

Dear Friends of the St Gregory Knights of Columbus #6170,

Our year started off strong with our Christmas Social held on December 19, 2010! The event was well attended and the food was exceptional. We honored our special guests, Jacob Lapari and Lindsey Lanier. Jacob is our sponsored Seminarian from the Diocese of Houma/Thibodaux and Lindsey is our sponsored Postulant with the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in Wisconsin. See the attached pictures of them receiving gifts from our council at the social. We also presented a check to Fr. Shenan Boquet, Pastor of St. Gregory Barbarigo Parish and Chaplain of our council. This check was our council's donation to help refinish the alter floor in the church. All who attended the event enjoyed the party! (See the various pictures attached)

We also started our "Soup Kitchen on Wheels" program by preparing and serving meals to the volunteers and staff of "Bayou Area Habitat for Humanity", www.bayouhabitat.org. As you may know, Habitat for Humanity provides homes to underprivileged people by use of volunteer labor and donated materials. Our council and friends prepared enough meals to feed seventeen people for six days! Many thanks to our friends who helped us get started on the right foot! From cooking in the kitchen, to baking desserts, to donating monies and goods; all helped make our first endeavor a success. And it was a real joy to meet the volunteers from all over the country that give their time to help the Habitat for Humanity cause. There was a large group of young adults from Americorp, www.americorps.gov. (see attached pictures). These young men and women travel the country volunteering in different communities. We also met a couple that volunteer through the "RV Care-A-Vanners" program, www.habitat.org/rv. All who were involved with our first "Soup Kitchen on Wheels" event received joy and blessings from their experience. We look forward to our next event.

The renovations around our KC home are ongoing. We recently finished removal of the blocked culverts, repair of the gate foundation, tree and stump removal and the laying of a new cement slab along the side of the home. The new slab connects the front sidewalk to the handicap access ramp at the front entrance. It also completes the parking area along the side of the home. We also changed the front entrée door knob to a handicap accessible lever type. Our next step will be to repair the shed. Most of this work is being done by brother Knights and friends.

Please keep us in prayer as we move forward and continue our commitment to charity.

In Him,

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PS: Larry Donaldson is doing well and thanks everyone for your prayers. And Donald LeBlanc thanks everyone for your prayers as well. Donald went home Tuesday and is doing better.

*Jacob Lapari, Seminarian from the Diocese of Houma/
Thibodaux accepts a Christmas gift from Council #6170.*



*Lindsey Lanier, Postulant with the Franciscan Sisters of
Christian Charity in Wisconsin receives a Christmas gift from
Council #6170.*



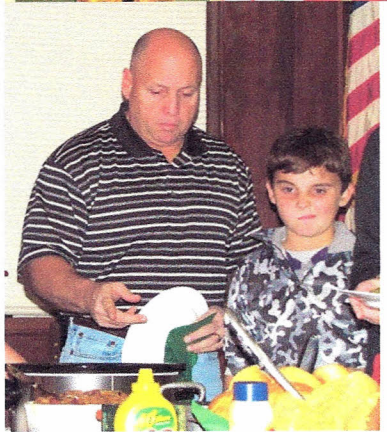
*Rev Shenan Boquet accepts a donation from Grand Knight,
Mark Belanger and officers of St Gregory Council #6170. This
donation was used towards the new alter floor in the church.*



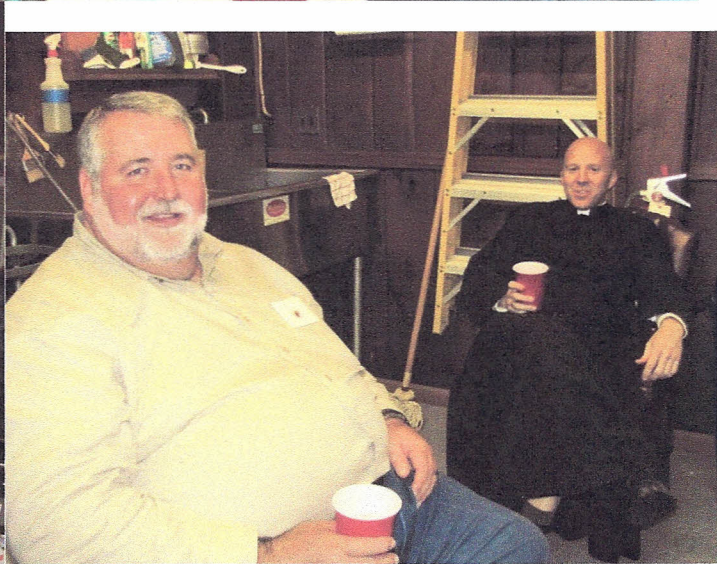
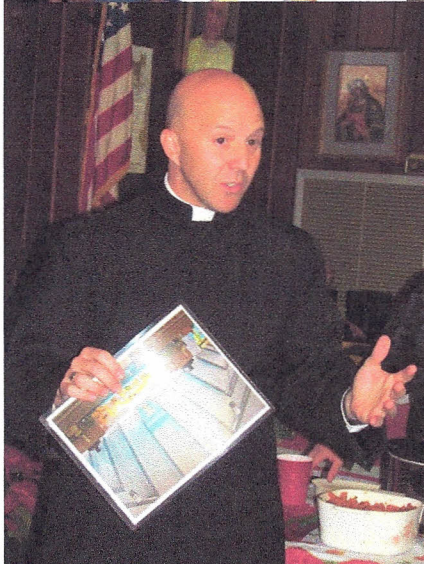


St Gregory Council #6170 Officers attending the Christmas Social (l-r) Paul Scott, Rev. Shenan Boquet, David Eschete, Ken Hutchinson, Doug Dupre, Mark Belanger, Steve Boudreaux, Chuck Helmer, Larry Donaldson, Rodney Bollinger, and Tardy Melancon

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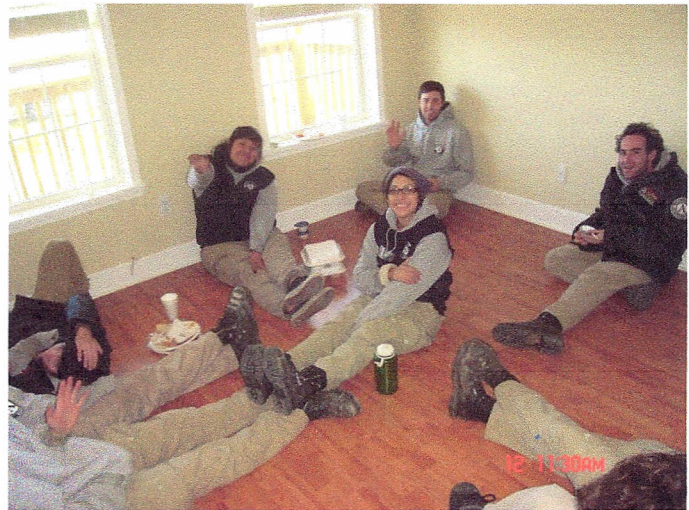


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Here are AmeriCorps volunteers being fed by St Gregory Council #6170 at the Habitat for Humanity houses being built in Galliano.



Cement slab work at the KC home. January, 2011

