu tees off the Bishop Flanagan Golf Classic



Leading the 138 golfers off for the Bishop Flanagan Habitat Golf Classic, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Oscar Cantu, hits the first shot of the day at the Hyatt Regency Resort near Sea World on April 12.

With the flurry pomp and splendor of the Fourth Degree and the blessing for the day by Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Thomas J. Flanagan, the 11th annual golf classic to benefit a needy family in San Antonio was off and running.

Proceeds derived from this charitable event will build an eleventh home this fall. The family should be moved in before Christmas.

Ernest Rodriguez and Dean Murphy co-chairs of this year's event provided a smooth beginning for the golfers with breakfast for the 50 or so volunteers and goodie bags for all golfers.

Over half a million dollars will have been raised for this Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio project.

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automobiles, a Lincoln and a Lexus, to be awarded as a hole in one prize as well as a monetary donation. North Park has also been a supporter since we started eleven years ago.

We were honored by having Auxiliary Bishop Oscar Cantu

participate in this year's tournament. His team won 2nd low gross.

In the next few weeks we hope to have the final financial report after we receive all the donations and receipts.

Again, thanks for another successful chapter event. Ernest Rodriguez

Faithful Navigators got game too

Fact is, we love you guys but you we don't see you at the Chapter Meetings.



Faithful Navigators attendance at Chapter Meetings is lacking. This monthly gathering is also for the Fourth Degree and we want you there.

Yes we discuss turnouts and other works of the 'most visible arm of the order.' We are you. You are us. You are Third Degree Knights first. You are part of the KC not apart from it. With some 19 assemblies and some 2200 members, Sir Knights attend every Chapter Meeting.

You cannot have an assembly until you have a council and we'd like to have every Faithful Navigator at every chapter gathering. We need you there. And yes everyone knows that you are there at important moments in our lives i.e., a colorful but solemn vigil at our funeral. We thank you for doing that for our families.

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One of the best stories covered in this newsletter so far was the one on the 'Take Jesus to the Streets' turnout in Seguin with our youth. That was a big story. We made phone calls to get our story straight and then some more to get the photos.

To illustrate further, the Chapter President is the Faithful Navigator for Assembly 2102.

And he is a good one.

Faithful Navigator do have game and that is why we need you to come sit a spell, and feast on a Chapter/council pro bono meal at 7:00 p.m. Visit with Bishop Thomas Flanagan – he rarely misses a meeting. If you have a fundraiser or a flyer to distribute or just want to sing the praises of your

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assembly we'd like you to do that as well.

You guys are, as they say, Apple pie, motherhood and the New York Yankees all rolled up in one. Red, white and blue. This call to attend Chapter Meetings extends to every Faithful Navigators in Bandera, Kerrville, Seguin, Pleasanton, etc., etc.

We appreciate that several Faithful Navigators do show up at every meeting. But the absence of others is telling.

When your council has their elections next month one of the things they should do is to elect two delegates to every Chapter Meeting. Please tell them you want to be part of this monthly gathering.

God bless America, our military and the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree.

Padua Jamboree, honors Bishop Popp

Padua Place, a retirement home for priests is having a June Jamboree at Pedrotti's North Wind Ranch, 13715 FM 1560 North in Helotes, on Friday June 4th from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Friends of Padua.

This year's annual event will honor Most Reverend Bernard F. Popp DD.

Social, Dinner, Silent and Live Auction. \$50.00 per person includes Bar-B-Que Dinner. Listen and/or Dance to the Music of Cactus Country Band.

For Ticket/reservations call; Betty Cronin at 210-820-3211 or Sister Rose Mary Martinez, MSSA at 210-824-4553.

You can send donations to Friends of Padua, c/o Sister Rose Mary Martinez, MSSA, 100 Peter Baque Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209.

If unable to attend, please consider making a donation to the 2010 Padua Place June Jamboree.

All I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother.

Abraham Lincoln

Fourth Degree delegates vote for Master nomination

At the Fourth Degree Biannual Meeting at Council 4140 on Sunday, March 28, delegates voted on three nominees to forward to the Vice Supreme Master as candidates for Guadalupe Province District 2 Master after the term expires this fall on the current Master, Michael Morrison.

Three names will be forward as having garnered the nomination with the most votes first: Manuel Olague, Gregory Tatum and Cliff Estes. Congratulations to these Sir Knights.

Recruitment enticements vary KC involvement: 25 reasons for another membership thrust

Getting someone to join the Knights of Columbus is not an easy endeavor if you're unprepared with some good selling points from your council's point of view.

The insurance agents briefing at your first degrees give a good presentation and you as a recruiter should take advantage of those points.

To add to your hand cards please consider that what the Knights do throughout the archdiocese your council ought to emulate if it fits into your vision of what your membership wants.

Encourage them to stretch their wings and get involved not only in what you do in your council but what the Knights do in the archdiocese as a whole.

Here is an incomplete list of the 2009-2010 highlights going on that any new Knight might want to help from a chapter point of view.

1. Archbishop Patrick Flores at San Fernando 80th birthday reception 7/26/09,
2. 150th Anniversary of St. John, Vianney birthday, 100 clergy, at Assumption Seminary 8/4/09,
3. 8th Annual Catholic Women's Conference KC rosary English/Spanish booklets 9/13/09,
4. Fullness of Truth Conference 4th Degree turnout for 8/22/09,
5. Yearly hospitality for

Chrism Mass at San Fernando

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Above photo: Very Reverend Michael O'Gorman, St. Gregory the Great Church and Ernest Rodriguez, Co-Chair, Bishop Thomas Flanagan Habitat Golf Classic discuss the April 12 event at the Chrism Mass social on March 30 at San Fernando's AT&T Centre.

Chrism Mass social catered by Knights

Chapter President Caesar Bustos, Henry Gonzales, Ernest Rodriguez, Deacon George Vick, Jim Palinkas and Rudy Escamilla assisted with the Chrism Day of Reflection and Dinner social held at 4:30 p.m. on March 30 at San Fernando's AT&T Centre.

This marks the 7th year the Knights of Columbus have hosted the social at no cost to the archdiocese. Some 200 plus priests from throughout the Archdiocese of San Antonio were present.

Once again the Knights received many comments and appreciative thoughts regarding the support the clergy and archdiocese receive for this special occasion.

The Knights sat down with the priests of the diocese for a meal and got the chance to mingle with the large gathering of seminarians who were present.

Most Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza, D.D., Archbishop Emeritus of Galveston-Houston, was the presenter on "Priestly Life and Ministry in a Eucharistic Hermeneutic."

Archbishop Fiorenza was installed as Bishop by then Archbishop Patrick F. Flores in the presence of the Apostolic Holy Nuncio in 2004.

Knights Chapter provides social for Archdiocesan Jubilee

Yearly celebration honors priests, brothers, sisters and deacons

On May 19 the Annual Archdiocesan Jubilee will take place at Our Lady of Grace Church. This yearly celebration honors priests, brothers, sisters and deacons who are celebrating a jubilee of service.

This date falls on the next Chapter Meeting at Council 4315 and some Knights may miss that meeting.

Brother Knights will be serving wine and soft drinks to our celebrating religious.

This event is a yearly event that the archbishop celebrates with a mass to honor the jubilarians.

The Chapter has long participated in this charitable celebration.

Chrism Mass has long roots

Oils blessed are used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year

Catholic Exchange Fr. William Saunders

The archbishop, joined by the priests of the diocese, gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass.

This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop.

Here the archbishop blesses three oils: the oil of catechumens (*oleum catechumenorum* or *oleum sanctorum*), the oil of the infirm (*oleum infirmorum*) and holy chrism (*sacrum chrisma*) — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year.

This tradition is rooted in the early Church as noted in the *Gelasian Sacramentary* (named after Pope Gelasius I, d. 496), but was later absorbed into the Holy Week evening Mass; Pope Pius XII issued a new Ordinal for Holy Week, which

reinstated a special Mass of the chrism distinct from the evening Mass.

Let us also pray for our bishops and the priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parish, that they may be the humble and generous servants of the Lord.

Caballero de Colón en un día

5262 Knight in a day

La Tercer Ceremonia en Español para Grado Avanzado en Texas, cortesía del Equipo de Graduación (Grado) de San Antonio, tendrá un significado mayor al incluir la ceremonia "Caballero en un día", el primero en Texas.

De nuevo.

Esto significa, que los candidatos podrán participar en las ceremonias del primero, segundo y tercer Grado en un día.

Los candidatos tomarán el 16 de mayo, en el Consejo 5262, su primer Grado a las 8:00 a.m. y a partir de las 10:00 a.m. el segundo y tercer Grado.

Si tu eres Hispano-hablante, esta es la oportunidad de cumplir con los requerimientos necesarios para convertirte en Caballero de Colón.

Llama a Eli Farías para mayor información al tel. (210) 387-9011.

2009 – 2010 Chapter Meetings

Aug. 19 St. Marks 7613
Sep.16 San Fernando 9463
Oct. 21 4183 New Braunfels
Nov. 18 St. Brigid
Dec. 16 Open Meeting for 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 Election of Chapter Officers
July 21 Open meeting Chapter Installation of Officers St. Anthony Claret Council

Knights in the military

US Armed Forces

CAUTIONARY WARNING: MILITARY REGULATIONS PROHIBIT LISTING OF SERVICE MEMBER'S ASSIGNMENT LOCATION IF IT IS OF A SENSITIVE NATURE. PLEASE CONSULT WITH THE SERVICE MEMBER BEFORE RELEASING ASSIGNMENT LOCATION.

Otherwise we are proud to list the member's rank, assignment, unit if stateside, etc.

The following **Brother Knights** are in the armed forces and need our prayers for their safety and good health:

1. CWO Christopher Moots, Iraq, Council 12208 La Vernia and Assembly 1855, 2. Pvt. 1st Class Xavier P. Salazar, station at Fort Hood, TX., will deploy to Iraq. Xavier is a member of Council 14190 Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Assembly 1855 SAT, 3. John Torres, Lt Col, USAF, JD, MBA, Randolph AFB, retiring in May 2010, member of Council 8521, St. Joseph's Honey Creek Council 8521.

The following **son/grandsons, daughters/granddaughters** of Brother Knights are in the armed forces and we should pray for their safety and good health:

1. Sgt Becky Stubbs, Ft Hood, TX. (Niece of Brother Christopher Moots)
2. Sgt. Amanda Sagebiel and SSgt Ann Sagebiel, USMC, and Sgt. Jason Sagebiel, USMCR (Daughters / Son of Bobby Sagebiel, Council 9765, 3. Ssgts Kristen and Henry Geigenmiller, husband and wife, daughter of Bob Grazioli, CMSgt (USAF/Ret) Spring Branch Council, 4. Petty Officer MC3 Kellie Bliss, daughter of Glen Bliss, St Joseph - Honey Creek council 8521 in Bulverde

If there is any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow human being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again. **William Penn**

2010 Events

April

21 Chapter Meeting Assumption 13523...councils provide food/drinks, etc.

24 Major Degree Council 8738
25 World Day of Prayer for Vocations
30 State Convention Corpus Christi

May

1-2 Texas State Council Convention
9 Mother's Day
13 Ascension of the Lord
15 Armed Forces Day
16 Spanish Major Degree 5262
16 Mass of Thanksgiving farewell to Archbishop Gomez 3:00 p.m.
19 Chapter Meeting Our Lady Fatima 4315 submit election slate for Chapter officer election
19 Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Chapter hosts social at Council 10191
21-23 Change of Power Conference
23 Pentecost Sunday 31 Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary
31 Memorial Day

June

14 Flag Day
19 Major Degree Council 786
20 Father's Day
21 Summer begins
25 Last Man Standing Council 4140

104 Knighted at Holy Trinity Major Degree

A crowded hall witnessed 104 First Degree Knights exemplified during the Major Degree on March 28 at Holy Trinity Council 9967.

This marks the San Antonio Major Degree Corps' first Major Degree Exemplification of 2010. San Antonio needs to step up its 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonies in this snail-paced year.

The next city Major Degree is scheduled for April 24 at St. Anthony de Padua Council 8738 followed by Council 786 on June 19.

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Cathedral, 6. Westover Hill Christus Santa Rosa Hospital chapel paraphernalia donation 9/22/09, 7. Deaf Seminarian's donation for pool table

and cue sticks, etc. 9/23/09, 8. 13 weekends Bishop Flanagan Habitat for Humanity build for a needy family Aug.-Sep. 2009, 9. Chapter Retreat at Camp TECABOCA with Bishop Flanagan 10/2-4/09, 10. Padua Place Retirement for infirmed priest wheel chair donation with Supreme Advocate 10/09/10, 11. Coordinated Carl Anderson book signing at St. Matthew Catholic Church 10/10/10, 12. Nuevo Laredo Wheelchair distribution with 3 other dioceses assisting 10/ 16-18/10, 13. Transportation for Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo 10/22-23/10, 14. Wheelchair distribution to San Antonio religious 10/27/10, 15. SA Degree Corps conducts Dallas Spanish Degree 11/14/10, 16. Casa de Padres retired priest Christmas Party 12/16/09, 17. Participated Silver Rose Mass @ St. Gregory the Great 1/23/10, 18. Region X Bishop's Retreat, at Oblate Pat Guidon Center, to/fro airport transportation 1/4-8/10, 19. St. Peter-St. Josephs Children's Home \$7,000 tile labor/expenses two weekends Jan. 1010, 20. Annual Religious Appreciation Dinner 2/21/10, 21. Hosted Chapter Meeting at Assumption Seminary 4/21/10, 22. Manned clergy Irish Open Charity Golf 4/22/10, 23. Host the 11th Annual Bishop Flanagan Golf Classic for Habitat home for the needy 4/12/10, 24. Religious Jubilarian Celebration by Archbishop, and, concluding with list, 25. Participate in Padua Place Jamboree honoring Bishop Bernard F. Popp.

Texas Senate Resolution honors KC Founders Day

Texas Senator Eddie Lucio Jr. and the Senate of the State of Texas have honored the Knights of Columbus with Senate Resolution No. 142 celebrating March 29, 2010 as Knights of Columbus Founders Day. The resolution passed.

One of the 'WHEREAS' gives credit to Father Michael J. McGivney as the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Another one notes that over one billion dollars have been raised for charity and the 400 million volunteer hours of humanitarian service.

April Tootsie Roll Drive for charities is history

The last Tootsie Roll Drive is on the books. Some 29 councils participated in 36 locations. Councils must send their proceeds to the State Council marked for charities immediately.

Time is critical as the San Antonio contribution is short and these funds will help meet this goal.

Please report your total net to Richard Delgado Jr., Tootsie Roll Chair, as soon as possible. Remember to deduct the council's expenses from the total collected.



The eighth grade U.S. History class of St. James School, in Seguin was recently presented copies of the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence by Assembly 2055's Faithful Navigator Louis S. Scopel.

Council, assemblies IRS filing

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 requires that all councils and assemblies must file by May 15, 2010 [the fifth month of the calendar year not fraternal year] under this IRS statute.

You must do so electronically at <http://epostcard.form990.org>.

No paper form.

If you fail to file three consecutive years our very diligent Internal Revenue Service will take away your non-profit status.

If you are in arrears in this filing, these were the dates that you missed; 2007 deadline was May 15, 2008 and for 2009, the deadline is May 15, 2009.



St. Joan of Arc, Council 10181, Grand Knight Tom Harrod presents Reverend Father Francisco Jose Puente with a Knights of Columbus chasuble at the March Chapter meeting. Pictured from left to right: Tom Harrod, Father Puente, and Mike Buecher.

State Convention Hospitality Room donations

The following councils have paid their pledges for the State Convention Hospitality Room. *Richard Moken* \$60, *Council 4140* \$50, *Council 4298* \$50, *Council 4315* \$50, *Council 7016* \$50, *Council 7386* \$50, *Council 7613* \$50, *Council 7965* \$50, *Council 8521* \$50.

Additionally, monies have come in on the Religious Appreciation Dinner and we are thankful to these councils: Council 786 \$500, Council 8738 \$150 and Council 9967 \$500

Von Ormy River Rats Knights outstanding Council 4786' approximate 55 members cannot be beat in per capita contributions

For most of San Antonio the River Rats Council 4586 might not be a well known council. Nestled next to the Medina River in Von Ormy just three miles west of Loop 410 on Pearsall Road, it has been a mystery to some for a long time.

They are low key brothers and really don't make much of a splash in the archdiocese.

After meeting and getting an invite from Grand Knight Richard Padilla and District Deputy Richard Gonzales, the

decision to visit the council was two fold: find out who these Knights are and to lavish praise on the council for supporting ten seminarians this fraternal year.

The meal before the meeting was superb. Prepared by Financial Secretary Warren Brede, it was a thick steak of pork that was scrumptious with some home cooked tasting mashed potatoes out of this world. The best part was the salad. Some secret Medina River recipe must be part of this as it was the best ever eaten and, mind you, as a member of the San Antonio Degree Corps we eat at councils all over South, East and Central Texas. This salad was mouth watering. The best ever eaten for sure. For sweets? What else? Seasonal Poteet Strawberry Shortcake.

The meeting room while full was organized: prayer, pledge, Opening Ode sung, minutes -lengthy and detailed- were impressive. Reports were good. Easy, relaxed feel to the room. Good place to be.

Chartered in 1956, this council has spent some \$100,000 on seminarian support from bingo proceeds since the 1980s according to Trustee Robert L. Scheffel. One hundred thousand dollars! Incredible production for a low-keyed council. These brothers are a model operation.

Flooded in 1998 during the 15 inches in one-day monsoon season that overran the less than a football field away Medina River, and, then, again in 2002, the council beget the name of *River Rats*.

A long wall of some 50 years of Past Grand Knight photographs were washed away. GK Padilla grimly relates that the Grand Knights pictures are buried in the Medina River mud somewhere between here and Ingleside near Corpus Christi.

New Braunfels Council 4183 similarly experienced a massive flood and, also, is the only council to exceed Council 4586's ten seminarians supported with 11. But member for member, Council 4586' approximate 55 members cannot be beat in per capita seminarian.

Thank you Knights for supporting our future priests. And the invitation to visit. God bless Council 4586 - the

River Rats deserve a thunderous high five.

San Antonio Major Degree Corps
2009-2010 18 Exemplifications

Jan. 9 Austin	Council 8156
Jan. 31 Victoria	Council 1329
Feb. 6 Lulling	Cancelled
Feb. 27 4th Degree	Council 9967
Mar. 27 H. Trinity	Council 9967
Apr. 10 Georgetown	Council 6453
Apr 17 Cotulla	Council 13941
Apr. 24 A. de Padua	Council 8738
May 16 V. Paul Spanish	Council 5262
Jun. 13 Victoria	Council 9088
Jun. 19 Holy Spirit	Council 786

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Work wanted 550-2633.
 Do you need good workers...for your home, or office ? Seminarians from the Dominican Missionaries (Oblates) for the deaf apostolate community are looking for work. Weekends, summer months. Have our own transportation. You'll get your monies worth at \$10. per hour. Tremendous work ethic. It's a **Win—Win** situation. You are helping support our future priests and getting a great job done that perhaps may not have time to do
For information please contact Brother Eric Kumana 550-2633.

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This is a busy time of the year that brings many events to their finality and closure to 2009 – 2010. The Bishop Flanagan Habitat Golf Classic was very well organized by Ernest Rodriguez and Dean Murphy. Bishop Oscar Cantu joined us for the first time as a golfer and had a good time. Lots of workers made it a smooth tournament.

Knights were busy ferrying visiting bishops to meetings for the Texas Catholic Conference held locally this week. Texas State Council Convention begins April 30 and its election time for the State Officers. The officer installation for Council 9017 at Nuestra Senora de San Juan de Los Lagos was a rousing success thanks to Henry Gonzales and State Secretary Tony Herreth doing the installation and State Warden Joe G. Lopez assisting. The annual April Chapter Meeting at Assumption Seminary is now on the books.

Still to come is the farewell Mass of Thanksgiving for our departing Archbishop Jose Gomez set for Sunday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Marks the Evangelist and you are invited to see the formal adieu to our archbishop.

Another event is the Archdiocesan Jubilee celebration next month. Meanwhile the councils and the chapter will present their slate of officer candidates for next year to their respective organizations. Still to come is the August 7 Archdiocesan Conference, site to be announced and, as Diocesan Deputy Sam Szalwinski announced at the Chapter Meeting Wednesday, the Co-Diocesan Deputies for San Antonio are John Daly Jr. and Rudy Escamilla.

Lastly, the news of the year is the naming of San Antonio Archdiocese Archbishop José Gomez as ‘coadjutor archbishop’ – successor in waiting that gives him the right of succession - to Cardinal Roger Mahony in Los Angeles, the country’s biggest archdiocese. Congratulations to you Archbishop Gomez and your new appointment. While we are saddened for San Antonio we know that this is a blessing for our Church and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Mil felicidades. Our prayers will always be with you.

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