

# ***Knightly News***

**Marian Council 9522**

**Serving St. Joseph Parish**

**Manchester, MO**

**January 2011**



The *Knightly News* for a designated month is published in the last week of the preceding month. Articles and event information must be received no later than the 22nd of the preceding month. Please send all materials via e-mail to Mike Wilkes at: [mgwilkes@swbell.net](mailto:mgwilkes@swbell.net)

## **Marian Council 9522**

### **Monthly Planning Meetings:**

generally scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month in the Emmaus House at 7:00 p.m.

### **Monthly Council Meetings:**

second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are currently held at the Emmaus House and are preceded by a Rosary at 6:20 p.m.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



- **Planning Mtg.** Dec.30
- **Roses for Life** Jan.8/9
- **Soup Kitchen** Jan.11
- **Business Mtg.** Jan.13
- **Family Mass** Jan. 30
- **Trivia Night** Feb.5
- **St. Joseph Dinner** Feb.27
- **4<sup>th</sup> Degree** Mar. 5



## January Birthdays

## Free Throw Tournament

### Happy Birthday, Brother Knights

- ✚ Tom Brown
- ✚ Joe Caratenuto
- ✚ Patrick Dulatt
- ✚ Michael Florian
- ✚ Scott Harter
- ✚ Scott Perrier
- ✚ Tim Schroeder
- ✚ Myron Willis

The annual Free Throw Tournament for the St. Joseph Grade School students (Grades 4-8) was held December 20-21. Phil Desloge, Rob McAlexander, Tom Brown, Larry Moore, and Sam Tedesco assisted Helen Buchanan, the school's physical education instructor, in an efficient team effort.

The winners in the various age categories will not be known until the P.S.R. students have had an opportunity to compete. Look for results (and pictures) in our next issue.

## Recruitment

## Website Developments

[kofc9522.org](http://kofc9522.org)

Our District Deputy, Joe Caratenuto, reports that in order to meet our membership goals, it will be necessary to recruit eight additional men.

If you send [Sam Tedesco](#) the name of a prospect, Sam will make the initial contact.

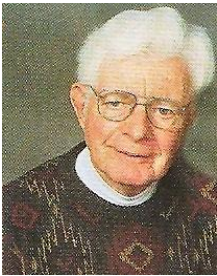
We also require two more insurance members. If you are considering purchasing an annuity or increasing life insurance, contact [Mark Guilford](#), our new District Insurance Agent.

Mike Wilkes, with the help of notes from DGK Dave Gockley, has produced an "[Activities](#)" page on the website. This first effort is merely an outline. The long range goal is to expand the "Activities" page with photographs and additional text. Mike would like to make the website – and especially this page – into an effective recruiting tool for our council; he is asking for help in amplifying the existing material with any pertinent media or important details.



## KNIGHTS OF NOTE

At the Christmas Party on December 9, the council formally recognized Sir Knight Leroy (Roy) Schlumpberger and Knight August (Gus) Baechle as members who have given more than **fifty five years** service to the organization.



These brother knights are two of the four members of our council with more than fifty years of continuous service.

To read more about their history with the Knights of Columbus, please continue to the "[Knights of Note](#)" portion of our website.

**Howard Park Center**

[Howard Park Center](#), for many years a recipient of funds from our council's M.R. Drive, is holding a fundraiser, *Holiday Lights for Love*. The council voted funds at its December meeting to sponsor a "light" for their campaign.

## 2011 Degree Dates

### FIRST DEGREE INITIATIONS

- January 13 Marian Council 7:00 p.m.
- February 8 Holy Infant 7:30 p.m.
- March 1 St. Alban 7:00 p.m.
- April 6 St. Clare 7:00 p.m.

### SECOND/THIRD DEGREE INITIATIONS

- February 20 Incarnate Word 1:30 p.m.

## "Giving Sunday" Transportation

Following the 11:00 Mass on "Giving Sunday," January 9, members of our council will transport donated goods to St. Patrick Center. If you can help with the loading and unloading, contact Phil Desloge for details.

## Awards & Donations

Megan Oliver, daughter of Knight Thom Oliver, applied to our council for financial assistance to participate in the [March for Life](#) to be held in Washington, D.C. The council voted unanimously at its December meeting to award funds to Megan to further her efforts in support of this important Pro-Life movement.

# Service Opportunities

St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, taught that the authentic Christian life could be achieved by cultivating the habit of discernment. Discernment is essentially the act of selecting the **better** of two good things.

Ignatius believed that we rarely are forced to choose between good and evil. We are, however, almost constantly asked to choose between two – or more – “good” possibilities.

The ministry of Jesus was primarily concerned with discernment and the better “good” which Jesus taught was always about our responsibility to those in need. Nowhere is the concept of *discernment* more accessible than in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37): a Jew, having been beaten and robbed, lay by a roadside. A Priest and a Levite hurried past the injured man but did not stop to help.

It is significant that Jesus should select two men of confirmed merit from the Temple. Note that neither the Levite nor the Priest, both of whom were probably on their way to prepare for or to conduct a ritual sacrifice, is condemned by Jesus. Indeed, these are not evil men, but they had chosen to prioritize ritual ceremony over compassion for the injured man; even the casual reader of the New Testament knows which of the two possible “goods” Jesus would choose.

The Samaritan, who had many compelling reasons **not** to stop to help (because Samaritans and the Jews regarded each other as heretics and cultural adversaries), overcame a centuries-old tradition of enmity and acted with compassion.

Like the Samaritan, the Priest, and the Levite, we all have genuinely “good” reasons why we should not get involved. St. Ignatius would ask,

**“Ad magis Dei gloriam”**

“To the greater glory of God” (Jesuit Motto)

***Felice Cuores***

**Gary Smith**

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**Jim Schuessler**

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**Trivia Night**

**Joe Caratenuto**

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**Essay Contest**

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**Free Throw Contest**

**Phil Desloge**

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## Advent Preparations

At the November 29 Soup Kitchen, three of the Knights, Jim Schuessler, John Diehl, and John Kaestner, after trimming tree limbs from several fruit trees and Bradford Pears, were asked by Sister Celine John to construct a shelter for the nun's generously proportioned nativity-scene figures. From pieces of ancient lumber which they found near the nun's convent, they fashioned the structure which you can view in the picture below. When this photo (courtesy of Larry Moore) was taken on December 13, the "stable" had already proved worthy of its name, having survived wind, rain, and snow. Finally, on our most recent visit to the Soup Kitchen, Jim Schuessler repaired the manger so that all would be ready for the coming of the Savior.



On Dec. 13, after assisting in serving 44 guests a fried chicken dinner, complete with potato casserole, green beans, rolls, fruit salad, and other assorted side dishes – all generously supplied by the St. Joseph eighth grade students and their parents – Jim Schuessler and Larry Moore hung Christmas streamers from ceiling tiles while perched on the nuns' wooden "ladders"; these ladders can be used only by men of great faith and courage.

## New Year's Meditation

"Nothing is more practical than finding God; that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evenings, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything."

Pedro Arrupe

## Felice Cuores

By now, subscribers to *St. Louis Review* have probably read Jennifer Brinker's outstanding article in the December 10 issue celebrating the *Felice Cuores* Christmas party. The feature story is a perceptive tribute to the memory of Bob Villaire and to the ongoing efforts of those such as Gerry Villaire, Gary Smith, and Bill Lukas who have so diligently continued to expand this incomparably successful experience for young adults with disabilities.

If you have read the article but have not visited the *St. Louis Review* website to enjoy Staff Photographer Lisa Johnston's excellent [multimedia presentation](#) of the event, take the time soon before it is removed from the site. The multimedia slideshow, unlike the feature article, is available even to non-subscribers.

The voice-over on the slideshow provides a parent's poignant perspective on the value of the dance, not only to the attendees but also to their families.

# SANTA VISITS *FELICE CUORES*

BUT HE IS NOT THE 10,000<sup>TH</sup> GUEST



**Sarah  
Hartrich**  
*Felice Cuores'*  
**10,000<sup>th</sup>**  
**Guest**



Miss Sarah Hartrich resides in Kirkwood. Her parents are Chris and Nancy Hartrich. Mr. Hartrich is a past president of the West County Chamber of Commerce. Sarah has been a faithful employee of Lafayette Industries for six years.



## Council Christmas Party

The party portion of the council's Christmas Party earned a "Best-ever" rating from many of the attendees, thanks to the organization and preparation by the team composed of Phil Desloge, Tom and Harriet Brown, Mike and Cindy Bick, Larry Moore, Dave Shaw, Dave Gockley, Gary Smith, Pete Bitzer, and all the others who helped with set up, breakdown — especially the food preparation (What a feast!).

Yet the most gratifying aspect of our council's Christmas gathering is always that part of the evening when we disburse the funds collected during our "M.R. Drive."

The representatives of the recipient organizations voiced their thanks in an impressive variety of expressions in both prose and poetry. Some came alone with a sincere word of appreciation; some came with banners and plaques prepared by those under their care. Each in some unique way touched our hearts.

The agencies and their representatives are as follows:

Cardinal Glennon Hospital	Colleen Dolnick
Challenger Baseball	Buck Smith
Howard Park	Dawn Casey
Lafayette Center	Rob Libera
Manchester Center	Bev Kest
St. Louis Academy	Terry O'Daniel
Willows Way	Joy Steele
Woodhaven	Mark Palmer

## Grand Knight's Letter

Brother Knights,

I hope you and your families are in the midst of a great holiday season. Things to do and places to be make the days pass so quickly, and it seems as if one's mind is going a mile per minute thinking about the next thing that needs to be done. The Council's annual Christmas party was held on December 9. Getting everything ready for it seemed like a real chore, just another thing in a long litany of things demanding immediate attention. Fortunately, when the right things are done for the right reasons, exceptional results occur. In a season of giving, those who received thanked you for simply caring. The people you think of as heroes for their work told you that **you** are their heroes because without you, none of what they do would be possible. For me and for M.R. Director Tom Brown, it was an honor to stand before you and to represent an organization that contributes so much and touches the lives of so many.

The New Year is just around the corner; and I'm sure we all have wishes, hopes, and aspirations for what is to come. Each of you gives for the sake of others. One of the things I hope for each one of you is that someone you help takes the time to thank you and tells you how much you mean to them.

Happy New Year!

YBIC,

Phil Desloge

**PRAY FOR OUR BROTHER, FRANK HOLLAND, AND FOR HIS FAMILY.**

# Council 9522 Christmas Party



Pictures supplied by Tom Brown