

San Antonio Chapter Knights of Columbus



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Seton Home's special 7965 aunts



On Sunday, March 28th, the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary of Council 7965 visited the young mothers and their children at Seton Home, the wonderful residential facility for homeless pregnant and parenting teen girls here in San Antonio.

The KC Ladies delivered 35 homemade Easter baskets filled with toys, items for newborns and toddlers, and personal toiletries for the residents.

The idea for the baskets was initiated by SK David Pleasant of the council and his wife, Angel. The visit to Seton Home was coordinated by SK Jim Palinkas, the Worthy Advocate of the council.

The special teen mothers and young children were entertained by a big, friendly Easter Bunny with lots of candy. Cake and ice cream was served.

And, an impromptu cascarones smashing-for-good-luck was held outside with the KC Ladies and the young mothers laughing and giggling.

Since visiting Seton Home just before Christmas when the Knights served a traditional holiday dinner to the residents, the KC Ladies have formed a special bond with the teen mothers and hope to continue to strengthen that bond of friendship with more holiday visits throughout the year.

Various KC councils support the Seton Home monetarily, but visiting the young mothers and their children in person by the Ladies is encouraged and appreciated.

The KC Ladies Auxiliary of Council 7965 has been adopted as "special Aunts" to Seton Home.

Archbishop Gomez goes to LA

In a flurry of tightly scheduled activities, José Gomez, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, has moved on to his new post in Los Angeles as 'coadjutor archbishop' to Cardinal Roger Mahony.

From a \$20 million refurbished architectural masterpiece cathedral, sitting some 425 locally, Archbishop Gomez goes to that city's new 4,000 capacity cathedral built after an earthquake.

With two auxiliary bishops in San Antonio, one whose post has yet to be filled, his new post offers him six auxiliary bishops.

In an archdiocese where bilingual masses usually mean either English or Spanish, Gomez moves to some 40-language masses.

His love for San Antonio remains as "this city taught me how to be an

archbishop," he related at his last television broadcast on CTSA.

He continues his wonder and attachment of San Antonio telling the faithful you must know 'what you have in San Antonio.' It's a beautifully cultured city.

The Knights of Columbus knows. We have a beautiful city that loves its bishops and priests and all religious men and women.



Above left to right: Bishop Thomas Flanagan, Title Sponsor John McNair and Co-Chair Ernest Rodriguez presenting a framed sponsor flag to McNair Custom Homes at the April 12, Flanagan Habitat Golf Classic at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort.

Anton Herreth Texas State Deputy-elect for 2010-2011

At the 106th Texas State Knights of Columbus Convention in Corpus Christi April 30-May 2, 2010 the following officers were elected for the

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Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Chapter Chaplain

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
STATE CONVENTION

Another Knights of Columbus State Convention has become a memory in history. We now look forward to 2011 Knights of Columbus State Convention in Dallas.

May is the month of Mary, a month for Knights of Columbus to rededicate themselves to Mary and to praying of the Rosary. I am always impressed by our Convention, by the willingness of the Brothers to reach out in love and in prayer for one another. We are very conscious of the need to pray for one another in particular the sick, the lonely, and forgotten. We recall the fond memories of our deceased Brother Knights and Sir Knights. The good work and our prayers for priestly vocations are always uppermost in our hearts and minds.

We give thanks to God for the work of our outgoing officers, our leaders for the past two years. We pray God's special prayers for our new officers as they lead us during the next two years. God bless you. Mary, Our Mother, protect us.

† *Bishop Tom Flanagan, D.D.,
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus,
Archdiocese of San Antonio, Knights of
Columbus Archdiocesan Chapter
Chaplain, Faithful Friar*

Chapter President File

The Knights of Columbus State Convention in Corpus Christi presented our Chapter with an opportunity to demonstrate our wonderful hospitality to the rest of the state. Our hospitality room was one of the best ones of the convention. Those kudos and compliments on behalf of the hospitality room go to the councils who contributed the funds; the knights who help provide the hospitality, necessary appliances and tools. Thank you to all of you who made it a success, especially the Chairman of the Hospitality Room, Chapter Trustee Henry Gonzales.

Our Chapter Chaplain Bishop Tom enjoyed the fellowship exhibited on our

Chapter luncheon held on Saturday. Thank you brothers for your support of our Chapter luncheon that day and we are planning that next year's State Hospitality room will be our best yet. Until next time, we continue to carry our cross for our families, our council's, our parishes, and our priests.

Fraternally, Caesar Bustos
ASA Chapter President

Chapter slate of officers for 2010-2011

The following brother Knights are the Chapter Officers slate for 2010-2011: President, Caesar Bustos, Council 7965, St. Helena, Vice President, Mike Buecher, Council 11596, St. Brigid, Recorder, Derek Rabey, Council 7983, Prince of Peace, Treasurer, Richard Moreno, Council 7965, St. Helena, and Warden, David Fuentes, Council 4140, St. Gregory the Great Church.

These brothers, like many others, hold multiple positions in the council, parish, community and workplace.

They exemplify what is good about our country and church by devoting their time to the manly works of the Knights of Columbus.

Please thank your council and chapter officers for their generous contribution of talent and time.

Last Man Standing \$5000 winner may be this reader

If you are reading this and have bought your ticket for the Last Man Standing program on June 25 at Council 4140 you may be the winner of \$5000 if your name is called last on that evening. Fun begins at 6:00 p.m.

For the prognosticator, time is running short. Only 300 tickets have been printed. Cost is \$100 per ticket and gets you a steak dinner for you and your lovely lady, wine and beer. Ticket holders are automatically entered to win \$500, \$1000 or the \$5000.

Proceeds from this evening's fundraiser will supplement the funds from the Bishop Thomas Flanagan Habitat Golf Classic held in April.

Call George Terrell @ 210 532-1367, Jerry Janecka @ 210 393 7128, or Jim

Wade @ 210 392 2788 for more information.



Above: Seve Castro, St. Luke Council 10240, left, and seminarian Jorge Luis Lopez Hernandez chat in April. Brother Castro is one of several San Antonio Knights who personally sponsor an Assumption seminarian. Jorge is from Mexico City representing the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

San Antonio hospitality at State Convention

San Antonio did quite well on the Chapter Hospitality suite at the State Convention thanks to all the contributors for this great cause hosted by Henry Gonzales and his multitude of assistants.

For a paltry \$5.00 donation San Antonio Knights enjoyed two barbeque buns, meatballs, trimmings, chips and a drink. Great job guys!

The hospitality job takes an extreme amount of logistical work, lots of patience and big money. Generally, the room costs, food, drinks and auxiliary items exceed \$1500.

There was lots of food on Saturday night and the crowds were big. Could have been bigger had the Spurs-Phoenix playoffs been on that night but the atmosphere was relaxed and many compliments were heard.

Fourth Degree turnout for archbishop

Some 30 Sir Knights turned out as a final tribute to Archbishop José Gomez on May 16's Farewell Mass at St. Mark

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the Evangelist according to Warden Manuel Olague.

Hosting Assembly 3018 St. Rafael Guizar y Valencia provided a six-man escort for Gomez from the church into the reception area in the gymnasium.

Bishop Cantu offers prayer before at Hyatt Resort



Pictured are Rudy Escamilla, Master of Ceremonies at Bishop Flanagan Habitat Golf Classic and Bishop Oscar Cantu saying a prayer before the Outback Restaurant Steak meal.

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2010 - 2011 fraternal year.

Texas State Deputy, Anton 'Tony' Herreth, State Secretary Jim Collins, State Treasurer Terry Simonton, State Advocate Douglas Oldmixon and State Warden Joe Maresca

Michael Henriquez is the new State Insurance Liaison.

Diocesan Conference slated for August 7 at Our Lady of Grace

The fall 2010 Diocesan Conference will be held at Our Lady of Grace, 223 East Summit Avenue, on August 7. Council 10191 Grand Knight Gerald C. Rodriguez and his council also hosted the 2009 December Chapter Meeting and we thank his council for this assistance. More info to come in June or July but registration generally starts

at 7:30 a.m. and the conference follows around 8:45 a.m.

Our Lady of Grace is next to St. Anthony High School on McCullough Avenue.

Dallas' Bishop Farrell appointed Texas State Chaplain



State Deputy-elect

Tony Herreth announced at the Texas State Council 106th Convention the appointment of Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, D.D. Bishop of Dallas as the 2010-2011 Texas State Bishop.

Bishop Farrell was appointed Seventh Bishop of Dallas on March 6, 2007 by Pope Benedict XVI. He was installed as Bishop of Dallas May 1, 2007, succeeding Bishop Charles V. Grahmann who served as Sixth Bishop of Dallas from July 1990 until his resignation in July 2007.

He was born on September 2, 1947, Dublin, Ireland, received his M.A. Philosophy, Rome, 1970, S.T.L. Rome, 1977 and was ordained December 24, 1978, Rome and in February 11, 2002 Auxiliary Bishop, Washington, D.C.

Also appointed, as Assistant to the State Chaplain was Father Jack Whitley, CSB, from the Houston Diocese.

San Antonio Major Degree Corps

2009-2010 Exemplifications

Jun. 13 Victoria Council 9088

Jun 5 McAllen Spanish

Jun. 19 Holy Spirit Council 786

2010-2011 5 Exemplifications

Aug. 1 Kyle

Aug. 7 Corpus Christi

Sep. 12 Killen/Fort Hood

Oct. N. Braunfels

Nov. Immaculate Conception

Council 4140

Bold type denotes San Antonio degrees

Become a member of the Major Degree Team. Email Eli Farias at efarias@satx.rr.com for further information. To schedule a Major Degree, contact, Eli Farias at **210-387-9011** for date availability.

Chapter Meeting at Assumption runs smooth

The Annual April Chapter Meeting went off without a hitch. Food was great and the seminarians had a chance to meet, some for the first time face to face, some of their sponsors.

An amazing 12 bottles of spirits were contributed for the raffle and the proceeds of that and the 50/50 split raffle were presented that night to the seminary council Financial Secretary.

11th Annual Bishop Flanagan Golf Classic results

Herein are the results of the 11th Annual Bishop Flanagan Golf Classic.

1st Team Low Gross: Council 9291 St John Newman, Score 61, Team Members: Joe Zimmer, Bob Feike, Ardy Feike and Brother Louis Mangini.

2nd Team Low Gross, North Park #2 Score 64, Team Members:, Bishop Oscar Cantu, Msgr. Michael O'Gorman, Gary Kuntz and Mike Aleman.

1st Team Low Net, North Park #1, Score 60 (68), Team Members: Ed Sanchez, Larry Brown, Mark Clayton and Jeff Tindall.

2nd Team Low Net, Council 9967 Holy Trinity, Score 60 (74), Team Members: Tim O'Conner, Ric Nasis, Dick Rutkowski and Mike Motz.

3rd Team Low Net, Legacy Mutual Mortgage, Score 61 (65), Team Members: Dan Diepenhorst Jason Bragg, Mike Rudd and Thom Perdue.

Highest Team Gross, Council 786, Holy Spirit #2, Score 87, Team Members: Javier Guerrero, Mike Osborn, Al Trevino and Ted Wisniewski.

Four Closest to the Pin, Ron Daskevich, Council 4183 New Braunfels, Greg Guillet, Compass Bank, Father Eric Ritter Bishop Tom Flanagan's Team and Cleveland Beverage Council 7613 St. Marks.

Longest Drive, George McNair, McNair Custom Homes.

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Straightest Drive, Tommy Brown, Masonry Design.

Good job men. Thank you for joining us this year and we will see you again next April 2011.

Knights assist eight bishops

Sam Szalwinski, Bill Wittman and Rudy Escamilla assisted with the transportation of eight bishops for a Texas Catholic Conference meeting here on April 18-20.

The bishops were Armando X. Ochoa El Paso, Michael D. Pfeifer, San Angelo, Patrick J. Zurek, Amarillo, James A. Tamayo Laredo, Kevin W. Vann, Fort Worth, State Chaplain Placido Rodriguez Lubbock, Kevin J. Farrell Dallas, and Curtis J. Guillory Beaumont.

Bishop Of San Angelo, Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI, sent a thank you note. "Thank you for providing me and other Bishops with transportation while I was in San Antonio. I enjoyed our visit and appreciate all the good service you give our Church." He concludes, " May God pour out many new blessings upon you and your family and thank you for your hospitality."

These brothers did the transportation to and from the airport and then for a dinner at the Good Sheppard Center, the archbishop's residence.

Archbishop's last CTSA live show on May 11

Archbishop José Gomez's last live monthly television show, *Matters of Faith*, on Catholic Television San Antonio (CTSA – Channel 15 on Time Warner Cable) was held on May 11 at the Pastoral Center atrium in conjunction with a Dinner and Show with the Archbishop, which the Knights of Columbus were invited to host from 5:30 – 6:50 p.m.

The Dinner and Show with the Archbishop was sponsored by ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women).

ENDOW is a national Catholic educational organization for women that utilizes small study groups, conferences and retreats to strengthen and cultivate their faith and helps them to understand their role in humanizing and transforming society.

The broadcast of *Matters of Faith* began at 7:00 p.m., and three Knights were asked to stay as members of the studio audience for this historic taping.

The Knights in attendance were Grand Knight John Trollinger, Council 13704, Padre Pio; Ernest Rodriguez, Council 786 Holy Spirit, Bishop Flanagan Golf Classic; and Rudy Escamilla, Council 4140 St. Gregory the Great, Texas State Council State Chair for Vocations, Church and Liturgy.

The one-hour show was relaxed and reviewed some of the highlights of the Archbishop's five years in San Antonio as well as testimonies from women locally involved in ENDOW.

There were smiles, laughs, and even a few tears among the studio audience at the Archbishop's last live appearance on CTSA.

Deacon Pat Rodgers served as co-host. You can catch repeats of this *Matters of Faith* program every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. during the month of May 2010 – Channel 15 on Time Warner Cable.



Shown in the photo above is Archbishop Gomez; Gloria F. Zapiain, M.A., Office of Adult Formation, Archdiocese of San Antonio and ENDOW coordinator; *Matters of Faith* co-host Deacon Pat Rodgers, Director, Office of Communications, Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Reminder: Last Man Standing ticket money and stubs should be turned in at the Chapter Meeting Wednesday, May 19.

Flag Day ceremony at 4140

June 12 at 8:30 a.m. will be the annual burning of flags ceremony at Council 4140 conducted by Assembly 2102.

Recognizing that many councils and assemblies may not have a flag burning event on this day, you are invited to contact Jerry Janecka at home 210-492-7128 or cell-210-393-7128 to participate with your tattered, damaged and otherwise unusable flags and make this an archdiocesan wide more formal event.

There will be a formal turnout for this event and you may do a fall out at this time.



Above photo: State Secretary Tony Herreth, Henry Gonzales and Father Art Flores, pastor of Nuestra Señora de San Juan de los Lagos stand in front of a mural of the crucifixion behind the altar of the church.

Nuestra Señora de San Juan de los Lagos council reactivated

Texas State Secretary, Tony Herreth in San Antonio on April 18 officially installed the officers of Council 9017 at the archdiocese 'Shrine' of San Juan de los Lagos. Assisting was Texas State Warden Joe G. Lopez.

The installation was held in front of the altar in this most venerable of shrines. According to canon law, a shrine must be a sacred place approved by the ordinary for the purpose of pilgrimage by the faithful.

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On hand for this memorable installation ceremony were some 60 plus family and parishioners plus Diocesan Deputy Sam Szalwinski, Chapter President Caesar Bustos and District Deputy Ken Lamanski. The Pastor, Father Art Flores, was installed as the council chaplain.

On May 5, 2010 Supreme Council made the formal announcement that San Juan de Los Lagos Council 9017 in San Antonio, Texas had been reactivated on that date.

The official date of reactivation announcement was made by Past Chapter President Henry Gonzales who worked almost a year in getting the details, paperwork and organizing the council officer election and coordinating the requirements with Julie White, Council Growth and Development at the Supreme office. Julie is the Supreme head who approved the paperwork and reactivation.

A job well done, Henry. The Chapter presented Father Art with a gift basket for his close relationship and involvement with his Knights and encouragement that they bring back the council to his parish.

Kudos to Father Art Flores, Henry Gonzales and the officers of San Juan de Los Lagos Council 9017.

The council's first corporate mass was also held that morning. A full meal and refreshments completed the afternoon on El Paso Street.

San Antonio's donors for Archbishop Gomez

Councils sponsoring a gift for departing Archbishop José Gomez showed the true spirit of support for our bishops by donating the following amounts. The total amount collected will go to the purchase of a suit for our archbishop.

Councils 786 Holy Spirit \$50, 4786 St Francis of Assisi \$200, 7613 St. Mark \$25, 9291 St John Neumann \$200, 4183 New Braunfels, \$150, 10258 Bandera \$20, 10940 Boerne \$60, 8807 St Alphonsus \$50, 5262 St. Vincent de Paul, \$50, 4140

Immaculate Conception \$200, 6358 Good Shepherd, Schertz, \$150, 10181 \$25, St Rafael Guizar Valencia Assembly 3018 \$100, 9967 Holy Trinity \$100, 5415 Our Lady of Fatima \$100,

Individual contributions came from **John Daly Jr. \$20, Diego Peña,** our AT&T barrister bud in Dallas, \$100, and **Sam and Beverly Szalwinski \$100,**

We thank all of you who continue to support our bishops and priests.

Wayne Pipes to Supreme Convention in Washington D.C.

San Antonio Knights delegates elected St. Brigid Council 11596 Wayne Pipes at the 106th Texas State Convention in Corpus Christi as its representative to the International Supreme Convention.

The 128th Supreme Convention will be held in Washington, D.C., Aug. 3-5. Elected, as an alternate was Council 7983's Richard Delgado Jr. who will replace Wayne if he is unable to attend the convention.



Break time at the April 12 Bishop Flanagan Habitat Golf Classic is the team of Kahlig Enterprises and North Park Lincoln / Mercury. Left to right are Jeff Tindall, Ed Sanchez, Bishop Tom Flanagan, Mark Clayton and Larry Brown.

Austin, Houston and San Antonio split

State Deputy-elect Tony Herreth will split three dioceses whereby each

will have two Diocesan Deputies instead of one for fraternal year 2010-2011.

The three dioceses represent the largest in membership in the Texas jurisdiction. They are Austin, Galveston-Houston and San Antonio.

Austin will be represented by Bill Harris and Phil Liebowitz, while Houston has David "Reggie" Vasquez and Richard Butler and San Antonio's pair are John Daly Jr. and Rudy Escamilla.

Clergy appointments, re-appointments, retirements

Father Lawrence J. Christian, appointed pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church for a six-year term, **Father Dennis D. Arechiga** to St. Matthew Church for a six-year term, **Monsignor Michael H. Yarbrough** appointed pastor of Holy Trinity Church for a six-year term, **Father Stuart E. Juleen** to St. Brigid Church for a six-year term, **Father Martin J. Leopold** appointed pastor of St. John the Evangelist for a six-year term and **Father Heliodoro Lucatero** appointed pastor of St. Michael Church for a six-year term.

Retiring are **Monsignor James T. Henke** as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church and **Monsignor Leslie A. Vance** of St. Brigid Church of San Antonio.

Administrator appointments: **Father Steven Gamez** administrator pro-tem of St. Philip of Jesus Church for a one-year period, **Father Alejandro del Bosque** administrator pro-tem of St. Monica Church in Converse for a one-year period.

Re-appointments were **Father Francis Martin McHugh** pastor of St. Piux Church for a six-year period, **Monsignor Dennis Darilek** pastor of St. James Church in Seguin for a six-year period, **Monsignor Marvin G. Doerfler** pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Canyon Lake for an indefinite period.

Assumption Seminary appointments were **Father Jose Arturo Cepeda** Rector-President of Assumption

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Seminary for a three-year period, Father **Michael E. Peinemann** to the formation faculty of Assumption for a three-year period and Father **Jeffrey Pehl** was re-appointed to the formation faculty at Assumption for a three-year period.

All assignments become effective June 1, 2010.

Diocesan Deputy Report



THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

By Sam Szalwinski

Our fraternal year is rapidly receding into history but I'm not ready to close it and I hope that our leadership and our members feel the same way. I have entitled this article "The Long and Short of It" for a reason.

The "LONG" reflects on the many very successful events that we have accomplished as a body of men called KNIGHTS.

Please reflect on the following:

1. 100% of our Seminarians have been financially supported.
2. 103% of our State Charity goal is achieved. This amounts to \$116,103 or \$3563 over goal. All funds collected in excess of goal will be given to our Archbishop.
3. 115% of our Round Table goal is met. This leads to potential new Councils.
4. Our 10th Habitat for Humanity house has been built enabling another family to live in a decent, well built and affordable home.
5. Clergy in retirement residences in our Archdiocese received over 100 wheel chairs.
6. Needy people in Nuevo Laredo received 200 wheel chairs as a second increment of 400 that were delivered over a two year period.
7. Council 9017 at San Juan de los Lagos has been reactivated and a new Council will be

formed at St Gabriel before June 30th.

Many Councils and many individual members have also experienced the "LONG" in a variety of accomplishments at the local and parish level that perhaps are not well known but are extremely important.

Now for the "SHORT".

This list is short. It reflects on the fact that our performance in growing the Order is in one word "UNSATISFACTORY". Our quota is for new members is 750.

As of 12 May we acquired 598. Not bad until we look at the 245 who went out the back door through drops and that leaves us with a net gain of only 353.

This same shortfall spills onto a shortage of new insured members.

THE CHALLENGE: Work as hard as possible to recruit as many members as possible before the end of June. Earlier I have asked all of my Assistants and all District Deputies to be sure that all paper work on newly acquired members has been forwarded.

Grand Knights please check to be sure that form 100's did get forwarded for every man who took his first degree this fraternal year. (I am aware of one Council that exemplified 7 new members not reflected in current Supreme reports).

GRATITUDE: Thanks from the bottom of my heart to everyone that has contributed to the success of so many accomplishments.

More next month.

Correction on last month's story on the River Rats. While the story correctly identified it as Council 4786, the ending paragraphs misidentified them as 4586 which is incorrect. Our regrets to this wonderful Council 4786.

**Knights in the military
Will return in June**

St. Rafael Foundation plaque to archbishop



Agustin Mora, of the St. Rafael Guizar y Valencia Foundation, with Archbishop José Gomez and Mauricio Guizar present a plaque to the archbishop for his support of the foundation.

Agustin is a member of Council 4140 and great grandnephew of St. Rafael the seventh Knights of Columbus saint canonized in 2006.

Chapter Meetings 2009 – 2010

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

2010 – 2011

July 21 Open meeting Chapter Installation of Officers St. Anthony Claret Council

Aug. 18 St. Marks 7613

Sep. 14 Holy Trinity 9967

Oct. 21 4183 New Braunfels

Nov. 18 St. Brigid

Dec. 16 Open Meeting Christmas Lady of Grace 10191

Major Degree June 19 at Holy Spirit Council 786

Council 786 will be hosting their Major Degree on Saturday, June 19, 2010. Registration will begin at 7a.m. and Mass will be 8a.m.. The Major

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Degree will start at 9 am.

This is the last degree before the end of the Fraternal Year and an excellent opportunity to become a 3rd Degree Knight and be eligible to serve as an officer.

The cost for a candidate going through the Major Degree is \$15, which covers the Degree costs and lunch.

Any member who is observing the degree and would like to eat lunch the cost is \$7.50. We will be serving a BBQ plate. For questions or to sign up, please contact GK Mike Klasing at 210-725-1241.

2010 Events

May

17 Last Man Standing at Holy Spirit
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

16 St. James 7770 Elections
19 Major Degree Council 786
20 Father's Day
21 Summer begins
25 Last Man Standing Council 4140

July

9-11 State Organizational Mtg.
Houston Omni West

KC membership exceeds 1.8 million

(NEW HAVEN, CT) - The Knights of Columbus passed a significant milestone on April 30, 2010, when its membership exceeded 1.8 million. At the end of the last day of April, the official tally of Knights of Columbus around the world stood at 1,800,445.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus grew from 1.7 million to 1.8 million in less than five years (59 months), and continues a growth trend

in which the number of Knights has grown every year since 1973. Moreover, membership has grown in all but four years since 1942.

In the United States, jurisdictions adding the largest number of new members were **Texas**, California, Florida, Michigan and Illinois, which together accounted for 15,506 new members recruited since the beginning of the current fraternal year on July 1, 2009. Those five states accounted for more than one-third of the 45,180 new US members.

Over the past ten months, the Knights of Columbus has recruited 70,310 new members worldwide, and councils have two more months left to recruit.

A final tally of Knights of Columbus membership for the 2009-2010 fraternal year will be announced in July. The number of new members recruited will be offset by deaths and withdrawals, and thus net growth in membership will be slightly lower.



Above, Ernest Rodriguez presents Bishop Oscar Cantu his Second Team Low Gross pewter platter winnings from the Bishop Flanagan Golf Classic in his office on May 10th.

Councils receive Golf Classic sponsor flags

The following councils, assembly, K.C. Insurance Agencies and field agents will receive a flag from Bishop Tom for their support of Bishop Flanagan Habitat for Humanity Golf Classic:

Gold Sponsor: Council 786 Holy Spirit.

Silver Sponsor: Council 4140 Immaculate Conception, Council 4183 New Braunfels, Council 7265 St Paul, Council 7613 St Mark the Evangelist, Council 7965 St Helena, Council 7983

Prince of Peace, Council 9967 Holy Trinity.

Clergy Sponsor: Council 9291 Monsignor Silverman St John Neumann

Sponsors: Council 4315 Our Lady of Fatima, Council 6358 Schertz, Assembly 2102 Dennis and Barbara Alvey Council 786, Sam and Beverly Szalwinski Council 7613

K.C. Insurance: Agencies and Field Agents.

Thank you to all the sponsors for their generosity and willing to make this the fundraiser to build a Habitat home for someone in San Antonio.

Now is the planning time for 2010 – 2011 budgets and we hope every council can add the Bishop Flanagan Golf Classic as a line item for 2011.

Annual Dallas Cowboy Trip October 31

Council 786's Annual Dallas Cowboy Trip. The proceeds help to benefit Catholic Charities of San Antonio and in 2009 we donated over \$15,000 to them.

For our 8th annual trip, we will be going to Dallas for the Oct 31st game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, which is a noon kick-off time.

The cost is \$325.00 per person and includes your round trip bus ride, hotel, game ticket, breakfast on Saturday morning, and tailgate party before the game.

The buses meet at Holy Spirit and depart at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast tacos are served from Las Palapas.

Once in Dallas, a Saturday evening Mass will be held and all are welcome to attend. Saturday night dinner will be a BBQ plate and will be available at the hotel.

Last year our seats were up in the 400 sections, but we were thankfully able to negotiate seating in either the 200 or 300 section, tickets will be randomly assigned.

Participants come from all over South Texas and include many different KC Councils. Alcoholic drinks are BYOB for the trip. Please contact Cowboy Trip Chairman Bob Gorena at 210-242-3129 or GK Mike Klasing at 210-725-1241.

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The month of May has been a busy season for the archdiocese Knights of Columbus. With the 106th Texas State Council Knights of Columbus Convention gone the pace picked up considerably. As part of the planning committee for the Farewell Mass of departing José Gomez, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, there were multiple meetings, emails, telephone calls and side minutiae that finalized last Sunday's beautiful mass at St. Mark the Evangelist Church.

Most of you have now been appraised that John Daly Jr. and I are the new Diocesan Deputies for 2010 – 2011 appointed by State Secretary/State Deputy-elect Tony Herreth. A series of meetings have brought clarity to the new job and new realities as to how the division will work. As of today, all districts will be renumbered. John Daly Jr. will have 26 to 35. I will have districts 36 to 46. Like all realignments, there will be some changes coming. Two districts have been created of suspended councils numbered 47, with five councils and 48 with another six councils. As a council is reactivated they will be assigned to a district. We are in search of District Deputies candidates for appointment. If interested send either John or I an email.

Another project was getting the gift for Archbishop José Gomez. First came the selection of the gift (a black suit), then the sample of the fabric for the suit followed by tailor measurements and fundraising efforts that exceeded all expectations. The gift will be presented this week. Thank you all for contributing.

The presentation of the Bishop Flanagan Habitat Golf Classic winnings to Bishop Oscar Cantu with Ernest Rodriguez followed by a Dinner and Show with the archbishop the following night. Two nights later, a reception and farewell at Assumption Seminary for President/Rector Lawrence Christian departing for his new post at St. Francis of Assisi. Three days after that the final mass at St. Mark Church for the archbishop and this Wednesday, the day of the Chapter Meeting, a Mass and reception for all clergy, nuns, and deacons celebrating a jubilee at Our Lady of Grace Church with the archbishop.

And you have seen the last three weeks, Sir Knight turnouts are everywhere.

The Fourth Degree is doing a marvelous job, as they seem to appear all over the city. A turnout and chalice presentation on May 23 is but an example that May has truly been one great month for the Knights of Columbus in San Antonio. 5438 / 283