

San Antonio Chapter Knights of Columbus



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Photo by Today's Catholic, John Matthews

Archbishop's gift is perfect fit

José Horacio Gómez, Archbishop of San Antonio from 2004 to 2010, relaxes at his San Antonio residence three days before his departure to his new appointment in Los Angeles. Photo above shows, left, Francisco Piña, Fancy and Piña Tailor Shop and Rudy Escamilla, right, Religious Coordinator for Knights of Columbus in San Antonio.

He is wearing his gift from the Knights of Columbus, a suit hand stitched over a period of 14 days and nights.

Mr. Piña has been a clothier and tailor to the late president Lyndon Johnson, governor Dolph Briscoe, George Strait and many other luminaries.

The suit of imported Australian Superfine Merino wool was especially selected for the Mediterranean climate of southern California.

After trying it on he declared it a perfect fit and sends his prayers and best wishes to the Knights of Columbus for their generosity and support of the Church.

The archbishop stated that the suit was so well made he couldn't feel the weight of the fabric and congratulated Mr. Piña for the artistry involved in weaving of the cloth.

Diocesan Organizational meeting at Our Lady of Grace August 7

The first official Diocesan Organizational meeting for the San Antonio archdiocese Knights will take place Saturday, August 7, 2010 at Our Lady of Grace Church, Madonna Room, Council 10191, 223 East Summit Avenue.

This is the San Antonio Diocesan Deputy Summer Conference, for Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, other officers and each District Deputy to attend.

As usual registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the actual conference begins around 8:45 a.m. Arrive early, get to know your fellow Grand Knights and District Deputy. Say hello to Bishop Thomas Flanagan and bring your note pad as the presenters will be briefing you on all phases that the Texas State Council expects from each council. This is critical because typically the success of a council is measured in the first three months of each calendar year.

New Grand Knights should have no excuse for being absent as this notice is quite advanced allowing Grand Knights time to make plans to attend the conference.

The Chapter Directory editor, Mike Nishimuta will be there to enter the data needed for the directory. District Deputies should also ensure that the data we have for them is accurate, i.e., councils, addresses, telephone numbers, etc.

Arriving late for this meeting is no excuse for omitting the information we need for the directory. Instead go to this website

<http://satkc.org/update.htm> and log in to enter the particulars.

See story on 'directory upgrade site' on page 4 for more information on how to do this.

Farewell Mass for Archbishop Gomez



The May 16, 2010 Farewell Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mark the Evangelist Church for José Gómez, Archbishop of San Antonio and co-adjutor archbishop of Los Angeles was great.

With some 1530 tickets for the 3:00 p.m. mass, the faithful were enthusiastic yet solemn as the mass progressed.

Some two and a half hours long, the

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Chapter President File

This issue marks the end of our fraternal year but we still have some Chapter functions on our agenda, the Last Man Standing event which needs the support of every council and the updating of the new Chapter directory. Our Chapter Webmaster Mike Nishimuta has done an outstanding job maintaining the site and with this new feature will ensure the new officers from the Councils and Assemblies will be up to date.

Our election will be held during our June meeting and all of our officers will be running for another year. We ask for your support and input since this is your Chapter and together we look forward to another successful year.

First international Major Degree

Four members of the Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas, Mexico council traveled to McAllen and were exemplified along with 21 others on the American side on Sunday, June 6 at Holy Spirit Council 8298 by the San Antonio Spanish Major Degree.

Assisting were Knights from the Corpus Christi Major Degree team.

Brownsville Diocesan Deputy Tom Oaks and the Hidalgo council gave a reception at the Best Western Hotel for the San Antonio Knights on Saturday evening.

Council 8298 was recently activated as a Spanish council and they have reached 700% of their membership goal and 200% of insured members.

Eli Farias, Captain of the degree corps told the host council Grand Knight the night before that he hoped a lot of candidates would come so that they could recover most of the cost for putting on the Major degree! His response blew everyone away and showed that the spirit of Columbianism is alive in deep South Texas when he replied,

"This event is not for fund raising purposes; it's to bring in new members (to be knighted)!"

Let's not forget that spirit here in this archdiocese.

The Mexican District Deputy for Rio Bravo gave the Alamo City brothers the ultimate compliment by stating that the degrees went off professionally, on time and in flawless Spanish. They were in awe that the team members had all their script memorized. "Every word penetrated my heart. I could feel it!" stated the Rio Bravo District Deputy." He added that, "the team was the best I have ever seen. Your words, mannerisms, expressions felt as if you were speaking to each of us directly."

This exemplification marks the first international Spanish Major Degree ever conducted in the state of Texas.

This brings the total number of Spanish Major Degree exemplifications to 109 by San Antonio Degree Corps according to degree Captain Eli Farias.

Bishop Thomas J. Flanagan Chapter Chaplain

June 2010

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Each year, we celebrate this wonderful feast day. On the first Friday of each month, the liturgy allows us to celebrate a votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. "Jesus meek and humble of Heart make our hearts like unto thine." Jesus tells us: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart."

"Sacred Heart of Jesus, I implore you, that I may love you more and more."

Heart of Jesus, I adore you.

Heart of Mary, I implore you.

Heart of Joseph, pure and just

In those three hearts, I place my

trust

I share these simple yet, powerful words so you and I may cut out this section to use as part of our morning or evening prayer time.

Transform the world by transforming yourself through our love and trust in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

† Bishop Tom Flanagan, D.D.

Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of San Antonio, Knights of Columbus Archdiocesan Chapter Chaplain, Faithful Friar

Second San Antonio Spanish Major Degree

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Six candidates came from north Austin and were thoroughly impressed with the quality and professionalism of the degree team led by Eli Farias, San Antonio Degree Corps captain.

As the year comes to an end and our State Deputy is on the verge of setting membership records, this Spanish Major Degree team can say they have added another seven good catholic men to the state's May Knights of Columbus roster.

The seven making their first degree were part of this Knight in a Day exemplification.

Memorial Day laying of wreath



Pictured, left to right, Agustin Mora, Assembly 1102, Council 7409 St. Leo, Bishop Oscar Cantu and Aurelio Tejada, Assembly 1102, Council 7409 St. Leo before laying of wreath at San Fernando Cemetery at Memorial Day ceremony. A heartfelt thanks to Auxiliary Bishop Cantu for his support of the nation's military.



Last Man Standing tickets on sale now

With a little more than a week left, we are close although yet not sold out of tickets for the Last Man Standing on June 25 at Council 4140 on Camp Bullis Road starting at 6 p.m..

The proceeds of this fundraiser go to build the 11th Habitat Home for a working family in the archdiocese.

By purchasing a ticket for \$100 you and your lovely lady will enjoy a juicy steak dinner, wine or beer for the evening and a chance to win \$5000, \$1000 or \$500.

If you cannot make it at the last minute the upside is that you do not have to be present to win.

Please come though as it will be fun and a silent auction will add some spice to the evening.

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Auxiliary Bishop Oscar Cantú named interim administrator



Auxiliary Bishop Oscar Cantú was named the interim administrator of the Archdiocese of San Antonio by the Vatican on May 26, 2010.

The announcement was made through the Congregation of Bishops by Apostolic Nuncio Pietro Sambì, ambassador and liaison to the Catholic Church in the United States.

Archbishop Jose Gómez ordained Cantú auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of San Antonio on June 2, 2008 at St. Mark the Evangelist Church.

He is temporarily succeeding Archbishop José Gómez and will fill that post until a replacement for the outgoing Archbishop is named by the Holy See.

While the new post has some limitations, Cantú will generally have the same responsibilities and authority as an archbishop.

Originally out of the Houston archdiocese, Cantú, 43, became auxiliary bishop in 2008.

In a prepared statement he said, "I pledge to ensure that the services to our parishes and the ministry of the Church will continue uninterrupted and that I will carry on the good work of Archbishops Gómez and (Patrick) Flores."

He continued, "I ask that you join me in prayer that a new archbishop will be named soon."

The selection by the Vatican of the next archbishop of San Antonio may take six months to one year.

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 th 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. 7 Spanish McAllen	Council 8298
Jun. 13 Victoria	Council 9088
Jun. 19 Holy Spirit	Council 786

2010-2011 Exemplifications

Aug. 1 Kyle	Council 7975
Aug. 8 Corpus Christi Spanish	
Aug. 15 Wall	Council 4316
Aug. 21 Eagle Pass	Council 10711
Aug. 28 Kerrville	Council 6409
Sep. 12 Killeen, Fort Hood	Council 4724
Oct. New Braunfels	Council 4183
Nov. 21 Immaculate Conception	Council 4140

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. To schedule a Major Degree, contact, Eli Farias at **210-387-9011** for date availability.

Jubilarian Mass Social last contact with archbishop

The last mass by Archbishop Jose Gomez was celebrated for the Jubilee Celebration for religious men and women and clergy at Our Lady of Grace Church at 223 East Summit Avenue on May 19.

John Rutkowski 786, Jerry Perez, 4140 plus Grand Knight Gerard Rodriguez, host Council 10191 and three other local Knights helped out with the social and dinner.

Ironically, while most knew this was the archbishop's last mass in San Antonio, the parish also is the site of the archbishop's first mass.

Father Gomez lived here a couple of years working with the Opus Dei community, on East Summit just down the street from Our Lady of Grace, over a decade ago and celebrated mass at the parish many times.

Sister Mary Teresa Cullen. CSB, Office for Religious, Archdiocese of San Antonio, who first saw Father Gomez celebrate his first mass, and, now as an archbishop also present for his last mass. It was truly a

memorable evening for her, the archbishop and the jubilarians.

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accolades, gifts, farewell blessing of the archbishop and a stunning archdiocesan choir produced a marvelous day for San Antonio.

The Mass program listed the Knights of Columbus as a participating committee member of this joyous occasion.

The orchestra, choir was made up of at least three Knights, Mike Nishimuta, Ken Martinez and John Hollaran. There were many, many unsung soldier Knights such as the golf cart drivers from Council 7613, George Wetherill, maintenance go to guy at the parish, St. Mark ushers and the 4th Degree.

The Fourth Degree had about 36 SKs in, as the Express-News called it the next morning, "uniform." In reality 30 lined up the main aisle for the entry processional, and departure while an additional pair escorted the gifts the archbishop's family took to him before communion.

Special thanks to Manny Olague District Marshall, who did a fabulous job of coordinating the Sir Knights in this long afternoon.

After the 5:40 p.m. ending in the church, St. Rafael Guizar y Valencia Assembly 3018, St. Mark, provided still more escorts for the archbishop into the crowded reception area. Father Kevin Ryan was a most gracious host for this gathering and he receives our most humble words of gratitude and thanks for his long standing support for not only Council 7613 but the archdiocesan Knights of Columbus in general.

At the end, sometime around 7:20 p.m., when the last faithful took pictures, shook hands and offered kind words to the archbishop, the **Knights were still there.**

His Excellency, tired but smiling, then patiently allowed each Sir Knight to thank him, shake hands, and, yes, more pictures.

He thanked each Knights of Columbus personally as we escorted him to his vehicle for the last time as archbishop of San Antonio.

Membership quota upped seven per cent

Beginning July 1, 2010, the new membership quota will be based on the 7% net gain of a council's membership, with a minimum of three members and a maximum of 35 members. The new quota is two percent over previous years.

Nishimuta sets up directory upgrade site

Use the online update form for Councils and Assemblies after your officer elections

Every year the chapter directory is dependent on each council providing the data for inclusion. Mostly relying on good intentions by the councils and the Diocesan Organizational Meeting in July to fill in that information, the final result, nevertheless, is an incomplete directory.

For the leadership in San Antonio, the archdiocese, insurance offices, etc., the directory is a must have by the phone tool. It is the utility most used in San Antonio to conduct Knights of Columbus business.

The skillful and knowledgeable Mike Nishimuta, past Chapter President, Golf Habitat treasurer, chapter website founder, et. al, has an answer for the woes of missing information in the directory.

Nishimuta has created a site listed here

<http://satkc.org/update.htm> that councils can use to ensure that their particulars are listed in a heavily used medium in the archdiocese while in the comfort of their home. Simply log in to the site and fill in the information requested.

Memorial Day paid homage by Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus' patriotism was not in absentia on Memorial Day weekend. There were celebrations throughout the archdiocese.

From the Hill Country to the southern edges of the archdiocese, the Fourth Degree and the Knights paid tribute to our military service members.

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, the city's premiere celebration site, held services as did Holy Cross Cemetery and San Fernando Cemetery who had the presence of Bishop Oscar Cantu celebrating mass (see pictures in this issue) and paying tribute to the nation's fallen armed forces personnel.

Additionally, Robert M. Cornejo, Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries, was present at San Fernando II Cemetery for the mass and flag raising ceremony afterward.

I find that the harder I work the more luck I seem to have.
Thomas Jefferson

Military service honored at San Fernando Cemetery



Photo above: Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis wife of honoree Cpt Darrell C. Lewis U.S. Army, posthumous certificate, Gilbert Aldrete Sr., U.S. Army, M/Sgt. Raymond M Olvera., U.S. Army/U.S. Air Force, Warren Blanchard U.S. Air Force, Lt. Colonel Allen Dale Saulsberry, U.S. Air Force, Corporal Philip Lopez, U.S. Marines, Corporal Genovevo Bargas U.S. Army, LTC Albert Lara U.S. Army Texas National Guard, SSG Christopher A. Anders U.S. Army at Memorial Day service at San Fernando Cemetery.

Father Larry Christian bid adieu at seminary

Father Lawrence Christian, Rector/President of Assumption Seminary, bid his final goodbye before his faculty, seminarians, board members and guests on May 13 at the Archbishop Patrick Flores Residence's main foyer.

A rather large crowd mingled and Father Arturo Cepeda., the new Rector/President of Assumption, spoke and gave his thanks to Father Christian for his long and very productive tenure at the seminary where we saw an increase from some twenty something seminarians to the current 90s we have seen in recent years.

Seminarians sang, played music, lots of great food and a joyous atmosphere was given our departing Father Larry.

The Knights of Columbus were the hosts for the social. They included Donald Rice, new District Deputy replacing Chris Rodriguez, Roland Rios and Ernest Rodriguez, 786, Immediate Past Chapter President Henry Gonzales, Sam Szalwinski, Diocesan Deputy and Caesar Bustos, Chapter President and we wish to thank

them for supporting our Father Larry Christian and the seminary.

Special guests representing the Knights were Angel Perez, Bill Wittman, Assistant Diocesan Deputy and Rudy Escamilla, seminary board member.

St Anthony Claret 10090 hosts first Chapter Meeting

The July 21st Chapter Meeting will be hosted by Council 10090, St. Anthony Claret. This marks the first time the council will host a Chapter Meeting. The council is located at 6080 Roft Rd, SA TX 78253.

This meeting will be the installation of officers and, thusly, is an open meeting. Wives are encouraged to attend.

Going west / northwest on Culebra Road also called FM 471 it is located about a two miles outside Anderson Loop 1604 about eight streets turning left on Roft Road or the next major street after Alamo Parkway. After turning left it is on your left almost across from the National Shooting Complex on Roft Road.

Memorial Day presentation of flag at San Fernando

Above, left to right: Nat Chavez,



Assembly 1102, Council 10240 St. Luke, Michael De Luna ,Assembly 1102, Council 6833, Little Flower, Edward Alatorre, Assembly 1102, Council 10295, St. Agnes, presenting flag, and Jesse Aguilar, Council 6833, St. Gerard.

Diocesan Deputy Report

IN APPRECIATION
By Sam Szalwinski

For two years I have enjoyed serving as your Archdiocesan Deputy.

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It has been a very good and enjoyable experience. Much has been accomplished because of the support of so many men who call ourselves Knights of Columbus. If I were to acknowledge all who contributed to the successes of the past two years it would take several pages of this newsletter. So I will not do that but I will thank all of the leaders of our organization. First, I thank the Grand Knights, their officers and all of the members of our 88 Councils. My sincere appreciation is extended to my 21 District Deputies and to all six of my Assistants.

A very special thanks to Bishop Flanagan for his guidance and continuous words of encouragement.

Two years ago I established COORDINATION, COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION as our motto. Thanks for making this happen.

Two years ago I asked that we make support of our seminarians our first priority. This support resulted in 100% of our seminarians receiving financial support! This is the first time that we have achieved this goal. I am so very proud of this achievement and I know that all of you share in this pride. This support achieves two objectives. First it helps to provide them with material needs as they pursue their studies. Secondly, we want them to know that the Knights of Columbus will be their right arm when they are ordained and serve in a parish. In turn we know that they will support us as we pursue helpful activities in their parishes or other positions in which they may serve.

The Knights in the Archdiocese of San Antonio have made the first PRINCIPLE of our Order, CHARITY, come alive. This is best identifiable by reaching or exceeding our State Charity Goal both of the last two years. The practice of this PRINCIPLE is repeated regularly in Councils **WITHOUT FANFARE**. Members step up to help the lady whose brush must be removed or she will be cited and fined. They step up and donate and install a ramp for a member whose unexpected leg amputation limits his mobility to a wheel chair. Members beat the pavement twice a year to make money through our Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser. We give this money to our Archbishop so he can help the deaf in our community. We raise funds and we build a Habitat for Humanity house on an annual basis. Blood drives are routinely held by many Councils. One not so routine has been going on in Fredericksburg for the past three years during which time over 1600 units of blood

have been collected and given to our Military Services for use in war zones.

Many spiritual activities occur routinely such as praying the rosary, 24 hour adoration, Corporate Communion, praying at abortion clinics and many other events. Many prayerful events are supported by our Fourth Degree Sir Knights, the visible arm of our organization.

Council 15053 at St Gabriel Parish is added as our newest Council and Council 9017 at San Juan de Los Lagos has been re-activated. During the current fraternal year nearly 750 men have been added to our roles.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all of our spouses for the support they give us. There is no way that we could do our job if we did not have their support. I know that I am not the only one who discusses ideas with our spouse. Bev willingly helps and lets me know if she thinks an idea is good or if it should be shelved!

Finally, we are about to begin a new fraternal year. Normally this would be a routine matter; however, this fraternal year finds our Archdiocese re-organized into two parts. Each will be served by a Diocesan Deputy. Human beings normally resist change. I ask that this not be the case with re-organization. Get to know of changes that will take place and **MOST OF ALL**, support our leadership as they execute the duties of their various offices. Vaya **CON DIOS**.

Last KC assist for archbishop



Maricarmen Celaya, left above, and Alicia Torres, sisters of José Gómez, Archbishop of San Antonio, relax at his San Antonio residence moments after being brought in from the airport by the Knights, the day before their departure for Los Angeles. As they were driven by historic Jefferson High School, they related that their mother - and the archbishop's - had attended the school as a teen.

Father David's first mass at San Juan de los Lagos

The mass was an up beat celebration

Celebrating his first mass at 12 noon as a priest at San Juan de los Lagos Church, Father David Munoz Lopez, a brother Knight, had a standing room full of parishioners/guests on May 23.

Five assemblies 1102, 2102, 2628 and 2040 united behind the priest with a turnout that included Master of Guadalupe Province 2 Mike Morrison and former Master Ken Boone. Some 23 Knights brighten the mood of the church that cheered when Father David was introduced by pastor Art Flores.

A chalice presentation and a corporal for Father David was made by Council 9017's Jamie Garcia II and Fernando Moreno, both elders of the council.

Henry Gonzales, council chancellor, thanked Father David for choosing the priestly vocation.

The father of Father David gave thanks for the kind gesture to his son and with teary eyes of joy stated that until today, "I never knew what we can do as Knights."

The mass was an up beat celebration of priestly vocations and life deep in the heart of San Antonio's west side.

The music was boisterous and loud and the parishioners clapped to the chorus of the choir. The band's steel guitar gleefully and skillfully drew the audience to the spirit of unity with Christ and the celebration of another priest into the ranks of our universal Church.

Feet were tapping and smiles were an obvious reflection that this church is a place of worship and joy.

"If you arrive on time for this noon Spanish service that means you might not find a seat as it is brimming with westsiders and visitors every Sunday," commented a youngish college student when asked if the big crowd was a norm for this church.

With a relaxed slide show that opened with the NBC's Saturday Night Live spoof of Mr. Bill, Father Art Flores showed some moments in the life of Father David at San Juan de los Lagos.

A very nice reception with music, food and visiting priests from Oblate College and seminary concluded the afternoon.

John García promoted to Lieutenant Colonel

By Al Mares, June 11

Brother Knights, This morning about 11 a.m., John Garcia was promoted to Lt Colonel in the United States Army. I was

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among the witnesses in front of the Alamo while John Garcia took the oath of office.

A beautiful reception followed in the courtyard behind the Alamo.

I'm proud to say that the Knights of Columbus from council 10090, St. Anthony Mary Claret showed their alliance to their brother knight by showing up in a large number.

His parents traveled from Santa Fee New Mexico and a large number of co-worker and military friends were also present. His sister and her family also from New Mexico, were present. Every once in a while a person comes into your life that makes a difference and John Garcia is one of those people.

From the very beginning as a Knight, John started developing into an active Knight. He never waited to be asked, "he volunteered." This last Saturday, June 5, was John's birthday and guess what he was doing? He volunteered to clean a complete strangers yard and he and a few other knights hauled all the brush away. That's the kind of person we have in our mist. I for one am going to miss Lt. Col Garcia as he departs on July 7th to Afghanistan. Please pray for him and his family.

Lord, we pray for John, as he deploys to Afghanistan to perform his military duties; we ask that you use him in what ever capacity you see fit for him, but when his duties are complete, we ask that you please return him to us and to his family. Amen. God Speed John

Chapter Meetings 2009 – 2010

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

2010 – 2011

July 21 Open meeting Chapter
Installation of Officers St. Anthony
Claret Council 10090
Aug. 18 St. Marks 7613

St. Anthony Claret's charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism



Above, left to right, Council 10090 crew of John Garcia, Lecturer, incoming Grand Knight Ed Garza and Elliot Izaguirre, the current Recorder, rest next to the brush trailer at Ms. Davis' home.

'... best (birthday) present I could ever get minus the handful of Skittles my daughter gave me for a gift'

On June 3, Angela Davis, a nine year United States Naval veteran with a service-connected disability, sought the help of the Knights of Columbus. The city of San Antonio had given her a June 9 deadline before she was issued a citation for brush on her property.

St. Anthony Claret Council 10090 quickly responded on June 5.

In a message sent by John Garcia, the brother first contacted on this project, he stated: "Mission complete with brush etc, we had five knights show up, took care of it in two loads The knights donated their time and \$35 dumping fee."

Ms. Davis stated, "Please let the Knights know how appreciative I am for their service to this veteran. God bless the Knights of Columbus."

"I want to thank all the brothers from St. Anthony Mary Claret", Garcia continued, "that called and stepped up to help a disabled veteran in need, Ed, Elliot, his son and soon to be Knight Alex, Will Torres, and Dave Birthole. We were able to knock it out in three loads. I really want to thank Dave B. for the trailer it was truly a blessing, no better way to spend my birthday than to help others, best present I could ever get minus the handful of Skittles my daughter gave me for a gift. Charity,

unity, fraternity, Patriotism, I think we met all the principles today."

Indeed Council 10090 did just that.

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. 1st LT Brandon J Cummings, US Army serving in Korea, son of Daniel N. Cummings St. Joseph's Honey Creek Council 8521
2. Br. Juan Casillas, Council 4183 is in Iraq through at least September.
3. **Special recognition to Gonzales Council 5090 with four KC brothers:** Sean Brennan, US Navy, Bryan Darilek, US Army, now in Afghanisstam, Matthew Davis, US Navy, Clayton Gregory, US Navy

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. Staff Sgt. Katrina Muñoz, US Army, finished second tour in Iraq, daughter of Chuck Munoz, Padre Pio Council 13704
2. Lt. Col. Michael Gladu, PGK Good Shepherd Council 6358, a 4th Degree member of Mother Teresa Assembly 2523 and son of Larry Gladu, PGK Council 6358, US Army in Hawaii, going to Iraq in August
3. Michael Anthony Meras, Master Sergeant, USAF, Iraq and David Rudy Meras, Tech Sergeant,, Patrick AFB, Florida, USAF, sons of Rudy Meras Council 7770, St. James the Apostle,
4. John Jacob Gaona, who is also a Knight, was deployed to Afghanistan, son of Jacob R Gaona, PSD/State Hispanic Development Coordinator

Major Degree June 19 at 786

Council 786 will be hosting their Major

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Degree on Saturday, June 19, 2010. Registration will begin at 7am and Mass will be 8am. The Major 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

June

- 19 Major Degree Council 786
- 19 World Meeting of Priests, St. Peter's Square, Closing ceremony for Year of the Priest
- 20 Father's Day**
- 21 Summer begins**
- 25 Last Man Standing Council 4140**
- 30 Round Table Activity Report# 2630**
- 30 Columbian Award App# SP-7 due**

July

- 1 Report of Officers Elected # 185 due
- 4 Independence Day**
- 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord
- 9-11 State Organizational Meeting Houston Omni West Hotel**

August

- 1 Service program Personnel Report# 365
- 3,4,5 128th Supreme Convention
- 7 Diocesan Organizational Conference at Our Lady of Grace, 223 East Summit Avenue**
- 7-15 KC Family Week
- 12 158TH Anniversary of McGivney's Birthday
- 14 120th Anniversary of Fr. McGivney's death
- 15 Semi-Annual Council Audit Report Form 1295 due
- 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

State Convention list of Deceased Brother Knights

The State Convention Memorial Mass listed the following deceased brothers for the period since the May 2009 convention. May they rest in peace.

Falls City 2512, Rudolph Dziuk, PGK

Seguin 3412, Charles Beall, Thomas Bell, Johnny Bohuslav, Marcos Flores, Willie Mertz, Sr., William Schacht, Barney Springs
San Antonio 4140, Patrick J. Cowley, Harry W. Foster

New Braunfels 4183, Joe S. Alvarado, Michael J. Carl, Marion Dome, Nelson E. Jechow, PGK, Otto A. Korenek, Charles Kucherka, John A. Paine, PGK, Marvin J. Pustka, Anthony H. Rittimann

San Antonio 4315, Alfonso Barrera, Clemence A. Carle, Rev. Victor M. Carrillo, Julian Cavazos, Charles T. Miller, Harold M. O'Berg, Earl Page, Arthur A. Patino, PGK, Alfonso Salazar, Edward S. Schroeder
San Antonio 4786, Rev. John E. Kelly

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Today's Catholic June 4th special edition

The June 4th special farewell edition of Today's Catholic had an increased press run and ran 40 pages in its primary section and then a 36-page supplement of advertisements and good wishes for the archbishop.

That's a record 76 pages total for this edition!

Page 33 has a quarter page ad by the Knights and page 34 ran a story I wrote for this newsletter and send to editor Jordan B. McMorrough as background info only but that they chose to run in its entirety.

State Organizational Meeting in Houston June 9 - 11

The new fraternal year officially kicks off at the State Organizational Meeting to be held July 9 – 11 at the Omni Houston Hotel at Westside, 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX - (281) 558-8338.

The ticket registration form must be mailed no later than Friday, June 18.

This weekend is held to brief all attendees on the Texas State Council goals for the upcoming year and the State Deputy will address the issues at hand.

Installation of new Diocesan Deputies and District Deputies will also take place.

Live streaming of holy rosary for oil spill

On Thursday, June 17, <http://www.kofcmedia3858.org> will have a family rosary hour program and live streaming of the rosary.

The rosary will have the special intention for those affected by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Especially for those Knights of Columbus in the Gulf Region that includes the following areas: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Gulf Coast region.

All Knights who have family in those areas are aware of the tremendous loss of property and business for those residents.

Please tune in for more information at that time and join in the Family Rosary Hour Program.

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Council and Assembly elections are almost over and this issue brings a closure to 2010-2011. The work begins anew July 1. A new year is upon us and work and new officers must start the journey of success that is incumbent on everyone.

Budgetary allotments must be made and councils will place those items they deem necessary for their budget expenses. Income sources must continue to be sought and working those projects require the leadership of each organization and its membership.

May we suggest four line items to be included in every organization's budget? The Religious Appreciation Dinner in February, the Bishop Flanagan Golf Classic, the Hospitality Room for the State Convention and, Clergy Related Events where the chapter is asked for support. Every one of these are chapter projects, that you as a member of the Knights of Columbus Chapter take credit for in the eyes of the clergy and the archdiocese.

Cuddling of new Knights by a council's elders and past Grand Knights is imperative, as they need your assistance to move forward. The same is true of new navigators and new District Deputies. The departing and former leaders must mentor them if success is the goal of the organization.

Mentoring also applies to those officers who may be your next leaders. Tell them 'we want you to learn what we do so that when you take over the reins of administration you will be ready to march on.' Otherwise, like the song of past, a wayward wind is a restless wind you're your organization has nowhere to go.

This issue, like the last, has a plethora of stories on our past archbishop. Perhaps some may see it as overkill. But I cannot forget the words from a nun out of Our Lady of the Lake who told me, referring to the importance of his departure, "But Rudy we have never lost an archbishop!" Enough said.

The first issue of this newsletter in January was set on 12 point Times New Roman font. Later, because so many stories were being left out due to space limitations, the size was reduced to 10 point. The problem continued with as many as four to six stories that would not fit into eight pages.

This issue, then, is in 9 point. The upside in a smaller font is that we can add about 700-900 more words per issue by each one-point reduction in font size. For the blind like myself, I did a test run to see if I could read the new size font. I could. Plus only two stories/pictures were left out. That is good news. By the way, we have yet to find a proofreader that can read the issue before printing to check on grammar and sentence syntax. Any volunteers?

Lastly, a thank you to Sam Szalwinski for his leadership as Diocesan Deputy for two years; his fatherly approach, with me at least, served him well. Thanks you Sam for your good work.

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