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## COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Rev Michael A. Danner

### DISARM THE DISMAY

Some people say that they are dismayed by some of the happenings in society lately. They say they are dismayed but not surprised. Not surprised. When surveys and polls are tallied in their reports of lack of discipline, run-away media "entertainments" (protected by "freedom of speech"), family breakups, misuse of drugs, bullying, texting-sexing-anyexting, cheating, etc., they are read like the daily gossip with the morning coffee and discarded. It seems that the exception comes when the lightning strikes at one's own door. Then some hands are wrung and some brows wrinkle. On occasion a cry is sent forth for help from the community. We ought to note here that there is rarely any hesitation to gather for vigil, to join the search, to sponsor the benefit, to come near to offer comfort. We ought to note here that deep in the spirits and consciences of most people we find what is right and good and proper. We ought to note here that too often so many people are unwilling to invest in the efforts necessary to prevent the calamities and crimes that dismay.



We ought not to underestimate the efforts of the Knights of Columbus over the years to contribute to the efforts of society to *prevent* the misfortunes and misadventures of families and individuals. Programs of charity, education, correction, citizenship, to mention but a few, have been the agenda of local, national, and international K of C fraternities from the beginning. Today we are charged to carry We need to keep all of our goals and purposes as active and as effective as we can possibly accomplish. In health lingo we surely believe that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound—or on. more—of cure. We have the tools to help

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, August 24, 2011**

**7:00pm**

**Installation of Officers and  
Potluck Dinner Following**

## OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

**Aug 4**

**Memorial of St John Vianney**

**Aug 6**

**The Feast of the Transfiguration**

**Aug 7**

**Breakfast at the Catholic Boy Scout  
Retreat, Franciscan Life Center, Lowell  
7am-10am**

**Aug 11**

**Rosary at the GR Home for Veterans,  
4pm in the Chapel**

**Aug 15**

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Aug 24**

**General Council Meeting**

## COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE CONT'D

the various professionals who serve society. Let's pray that we use them all and use them well. It would at least be better than being dismayed. Peace,  
Fr. Mike

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Brothers. As we start the new fiscal year, several matters are coming due and planning for the upcoming events will soon be upon us. First, the Council will be having its Installation of Officers on Wednesday, August 24 at 7 pm. All members and their spouses are invited. We will be doing a potluck after the short ceremony. This will be a great time for our spouses to get together and organize themselves into a Ladies Auxiliary. The event will take place at the Brophy Room.

As everyone is aware the change of Mass schedules has affected our attendance at the monthly Pancake Breakfast. After much discussion, the council is going to continue the regular hours for the fall months and see if additional promotion will increase the participation after the 10:30 Mass. In addition to the pancake breakfast, the Council is exploring the idea of holding a dinner on Saturday after the 4 pm Mass. One suggestion was a spaghetti dinner. Let me know what you think.

I would like to thank everyone that offered to help with the Texas Hold'em Tournament over the past month. Sadly, we learned that gamblers have families and don't play poker during the holidays so our overall profit from the two dates was minimal at best. However, we have a plan in place to secure better dates for 2012 and hope to duplicate our success from last year. We do have one more Texas Hold'em Tournament left this year, and volunteers are needed. The next game will be from September 1 (Thursday) through September 4 (Sunday) at Westgate Bowling Lanes. If you are available, please contact me.

The local Councils are organizing weekly schedules for First Degree Ceremonies so that we can get new members through their ceremony soon after joining. Again, set a goal this month to recruit at least one new member before the end of the year.

*Larry Wilson*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ◆ August 7th

Prepare Breakfast - Boy Scout Retreat at the  
Franciscan Life Center in Lowell  
Arrive by 7:00am; finish by 10:00am

#### ◆ September 1st—4th

Texas Hold'em at Westgate Bowl on  
Alpine Avenue

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Happy Birthday!		1st Degree Anniversary		
8/1	Anthony Walker	8/23/1993	Wally Kieda	18 years
8/2	Michael Janisse	8/23/1993	Martin Kuks	18 years
8/5	James Dexter			
8/5	Russ Banaszak			
8/9	Thomas Herman			
8/10	Lawrence Wilson			
8/18	Walter Wendell			
8/23	Lowell Vickery			
8/23	Stephen Lundberg			

Belated Birthday Greetings—Worthy Knight Craig Johnson—July 16th!  
*Many Happy Returns!*

MI Chairman Bob Foster distributes checks to this year’s recipients of donations: Special Olympics Area 11, Equest Center in Rockford, and Lincoln School in Grand Rapids.



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**DISTRICT 15**

**District Deputy**  
Mike Czajkowski  
246-6508

**COUNCIL 389****OFFICERS**

**Grand Knight**  
Larry Wilson  
363-7346

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363-5788

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647-1116

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364-8296

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Russ Banaszak  
363-4706

**Inside Guard**

Kevin VanWagner  
363-4129

**Outside Guard**

Clark (Boo) Allen  
364-7642

**Trustee—3 Year**

Jon Wright  
298-6410

**Trustee—2 Year**

Bob Foster  
458-9727

**Trustee—1 Year**

Craig Johnson  
364-1632

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Church in her holy wisdom has provided a cycle of events in its liturgical year which allows the faithful to celebrate the major feasts in the life of Christ and Mary. Most notably, during August, we celebrate the feast of the **Transfiguration** and the feast of the **Assumption**.

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**AUGUST—A MONTH FOR PRIESTS**

*Those of you who social network may have seen this invitation to an event to which you need not be physically present, but mindfully aware of. The message is still as strong and needed. Make August a month that you pray for increased vocations to the priesthood!*

*"The world looks to the priest, because it looks to Jesus! No one can see Christ; but everyone sees the priest, and through him they wish to catch a glimpse of the Lord! Immense is the grandeur of the Lord! Immense is the grandeur and dignity of the priest!" Blessed Pope John Paul II (Rome, Italy, October 13, 1979)., Italy, October 13, 1979)*

Our priests are under constant attack, they are called to be God's instruments to administer His Sacraments which translates to they are walking around with a giant target on their forehead.

We need to pray and sacrifice for our priests, we need to form an army to defend them in prayer and penance.

I ask you to join me in dedicating August to praying for priests around the world, to praying for seminarians, for those training and forming priests, for vocations directors and for more vocations and for those who are discerning priesthood.

Pray St Therese's daily prayer for priests (below) and fast or do penance one day a week each week in August (and beyond) for our priests. Please invite all your friends to join in prayer

"O Jesus,  
I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;  
for your unfaithful and tepid priests;  
for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields.  
For your tempted priests;  
For you"

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