



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**St. Luke Council #10240**

**September 2009 Newsletter**



*A Message From Our Worthy  
Grand Knight*

Brother Knights,

Thank God! We have made it through a very hot and dry summer and fall is upon us! We are blessed with plenty to do over the next few months and I hope many of you can make the time to participate in meetings and activities that are planned. It is only through participation and prayer that positive change can occur. Our Council is improving every day and with your help, it will continue to improve. Please talk to your Brother Knights. Encourage them to come to meetings and share their ideas and opinions. If you see a need, express it to me, or one of the other officers. Then it can be discussed and with support of the Council, may be implemented. The fellowship we enjoy can also benefit the Council, and I try very hard to keep the business part of our meetings on task and focused in order to allow some time for fellowship after the meetings. I hope and pray that those Brother Knights that have stopped coming to meetings come back and be engaged. If you have been coming to the meetings and feel it has been beneficial, please call a Brother that you know is not involved and invite them.

Our success depends on you!!

Vivat Jesus!!!

Tim Brown, Grand Knight



**Council Officers**

- Grand Knight** - Tim Brown
- Deputy Grand Knight** – Jose Jones
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**Upcoming Events:**

*September 8, 2009--General Meeting*

*September 20, 2009-Taco Sale*

*September 29, 2009–Executive Board Meeting*

*October 23, 2009 – Annual Fall Dance*

**(NOTE: Watch the Sunday Bulletin for upcoming news concerning a Taco Breakfast as well as ticket information for the Fall Dance.)**

*October 24, 2009-Tootsie Roll Drive*



Sir Knights and Worthy Brethren,

I recently called all the Brothers that are receiving this Newsletter via regular snail mail. I managed to get 5 email addresses and removed those five from the “snail Mail” list. That saves the Council \$26.44 a year in just postage alone. That doesn’t take into account paper and ink. That savings is just for those five email addresses. Think about the savings if the other 28 members were to accept receiving their information via email. That is money that could be used for our charitable venues. I realize there are some that don’t have computers and we will never achieve 100% email distribution. However, I am certain that there are few more out there receiving this via regular mail that have email access. If you do, please contact me so we can save the council a little more money.

As always, if anyone would like to have an article published, just email it to me at [gmlam@satx.rr.com](mailto:gmlam@satx.rr.com) or you can mail it to me regular mail at 5746 Canterbury Run, San Antonio, TX 78228. Please understand I may have to edit it

due to available space. Please ensure I have your article no later than the last week of the month prior to publication.

This month we have yet *another* reminder from Brother Springer, our Financial Secretary; **PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES GENTLEMEN!!!!**

In His Service,  
Gary Milam, PGK, Director of Public Relations



## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

R. Arriaga – V. Cadena – N. Chavez – J. Cunningham, Jr. – G. Degerstrom – A. Garcia – O. Garcia – M. Luna – B. Markette – R. Mendoza – G. Milam – R. Montez – E. Reyes – C. Tass – G. Vasquez, Jr. – G. Vasquez III – R. Villafranca



## **Liturgical Calendar for September-2009** **Year B Liturgical Annual Cycle**

**3 Thu Saint Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church**

**Memorial**

**6 SUN TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37 (128) Pss III

**8 Tue The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Feast**

**9 Wed Saint Peter Claver, priest**

**Memorial**

**13 SUN TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35 (131) Pss IV

**14 Mon The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Feast**

**15 Tue Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Memorial**

**16 Wed Saint Cornelius, pope and martyr, and Saint Cyprian, bishop**

**and martyr**

**Memorial**

**20 SUN TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37 (134)

Pss I

**21 Mon Saint Matthew, apostle and evangelist**

**Feast**

**23 Wed Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, priest**

**Memorial**

**27 SUN TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (137) Pss II

**29 Tue Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels**

**Feast**

**30 Wed Saint Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church**

**Memorial**



## **A message from the Arch-Bishop**

### **"IMMIGRATION REFORM CAN WAIT NO LONGER"**

The current Congress, which just recessed until September, certainly has its hands full trying to deal with the economic crisis and struggling with health-care reform. Nevertheless, both issues, and many others, must not be an excuse to address the urgent need for comprehensive immigration reform. This is a matter that needs immediate resolution because of its magnitude and importance to the fabric of our society.

I have to say that this issue is deeply personal for me. I am both an American citizen and an immigrant, born and raised in Monterrey, Mexico. Some of my ancestors were in what's now Texas, since the early 1800's and I've always had family and friends on both sides of the border. So I have many conflicting emotions about the way this debate has played out in recent years.

However, I am not impelled to urge our politicians to find a definitive solution to the immigration by these personal reasons.

I am driven by the fact that Catholics must be true witnesses to the generous love of Christ, even when our passions compel us in another direction, and to see the spiritual, emotional, social and economic deterioration that the current legal limbo is causing not only for immigrants and their families, but to our entire nation.

On June 18, at the spring meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) held here in San Antonio, Cardinal Francis George summarized both the feeling of all bishops and the logic that strongly motivates us to call for immigration reform before the end of the year.

The president of the USCCB explained in fact that "it has been clear for years that the United States immigration system requires repair and that reform legislation should not be delayed."

As bishops, the cardinal explained, "we urge respect and observance of all just laws, and we do not approve or encourage the illegal entry of anyone into our country. From a humanitarian perspective, however, our fellow human beings, who migrate to support their families, continue to suffer at the hands of immigration policies that separate them from family members and drive them into remote parts of the American desert, sometimes to their deaths. This suffering should not continue."

We bishops are not politicians, we are pastors of souls. And as pastors, we believe that the current immigration situation is profoundly harmful to the soul of our country.

After the failure of the proposed immigration reform in 2007 we need a reform that will confront the issue in all its complexity that will reconcile the parties and overcome extreme positions.

As Cardinal George said in his petition sent to President Barack Obama and Congress, "our society should no longer tolerate a status quo that perpetuates a permanent underclass of persons and benefits from their labor without offering them legal protections. As a moral matter, we must resolve the legal status of those who are here without proper documentation so that they can fully contribute their talents to our nation's economic, social and spiritual well being."

The church has an important role to play in promoting forgiveness and reconciliation on this issue. We must work so that justice and mercy, not anger and resentment, are the motives behind our response to illegal immigration.

We know, in fact, that millions of immigrants are here in violation of U.S. law. This makes law-abiding Americans angry. And it should. Those who violate our laws have to be punished. But, what punishments are proper and just? I think, from a moral standpoint, we're forced to conclude that deporting immigrants who break our laws is too severe a penalty. It's a punishment that's disproportionate to the crime.

Deportations are breaking up families, leaving wives without husbands, children without parents. That is not a situation that Catholics should want.

The family is central not only to our faith, but to our society.

That is why I want to again propose an idea that I presented in my address to the Missouri Catholic Conference last October, and which I believe could offer an alternative that would serve both charity and justice.

We have to insist that those who come to our country respect our laws. If they are here illegally, they can't expect to escape punishment. But I would suggest that some kind of community service would be a far more constructive solution than deportation. This would build communities rather than tear them apart. And it would serve to better integrate the immigrants into the social and moral fabric of America.

This may or may not be the solution. But with it, I want to point out that, with courage and creativity, it is possible for our politicians to find a just and honorable solution that creates equal justice for the two great traditions in this country: compassion for the defenseless and respect for the law.

As I have said before, I believe that this is the greatest civil rights test of our generation. The lives of millions of undocumented workers and their families hang in the balance. Millions are presently forced by our failed policies to live without rights at the margins of this great country.

With all my heart, I ask Catholics and people of good will to encourage our elected officials, with our prayers and our actions, to propose comprehensive immigration reform before the end of this year.

***Archbishop José H. Gomez,  
S.T.D.***

