

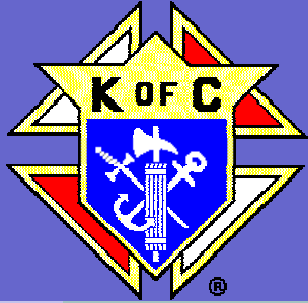
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## Grand Knight's Report



Greetings Brothers,

I hope that you all had a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday, thankful for all the Lord has provided. It was a wonderful time to visit with family and friends.

Many thanks go out to those who helped in any way with the sale, preparation and distribution of the smoked turkeys. Along with our neighbor council in Sienna, we cooked / smoked 140 turkeys. There was great fellowship along with the work and if you missed out, consider joining in a future project. Even if you don't sign up you are always welcome to show up and help.

I've often heard that there is a "club" of members who run everything. The truth is there are those who regularly show up to volunteer their time and effort for the good of the council and parish. Any member can be part of that "club," just show up for the meeting and volunteer opportunities. No volunteer has ever been denied the opportunity to serve. So if you are not a part of the action, feel free to join in.

As we move into Advent and the Christmas season, remember the reason for the season. To that end, the Knights will be distributing our pillows and blankets care baskets to those less fortunate elderly on Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>. This is an enjoyable and rewarding chance to serve others and requires just a couple of hours in the morning.

I look forward to seeing you all at our monthly meeting on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. And to all members and their families, I wish a very Merry Christmas.

Cliff Buede

Grand Knight

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### Special points of interest:

- **Urgent** - All Brothers are urged to notify Brother Mark Smith of changes to your address so that we can keep our records up to date! Email him at [masmithjr@comcast.net](mailto:masmithjr@comcast.net)
- **Email Addresses** - We have about 80% of member email addresses. If you are not receiving the Newsletter notice electronically, please send your email address to [billletendre@yahoo.com](mailto:billletendre@yahoo.com). If you do not have access to a computer, notify us to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter.

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# The Knight Rider

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## Knights of Columbus Insurance



### Insurance check-up for 2010

Can you believe it will soon be 2010? I hope that 2009 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2010. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

**Joshua Cutbirth-Field Agent-713-884-5854**

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## Volunteer Opportunities

### Pillows & Blankets Event

**Saturday, December 19**

**9 am—Parish Hall—Delivery to recipients [each Brother will be assigned 2-3 families]**

### Super Bowl Brisket Fund Raising Event

#### Pre-sales

**January 23-24, 2010—after all masses (Church courtyard)**

**January 30-31, 2010—after all masses (Church courtyard)**

#### Cooking

**February 5-6, 2010—Parish Hall Kitchen (Schedule to be posted in January newsletter)**

#### Pick-up

**February 7, 2010—Parish Hall Kitchen Door (8 am—12 pm)**

## Phone Numbers To Keep Handy

Grand Knight:	Cliff Buede	979-799-8318	cliffordbuede@att.net
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Chancellor:	Bob Bilski	281-980-4407	bob@impressiveprinting.us
Recorder:	Jimmy Holzhauser	281-277-6666	jimmy.holzhauser@gmail.com
Advocate:	Ian Cullen	281-265-5222	iancullen01@yahoo.com
Warden:	Doug Turner	281-980-4169	dtpc@alltel.net
Outside Guard (2):	Kenny Preismeyer	281-565-8765	kpriesmeyer@kwtxas.com
Outside Guard (1):	Michael Hartman	281-343-8984	mlh351@earthlink.net
Inside Guard (1):	Nieves Olvera, Jr.	281-857-4859	nolverajr@comcast.net
Inside Guard (2):	Kyle Schockley	281-980-3867	gumz_dude15@yahoo.com
Trustee 1 Year:	Tim Cullen	281-265-5222	tpcullen@alltel.net
Trustee 2 Year:	Bob Jaros	281-208-0506	robertj@firstcolony.org
Trustee 3 Year:	Tim Haney	281-449-8206	trhaney@comcast.net
Treasurer:	Greg Schockling	281-980-1688	gschocklin@aol.com
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### From the Editor

The newsletter notice is being emailed to all members.

If you have not received the email notice, either we don't have your correct email address or any email address at all for you. The newsletter is available as a PDF file for download on the St. Laurence website at:

<http://www.stlaurenceparish.com/>

<http://www.tkofc.org>

Please forward your email address to [billletendre@yahoo.com](mailto:billletendre@yahoo.com) if you are not receiving the notice electronically or if your email changes

Bill Letendre, Newsletter Editor



We offer our prayers for the following Brothers and families:

- Brother Jim Lord
- Brother Bill Copenhagen
- Brother Martin Adrian
- Repose of the soul of Theresa Walker
- Success of the Medical Mission to Laredo
- Members of our Armed Forces both living and deceased



### Help Wanted:

Brother Knights interested in cooking for our monthly meeting. Get a chance to cook for approximately 50 hungry men that are not too particular about your cooking skills. Work on a rotating basis with other like minded individuals. Great pay plan: 1/2 the split and take and all the beer you can consume. Will accept applicants with driving skills that can arrange and pick up a meal. The alternative is PIZZA, yuck. Please contact Buster at 281-433-5215 or e-mail [busterspencer@remax.net](mailto:busterspencer@remax.net).



# December 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 <b>Business Meeting 7 pm</b>	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <b>4th Assembly Mtg 7 pm</b>	16	17 <b>Officers Mtg 7 pm</b>	18	19 <b>Pillows &amp; Blankets 9 am</b>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# January 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 <b>Business Meeting 7 pm</b>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 <b>4th Assembly Mtg 7 pm</b>	20	21 <b>Officers Mtg 7 pm</b>	22	23 <b>Brisket Pre-sale</b>
24 <b>Brisket Pre-sale</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30 <b>Brisket Pre-sale</b>
31 <b>Brisket Pre-sale</b>						

# February 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 <b>Business Meeting 7 pm</b>	5 <b>Brisket Cooking</b>	6 <b>Brisket Cooking</b>
7 <b>SUPER BOWL—Brisket Pick-up</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 <b>4th Assembly Mtg 7 pm</b>	17	18 <b>Officers Mtg 7 pm</b>	19 <b>Lenten Fish Fry 5 pm</b>	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <b>Lenten Fish Fry 5 pm</b>	27
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## Schedule of Events

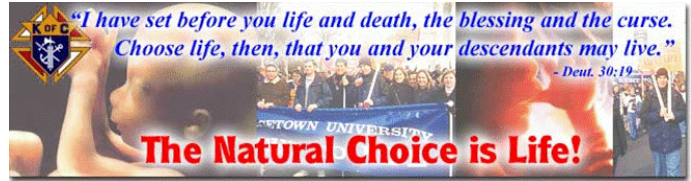
- December 3—7 pm Council Business Meeting—Parish Hall with Dinner
- December 15—7 pm 4th Degree Assembly Meeting—St. Basil Hall
- December 17—7 pm Officers/Committee Chairmen Meeting—Rm 2
- December 19—9 am Pillows & Blankets—Parish Hall
- January 7-7 pm Council Business Meeting—Parish Hall with Dinner
- January 19—7 pm 4th Degree Assembly Meeting—St. Basil Hall
- January 21—7 pm Officers/Committee Chairmen Meeting—Rm 2
- January 23-24-30-31-Super Bowl Brisket Pre-sales after all masses
- February 4—7 pm Council Business Meeting—Parish Hall with Dinner
- February 16—7 pm 4th Degree Assembly Meeting—St. Basil Hall
- February 18—7 pm Officers/Committee Chairmen Meeting—Rm 2
- February 19—5 pm Lenten Fish Fry—Parish Hall
- February 26—5 pm Lenten Fish Fry—Parish Hall

**Invite a friend to become a Knight!**

Please welcome **Barth Liche** as a new member to the Council.

**Contact Brother Richard Ramirez, if you want to attend a Major Degree Exemplification.**

**His phone is 281-685-8098 and his email is rravr2@aol.com**



**PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN**

We should make it a habit to pray daily for the lives of the unborn. Here is a very short and easy to remember prayer by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen:

**Jesus, Mary, Joseph,  
I love you very much.  
I beg you to spare the life of the  
u n b o r n c h i l d  
that I have spiritually adopted, who is  
in danger of abortion. Amen.**

**November Calendar Raffle Winners**

DATE	NUMBER	WON	NAME	SELLER
11/02/09	887	\$40	Swonke, Tom	Szabo, John
11/03/09	087	\$30	Fogarty, Fred	Feldman, Robert
11/04/09	536	\$30	Nowak, Jennifer	Chirco, Joe
11/05/09	771	\$30	Rosas, Robert R.	Do, Yvette
11/06/09	092	\$40	Fogarty, Fred	Feldman, Robert
11/07/09	877	\$50	Brenner, Robert	Hanshaw, Steve
11/09/09	717	\$40	Baxter, David L.	Turner, Doug
11/10/09	698	\$30	Hunter, Susan	Siwierka, Ted
11/11/09	717	\$30	Baxter, David L.	Turner, Doug
11/12/09	225	\$30	Schmoe, Diana	Schmoe, Lee
11/13/09	525	\$40	Dunham, Mark & Becky	Dunham, Bob
11/14/09	485	\$50	Kresta, Karen	Dunham, Bob
11/16/09	237	\$40	Schmoe, Cherie	Schmoe, Lee
11/17/09	659	\$30	Siffert, Chris	Siffert, John
11/18/09	327	\$30	Haines, Ricky	Haney, Tim
11/19/09	313	\$30	Silvas, Liz	Viaclovsky, Ron
11/20/09	600	\$40		
11/21/09	675	\$50	SantaMaria, Juan Cristian	Guarisco, Joe
11/23/09	991	\$40	Helpenshtill, Lynn	Benzaia, Tom
11/24/09	601	\$30	Payonk, Barbie	Bilski, Bob
11/25/09	520	\$30	Quatrini, Anne	Williams, Chris
11/26/09	654	\$200	Bothe, R.	Guarisco, Joe
11/27/09	559	\$40	Haney, Tim	Haney, Tim
11/28/09	975	\$50	Swonke, Tom	Szabo, John
11/30/09	228	\$40	Schmoe, Diana	Schmoe, Lee

## District Deputy # 75 Report



Worthy Brothers,

The holidays are upon us and we really do have reasons to celebrate and be thankful. I know I am thankful for my Lord and Savior, my family, my friends, my job and especially my brother Knights. It has been a full year since I first took office as your District Deputy and I realize how grateful I am to have brothers who care about the same things that I care about. You have taught me many things and I thank all of you for that; I especially want to thank my wife Gerry for standing behind me in this endeavor and encouraging me to be the best that I can be as your District Deputy.

In the past month, District 75 has seen some awesome events take place. The District has held two first degrees in which we welcomed 20 new brothers to the order. We held a Squires Investiture at Council 7382 in which 4 young catholic men became members of the Squires. This could not have been possible without the help of Tony Miller of 7382 and John Clennan of 4204. Thanks to both of you and the boys! As I attended the council meetings in the district this past month I was able to pass out checks to each of the councils for their participation in the District Golf Tournament, man I really like handing out money! Hopefully next year we will be able to pay off every council's state charity goal. As you can see we have had a busy and successful few weeks but the icing on the cake came a couple weeks ago when it was published that District 75 made Star District for the last fraternal year. It has been a long time since this district was recognized as a Star District and I want to thank Immediate Past District Deputy Dennis Marek for getting the ball rolling and helping me get started. I also want to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to our order. Congratulations to all the councils in District 75!

My brothers, as we wind down this calendar year, I hope that you look back on this past year's accomplishments and say a prayer of thanks to God for all the blessings that He has given us. I also hope that you will commit yourselves even more to the coming year and all that it holds in store for us as Catholic families and brothers.

May God bless you and your families this Christmas season,  
Gary Blanchette  
District Deputy #75



# Council Photo Album



**Brother Ramirez welcomes new Brothers Adrian, Graham, and Crawford.**

**DGK Chirco presents \$1,000 donation check to Brother St. Cyr to support the Medical Mission journey to Laredo.**



**Brother Holzhauser and Priesmeyer paired with friends at 1st Annual Golf Tournament supporting Texas State Charities.**

# Council Photo Album



## Thanksgiving Turkey Fund Raising Event



# Council Photo Album



# TURKEYS

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## Job Opportunity

### St. Laurence Church Sacristan

The parish office is accepting applications for an adult sacristan. This is a paid position with flexible weekend hours and on the job training. Among the responsibilities of this position is preparing the altar for Mass and overseeing the collection monies. If you are interested in this position or if you have questions please call Paula in the parish office @ 281-980-9812.