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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Michael A. Danner

Happy and Grace filled Easter to everyone! I trust Lent has been a bit demanding and productive. I hope you had an opportunity to check out those Lenten Scriptures. Remember, like precious gifts, the Scriptures must be opened and read to be received. Once received the Word becomes our source of Life—New Life—Grace-filled Life. Happy Easter! The Word of God, Christ the Lord, is risen!



Christ's Peace to All, Father Mike.



You came from Heaven to Earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky, Lord I lift your name on high (Rick Founds)

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 5

Palm Sunday

April 9

Holy Thursday

April 10

Good Friday

April 12

Easter Sunday

April 23

General Council Meeting

April 27

Bingo Workers at Saint Mary's

Special Advance Notice to

All 1st Degree Members

Major Degree Ceremonial

(for 2nd and 3rd Degree)

Sunday, May 3, 2009

Knights of Columbus Hall

1140 Muskegon Avenue NW

4th Degree Events

Fourth Degree Exemplification

April 18, 2009

Holy Redeemer Parish

Burton, MI (In the Flint Area)

Contact Faithful Navigator Ron

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details

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Robert P. Foster

Hello out there in the world of 389 Knighthood. For myself the month of March has had some real highlights. It started with a very successful Pancake Breakfast. We had a nice Corporate Communion on the 15th, and the Rosary with Vespers with our Chaplain, Father Mike was very beautiful and enriching. If you check the picture you will see the Knights who led the decades of the rosary. Other highlights are that we received \$200 from the returns for our share of the RSVP program for our seminarian and the rebate from the State raffle tickets purchased by Council members. With these returns we will be able to send our Seminarian another \$500. This is certainly a great program that allows us to aid the growth of new priests.

This next item is the most important news item. We have 90 members in Council 389. We

have 15 inactive, 32 insurance, and 43 associate members which is a total of 90 members. In all my years as a Knight, this is the closest I recall the Council ever achieving 100% dues paid by this time of the year. By this time next month we WILL have 100% paid. I am very proud of this Knights of Columbus Council.

I also have one item that has really inspired me with the up and coming MI Fund Drive. On Friday, March 27th I was invited to be a part of the Color Guard for the Special Olympics Southwest Regional and State Basketball Finals Tournament in Grandville. We carried in the colors after some 800 kids who are all part of Special Olympics marched into the gym. Following their entrance, our Color Guard carried the American flag and the Special Olympics banner into the gym where we posted the Colors. With the Colors posted the Special Olympics

chorus sang the National Anthem. For me, this was a really—really emotional moment. We spent about four hours with these wonderful kids and the many volunteers. When you get the chance to help on this years MI Fund Drive, please do it.

With the State's difficult economic times, the charities we give our MI donations to are also experiencing difficulty. In some cases we are their only economic support, so we have the opportunity to give of our time and our treasure.

Last of all—remember to help on the upcoming Apple and Cherry Pie Fund Raising Event. Worthy Knights Frank Murphy and Pete Gonzalez are co-chairmen. The same slogan applies—"many hands make light work". If you don't know what to do, I promise you by the end of this month you will! Please watch the Parish bulletin for details.

Vivat Jesus! *Bob*

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of April

General: That even in difficult and complex situations of present-day society, Christians may never tire of proclaiming with their lives Christ's resurrection, the source of hope and

peace.

Missionary: That future priests in young Churches may be ever more seriously formed culturally and spiritually in order to evangelize their respective countries and the whole world.

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Trustee—3 Year

Tom Kaplanowski
364-8296

Trustee—2 Year

Henry Baltruczak
361-6023

Trustee—1 Year

Roger Rettig
262-4762

CONGRATULATIONS!

Happy Birthday Reverend Father Michael Danner

April 4th

God Bless Your Faithful Service

BIRTHDAYS

1st DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

April 1	Richard Sedlecky	April 1	Merlin Fritzen	46 years
April 15	Peck Green	April 1	Roger Terhaar	27 years
April 15	Richard Myer	April 1	Walt Wendell	2 years
April 15	Karl Rettig			

February Knight of the Month

Ryan Banaszak

February Family of the Month

Ken and Ann Berg and family

March Knight of the Month

Ryan Farley

March Family of the Month

Jon and Chris Wright and family



Council members led decades of the rosary during Evening Vespers in honor of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Day of the Unborn. L to R: Angelo Tiberio, Tom Kaplanowski, Father Mike, Rich Clement (back), Ryan Farley, Craig Johnson, and Bob Foster.

Merciful God as we approach the Easter mysteries, purify us in mind, body, and spirit through our penitential practices. May we experience anew the reconciliation gained through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Give us faithful servants, ordained and lay who will teach,

inspire, and lead us. Amen

We pray for our Seminarian.

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FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

Donald R. Kehoe



The following excerpt is from Supreme Secretary, Donald R. Kehoe's letter to all Grand Knights regarding funding of Culture of Life Issues on February 27, 2009.

“Last August, the delegates to the Annual Supreme Council Meeting reaffirmed the Order’s longstanding commitment to the Church’s teaching on life and marriage by unanimously approving Resolution 302, which established the Culture of Life Fund and a special assessment of \$3.00 per member. It was anticipated that this Fund would support a broad range of initiatives that advance the Culture of Life. I am happy to report that the Fund has done just that. Two programs, one to assist men and women to cope with the traumatic aftereffects of abortion and divorce and one to help men be better fathers have been introduced. To date, the response to these initiatives has far surpassed our expectations.

In addition, our financial support last fall was vital to the passage of constitutional amendments protecting the sanctity of marriage in California, Florida and Arizona. Today, 30 states have such amendments. In January, we implemented our new initiative helping state councils provide pregnancy centers with ultrasound machines. The Supreme Council partnered with local Knights to put this life-saving technology in the hands of pregnancy centers in both Iowa and Florida. On a national level, the Board of Directors recently voted to provide financial support to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for a newly formed Task Force whose purpose is to promote the Church’s teaching on marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The Knights of Columbus has always been deeply committed to promoting racial equality and defending religious liberty as a basic civil right. In the United States today, the abortion lobby has indicated a desire to move the so-called “Freedom of Choice Act” (FOCA) through Congress. This radical piece of legislation would not only expand abortion “rights,” but also force medical personnel, morally opposed to abortion, to violate their consciences and participate in abortions. In Canada, the Parliament has witnessed the introduction of a private member’s bill that would legalize euthanasia across the country. On these and a host of other issues affecting the Culture of Life, the Knights of Columbus must be ready to educate the public about the need to support policies and legislations that protect human life from conception to natural death.

Contributions to the Fund from councils or individual members remain in the country of origin and will only be used for projects in that country.

From the Grand Knight—Your Council will send the \$3.00 on your behalf to Supreme for the Culture of Life Fund.. Anyone wishing to contribute \$3.00 individually may mail it to the Financial Secretary, Ted Hamilton, 262 Timber Creek Court NW, Comstock Park, MI 49321.

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Elections Notice

COUNCIL ELECTIONS – APRIL 23, 2008

Annual council elections are only a few weeks away. Over the years our council has been fortunate to have men step forward to seek an office and accept the challenge of leadership. On this page you will see a brief description of the responsibilities of each elected office. Look them over. Pick one that you feel you can fill.

The following men have agreed to have their name placed in nomination for the respective offices. Even if someone has been nominated for an office, it does not mean someone else cannot also be considered.

If you have not been contacted and want to be nominated for any of the positions, please be sure to attend the May membership meeting and submit your name. If you do not run for an office, but you know of a Knight who would be a good candidate, place their name in nomination at the meeting.

NOMINEES FOR 2009-2010 ELECTIONS

Grand Knight	Bob Foster
Deputy Grand Knight	Jon Wright
Chancellor	Larry Wilson
Advocate	David Klemmer
Recorder	Tom Samuelson
Treasurer	Ed Kuberski
Warden	Angelo Tiberio
Inside Guard	Tom Farley
Outside Guard	Clark Allen
Trustee - 3 year	Peck Green
Trustee – 2 Year	Tom Kaplanowski
Trustee – 1 Year	Henry Baltruczak

DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Knight – Responsible for the welfare of the Council. Presides over monthly meetings. Acts as ex-officio member of all committees. Appoints membership and programming director. Ensures all necessary reports are submitted to State and Supreme Council.

Deputy Grand Knight – Assists the Grand Knight with Council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the Grand Knight. Presides at directors meetings. Presides at Council meetings in the absence of the Grand Knight.

Chancellor – Assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight and presides over meetings in the absence of both the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight. Strengthens members’ interest in Council activities.

Recorder – Responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence. Keeps minutes of Council meetings.

Treasurer – Responsible for maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. Deposits money into Council accounts and payments of all expenses.

Advocate – He is familiar with Council by-laws, the Order’s charter, methods of conducting Council meetings, and Roberts Rules of Order.

Warden – He is the “watch dog” of Council property and degree paraphernalia. Sets up Council chamber for meetings and ceremonials.

Inside & Outside Guards – The guards have similar responsibilities. The Outside Guard tends to admitting visitors and members. The Inside Guard checks to ensure that membership cards are current.

Trustees – The Board of Trustees consists of three members. The Grand Knight serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees. They oversee the work of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer. During Council elections, only the three-year trustee is elected. The others move to second and first year positions respectively.

Note: The Offices of Financial Secretary and Lecturer are State appointed office.