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### COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



*Rev. Michael A. Danner*

#### YOUR VOTE COUNTS

**W**ell, how are we doing on attitudes toward recent immigration laws, blocks, demonstrations, and all the media coverage? As we remember the goals and foci of the Knights' purpose—spirituality, service, charity and patriotism—what sorts of decisions do we need to make personally and to mandate our representatives in the Congress to get busy at? I know it is not an easy decision for anyone at this point. If we merely overlook the law in this area, what stops us from setting precedents to overlook the law in other or all areas? I have no doubt that our Catholic communities will ever deny charity and hospitality and refuge for the persecuted and poor and disadvantaged. At the same time, we know and lament the reality that various power and political plays are in the agenda of the immoral and criminal minds of some nasty and naughty people who wield power and slam gavels. We are not alone in this process of countering injustice. Each of us is part of the community of faith that we share in Christ Jesus, in our allegiance to the principles of our Order. How and for whom will you vote this Tuesday? There is a primary, don't forget. America is on the brink of ridding our State and Federal Houses of corruption and crazy shenanigans. The Grand Rapids vote counts in this process. Toss the lobbyists to the curb this time and vote the issues. Re-

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### **August 7**

Breakfast for the Boy Scouts Retreat  
Franciscan Life Center, Lowell  
Arrive 6:30am

#### **August 8**

Corporate Communion and  
Installation of Officers  
St Isidore, 10:30am Mass

#### **August 12**

Rosary at the Vets Home, 4pm in the  
Chapel at GRHV

#### **August 15**

**Feast of the Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Council Audit Due

#### **August 26**

General Counsel Meeting, Thaddeus  
Center, gather 6:30pm, gavel pounds  
7:00pm

### **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE CONT'D**

member the moral imperative the Gospel of Jesus Christ has instilled in our hearts. We are the Mystical Body of Christ. *Vivat Jesus.* Fr. Mike

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

The Knights of Columbus is a not-for-profit organization, which we all know. We work diligently to maintain that rating, which allows us to make the large charitable donations both of time, talent and money as I've alluded to in previous newsletters.

Our insurance company, which I may remind you insures Knights and their families is also a not-for-profit insurance company. So where do the "profits" go? You guessed it, to Charity. Where do the profits of the traditional insurance companies go? Well they go to the investors that own them. Big difference. There's nothing wrong with those other companies, other than you can't be sure that your financial investments, earnings etc. are being invested into companies that are consistent with your Catholic faith. They may be investing their general funds in embryonic stem cell research, or many of the unapproved of fertilization pro-

cedures, or worst of all funding abortion.

There's nothing wrong with them making money for their investors, but we have a choice to get great insurance and more bang for our buck in our charitable efforts, and a trusted assurance that our money is being invested into companies that are consistent with our faith. We can provide for our families in their time of most need, which is what Father McGivney envisioned.

Attached to this newsletter is a document that Mike Taylor sent along on Long Term Care insurance. I recommend you investigate this offering as most medical insurance programs, Medicare etc. simply do not provide for all the medical expenses that you will incur. An investment professional once told me that it can be the difference between living in a nursing home or an extended care facility. If you are currently uninsured or underinsured, you will find Mike most supportive in finding the best program for you.

P.S. If you're not on our e-mail mailing list and didn't receive the Financial Beacon newsletter, let me know and I'll ask Mike to mail one to

With Mary Immaculate, let us adore, thank, implore and console the Most Beloved and Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

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August is often considered the transitional month in our seasonal calendar. It is the time of the year we begin to wind-down from our summer travels and vacations and prepare for Autumn — back to school, fall festivals, harvest time, etc. The Church in her holy wisdom has provided a cycle of events in its liturgical year which allow 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** (August 6) and the feast of the **Assumption** (August 15).

**COUNCIL'S 1ST QUARTER  
CORPORATE COMMUNION  
AUGUST 8, 2010, 10:30am MASS  
ST ISIDORE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS TO  
FOLLOW MASS  
ALL COUNCIL OFFICERS AND MEM-  
BERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO AT-  
TEND  
CLIP THIS REMINDER & TACK TO  
YOUR REFRIGERATOR!**

August Birthdays

Russ Banaszak	August 5
Jim Dexter	August 5
Tom Herman	August 9
Stephen Lundberg	August 23
Lowell Vickery	August 23
Anthony Walker	August 1
Walt Wendell	August 18
Larry Wilson	August 10

August Membership Anniversaries

Anthony Stacier	August 4	41 years
Wally Kieda	August 23	17 years
Martin Kuks	August 23	17 years

**Vocations are Everybody's Business  
Pray for our Priests  
Support our Seminarians**



**General:** That those who are without work or homes or who are otherwise in serious need may find understanding and welcome, as well as concrete help in overcoming their difficulties.

**Missionary:** That the church may be a “home” for all people, ready to open its doors to any who are suffering from racial or religious discrimination, hunger, or wars forcing them to emigrate to other countries.

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*Recent Council Activities*  
Serving Those Who Served  
A Glimpse of the 2010 Veterans' Carnival, 7/31/2010



Council 389 hosted a booth at the annual Carnival at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Upper left, Grand Knight Jon Wright, Trustee Robert Foster, and Worthy Knight David Motyka; upper right: showing a resident the new game, Swing-A-Win; Center: Bubbles and Kaboom visit the booth to snap photos of the booth contestants; bottom right: Knights urging family members on!

Bidding Godspeed to Seminarian Michael Hodges at the conclusion of his 5-month internship at St Jude Parish

