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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Michael A. Danner

Did you notice the article in the Columbian (September 2008) about getting started in Bible reading? If it's been a while since you've tried reading Scripture, the suggestion in that article is a good one: "Try tackling the Bible by concentrating on these 14 books at first." Fourteen?! Fourteen, you say. How about one or two or three....to get started. Well, considering the total number of books in the Bible, becoming familiar with these fourteen narrative texts would be an achievement worth the time. When and if you get into them, you will find a relatively readable, sequential summary of Salvation History, the main theme of the Good News of the Bible. This month you might concentrate on Luke 1:26-38 and 2:1-14; we prepare, watch and wait. As we give praise and thanks for our Lord and Savior's birth, let us emulate His works of Charity, mindful of His gifts, and pray for peace in our world. Let us pray and Good reading! Peace in Christ, Father Mike



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 7

Council Donut Sale after all
Sunday Masses @ St. Jude

December 8

Feast of the Immaculate
Conception—Holy Day of
Obligation

December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 14

Pancake Breakfast

December 24

Christmas Eve—the Nativity of
our Lord

December 25

Christmas Day

December 28

Feast of the Holy Family

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Robert P. Foster



Well, I promise you that this will be last

Grand Knight's message of 2008! So I certainly hope that you all will read this very important article—at least according to me it is important.

November was a great month! I know that the Council was pleased to present our 20% tithing to the Parish by extending a no cost breakfast on Stewardship weekend. The chairman of the Stewardship Committee, Rick Manuszak, extended a thank you to the Council. The event was very successful. I also believe that our Council is a true example of Parish stewardship and that all our members are stewards of whichever Parish we belong to. By the way, 32 members, wives, kids and Boy Scouts supported the effort (see the last page of this newsletter). We provided over 400 breakfasts. Thanks from your Grand Knight, you are the

best!

Then, we were the first Council on this side of the State to exhibit the Our Lady of Charity Icon and celebrate a scriptural rosary to allow Parishioners the opportunity to pray for her intercession. Pope Benedict XVI requested the Knights circulate the Icon as a means to pray for peace.

A slight memo: Remember the State Raffle Ticket Sale. Be sure to include the seller's name and Council number as we receive a rebate from the sales.

The month ended up with a great Council Christmas Celebration. All of our officers except one were able to make the beautiful event. Father Mark and Deacon Larry brought the needed religious atmosphere to a wonderful day; Worthy Knight Pete Gonzales and family did a great job of decorating; Tom Samuelson's touch included the poinsettias and the Christmas cactuses; Worthy Knight Ed Kuberski picked a great

caterer by the name of "Bill"; District Deputy Carroll Graves presented the many awards to deserving Knights and families; Worthy Sir Knight Henry Baltruzsak provided a beautiful St. Francis of Assisi wood work rendering as a door prize, and Worthy Sir Knight David Klemmer wrapped up the program by leading us in "Let There Be Peace on Earth." But before I end this paragraph, I have to add a thank you to the person that put the program together and began the celebration with a beautiful invocation. Most of you know her as my private secretary, and she is. But to me she is my wife and First Lady Carla Foster of Council 389.

So, one last reminder, our two next activities that require participation are the Donut Sale on December 7th after all Sunday Masses and the Pancake Breakfast on December 14th.

Lady Carla and I wish you a most blessed Christmas season. Vivat Jesus! Bob Foster, Grand Knight

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of December

General. That in the face of a spreading of a culture of violence and death the Church through her apostolic and missionary activity may promote with courage the culture of life.

Missionary: That especially in mission countries Christians may show with acts of fraternal love that the Child born in the stable at Bethlehem is the luminous Hope of the world. Source: www.catholicculture.org

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The Reason for the Season. Christmas is a Christian feast — and we must reclaim it as such! In the same way that a family eagerly prepares for a baby, so in Advent should we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. We should keep Advent as a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and of hope and keep our thoughts on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on the flesh of the Virgin Mary. Let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Savior may come to dwell.

The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Her preparation was complete in every respect. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayerfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.

Source: www.catholicculture.org

Our Council Website

Be sure to check the Council website in the next few weeks for updates to our recent activities and our Christmas gathering.

The website went live in July 2007. In 2008 the website has had over 4200 visits and two inquiries about the Knights of Columbus and the Council.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

BIRTHDAYS

December 1 Angelo Tiberio
 December 2 Ken Berg
 December 14 Roger Rettig
 December 16 John Musser
 December 21 Richard Doyle

DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

December 1 Randall Kuberski 11 years
 December 1 John Kuberski 11 years
 December 11 John Crawford 8 years
 December 17 Jim Dexter 1 year

Knight of the Month—Nov 2008 Family of the Month—Nov 2008

Roger Rettig



Knight of the Month - Roger Rettig - November 2008

Shannon and Nora Burton



Family of the Month - Shannon and Nora Burton - November 2008

THANK YOU!! for all your help to make the St. Jude Parish Stewardship Celebration a **BIG** success! These many hands made work light:

Worthy Knights

Russ Banaszak
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 Ted Hamilton
 Craig Johnson
 Tom Kaplanowski
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 Steve Lundberg
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 Tom Samuelson
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