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## JANUARY 2012

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### PRAYERS NEEDED.

Please pray for Benny Navarro, former usher, who is in an assisted living center. And pray for Deacon Toby's continued recovery. Also pray for our sick members, Fr. Bill Benish and Fr. Fred Chalupa for health. Also for, Isaac Flores, brother of Juan Flores and Marion Raulie.

### UP FRONT

#### GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

First, a great big thank you for all the support you have given me this past year. It was a banner year for many of the events we sponsored, especially the annual garage sale. Everyone's help with this event was greatly appreciated.

We had two great turnouts for our corporate communions, and we were honored to pray the Rosary not only in May and October, but we were given permission to pray the Rosary after each Mass on every second Saturday/Sunday of the month. I want to thank all the Knights who participated, and I hope that we do better in 2012.

Throughout 2012, we will be praying the Rosary on the second and fourth Sunday after every mass. Our next corporate Communion is scheduled for Sunday, January 29 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, followed by a social hour in the PAC. I hope we have a good turnout for this special day.

Remember! we will be holding our second annual Mardi Gras Dinner & Dance on Saturday, Feb. 18. Your help in putting these events will ensure that they will be successful and profitable.

We have a tentative date for our annual garage sale - September 15 and 16.

Please put all of these dates on your calendars.

Due to the First Degree that was held prior to our regular meeting on Jan. 5, quite a few areas and subjects were not discussed, so I want to say that our next meeting, which will be on Feb. 3, may be a bit longer than usual. Also, thanks to all Knights who attended this inaugural degree put on by our own

team. And a big welcome to the two new Knights brought into our order. (More below in Fred's letter.) Our next First Degree will be held on March 1.

In conclusion, there are many areas within our council that need to be fixed, especially participation in events that require planning and preparation of foods such as breakfasts. Planning is usually done by the Council Chairman and he asks the council for volunteers to do the prep work with him as the leader. The key area is the PREP WORK. If we do not have enough volunteers, we run the risk of not completing the tasks at hand and the event will not be what it is supposed to be. Gentlemen and brothers, I want you to think among yourselves and try to come up with a better plan. For now, I am cancelling all further breakfasts except coffee and doughnuts on the first Sunday of each month. I will be waiting to here any and all suggestions on how to handle this item. Thank you!

VIVAT JESUS!

Richard Skrok, Grand Knight

**Richard Skrok, GK**

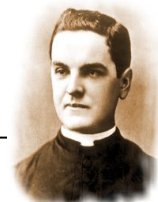
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#### DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT.

Hey, we made it another year! Happy New Year to all.

Reflecting on December and the entire year, the Council has made enormous strides and steadily focuses on advancing our fraternal goals. Thanks to the gift wrapping efforts of our Knights and dedicated volunteers, the kids at the Leander Head Start had an exciting and heartwarming pre-Christmas visit from Santa. To see their wide, and sometimes teary eyes, and broad smiles made our efforts as Knights worthwhile and satisfying.

We've made excellent progress in reciting the Holy Rosary at each Mass on the second weekend of the month. I'm very pleased to tell you that we've added an additional weekend beginning in January. We'll now recite the Holy Rosary at each second and fourth weekend Mass. The dedication by the Knights to our Blessed Mother is shining bright; we pray She will illuminate and make straight our way. Our inaugural First Degree Team has been spending extra effort and sacrificing much of their personal





time practicing for our FIRST ceremonial which was held on Jan. 5.

I'd also like to thank all of you who have contributed so much to the success of our Council. It is only through your involvement of time and treasure can we move forward in 2012. We'll have many more opportunities for you as an active member of the Council.

**Stan Urban DGK** [stanleyjurban@yahoo.com](mailto:stanleyjurban@yahoo.com)

### FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome new Knights Shannon Henderson and Kevin Pasnik. These two gentlemen took their oaths at our first ever First Degree exemplification.

#### **HISTORY!**

Shannon completed the RCIA program one year ago. He has been married 17 years to wife Joyce, and has two children.

Kevin is our RCIA director. His father was a Knight and he said he knew someday he too would join.

Kevin has been married 17 years also, to wife Nancy, and has two children. His family moved here from Vermont about six years ago.

It's my understanding Father Bill Benish is in hospice care and his time is growing short. He was our pastor in the early 1980s when SMM was a little mission church on U.S. 183 in Leander. He helped lead us to our location on New Hope Road. At first, it was Mass in the PAC, sitting on plastic chairs. He was reassigned before our present church was complete, but he played an important part at a critical time. Thank you and God bless you, Father Bill.

The GK has pulled the plug on the breakfast tacos and I can't blame him. And I confess to being one of the no-shows. Sorry, Jason and Richard. Maybe when we give it another go, someone could make Saturday night reminder phone calls.

At our last meeting, Jeff Locher said he prays the Rosary in the Austin gridlock on Parmer Lane and FM 1431, and hasn't had a wreck yet. Seriously, he said the daily commute home is less stressful and he comes home with less anxiety. (See quote of the month.) Jeff is right. Driving to Temple daily for almost three years, I logged countless Hail Marys. When you are praying at the wheel, the jockeying for position doesn't seem to matter. Pray on, brothers.

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT:

Please mail your \$30.00 dues to:

JIM FAMOLARO

1220 HEPPNER DR.

CEDAR PARK, TX 78613-5139

**Checks are accepted and should be made payable to Knights of Columbus**

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Famolaro

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### LECTOR'S REPORT

### CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

### MEMBERSHIP

#### JOHN HICKS

Please welcome our two new First Degree Knights of Columbus: Kevin Pasnik and Shannon Henderson.

Also, congratulations to our three new Third Degree Knights of Columbus: Bryan Kenny, Charles Brown and Dave Szatkowski. We also had one new transfer, Michael Ebert, and one re-admission: Denis Cedrone. Our next First Degree Exemplification will be on Thursday, March 1, 2012 @ 7:15 p.m.

Vivat Jesus

John Hicks, Membership Director

Contact John Hicks for more information: (512) 918-9491

### COUNCIL 7600 MEMBER MEETINGS.

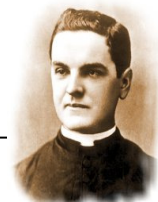
Our regular member meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at **7:15PM in the PAC.**

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

#### JEFF LOCHER

Thanks to all the Rosary Prayer volunteers! We will continue with the Rosary for the whole month of January so please check your email for sign-up times and dates. February Rosary Prayer dates are the weekends of the 21st and 29th. Adoration will not be done overnight at this time. Sign-up sheets will reflect 7:30 p.m. - Midnight.

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## Pro-Life Mass.

Plan to attend the 6:30 p.m. Mass on the first Thursday of each month. This mass is sponsored by our council and is dedicated to "Greater Respect for Life."

## SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER MINISTRY.

Our Deacons are leading a Morning Prayer group on Saturday's at 7:00 a.m. in the Eucharistic Chapel. It lasts about 30 minutes and you can also receive communion. Please try to join Deacon Phil or Deacon Jack and other Brother Knights for this fulfilling ministry.

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

### JASON FRELS

### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knight of the Month-First Degree Team: Stan Urban, Terry Ryan, James Poche, Tom Ciapi, John Hicks, Richard Skrok and subs Ted Pataki and Cody Coruthers! Also Juan Gonzales for his help!

### Upcoming church kitchen dates for the Knights

### FIELD AGENT FOR COUNCIL 7600

The Knights just announced that the dividend scale for permanent life insurance policies will remain the same for 2012. Despite hard economic times, the Knight's products that protect your family are the best available. Also, I recommend that you read the article on the K of C website, ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)) by Carl Anderson on sustainable investing. It will make you proud to be a Knight!

### FIELD AGENT FOR COUNCIL 7600

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## KNIGHTS THAT GET THE UNHERALDED JOBS DONE

Many thanks to:

*Bill Cronin and Bob Hogan* for Respect Life Information.

*Tim Zwiefelofor* for leading the Aluminum Can recycling. *Gene Raulie, Fred Gutierrez and Fred Afflerbach* for their work in the Prison Ministry. *Fred Afflerbach* for this newsletter.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Robert Deangelis

**Catholic Information Service** Offers Resources Online. The newly redesigned website of our Order's Catholic Information Service (CIS),

<http://www.kofc.org/en/cis/index.html>

is now offering a variety of new, easy to use features for people who want to learn more about the Catholic faith. CIS offers two online study courses based on its popular Luke E. Hart Series and Veritas Series. Visitors to the site can access PDF versions of the booklets in both series or listen to them in MP3 format. Printed copies of the booklets can also be ordered for a small fee.

## JOHN PAUL II LIFE CENTER AND VITAE CLINIC

in Austin is now open. While these organizations are not operated by the Diocese of Austin, they will provide women with medical services consistent with the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare Facilities. Dr. Jeremy Kalamarides, Ob/Gyn, medical director, was trained at Pope Paul VI Institute in the Creighton Method of Natural Family Planning. Dr. Kalamarides is available to speak at parishes. Call 407-2900 for more info or visit

[www.jpilifecenter.org](http://www.jpilifecenter.org)

**Marywood Children and Family Services** are now a program and ministry of Catholic Charities of Central Texas. This new partnership agreement represents a reuniting of Marywood with its Catholic roots, especially since nearly 89 years ago the Daughters of Charity established the organization and named it "Home of the Holy Infancy." For more information on Marywood's adoption





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and foster care services, call (512) 472-9251 or visit [www.marywood.org](http://www.marywood.org)

## **ANNUAL TEXAS PRO-LIFE DAY in Austin Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012**

All are invited to attend the following  
Pro-Life Activities on

**ANNUAL TEXAS PRO-LIFE DAY** in Austin  
Saturday, January 28, 2012.

7:00 am – Diocesan Prayer Vigil at South Austin  
Planned Parenthood Facility, 201 East Ben White  
Blvd. (Meet for a blessing first at 7 a.m. at San Jose  
Parish, 2435 Oak Crest in Austin.) ACE Wings Event  
9:45 a.m. – Diocesan Rosary For Life led by teens  
and young adults while elementary school students  
reenact each of the Joyful Mysteries at San Jose  
Catholic Church, 2435 Oak Crest in Austin.

10:30 a.m. – Diocesan Pro-Life Mass celebrated by  
Bishop Joe Vasquez at San Jose Church in Austin.  
All priests of the Diocese are invited to concelebrate.  
Our diocesan seminarians will be joining us. The  
parish of San Jose will serve lunch for a nominal fee  
in the Parish Hall after Mass. (4th Degree Fallout.)

ACE Wings Event

1:00 p.m. – Gathering for the Texas Alliance for Life  
March for Life in the parking lot at southeast corner  
of 17th St. & Congress Ave. (Note: new starting  
location and march route) (4th Degree will lead the  
March. Fallout.)

1:30 p.m. – March for Life. March to the Capitol.  
ACE Wings Event

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Rally for Life on the south steps of  
the Capitol. ACE Wings Event See  
[www.TexasRallyforLife.org](http://www.TexasRallyforLife.org) for further info.

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Party for Life at the Texas  
University Catholic Center, 2010 University Avenue  
hosted by the Catholic Longhorns for Life and the  
Office of Pro-Life Activities. Come meet our  
diocesan seminarians and join us for food, fun,  
friendship, and door prizes. All are invited to attend.  
For more info, contact the Office of Pro-Life  
Activities & Chase Living at 949-2486

## **SCHEDULED PRO-LIFE EVENTS FOR THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN.**

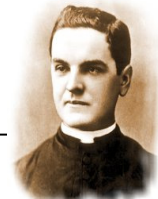
Sunday, Jan 22, 39th year after the Roe v. Wade  
decision. Monday, Jan. 23, a Day of Prayer and  
Penance for Life.

Tuesday, April 12, Diocese of Austin Pro-Life Gala,  
Renaissance Austin Hotel in the Arboretum.  
22nd annual National Night of Prayer for Life uniting  
the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the  
Feast of St. Juan Diego runs from 9 p.m. Thursday,  
Dec. 8 to midnight Friday, Dec. 9. It was on the Feast  
of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on  
Dec. 9) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of all  
the Americas, as well as protectress of the unborn,  
first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night  
of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor  
Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the sanctity of all  
human life. The Respect Life Committee in your  
parish probably has a program during this day—look  
to your parish bulletin to determine the details of  
your program. Day of Prayer and Penance for Life,  
Jan. 22. In all the Dioceses of the USA, Jan. 22 (or  
Jan. 23, when Jan. 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be  
observed as a particular day of prayer for the full  
restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life  
and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the  
human person committed through acts of abortion.

**Austin Coalition for Life** will be praying outside the  
abortion facilities at 8401 N. IH 35 #200, Austin,  
78753 and at 1902 S I H 35 #A, Austin, 78704 every  
Tuesday and Saturday from 7 a.m.-3p.m. until Ash  
Wednesday. Contact Austin Coalition for Life at  
[www.austincoalitionforlife.com](http://www.austincoalitionforlife.com) for more  
information. All are welcome to join. Austin  
Coalition for Life is a collaborator, though not an  
official ministry, of the Diocese of Austin.

**The last Saturday** of each month from 10-11 a.m.,  
St. Thomas More Respect Life Ministry is praying  
outside the abortion facility at 9805 Anderson Mill  
Road, Austin, TX 78750. All are welcome to join.  
The next date is Saturday, Jan. 28.

**The ninth annual Benefit Banquet supporting Our  
Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter** will be held  
on Jan. 20, 2012 from 6-9 p.m. at the Bell County  
Expo Center in Belton and will feature guest speaker  
Bishop Joe Vásquez. For more information and for  
reservations, call (254) 742-2340. Our Lady of the  
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**Project Rachel** is a compassionate and confidential ministry that helps women and men suffering emotionally and spiritually from the trauma of abortion. Weekend retreats are conducted throughout the year at private locations. Retreats are led by a priest and our Project Rachel team. You can confidentially register for this retreat by calling 1-877-WeCare2 (1-877-932-2732) or e-mail [project-rachel@austindiocese.org](mailto:project-rachel@austindiocese.org). Upcoming Retreat Dates:

- March 16-18, 2012
- July 27-29, 2012

**Natural Family Planning (NFP)** Introduction Seminars satisfy the diocesan requirement for marriage preparation. The schedule for these seminars is now available online at the link below. In this seminar, couples will discover that NFP is about fertility awareness, is highly effective, scientifically supported, and easy to use. This course will also familiarize couples with the three approved methods of NFP within the Diocese of Austin. A certificate of attendance will be provided upon completion of this seminar. For more information, contact Lorrie Saldivar at (512) 949-2489 or you can view a class schedule at: [www.austindiocese.org/dept/prolife/ministries\\_nfp\\_class\\_calendar.php](http://www.austindiocese.org/dept/prolife/ministries_nfp_class_calendar.php).

Save the Date! The 2012 Pro-Life Benefit Gala will be held April 14 at the Renaissance Austin Hotel in the Arboretum. Thank you for the participation at the 2011's Pro-Life Benefit Gala.

The "No One Dies Alone" (NODA) volunteer program offers bedside companions for patients in the final stages of life who are alone. The program was initiated in the Seton Family of Hospitals in April 2009 and is looking to expand through additional volunteers. Please contact Liz Powell at: (512) 324-7000, ext. 80041 or [efpowell@seton.org](mailto:efpowell@seton.org). <http://www.austincoalitionforlife.com/>

## **CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATES.**

TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR LIFE announced that the state's newest specialty license plate, the Choose Life license plate, is finally on sale as a compassionate alternative to abortion. Proceeds from the sale of the plates will go to promote infant adoption as a compassionate alternative to abortion. TAL has been at the core of a coalition of pro-life, pro-family

organizations that lobbied for 10 years in the Texas Legislature, which finally authorized the creation of the plates during the recent regular session. Texas is the 25th state with a Choose Life plate and more that \$15 million has been raised to promote adoption in the 24 states that currently have the plate available according to Choose Life America, Inc.

**PRO-LIFE ACE WINGS.** Don't forget to work on your ACE Wings. The Texas KofC State Council has developed this award for all Texas Knights. Attend 5 of the events described in one 12 month period and you qualify, for life, for this award. There are many fine future opportunities to obtain your events that will qualify you for this award. To obtain the form—go to the Texas State Council web site, [www.tkofc.org](http://www.tkofc.org). This brings up the Home Page. Go down to the bottom of that page. At the right hand side there is a column that shows "Downloads." Click on Texas State Council forms. New Screen. Six forms down see Pro-Life Wings Application and this will pull up the form to use in submitting for this award. The form is in Adobe format but you can print the form.

When you have your 5 events completed, contact Bob Hogan 267-4789 or email [rhogan@austin.rr.com](mailto:rhogan@austin.rr.com)

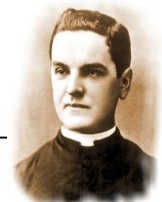
## **PENDING EXECUTIONS FOR Jan. 2012 .**

**EXECUTIONS.** There is one execution scheduled for January. Rodrigo Hernandez is scheduled to be executed on Thursday, January 26, 2012. All are asked to pray for the victim, convicted killer, both families, that all may find mercy, healing, forgiveness and peace. Please remember the 304 men and women on Texas' death row in your prayers. <http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/stat/scheduledexecutions.htm>

## **FAMILY** **CHRIS TOVAR**

### **FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

Former Grand Knight Dave Kohutek and his wife JoLynn. The Grand Knight says he is constantly calling Dave for advice on different things and he is always there to help. He also keeps our church safe at night with his security job. And for years and years, JoLynn has taken





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home our dirty kitchen towels, washrags and aprons, washed, dried and folded them.  
Thanks, Dave and JoLynn.

### **HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY:**

Tom Ciapi, Russell Pechacek, Mark Monceaux,  
Fred Gutierrez, David Emmerich, Timothy Zwiefelof  
Wendell Huneycutt, Erwin Koenig, Gene Raulie,  
Sergio Gonzalez, Pete Nyberg, Lee Buentello

### **HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARY:**

Alan & Sheri Bonnette	1/12/80
Bill & Connie Ricks	1/19/74
Oscar & Sheri Moreno	1/20/1990
Mike & Susan Reinhard	1/22/83

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"Praying in traffic. If everybody would do that, it would be a better world." District Director Steve Musil.

### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

#### **JOHN DONNA**

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