



The Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights: I pray everyone had a Blessed and very merry Christmas. What an awesome turnout we had for our Council Christmas Party! Lets all thank Brother Jim Bilnoski for keeping St. Nicholas on track, on time, and for finding our Parish Activity Center. Also, give a big pat on the back to Brother John and Sister Linda McGill for assuring Santa had plenty of gifts for all the little ones and also for coordinating the evening meal. As the New Year turns, I would hope for those of you who have been hesitant to involve yourself in our Council activities that you hear the call in 2012. We would love the opportunity to work with you and have you enjoy the camaraderie that is the Knights. On a personal note, I just finished my fourth round of chemotherapy at MD Anderson. That means my blood counts will be virtually zero for the coming weeks causing me to be very susceptible to infections. That also means I will be a shut-in during this infectious season. While at MD Anderson, Lucy and I visited briefly with Ann Konderla (wife of Brother David and mother of Brother Chuck). I ask you keep Sister Ann in your prayers for the need of healing. Please keep Chuck Salvato and Tommy Ribardo in our prayers as they continue to mend. I toast you and your families and wish for a Blessed and prosperous New Year! God's blessings, Terry Douglas

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Each Saturday - Knights "Stand & Pray" 11 a.m. to noon at Planned Parenthood Clinic on East 29th.
- Jan 1 – Sunday: New Years Day. Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Day of Obligation.
- Jan 5 – Thursday: "Pray the Rosary" in the Adoration Chapel at 7 pm.
- Jan 6 – Friday: First Friday Knights' Get-Together Luncheon.
- Jan 6 – Friday: Feast of the Epiphany.
- Jan 8 – Sunday: Baptism of Jesus
- Jan 8 - 14 – Sunday - Saturday: Vocations Awareness Week.
- Jan 10 – Tuesday: KofC Supreme Catholic Advertising due.
- Jan 12 – Thursday: Council officer-director-chair meeting in the PAC following Rosary at 7 p.m.
- Jan 14 – Saturday: Mid-Year Diocesan Conference 9 a.m. to noon at Rockdale Council Hall off of Hwy 79. Registration at 8 a.m. \$7 meal.
- Jan 15 – Sunday: Family of Month form due to Supreme.
- Jan 19 – Thursday: Council regular meeting in PAC. Meal at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan 20 – Friday: Activities deadline for Church's February newsletter.
- Jan 24 – Tuesday: 4th Degree regular meeting at 7 p.m. at Co. 1834 Hall.
- Jan 25 – Wednesday: First Degree Exemplification at 6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas - Zurek Hall.
- Jan 31 – Tuesday: Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Center in College Station.
- Jan 31 – Tuesday: Fraternal Activity Annual Survey (form 1728) due.
- Jan 31 – Tuesday: Seminarian Support Award deadline.
- Jan 31 – Tuesday: Free Throw Report (form FT-1) due.
- DATE, TIME, & SITE PENDING Council & District Basketball Free Throw Events for girls & boys 10-14 years old (age as of Jan 1, 2012). Birth certificates or other proof of birth required. Council winners receive certificates and compete in District event immediately following council event. District winners receive medals and are eligible for Diocesan competitions.

KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



Getting the Message Across

THANK YOU Brother Chris Nugent for securing "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboards for three Bryan locations (near Sodolak's Restaurant, Hwy 21 East; across from the "Y" on South College Avenue; and near the RR tracks on Finfeather Road).

THANK YOU . . .

. . . to each and every Brother Knight for your outstanding and unselfish support of Church, community, youth, family, and council activities during the fraternal year.

DECEMBER FAMILY OF MONTH JOHN & LINDA MCGUILL

Brother John and Sister Linda coordinated the council's Christmas Party meal and made sure Santa had gifts for the children.

DECEMBER KNIGHT OF MONTH JIM BILNOSKI

Brother Jim made sure that a very busy Santa got to the council's Christmas Party to deliver gifts to a large turnout of children.

Prayer Request

Continue to pray for Grand Knight **Terry Douglas** and his family.

2012 SCHOLARSHIP

Chuck Gilliland posted the recently revised application at <http://www.stjosephbcs.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=154>.

K of C Field Agent News

Money management makes sound investment of available funds. For investments containing desirable features, contact **Doug Supak** or **Jody Supak** at (979) 968-5332 or supakins@cmaaccess.com.

FIRST DEGREE

The new year's first 1st Degree is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25 at St. Thomas Aquinas - Zurek Hall. Council members are urged to attend to support the candidates.

GETTING MEMBERS INTO THE COUNCIL IS EVERYONE'S JOB

All you have to do is . . . ASK. PLEASE recruit prospective Knights now for the next first degree. Our council's fraternal year quota is 14 new Knights, but ONLY 2 new Knights have been recruited so far

IT'S TIME TO DO OUR THING FOR THE SPRING FLING

DGK **Mike Swetish** requests assistance from brother Knights on Saturday, February 4. The council will prepare the meal for the annual St. Joseph School Spring Fling at the Brazos Center. This is the council's first attempt at this big event, so pray that we meet and surpass expectations. Your help will be needed, so mark the date on your calendar and contact Brother Mike (sswetish@txcyber.com or 778-2810 office) to sign up.