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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Christ, the Word Made Flesh, the Light of the World

I saw the sun today. Today is December 20, 2010. I saw the sun today and it shone from out of clouds' shadows for quite a while. The sun hid again today. Today is December 21, 2010—the shortest day of the solar year for us near the 45th parallel. It is the winter solstice. This is the perfect symbol of the world darkened by all that is wrong, by all that is sinful. I saw the sun today. Today is December 22, 2010. I saw the sun today and it was shining most of the day. Light is returning second by second, minute by minute. Christmas is near. What a perfect symbol of the Son of God, the Incarnate Word, making a difference in the world we live in. As we celebrate this Christmas mystery, I pray with you that we might be reflectors of this light. I pray that our lives and examples will be enlightening to and for our families and for our communities. May our efforts imitate the Word made flesh, the Christ, and help remove the shadows of darkness and unclutter the paths of authentic journeys toward all our potentials for all that is truly good.



Peace. Father Mike

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**

January 2

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the
Lord**

January 9

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 11

**1st Degree Ceremonial @ St Jude
in Msgr Charles D. Brophy Center
Candidates: 6:00pm, Ceremony:
7:00pm**

January 13

**Rosary @ the GR Home for Veterans,
4:00pm in the Chapel**

January 15

**Free Throw Contest @ Holy Trinity in
Comstock Park**

January 16

Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-11:00am

January 27

**Council General Meeting
6:30pm gather; 7:00pm gavel pounds**

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! For those of you that don't belong to St Jude and those that may not be aware, St Jude will switch to 8:30 and 10:30 masses on Sunday mornings effective January 2nd. The Saturday mass will remain unchanged. This proves challenging for us and our pancake breakfast. My recommendation is that we continue to serve two breakfasts, one after each mass, to accommodate the new schedule until the end of our winter/spring schedule, which I believe ends in March. We will ask the parish to assist us in getting the word out to the 10:30 mass, as they are not used to us being available for them. Of course we will be monitoring the attendance closely, and it will always be open to discussion at our monthly meetings.

As I said, this is my recommendation. I am interested in any feedback from all members to determine whether or not we need to take a formal vote at our next meeting. However our meeting falls after the next breakfast, so our course of action should be to at least see the January event through.

The pancake breakfast is more of a parish event for people to stay a little longer after church

and socialize with each other.

It's a time of high visibility for the Knights of Columbus, and allows us to participate in a home parish event. From that standpoint, it's been a great success. So sleep on this, and let me know what you think.



From my family to yours, may your new year be blessed.

Vivat Jesus!

Jon Wright

P.S. Don't forget that we have a "short" Texas Hold'em scheduled on January 24, 25 & 26th. Please consider helping in this event. More to follow later.

P.P.S Sorry, I almost forgot. We are sponsoring a 1st Degree on the evening of January 11th at St Jude. It's not too late to ask a new potential Knight to become a part of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. Contact Bob Foster, Council Membership Director for details or if you have questions on how to sponsor a Knight.

First Degree. Council 389 will host a First Degree Ceremonial on January 11th at St Jude Parish in the Msgr. Charles D. Brophy Center. Candidates should arrive by 6:00pm; Ceremonial begins at 7:00pm.

The day that a man becomes a Knight can be the beginning of a lifetime of active involvement and achievement. Every First Degree must be treated as

a special occasion since it is that new member's first experience with the Knights of Columbus. A meaningful and properly conducted First Degree will also allow current members to reaffirm their commitment and pride in the Order. Check with Bob Foster at 458-9727 on upcoming First Degree ceremonials and help to grow the order.

Have You Asked Someone to Become a Knight?

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1st Degree Anniversaries

Jan 16	Richard N. Doyle	74 Years
Jan 20	Henry D. Baltruczak	24 Years
Jan 27	Lewis Peck Green	22 Years
Jan 3	Richard Newville	7 Years
Jan 3	Jonathan R. Wright	7 Years
Jan 3	Danny A. Hughes	7 Years
Jan 27	Craig S. Johnson	7 Years
Jan 19	Russell P. Banaszak	6 Years

January Birthdays

Jan 12	David M. Klemmer, Jr.
Jan 13	Joseph J. Fohey
Jan 14	Edwin L. Kuberski
Jan 16	Craig Johnson
Jan 22	Ryan Banaszak
Jan 25	Richard P. Streng
Jan 25	Peter J. Gonzalez

Congratulations Knight of the Year Pete Gonzalez and Family of the Year Russ and Brenda Banaszak

Note from the Editor:
Regrets for overlooking the birthday of Raymond Kulczyk on December 23rd.
Happy Belated Birthday!

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January



General: That our personal experience of suffering may be an occasion for better understanding the situation of unease and pain which is the lot of many people who are alone, sick or aged, and stir us all to give them generous help.

Missionary: That the peoples of the earth may open their doors to Christ and to his Gospel of peace, brotherhood, and justice.

Source: www.catholicculture.org

Major Degree

A ceremonial for 2nd and 3rd Degrees will be held on February 27, 2011 at Blessed Sacrament Council 13391, 2275 Diamond Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. Schedule is as follows: Candidates arrive by 12:00 noon; Degree ceremonial begins at 1:00pm
 Dress Code: Sport coat and tie or business casual – no jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes, etc.
 No cell phones, pagers or beepers are to be

brought into the building where the ceremonial will be held.

Dinner Cost: A dinner will be available for members and wives or significant other after completion of 3rd degree at approximately 4:30 pm, cost determined day of event.

Contact Bob Foster, Council Membership Chair, 458-9727 or Ted Hamilton, Financial Secretary, 647-1116 if you plan to attend.

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What's Cookin' in Council 389

From the Pancake Breakfast Chairs. you, Tom! Thanks again to the team who And thanks braved the snow and cold to pro- to Worthy provide our signature breakfast at St Knight Pete Jude on December 12th! Kudoes G o n z a l e z to Worthy Knight Tom Samuelson who has been pitching in during for spending some time getting Tom's recovery. David Klemmer reacquainted with the kitchen af- and Bob Foster, Pancake Breakfast ter double knee surgery. Thank Co-Chairs

A REMINDER FROM THE ST JUDE KITCHEN MANAGER

(also known as Worthy Knight Pete Gonzalez)

Please remember when cooking in the kitchen or serving food, caps and gloves are required by the Michigan State Dept of Health. Want to show your Council colors—Worthy Knight Ted Hamilton has Council logo caps and aprons available for sale. Show your colors and your Knights pride!

From Membership Director,**Bob Foster**

I thought I would have you read a statement from Cardinal James Gibbons, who ordained Fr. Michael J. McGivney and was 4th Degree Knight, that appeared in the First 50 Years of the Knights of Columbus which was 1932. Don't miss this opportunity to invite a candidate to the up and coming 1st Degree ceremonial to be held on January 11th at St Jude.

"An enlightened and zealous laity is the glory of the Christian Church. The most luminous periods of the Church's history have been epochs conspicuous

for laymen who have vindicated the cause of Christianity by their eloquence and their writings, as well by the sanctity of their lives. If I may single out one society without prejudice to the merits of the others, I will name in a particular manner that splendid organization, the Knights of Columbus. They are our joy and crown. "They are the glory of Jerusalem. They are the joy of Israel; they are the honor of our people." Wherever calumny raises it foul head, they are ever ready, like true knights, to smite the enemy.

Whenever an appeal is made in the cause of religion or charity, they are always foremost in lending a helping hand. —James Cardinal Gibbons

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COUNCIL 389 CHRISTMAS GATHERING



Council 389 celebrates Christmas
L-R Top: GK Jon Wright greets DD Mike Czajkowski and Lady Dorothy; Fr. Tom Page leads the invocation and grace; GK Jon Wright opens the program; Worthy Knights Marcel Mercier, Angelo Tiberio, Ed Kuberski and Bob Foster receive length of service awards; and Family of the Year, Worthy Knight Russ and Lady Brenda Banaszak



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