



# Knights of Columbus

## Council 10010 - Gallatin



January 2009

### From the Grand Knight

Brothers,

First let me wish all of you and your families a blessed and happy new year. I recently attended the Knights of Columbus mid-year meeting. State Deputy Mike Porter's comments struck home with me. The key word is "WHY". Why did I become a Knight? Why am I still a Knight? The usual correct answers are to serve God, to serve our parish, to serve our priest and lets not forget to serve ourselves. We all know what we do for God, parish, and priest. These things bring us joy and another word for joy is fun. Fun is how we are able to serve ourselves. No matter what the function, I believe we can say we had fun doing it. There is usually enough help so that what we are doing doesn't become a chore. Before I joined, the first encounter I had with the Knights was seeing them working at the parish picnic. The fun and camaraderie they had working the picnic impressed me. We need to keep in mind that the Knights of Columbus is also about family. We should include our families in events as often as we can. Should anyone not think we are a Christian brotherhood, the events of this morning will dispel those thoughts. I was in the emergency room with symptoms of a heart attack. Thankfully it was something else. Three Knights and a priest were there to check on me before the first hour had passed. I received calls from others throughout the day. This is what it means to be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

I can't express how this made me feel.  
**I appreciate them and all of you.**

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Joe Fertitta Grand Knight**

### Something Fishy Going On

Your support is needed for **FISH FRYs** during Lent - on Feb 27 and Mar 27.

Bring your family, friends & neighbors. These are the main fundraisers for support of our parish activities. Come on out and join Mel Harders, his crew of cooks, and all the Knights who help on these events.

### Irish & Italian Eyes are Smiling

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual **St Patrick/St Joseph's Day** dinner coming up March 14, a fun and feasting event that also raises \$ for our causes. Come out and join the fun. Thanks to Don Slepski, Jim Holleran, Stan Rudzinski, Roger Stevens, Greg Miles and many more leprechauns who pitch in to make it a great evening.

### Fore!

17<sup>th</sup> Annual **Jack DiFiori Memorial** golf tournament will be held May 16.

Enjoy a great day, fun golf, many prizes for the lucky flight winners, breakfast provided by Chick Filet, and a tasty lunch served up by Mel Harders, while raising \$ for local charities- Gallatin Cares, Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy Center, Habitat for Humanity, Homesafe, and CASA.

**Help!** Last year we had to put in \$1450 from general funds to make it to our goal. We need you all to get out and recruit more teams and sponsors to keep this the great success it has been in the past. Call Jerry Zimmerle at 452-2526

### VroomVroom

Lenny Sarro and his group of stalwart volunteers enjoy the races, the outdoors and musical entertainment while they work as ushers at **Nashville Speedway events**. If you would like to see a race and at the same time contribute to the cause, call Lenny at 452-1532. They raised over \$2500 last year to support our charitable activities.

**Mothers Day** pancake breakfast with all the Moms of the parish as honored guests will be held May 10

**In Memoriam** Please remember in your prayers the sister of Jerry Zimmerle

### Council Officers - 2008 / 2009

G. Knight - Joe Fertitta see contact  
D.G.Knight- JimHolleran list attached  
Chancellor - Steve Yorlano  
Recorder - Don Slepski  
F. Secretary - Greg Miles  
Treasurer - Jim Byrd  
Advocate - John Poplawski  
Warden - Jerry Zimmerle  
Inside Guard - Mel Harders  
Out Guard - Richard Zimmer  
Trustee 3Yr - Bob Johnson  
Trustee 2Yr - Kent Haggerty  
Trustee 1Yr - John Kendrick  
Lecturer - Bill Connelly  
Chaplain - Father Steven Gideon

### Program Directors

Vocations - Don Slepski  
Scholarships - Don Slepski  
Program - Mel Harders  
Church - Joe Fertitta  
Community - Bob Johnson  
Family - Tom Kimball  
Pro-Life - Rob & April Schroeder  
Youth - Steve Yorlano  
Council - Jim Holleran  
Membership - John Kendrick  
Newsletter - Dave Neville

**2009 Annual dues** of \$25 are now payable to our financial secretary:

Greg Miles  
133 Chirac Rd  
Hendersonville, TN 37075

Email: beeman59@bellsouth.net

Please keep your contact info current through Greg. Send an email to get on the distribution list for up-to-date happenings and notices.

### Council Website:

[www.kofctn10010.org](http://www.kofctn10010.org)

### Insurance Agent for our area:

Steve Sullivan  
615-516-9358  
[stephan.sullivan@kofc.org](mailto:stephan.sullivan@kofc.org)

### Knights on Active Military Duty

Ron Brouwer - with US Navy  
John Caruthers - with US Marines

## Calendar of Events

### February

- Feb 4 – Council Meeting
- 8 – Pancake Breakfast- TeamRudzinski
- 12 – Gallatin Nursing Home Bingo
- 25 – Ash Wednesday
- 26 – Gallatin Nursing Home Bingo
- 27 – **Fish Fry**

### March

- Mar 4 – Council Meeting –
- 8 – Pancake Breakfast- Team Holleran
- 12 – Gallatin Nursing Home Bingo
- 14 – **St Joseph/St Patrick's Day Dinner**
- 26 – Gallatin Nursing Home Bingo
- 27 – **Fish Fry**

### April

- April 2 – Council Meeting
- 10 – Gallatin Nursing Home Bingo
- 12 – Easter Sunday
- 19 – Pancake Breakfast Team Johnson
- 24 – Gallatin Nursing Home Bingo

### May

- May 6 – Council Meeting
- 10 – Mother's Day Breakfast
- 14 – Gallatin Nursing Home Bingo
- 16 – **Charity Golf Tournament**
- 28– Gallatin Nursing Home Bingo
- 29-31 – State Convention

### June

- June 3 – Council Meeting
- 11 – Gallatin Nursing Home Bingo
- Nashville Speedway Race Event
- 25 – Gallatin Nursing Home Bingo

Thanks to the **Tootsie Roll Drive** workers and chairman Jim Holleran we grossed \$4320 + another \$1000 grant from Wal-Mart. Half the proceeds go directly to Gallatin schools and half to SSHI for housing mentally disadvantaged clients. Great job, Jim.

The **Baby Bottle Drive** headed up by Tom Kimball raised \$2530 for Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy Center. In case you missed it, Tom handed out baby bottles at Mass, and made an appeal for everyone to bring them back filled with loose change. Well done, Tom.

**Courageous Kids Camp** from Scottsville, KY sent a thank you for the many wood cutouts for their craft activities made for them by council members Don Slepki, Dave Neville, and especially Ray Van der Weilen

**Request for Information.** Greg Miles will be sending everyone a request for family information to add to members data files

**Prayers Requested** For Sherry Haggerty who is recovering in Arizona from a serious head injury suffered in a fall at her daughter's home there.

## New Members

Carey Lafferty(wife Shirley, three daughters-Brook, Renee, Morgan, 4 grandsons) recently made 3rd degree at St Ann's.

Patrick Nicholson(single)recently took 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. Patrick serves as usher and altar server at St Johns, enjoys xbox 360 games and building model kits.

Henri Ayala(daughter 7 years old) teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade CCD and Crown classes at SJV Also teaches Spanish children at OLOL; joined the Knights to become involved in more church activities.

Art Jaramillo(wife Melissa, and 12 children) is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight who transferred from Rawlins WY. Art Serves as usher at 10.30 Mass at SJV.

Brian "Steve" Salvati(wife Lori, daughter Christi, age 13);Steve works with Steve Yorlano on Altar Server Appreciation events.

Howard "Butch" Austin(wife Gerda, and grown son and daughter); retired from US Navy, moved here from North Carolina 5 yr ago, is a member of Leadership Sumner and volunteers with the Red Cross.

Tom Buckett(wife Heide, three sons ,one daughter, oldest son in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at SJV) moved here from Wisconsin. Tom is a Wolf Pack den leader at SJV and also takes care of some of our flower beds. Also in OLOL bible study group.

Matt Clausen (wife Evie, nine children- five children are at SJV school and two attend JPII): Matt and Evie have served on the SJV Steering Committee and the Bridge to the Future campaign.

Bob Giordano(wife Patricia, daughters Crystal, Tiffany, and Amber); moved here from NJ five years ago. Bob teaches 1<sup>st</sup> grade CCD at SJV.

Father Steven Gideon, our pastor and Council Chaplin transferred from Dixon.

Jayd Neely, seminarian who has been serving at SJV as part of his preparation for the priesthood

Richard Schweik(wife Joem, grown son and three daughters, and raising their great grand-daughter)originally from Chicago area. Enjoys golf when it warms up

Doug Scanlan(single)recently moved here from Memphis, originally from Colorado

## SSHI

Sumner Special Housing, Inc is a 401c3 non-profit organization founded by volunteers from Gallatin council #10010 and Hendersonville council #9132 in concert with the K of C State MR Foundation to provide housing for the Intellectually Disadvantaged. PGK Bob Johnson is currently the president of SSHI

At this time SSHI owns three houses which are staffed and operated by HATS for Sumner County residents. It has begun new fundraising initiatives with local and national foundations and other KC councils to support additional homes for this need.

Bob is actively looking for a site to be purchased as the first step for the next home.

## Charity Bingo

Knights and their families host a bingo at Gallatin Nursing Home the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

Approximately 12-16 folks anxiously await each visit, and the hosts always find they enjoy the visits just as much. The season finale is a visit from Santa Claus(rumored to be Don Slepki) and his elves(JoAnn Slepki, Jim Byrd, Mel Harders, Dave Powell, Jim Holleran) bringing Christmas cheer and some gifts to all the residents.

## Support Our Seminarians

Kin Easter will continue in his 2<sup>nd</sup> of six years in the seminary in Ohio. Kin is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree member of Council 8241 in Dixon and is happy to be adopted by the Gallatin council at St John Vianney.

Your individual support is encouraged. If you would like to communicate with Kin at school, his address is :

Kineth Easter  
Pontifical College Josephinum  
7625 N. High St.  
Columbus, OH 43235

I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from you.

## Recently received 3rd Degree

Dave Powell in September  
Bob Giordano     "  
Colby Ritter in January  
John Collins     "  
Henry Ayala     "  
Howard Austin    "