

2009

Family of the Year

Ronnie and Tracy Morales

**Laurel Council 2180
Laurel MS**

**Grand Knight
Joseph A. Harvey**

A YOUNG KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS FAMILY WHOSE EXAMPLE WE SHOULD FOLLOW
ESPECIALLY WHEN WE SAY WE DO NOT HAVE TIME.

I once heard where there is a great man there is a greater woman. I also heard behind every great woman there is a greater man. God Bless both of them. This statement accurately describes this family. Both support and are actively involved in many fund raising activities and events which support and provide funds for the Church, Community, Council, Youth, and Family.

This Family became part of our Order when this Knight obtained his 1st Degree (09/23/08). He is now a 4th Degree Member due to his family' attitude if they join an organization they want to improve it by becoming actively involved in its events and activities. Both are working parents who provide a religious, loving, caring relationship with their children (Raymond Alexander, age 6; Marie Renee, age 4, 2005; Amaleah Fe, 10 months; yet they find time to actively contribute their time and talent to assure the events and activities they are involved in run smoothly.

He is presently is our Council Recorder and Youth Service Chairman. He recently has co- accepted the responsibilities of managing our Council's Event Schedule Calendar as our Program Service Director moved to Alabama, thus assuring events are properly scheduled in advance and do not conflict with any other prescheduled activities. Also he is a 1st Degree Team Member assuming the Chancellor Role.

They both were actively involved in the organization; management; and implementation of the Family/CYO/Intellectually Challenged Adult's Halloween/Christmas/Mardi-Gras Parties which included decorating the Parish Hall; assuring each participant "s needs were met; and that all Parents/Youth Members/ Intellectually Adults intermingled with each other. This Knight played Santa Claus and often held the Intellectually Challenged Adults on his lap and provided them the Christmas Spirit required by their mental ages. Approximately 100 people (50 intellectually Challenged Adults and 50 Parents/Youth Members attended each of these events.

He provided invaluable assistance operational necessities for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt this year. He assisted the Preschoolers and assured that they and their parents were involved. Each child found a few eggs. Many of the children were Hispanic and this Knight is not bilingual, but all the parents and children thought he was great and enjoyed the event.

They both were instrumental in organization, management an implementation of our Annual Parish Seder Meal to include research, providing literature at each place setting explaining the significance of each item on the tables, the assignment of each role-player (Leader and Participants) of the meal and the preparation of the main meal.

They both were involved and were active participants of the Lenten Soup Suppers which provide funds to St. Vincent DePaul activities.

She is a High School CCD teacher and helps our CYO director thus always involved and setting an example for our youth and their parents. She is also an active member of the local faith sharing group, thus clarifying misconception about our Catholic faith.

He an Assistant Tee-ball Coach on which his son Raymond participates.

They both are very in Pro-Life Active and truly by their actions encourage others to become actively involved.

What is truly remarkable about this family they accomplish the above endeavors as a Unit, their children are always with them and often follow their parent's examples by actively helping them.

This is a family works; plays and prays together; always setting example of how a religious family should behave. They are a delight to watch as they meet all the things that a Catholic and a Knight of Columbus Family stand for; thus setting a standard for others to follow.

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