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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

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FAITH FAMILY FRATERNITY



I hope you, your families and friends had a Joyous Christmas celebrating the birth of our Savior and a Wonderful New Year that only gets better. Through the generosity of many, the Knights of Columbus St. Thomas More Southwest Council 3910 was blessed with a highly successful first half of the 2011-2012 fraternal year.

As Knights, we salute our pastor Fr. Bill Oliver, whose ongoing support and encouragement make our work possible. We thank our clergy, parishioners, community neighbors and corporate friends, such as Wal-

mart, La Madeleine, Starbucks, Demeris Bar-B-Q, McDonald's and Home Depot for helping us help others. There are others that assist the Knights in many ways. You are remembered and appreciated. Our gratitude goes out to all of you!

I congratulate my Brother Knights and their lovely ladies for a job well done. With the funds raised from events such as Fajitas, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Briskets, Chicken Tenders, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, and Italian Sausage, we are making a big difference.

Going into 2012 our momentum is noteworthy, giving us reason to be excited! In January, we begin with a "Back

by Popular Demand" Chicken Tenders Family Lunch. Our Smoked Briskets have been so successful that the Knights are introducing Smoked Chickens this February. During Lent on Fridays, we continue with our Archdiocesan People's Choice Award for "Best Fried" and "Best Baked" catfish. On May 21st, the Knights are again sponsoring the His Hands of Hope Annual Charity Golf Tournament. These events and others underwrite our VA Hospital Ministry, Adoration and Knights of Columbus Jubilee Pancakes (third weekend in March: late Saturday evening, very early Sunday morning), Easter Egg Hunt, our STM Scholarships Program and much more.

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ON CHARITY AND GIVING

BY: IRVIN SCHUELER



Brother Knights,
FIRST ITEM:
On Sunday 18 Dec 2011 I was approached by Ingrid Gooding (Barbara Mackie's daughter) who requested I accompany her to an apartment complex to deliver Christmas gifts to a needy family. Ingrid and I took two large plastic bags full of gifts (from The Gabriel Project at STM) to the young mother and her 4 children. Here's the rundown:

The woman is 28 (divorced or otherwise unassisted by a husband), recently dismissed from her job as a checkout clerk from Fi-

esta. Her children are a girl approx. 6, a girl approx. 3, a boy approx. 2, a girl approx. 1. Her automobile is a Saturn, perhaps 10 years old, which "doesn't run". The apartment has meager furnishings, but the mother does not know how long she will be able to remain in the apartment, therefore does not desire any beds or other furnishing, which are conspicuously missing. The mother conducts herself admirably and all are obviously not riding "high upon the hog", but are clean and well mannered.

I told Ingrid to tell the mother that we (my brother knights and I) would get her car operational

unless it is terminally ill. Within our council we have enough talent to take care of most anything and I exhort all to assist me. When we entered the apartment I was immediately reminded of the three other families we outfitted in grand fashion in the past 4 years. This is a challenge the Holy Spirit handed to me and I have sought the best possible cure for the situation. Please contact me quickly to see how we can solve, or at least ease, this dilemma.

NEXT ITEM:

My older brother, Paul, arrived from Wyoming on Monday 19 Dec 2011. He has the

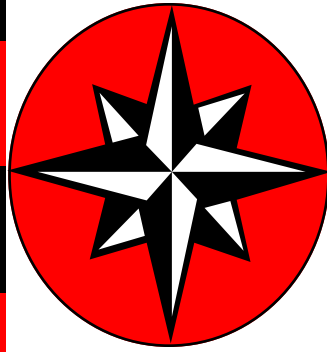
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Brothers: Turner, Mahoney, GK Warner & Schueler recognize Home Depot, Le Madeleine, and Starbucks within our community!

SW Council of Houston
Knights of Columbus #3910

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!



A SUNDAY AT ST. CHAPPELLE IN ETIENNE FRANCE.



Greetings to all from across the pond. Winter has finally arrived; it's a cold sleety, snowy Sunday here in Saint Etienne, France. A perfect day to stay indoors; catch up on some e-mail; and watch the Texans game live this evening (NFL.com's Game Pass is a beautiful thing).

I went to mass this morning at Chapelle St. Bernard which is directly across the street from my apartment building (which was very appreciated on a day like today). The chapel is currently served by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter founded in 1988 which is dedicated to formation, sanctification, and pastoral deployment of priests in the cadre of the traditional Roman Rite. This is fortunate for me because 1) I understand more of the mass because it is more Latin and less French, and 2) the new changes to our own Roman Missal in English make perfect sense after studying the Latin text.

The chapel itself was constructed in the 1890's in the Romanesque style. There are several, beautiful stained glass windows adorning the walls and the apse. An expansive choir loft allows for incredible, non-amplified acoustics. The gilded bronze altar contains relics of Saint Barbara, who was especially revered in the local area as the patron saint of miners and engineers, professions the once flourished in this region.

Sadly though; the chapel was only about 1/3 full today, the Fourth Sunday of Advent in preparation for the birth of our Savior. The parishioners are a mixture of senior citizens and young families; but nearly absent of young adults. Besides a rosary said before each mass and a talented choir; there is no other lay participation in the church. Coming from the St. Thomas More tradition of stewardship; this is difficult for me to understand. I have tried reaching out in spite of the language barrier; but to date have

only made friends with on one young couple, Claude & Claire, and Claude's brother Carl. Claude & Carl spent time in high school and college in the US. Carl is in his apostolate assignment after attending the Seminary of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Denton, Nebraska He will be ordained in May as a Priest of the Fraternity of Saint Peter. Carl reminds a little of Father Christopher, an athletic young man with a real passion for serving his God and his Church. Alas, there is hope!

The Church in France has a proud tradition of missionary work throughout the world; including the difficult areas such as Southeast Asia and China in the 19th century. There were numerous priests, brothers, sisters and lay people who were martyred during that time. I ask that you keep the Church here in your prayers; that there will be more zealous young men like Carl who will answer the call; and the Church in France will not meet the same fate as the mining and engineering industries mentioned above.

Finally, I hope to see you all soon. Faithfully yours, Steve Shrout

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title for a good Ford pickup, which he wants to donate to the sisters at St. Catherine Convent. He and I have been working for months to resolve the problem of a lost title so he could give the truck to the sisters. The truck is fully operational, but requires some minor surgery to get it in proper condition worthy of its intended use and location. The only things I wish assistance on are repair of 4 rust outs on the fender and door sills. Anyone skilled in the art of "Bondo" cosmetics please come forth and instruct me or take care of this need. The existing pickup will be positioned at one of the other convents. These trucks make real "duck soup" of many tasks.

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EASTER EGG HUNTING!

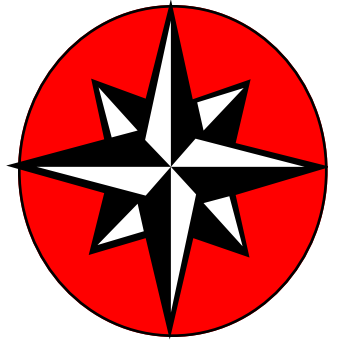


For a number of years now, the Knights of Columbus have been running the STM parish Easter Egg Hunt. It's open to all kids. Each year the hunt seems to get a little bigger and the kids seem to have a little more fun. This means that the need from the Knights to direct the event also grows. We need egg hiders before the hunt, servers and ushers during the event and pr/question answerers the whole time. The Easter Egg Hunt is always at 2:00 on the Saturday before Easter, this year April 7. Everyone volunteering this event will leave with a big grin on your face after you see the unbridled excitement of the kids. The event is rain or shine, so even if you can't attend, please pray for good weather. Tom Mack (Chair: 713-805-0711).

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Our successes are great, our 2012 plans are great, but the need continues to be great as well. There is plenty for the Knights at St. Thomas More to do. We must intensify our ability to serve our parish and beyond. Simply said, "More Knights can do more; a lot more Knights can do a lot more charitable work."

Six months ago upon becoming your Grand Knight, I asked for your prayers that I might continue the leadership provided by our Past Grand Knights. Now, I petition you to again pray for the same, but also to pray that more men will join the Knights of Columbus. Knighthood brings you closer to your faith and allows you to help bring others closer to their faith. Brothers, share this blessing. Ask/sponsor at least one Catholic gentleman to join you, join us, and join NOW!

Bettering lives through service, Ben Warner



- Jan. 4: Officers' meeting, 7:00
- Thursday Jan. 5: His Hands of Hope (Adolfo Morales 713-728-5251) K of C Golf Meeting, 7:30 PM, Rectory.
- Jan. 7: Diocesan Conference, 9:00 AM at Council 2917 Hall, 607 E. Whitney Dr., Houston, TX 77022.
- Jan. 8: VA Hospital Ministry (Al Adams, questions 713-723-6192)
- Jan. 10: Galveston-Houston Chapter Meeting, 7:00 PM at Council 3077 Hall, 420 Telephone Rd.
- Jan. 11: Southwest Council 3910 Meeting
- Jan. 15: Chicken Tenders Family Lunch (Al Thierry Chair 713-728-0044)
- K of C STM Basketball Free Throw (Co-Chair Reynolds Contreras 713-417-6180 & Adam Crick 281-844-5664), 2:00 PM STM New Gym
- Jan. 22: Accepting Orders for Smoked Chicken (Chair Edward Rios 713-409-0687, Vice-Chair Eduardo Salazar-Vega 832-628-0229) at Table in front of Church after Mass (Marshal Reynolds Contreras 713-417-6180)
- Jan. 25: Southwest Council 3910 Meeting 1st degree
- Jan. 27: Clergy Appreciation Night, 6:30 PM Cocktails, 7:30 PM Stafford Center
- Jan. 28 & Sunday Jan. 29: Accepting Orders for Smoked Chicken
- Feb. 1: Officers meeting
- Feb.4: STM Auction
- Feb. 5: Table Order Smoked Chicken
- Feb. 8: Council meeting
- Feb.11: Major Degree
- Feb. 12: Smoked chicken delivery
- Feb.14: Chapter meeting
- Feb. 18: Jubilee Sock Hop
- Feb.22: Ash Wednesday, Potato Soup,

- Council Speaker
- Feb. 24: Lenten Fish Fry (noon-10pm) Serve 5-8 pm Prinster Hall
- All Fridays in March Lenten Fish Fry (noon-10pm) Serve 5-8 pm Prinster Hall
- Mar.7: Officer's meeting
- Mar.13: Chapter meeting
- Mar.14: Council meeting
- Mar.17: Jubilee Adoration/ Pancake Breakfast
- Mar.18: VA visitation
- Mar.28: Council 1st Degree
- Apr.4: Officer's meeting
- Apr.6: Good Friday
- Apr.7: Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr.8: Easter
- Apr.10: Chapter meeting
- Apr.9: Council meeting
- Apr.15: Divine Mercy Sunday Pancake Breakfast
- Apr.21: Jubilee Wegemar talk on STM
- Apr.25: Council meeting w/ speaker
- Apr.26: Assist DD with Convention
- Apr.27-29: State Convention Houston
- May 2: Officer's meeting
- May 5:5pm Corporate Communion Grand Knight Party

- May 8: Chapter meeting
- May 9: Council meeting
- May 12-13 & 19-20: Golf table after masses
- May 13: Mother's Day
- May 19: Jubilee Crawfish Boil
- May 21: His hands of Hope Golf Tournament
- May 23: Council hosting 1st Degree
- May 27: VA Visitation
- June 6: Officer's meeting
- June 12: Chapter meeting
- June 13: Council Election
- June 17: Father's Day & ACTS Lunch 9am-2pm
- June 23: Jubilee Mass w/ Cardinal Dinardo/ Dinner following
- June 27: Council meeting w/ speaker

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The gift truck is in Houston and I would like for us to present it to the holy sisters as a Christmas present -- or at least in time to be one of the good things that happened in 2011.
Yours in Christ's service, Irvin Schueler
P.S.: When candidates ask you, "What do Knights do?", tell them about these things and hundreds of other problems we solve.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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