



Saint Mary Queen of the Universe Council 8196 March, 2012 Newsletter

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**Newsletter
Lawrence Wetter &
Scott Gordine**

I am pleased to announce that **Scott Gordine** is now helping with the newsletter. Among other things, Scott is printing and folding copies mailed to members not getting it by e-mail.

Have you visited our Facebook page yet? Upcoming Council events are posted along with pictures of events. It is named "K of C Council 8196". If you are into Facebook, please join in. If you have questions, please contact Brother **Larry Stoss**.

Knight of the Month

December – Lawrence Wetter
January – Jarod Hazelhorst
February – Clint Newton

Family of the Month

December – Bob and Phyllis Brown
January – ???
February – ???

2011- 2012 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

March

16 Fish supper for the parish
26 Mass for the Unborn

April

3 Council meeting
17 First degree initiation
21-22 Membership drive
22 Corporate Communion and breakfast

May

1 Council meeting
5-7 State Convention, Topeka

June

5 Family picnic – Lakewood Park
19 First Degree initiation

Recent Activities

January 8 was Bunko-fun night with wives/guests. Attendance was 26, and a good time was had by all, as reported by brother Charley Rhein.

The Birthright benefit breakfast and raffle was held January 22 under the direction of Deputy GK Tom Katafiasz. Raffle winners were: TV - Ron Denault; \$50 Martinelli's gift certificate - Joleen Richardson; \$30 Applebee's gift certificate - David Ash. The breakfast menu included pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit cocktail, coffee, and juice.

Al Koch, below, is joining the chow line.



Below, Sil Weber smiles for the camera at the Birthright breakfast. Sil is a member of Council 601, and the father of Father Keith Weber, a member of our Council, a former pastor here at St. Mary's, and now at the KSU St. Bellarmine StudentCenter.



The fund raiser breakfast for CYO was held Mar 11th. Food Director Jerry Schumacher planned a pancake and sausage & bisquit themed breakfast with fresh fruit as a side. Several members of the St Mary's parish CYO were on hand to help with serving while volunteers from our council 8196 prepared the food.



CYO members (from L-R) Brooke Simpson, Veronica Lopez, Paige Simpson, Drew Simpson and Victoria Lopez serve breakfast after the 10am Mass



Council member John Ourada putting his pancake flipping skill on display.



Council member Charlie Rhein is seen flexing his muscles as he gets ready to lift iron griddle that produced all of the pancakes for the CYO breakfast.

K of C Free Throw Championship

Council #8196 sponsored the Local Free Throw Championship at Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School on Sunday, January 22, 2012. At this event, 9 boys and 1 girl shot 15 free throws each to determine a champion in 5 age groups. The winners advanced to the District Championship on February 5, 2012. Those winners and results:

Girls: 14yr	Shayla Klein	5/15
Boys: 11yr	Grant Herrenbruck	13/15
	12yr Blake Palen	9/15
	13yr Tyler Ritter	10/15
	14hr Jack Skidmore	11/15

Thank you to Youth Activities Director Harold Klein and all Brother Knights who helped conduct this event. As always, thank you to John Krajcek of Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School for allowing us to use the gym.

District Free Throw

The District #28 Free Throw Championship was held at Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School on February 5, 2012. Winners from local events sponsored by Council 601, 8196 and

1086 shot 25 free throws each to determine who would advance to the Regional contest in Tipton, KS on February 19, 2012. District Deputy David Fox presented 1st place medals to the following winners:

Girls: 10yr Lexxi Espada 1/25
Council 1086
 14yr Shayla Klein 10/25
Council 8196
 Boys: 10yr Seth Bielefeld 15/25
Council 1086
 11yr Grant Herrenbruck 22/25
Council 8196
 12yr Nick Reinert 22/25
Council 601
 13yr Tyler Ritter 24/25
Council 8196
 14yr Jack Skidmore 20/25
Council 8196

Thanks to the Knights from all Salina councils: Harold Klein, Neal Saskowski, Scott Gordine, Chuck Schroder, Kenny Rhodes, Bob Pahls, Vince Klenda, Justin Martin, Joe Bachofer, Matt Bachofer, Mike Martin and John Jacobs. Thanks again to Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School and John Krajicek for allowing us to use the gym.

Respectfully submitted,
 Doug Mergen, GK

State Free Throw

Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High School hosted the 2012 Kansas Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Sunday, March 4, 2012. Boys and girls, ages 10 to 14, from six regional sites around the state, met to determine the state's best free throw shooters.

Knights from the Salina councils assisted in judging the contest. Special thanks to Harold Klein for judging the contest and his assistance in helping prepare the gym. I would like to express my thanks to the following Knights: Grand Knight Charles Schroder, Terry Bohm, Neal Saskowski, John Ourada, Justin Martin, Joe Bachofer, Adam Cote, Clint Newton, Scott Gordine, Ryan Weber, Pat Martin, Vince Klenda, Virgil Kinkelaar, Steve Nordhus, Pat Martin and Vernon Martinez for their help.

Thank you to Chris and Renee Thompson and St. Mary's/Sacred Heart CYO for running the concession stand.

Final thanks go to Principal John Krajicek and Asst. Principal Eric Muninger for allowing us to use the gym, basketball court and sound system.

The opening prayer this year was offered by Sr. Pauline Kukula. State Deputy Mark Roth, State Youth Activity Director Rod Hoffman and District Deputy David Fox presented 1st place trophies to the following champions:

GIRLS		BOYS	
10yr	Ashlyn Cure 21/25 <i>from Ingalls</i>	21/25	Robert Hickel 21/25 <i>from Claflin</i>
11yr	Conner Keith 19/25 <i>from Penokee</i>	19/25	David Cramer 23/25 <i>from Healy and 5/5</i>
12yr	Annie Patton 20/25 <i>from Lenexa</i>	20/25	Christopher Baker 24/25 <i>from Dodge City</i>
13yr	Samantha Gould 20/25 <i>from Colwich</i>	20/25	Tyler Popelka 24/25 <i>from Cuba</i>
14yr	Lakin Preisner 23/25 <i>from Emporia</i>	23/25	Ryder Yakel 23/25 <i>from Lakin</i>

State Free Throw, cont'd.

The NW, NE, SE and SC regions each had 1 champion. The NC region had 2 champions, and the SW region had 4 champions. Ryder Yakel defended his title won last as a 13yr old (22/25). Lakin Preisner became a 3 time champion and improved her scoring every year (13yr old: 22/25 and 12yr old: 21/25). By making 24/25 free throws, Christopher Baker and Tyler Popelka are potential international winners which is based on state results.

Respectfully submitted,
 Doug Mergen, State Contest Chairman

Council 601 hosted a major degree initiation at the Kof C hall on February 19. Brothers ?????????? joined Council 8196 that day. Etc., etc., Congratulations, and Welcome!

The annual **Vocations Poster Contest** was held At St Mary's Grade School, under the direction of Leon Deges. The theme was "CREATED AND CALLED TO SERVE". Judging was by Council 8196 members.

Winners are:

1st & 2nd Grade

1. Mya Carrico
2. Emma McNelly

3. Alex Boos

3rd & 4th Grade

1. Aiclyn Eller
2. Sara Archer
3. Bryan James Nouanlasy

5th & 6th Grade

1. Amy Schaulis
2. Eric Stockham
3. Paquito Garcia

LADIES NIGHT

A crowd of approximately 50 Knights and their Ladies enjoyed Ladies Appreciation Night February 11. A delicious meal was prepared by Jerry and Joyce Schumacher. Below, Grand Knight Doug Mergen presents Linda Campbell with a check for \$1,303.06, the proceeds of the Birthright breakfast, as Karel and Larry Maneth observe. The Maneth's are our Council's Right to Life couple.



March 11 was a fundraiser breakfast for the St. Mary's CYO. , etc.

(Scott, if you took a picture at the breakfast, please insert it with caption, etc. here.)

Insurance

Field Agent Adam Bruna, who is serving the three Salina councils, advises that General Agent Greg Schafer is actively trying to recruit a new agent for the Salina area. Anyone interested is asked to contact Adam Bruna, 1443 Bachtold Ave, Salina KS 67401. Phone: 785-404-2341, Fax: 785-404-2341, or cell: 785-562-8913.

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,

As I begin my 9th month as Grand Knight of Council 8196, I have a secret to share with all of you. When Lawrence Wetter, our newsletter editor, asked me to provide him my contribution this quarter, my mouth said "YES", but my brain thought "What have I gotten myself into". When I agreed to be Grand Knight, I thought I understood what responsibilities I was taking on and what was expected of me. I forgot that I was required to provide an article for the newsletter every 3 months that members would look forward to reading, would be inspirational and not embarrass me! So, here is my secret. I am totally panic-stricken every time I am required to put my thoughts on paper.

It's not that I don't have thoughts. I do. I'm just not sure that they are worth recording for everyone to read and save. But, as Grand Knight, I am compelled to find my motivation to provide not only this newsletter article, but conduct monthly meetings, host events and be a leader. I do things that, if given a choice, I probably would find myself not doing.

So, here's the point. I hope that I can be a successful Grand Knight. I am very pleased with the efforts of the current officers, directors, chairmen and Knights, all of whom contribute to my success. But, just as I look forward to starting

my tenure as Past Grand Knight (479 days), I am sure that every director and chairman looks forward to finding the next director and chairman. Take a minute or two to consider stepping outside your comfort zone. Talk to a director or chairman or officer about what they do. Think about becoming a "deputy" director or chairman. Think about volunteering for upcoming breakfasts or events or participating in the programs that the Knight's offer. Think about asking a qualified relative, neighbor or friend about becoming a Knight.

Feel free to contact me at 785-452-8355 or demergen@cox.net regarding your interests or concerns. Together we can continue to make Council 8196 bigger and better.
Vivat Jesu,

Doug Mergen, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Corner

HOLINESS OF LIFE.

I have been thinking about "holiness" a lot lately. There are at least two reasons for this. One is the new translation of the Mass. We hear the word "holy" many times. Each Eucharistic Prayer begins with the words: "You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness." The prayer goes on: "Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray...." The second reason is that we are in the season of Lent, our ultimate season of holiness.

One of the meanings of holiness is to be set apart. We make water holy by setting it aside for a special purpose: baptism, blessing ourselves, etc. The bread and wine at Mass is set apart from normal bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Christ. After the consecration, we pray that the Spirit set us aside from the world to be the Body of Christ.

The final week of Lent is called Holy Week. This week is set aside by the Church to be different from all other weeks of the year. This is obvious by the final three days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

My challenge to the Knights is to make the whole week of April 1-8 HOLY this year. Set aside even more than your normal Lenten time for prayer. Make plans now to attend daily Mass each day this week. Reach out to one person you know who might not have very many people reaching to him/her.

Above all, come to the Easter Vigil. I know it is a bit longer (about two hours) but it is the highlight of the year. No other liturgy lets us experience the Holiness of God. God is the one who is totally set aside and totally with us at the same time. This very different (holy) night communicates this to us like no other time in the Church year.

Father Kerry Ninemire