



## Grand Knight's Report

Dear Knights, I hope your Lenten devotions and prayers are progressing well. Our brother knights, Father Hintz and Father Faulkner, have made available, many spiritually enriching opportunities during Lent. You are encouraged to participate in as many as you are able. The Knights are leading the Rosary after Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent. Contact Church Director Gary Taylor if you would be available to lead one of the Rosaries.

March brings hopes of Spring and the now famous St. Patrick's Festival. The Festival is on St. Patrick's feast day this year. I know many of you are involved in the festival and thank you for that support. The Knights have also agreed to assist with the clean-up efforts on Sunday the 18th. The clean-up will start after the 11:30 Mass on Sunday. Many hands make the task go quickly so please consider helping with this worthy effort.

Our Soup & Sandwich Supper was a resounding success. A special thank you to all persons involved in the food preparation and serving. We fulfilled our required quota of 5 new prospects signing Form 100's. One of the gentlemen, Rains Robins has completed his First Degree Exemplification. A warm Council 13576 welcome to our new First Degree brother Knights pictured on page 2 of this newsletter. We concentrate on recruiting once a year, but you are encouraged to continue to ask fellow parishioners to join all year long.

March 24 at 8:00 AM is the Mass for the Day of the Unborn Child. Del Ridder has done an excellent job of organizing this Mass. You are encouraged to attend.

St. Patrick's Council 13576 has a First Degree Team!! The formation of such a team has been a long term goal of the Council. That goal was reached, thanks

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# Knights

Fr. Peter J. Welling COUNCIL 13576 NEWS

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## PRO LIFE ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

a gradual process is the key to victory

SAMUEL ALLEN

How do we get our nation to respect creation? I believe that we get our nation to respect creation in a gradual process. What I mean is that we gradually introduce people who are for abortion, or the destruction of life, to the beauty and importance of all life. In other words you cannot try to change all minds that believe in the destruction of life all at once. You have to win that battle one person at a time.

Other than convincing people to save lives through signs and protests, they can be taught to appreciate small things in life such as a butterfly or a tree. Then they can truly understand the beauty of creation and that when they destroy life they are killing one of God's creations.

Every person needs to work in his own community first. Put up posters, signs, and other information around

your community that encourage pro-life. Not only that, but we need to talk and try to convince individuals who are not pro-life to become pro-life. This war can only be won one person at a time.

This strategy will obviously take a long time, but in the end I think that the majority of the people will be pro-life.

Abortion has been practiced for a very long time. After hundreds of years abortion has not gone away. Since January 22, 1973, there have been over 35 million deaths by abortion. Judging by the numbers, it is obvious a lot



Joined by Sister Carol, Father Faulkner, and his family, Samuel was presented his award certificate by Al Schrader (partially hidden) at morning Mass on February 22.

of work has to be done, but as long as pro-lifers stay in this country we may one day truly have a respect for God's creations, especially human life.

"Abortion Information You Can Use." Heritage House 76, kc. Online. AbortionFacts.com. [www.abortionfacts.com/literature/literature93\\_16aw.asp](http://www.abortionfacts.com/literature/literature93_16aw.asp). February 19, 2007.

# New Knights



RAINS ROBBINS

HARLAN LEIBEL

BRAD FLEMMIG

KENNETH HOSEK

CRAIG CORDER

## Meeting Notes



### Marisa Landwehr

placed 2nd at the Knights of Columbus regional free throw shoot.

### Reminder was given

that the Knights have an annual obligation to lead the festival cleanup after the 11:30 mass on 3/18.

### Day of the Unborn Child

See Below

### Education

Al Schrader advised we have agreed to assist with minor maintenance and projects at the school. Jim Petrzelka is working on a list and a sign up will be available in the near future. Pro Life poster contest winners were Calvin Rowe K-2, Mikaela Morrison 3-5, Lexi Arent 6-8.

### Join Hands Day is 5/5

We will join with the Catholic Workmen to do some cleanup and spring flower planting in the area. Ken Dolezal will provide more information soon.

### Tootsie Roll Drive

4/14-4/15 will be the parish tootsie roll drive, 4/11-4/18 at the school and 4/21-4/22 at Hi-Vee on N27th St. A sign up will be available at the next meeting.

### Unfinished business

was taken up and disposed of as follows: Soup supper was well attended. Big thank you to Dave Wilson for making the chili and all the members that brought soup, sandwiches or helped in any way. Families will be included again next year.

### New business

Pancake feed will be 4/15, a roster will be provided at the next meeting. Ken Kalisek advised it is time to start thinking about DDP. A committee will be formed shortly. Pledge cards will be available at church the last week of April and 1st 2 weeks of May. Calls to parishioners will follow.

### The District Deputy reported as follows:

April 9th at 6:30 there will be a 2nd and 3rd degree at St. John's. 1st degree at St. John's 4/12 and Major at Wahoo 3/18 at 11AM.

### Good of the Order:

Gary Taylor, Stan Kuta, Jessica Hosek, Francis Kuchera and Don Fernading's Father

Meeting closed at 8:56.

# Day of the Unborn Child

The Day of the Unborn Child is an established tradition of the International Order of the Knights of Columbus and the Order's "Crusade for Life." Traditionally celebrated March 25 - Feast of the Annunciation - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson views it "as a natural day on which Catholics should recognize the true meaning of the human person and seek our Lady's intercession on behalf of each individual pre-born child."

March 25 as a pro-life feast day originated in El Salvador in 1993. In 1998 Argentina's president, Carlos Menem, issued a degree proclaiming 'life begins at the moment of fertilization,' and announced March 25 as the celebration of "The Day of the Unborn Child" (Sources: KC literature. "Celebrate Life", March-April 2005.)

This year our parish will observe the "Day" on March 24 and

**Friday**  
**March 24th**  
Stations and Rosary  
Begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday**  
**March 25th**  
Mass at 8:00 a.m.

25. As we did last year, our council sponsors the rosary each Friday in Lent following the Stations of the Cross. Similar to last year the leader(s) of the rosary will mention briefly why the Joyful Mysteries will be recited in place of the Sorrowful Mysteries.

On March 25 we will sponsor the 8 a.m. mass as The Day of the Unborn Child. The celebrant, organist, acolyte, lector and servers will be knights or knight's family members. (No collection will be taken. Pro life literature may be handed out.)

Fr. David Hintz is allowing us to sponsor the mass and rosary, our council encourages as many knights and their families—as are able—to attend both services. The services are sponsored for the parish and open to anyone who chooses to attend (Items are planned for church bulletins prior to March 24, 25.)

## FAMILY of the MONTH



### Bud and Mildred Leif

**B**ud is a third degree knight and a charter member of our council. Bud and Mildred have celebrated 50 years of marriage and have been at St. Patrick's Parishioners for 48 years. Bud and Mildred have four children. Daughter Barbara and her husband Rodney have two boys and one girl and live in Fort Worth, Texas. Son Michael and his wife Sharon live in Lincoln, Son David is deceased, having suffered from Leukemia. Son Daniel and wife Michelle have two boys and live in Kansas City, Mo. All four children attended St. Pat's School and the two youngest attended Pius X high school. Bud is active in St. Vincent DePaul, helps maintain the church and school, and lends a hand to other events such as the St. Pat's festival.

### As promised...

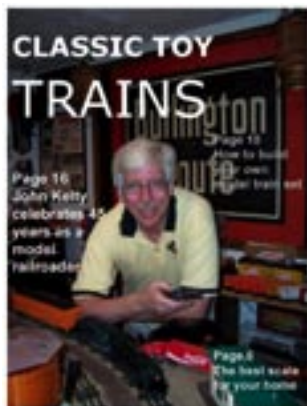
### John R. (Bob) Kelty

**J**ust minutes after we went to press last month we caught up with Bob. Here's the whole story;

Bob was born in Warner Robbins, GA and grew up in Louisville, KY. The USAF brought Bob to Offutt AFB where he met Karen.

Bob and Karen celebrate 30 years of marriage this May and have 2 daughters, Juliet and Victoria. They have been members of St. Patrick's parish since 1986. He is both an Acolyte and a Lector.

Bob joined the Knights of Columbus in 1995 and is a 4th degree member and Financial Secretary. He was past



recorder for Council 833.

Bob has a PhD in Electrical Engineering and teaches a course in electronics in addition to being manager of the Electronics Shop for the Department of Physics and Astronomy at UNL. His past research included building glacial ice melt probes and included trips to Antarctica and Greenland. His hobbies are model railroading and playing the piano.

*"This picture is something my daughter Victoria did for a journalism class project, not actually on a magazine cover, although I've published a couple of model railroading articles."*

Thanks and congratulations Bob.

Bud worked for Russell Stover candies and at the state office building. Mildred has been active in the alter society and worked for the Lincoln Public School. Thanks Bud and Mildred for the many years of faithful devotion to St. Patrick's.

## KNIGHT of the MONTH



### Lyle Wilsey

**T**he friendly face you meet at the door—our Inside Guard and Knight of the month—is Lyle Wilsey.

A Grand Island native, Lyle has been a 3rd degree knight for fourteen years beginning at St. John's in Ashland. He's been a member of St. Pat's for eleven years and is a charter member of our council. He's also an usher at Mass.

Lyle and Debbie have been married for twenty years. Their son Nathaniel is a sixth grader in Waverly.

Lyle works at Linweld. His hobbies include shooting, hunting, fishing and history. Congratulations, Lyle.

### Grand Knight's report

to these worthy Knights: Gary Taylor, John (Bob) Kelty, Carl Strom, Craig Arent, and Kevin Landwehr. Tom Albin has agreed to be an alternate. Five men are the minimum needed; with a maximum of 8. So if you would like to be on the team or be an alternate there is still room for you. Please contact me or any of the team members to volunteer.

Remember that during Lent we do not serve lunches at the meetings.

Fraternally yours,  
Stan Fraas



**A little help cleaning up** after the St. Pat's festival makes it go a lot faster. Meet in the Gym after the 11:30 Mass.

### FROM THE FIELD AGENT

#### It's Never Too Early to Plan for the Future

It's a simple fact that when you're young and healthy, your rates for coverage will be lower than when you're older and your health might not be as good. And even if you're in excellent health, there's no way to predict exactly when your death will occur.

It's unavoidable that your family will suffer emotionally when you die. However, financial hardship is something that you can prevent. Owning enough life insurance ensures that your family will always have enough money, come what may. As your K of C agent, I can help you determine how much "enough" for your own family is. I can also discuss with you the merits of each kind of life insurance.

It has become fashionable to focus almost exclusively on planning for a prosperous retirement. Yet even in this age of improved health and longevity, some families must still endure the premature loss of a breadwinner. The fact is, none of us can be assured that retirement will happen until we actually get there. By taking steps now, you protect your loved ones against the possibility of your death. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family – and, possibly, for you as well.



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# Calendar

## MARCH

- 1-3 Girls State Basketball Tourney
- 2 First Friday/Stations of the Cross/Nocturnal Adoration
- 7 KC General Meeting
- 8-10 Boys State Basketball Tourney
- 9 Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
- 16 Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

- 17 St Patrick's Day & Festival
- 23 Station of the Cross
- 24 Mass for the Unborn Child 8:00am
- 27 KC Officers Meeting
- 30 Stations of the Cross Pitch Tournament 7:30 pm Gym

## APRIL

- 1 Palm Sunday
- 4 K C General Meeting 7:30 PM (no Lunch)
- 6 Good Friday
- 8 EASTER
- 15 Pancake Breakfast 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- 24 KC Officers Meeting 6:30 PM
- 27-29 KC State Convention - Kearney

## Birthdays

- MAR** 6 John Scales
- 19 Kevin Landwehr
- 22 David Schmit
- 23 Kevin Schmit
- 24 Ben Rerucha
- 31 Bill Kipper
- APR** 2 Joseph Jaworski
- 4 John Mohr
- 6 Rev David R Hintz
- 6 Adolph L Hosek
- 7 Terry Ryan
- 9 Duane Dolezal
- 9 Joseph Sloup
- 15 Ervin Wemhoff
- 18 Lloyd Jenkins
- 19 Dana Poore
- 20 Timothy Murphy
- 24 Clarence Wurdinger
- 29 Chris Chleboun

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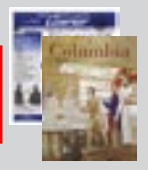
- Family Director Terry Ryan
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- 4th Degree Assembly #595—Gary Taylor

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**From our Financial Secretary**  
If you do not currently receive the Courier or Columbia Magazine, please let me know so that State or Supreme Records may be corrected.

**John R. (Bob) Kelty**



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