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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Michael A. Danner



Building a culture of life is surely part of our K of C mission. Various programs are regularly sponsored to continue the objection to abortion in our American way of life. While most are convinced that abortion is not the preferred choice in times of difficult pregnancies. Many will even admit that it is an immoral choice. However, it is still "legal". Some still insist that we take note of that. How could we not? Some, too, regret the decision to seek or to assist in obtaining these procedures. PROJECT RACHEL has been a significant service over the years to those in need of healing and reconciliation because of abortion decisions. You are surely aware of this service. You have contributed both financially in projects and personally in various contacts in our communities. The Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, reflects on this in the January, 2010 Issue of COLUMBIA. (cf.: pp.17-19). We must continue to seek ways to provide healing for those in need. Mental Health professionals are still trying to quell ill and immoral effects due to abortion in our society (cf.: American Psychologist, Major, Appelbaum et al., pp.863-890). These studies still conclude that more research will be required to determine the well-being of women with regard to the effects of abortion in society. Perhaps our more immediate responses can step forth with our efforts to team with PROJECT RACHEL in compassion and healing for those—both mothers and fathers—who are suffering these days and in a deep respect for the gift of life, for the culture of life.

Peace Father Mike

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2

*Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Rosary for the Intentions of the
Haitians, 7pm, St Jude Church*

February 3

Feast of St Blaise

February 14

*Pancake Breakfast
Valentine's Day ♥*

February 11

Rosary at the Vets Home Chapel, 4pm

February 22

Bingo Workers @ St. Mary

February 25

*General Council Meeting
St Jude Thaddeus Center
6:30 gathering: 7:00 gavel pounds*

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life, the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family. *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give my heart and my soul.*

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Robert P. Foster

Well hello out there in a typical Michigan winter! Everyone is in the middle of the winter toys of Michigan—ice skates, down hill and cross country skis, toboggans, ice fishing gear, snow throwers, snow shovels, snow mobiles and countless other tools and toys! It has been a great winter for all of these.

For the Knights it is always time for our tools and toys. There are a great number of important tasks that we have in store. There are folks that need our prayers, and there are folks that need our support with time and financial assistance. Our Pancake Breakfast as well as our Donut sale and Pie sales have generated our major opportunity to help those in need. I do extend a hearty thanks to all of our Knights that have lent a hand in these ventures.

The Youth Poster Contest that Council 389 sponsored at Holy Trinity Parish was just great. The Council thanks Worthy Knight Ted Hamilton for putting the details of this event together. Be sure to check the photos in this newsletter.

And thanks again to Worthy Knights Frank Murphy and Pete

Gonzalez for putting on a very successful donut sale. It was fun, neat and we made charity funds. We're going to do this again! Thanks to all who lent a hand.

We are fast approaching the annual Mentally Impaired Drive and please give some thought in giving a hand to this project. As everyone knows, the economy is not the best in and around Grand Rapids, but the needs are always present, so please get involved.

This is also the time of year for Council Elections. Don't panic, we only need a few good Knights to respond to this charge. You can make a difference and with a team like we have, you are never alone. Worthy Knight Jon Wright will be our upcoming Grand Knight and Worthy Knight Larry Wilson will be Deputy Grand Knight. I think this is great! New ideas and new faces at the top!

I plan to attend the State Convention this year and the Council could use a second delegate and alternate delegates. This is an election year for our State Officers. If you have a desire to be considered on the ballot for one of these delegate positions, please let me know.

I have said before that I have no plans to disappear into the wood-

work! With my private secretary, I will continue to produce the monthly newsletter. I will be the Immediate Past Grand Knight and, with that, comes the position of 3-year Trustee. I will regain the position of MI Drive Chairman also. I will also become assistant pancake breakfast chair under Worthy Knight Dave Klemmer. So you will still be getting calls by email and phone from yours truly!

One more note—in these economic times, it doesn't appear that relief is tomorrow. Our Council must stay strong to assist people that have both financial and emotional problems. For 2010, as you know, the dues per member are \$30. If this is a burden to any member, please contact me. If your finances allow, feel welcome to include the \$5 for Take 5 and the \$2 for the Culture of Life. But remember, the actual membership dues for Council 389 are \$30 per year.

May the Holy Family inspire you as we move from the "feast" of the Christmas season to the "fast" of the Lenten season. Vivat Jesus!

Bob Foster



The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of February 2010

General: For all scholars and intellectuals, that by means of sincere search for the truth they may arrive at an understanding of the one true God.

Missionary: That the Church, aware of its own missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim His Gospel to all peoples.

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ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

District Deputy Dist 27

Carroll Graves
1-616-696-8908

2/15/94 Peter Treska

16 years

2/6

Norb Fisher

COUNCIL 389 OFFICERS

2/4/03 Donald Wilson

7 years

2/10

Ed Schindorf

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Bob Foster
458-9727

2/16

Steve Zimmerman

Deputy Grand Knight

Jon Wright
307-7445

2/18

Tom Kaplanowski

2/22

Thaddeus Lipzinski

2/22

Daryl Mick

2/25

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647-1116

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Larry Wilson
363-7346

Advocate

David Klemmer
784-2143

Recorder

Tom Samuelson
647-1052

Treasurer

Tom Kaplanowski
364-8296

Warden

Russ Banaszak
363-4706

Inside Guard

Tom Farley
363-5788

Outside Guard

Clark (Boo) Allen
364-7642

Trustee—3 Year

Peck Green
363-4641

Trustee—2 Year

Angelo Tiberio
363-7878

Trustee—1 Year

Henry Baltruczak
361-6023

Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Poster Contest

Grand Knight Bob Foster and Financial Secretary and Poster Contest Chairman Ted Hamilton present award certificates to Holy Trinity poster contest participants and winners



The Pledge of Allegiance



Winners (top right) who received checks and certificates



All Participants (left) received certificates of participation

**The Council's Seminarian
Charles J. Schwartz**

First Theology
Shrine of St. Francis Xavier &
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Parish, Grand Rapids

Write to Charles in care of:

St. Mary's of the Lake
1000 East Maple Ave.
Mundelein, IL 60060

Please keep Chuck in your thoughts and prayers. As part of the RSVP program, send Chuck a note from time to time to express not only the Council's, but your own, gratitude for answering the call to serve.

