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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Rev Michael A.Danner

AS ONE IN CHRIST



Our Easter Season for 2011 is drawing us toward a leap of faith and at the same time one of the most comforting realizations offered to us by the Risen Savior, Jesus the Christ. No longer walking the earth in earthly existence as he did from Bethlehem to Calvary, Jesus has risen as He promised and predicted. St. John recalls in his Gospel that Jesus said that *our hearts ought not be troubled* because He has prepared a place for us so that *where He is we also may be* because *He is our way, our truth, our life*. Does our renewed belief in the resurrection deepen our faith enough to move us a bit closer to accepting that wonderful promise that *we will do the works that He does and even greater ones than these as He goes to the Father?* Through Baptism we have become members of the Body of Christ. Have the confidence in God's grace that Jesus would have in that place so close that we become as one with Him. Enjoy the comfort of knowing that we are living, working, resting in the very presence of the Christ. Yes indeed, it takes a leap of faith. But I ask you: Do any of the comforts and rewards we seek and work so hard for come even close to the PEACE, LOVE, JOY, ASSURANCE, FREEDOM that our risen Lord offers? Peace,

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

June 22, 2011
7:00pm gather; 7:30pm gavel

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2

The Ascension of Our Lord

June 9

Rosary at the Veteran's Home,
4pm in the Chapel

June 12

The Feast of Pentecost

June 14

Annual Clergy & Religious Vocations
Dinner, St Jude Brophy Center
5:30pm Social
6:30pm Dinner & Program
Our Lady of Fatima

June 15

OFFICER TRAINING

Registration & Luncheon 6:30pm
Sessions: 7:30-9:30pm
St Mary Parish Life Center & School
402 Amity St, Lowell, MI

June 22

General Council Meeting

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Dear Brother Knights,

This issue marks my final entry into the Martin as Grand Knight. I've said my piece and now it's time to move on, and let a better man take over.

Over the years, the issues I've written about are subjects that I've become passionate about.

Life. The life of over 55 million unborn babies that our society has deemed disposable. This alone may result in the downfall of our great nation (I pray not). It amazes me that a nation that has sacrificed so many of its sons in wars for the freedoms we so casually enjoy, could slide so quickly into a nation indifferent to the legal murder of its children.

This moves on from a birth control pill that silently aborts a child, to the violent process that occurs each day in the many abortion clinics across the world. Then to the compromise of the old, when a society decides they've become inconvenient and expensive.

Who's been compromised the most so far? Women. When a major charity that raises money for breast cancer funds abortion, which has shown to cause breast cancer, how do you make sense of it?

Faith. Yes, I've struggled from time to time in my faith. But somehow I always knew it was right. The more I've learned, the more I'm in awe of Jesus and what he did for us and continues to do for us to this day. We can't allow that to be marginalized by a secular society. We must be protectors of the faith, that's under full attack right now. We can't just confine ourselves to business as usual. If we truly want to affect the future, we must invest more in the young people, they need all our help today, after all, they are the future. I've met many young people that are strong in the faith, and offer us

great hope for the future. It was once suggested to the young people today, that the devil must be very afraid of them, why else would he arrange to have so many of them killed.

Finally, the *Family* is under attack from all sides. The latest has been in state after state falling into the mistake of legalizing same sex marriages. There is no way a Christian can ever be in support of this. The damage to the family unit is huge as they continue to push their unnatural agenda into schools and society. Who will suffer? The children of course. We should not persecute those who have same sex attraction, however we can't stand idly by and have a minority rule the wishes, and values, of the majority, at the expense of families and children.

Solution. We all do something. Matthew Kelly often states that there are enough Catholics in the US to elect a president. Yet we Catholics are so divided and weak in our faith and that we've forgotten that we must hold political candidates up to the 10 Commandments litmus test. Especially so-called Catholic politicians. We need to remind people that before they were Republicans or Democrats they were, and will hopefully always be, Catholic.

Thank you for your patience, endurance to my ramblings, and help over the last year. The Knights have made a huge impact in this country. We continue to support kids that are homeless and young people having difficulties in life. One of the main reasons I was drawn to the Knights of Columbus is their support for the mentally impaired. I have a sister that is mentally challenged, so I'm sensitive to our efforts there. Keep up the good work. Thank you again, and please support our newly elected officers!

Vivat Jesus! *Jon Wright*, Grand Knight

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111th Annual Michigan State Knights of Columbus Convention
Mackinac Island, MI

This year's delegates were DGK Lawrence Wilson and IPGK Robert Foster. The State Convention featured not only meetings and caucus of business of the Order, but also morning Masses at 7:30am and the Living Rosary prayed by over 2,000 on the lawn of the Grand Hotel. The Convention also featured the State Deputy's banquet with guest speaker, Supreme Director (and Past State Deputy) Thomas M. Wegener who will be the keynote speaker at the upcoming Clergy & Religious Vocations Appreciation Dinner this month.



Photos: top left—Living Rosary

Top right—Supreme Director Thomas M. Wegener

Middle right—State Deputy Thomas A. Marcetti

Bottom left: State Treasurer Robert Fox

Bottom center: DGK Lawrence & Lady Robin Wilson

Bottom right: DD Michael & Lady Dorothy Czajkowski



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Update**Clergy & Religious Vocations Appreciation Dinner**

The RSVP deadline of May 16th has been reached and some additional have come in since then. We are fairly confident that we have reached our final numbers. This Council can be proud that 269 have committed to attend and we estimate that we could have approximately 285 total.

Thank you! to everyone who has stepped up to help in the various ways for the evening of the dinner:

- ◆ Whatever is needed: David Klemmer, Kevin VanWagner
- ◆ Beverages—Ed Schindorf and Joe Fohey (we could use 4 more)
- ◆ Council Registration—Ted and Ceil Hamilton
- ◆ Clergy & Religious Registration—Ray and Charm Kulczyk (we could use 1 or 2 more)
- ◆ 50-50 Ticket Sales (we need at least 2, 4 would be better)
- ◆ Beverage/Bar token Sales—Tom and Nancy Kaplanowski (we could use 2 more)
- ◆ Catering Support— Our caterer has asked for 15 bodies. Pete Gonzalez is already on board. Thanks Pete! Catering support involves carrying trays for the servers. Salads and desserts will be placed on tables between 3:30pm and 4:00pm. Come early if you can!

Arrival time at the Brophy Center should be between 4 and 4:30pm. The social time begins at 5:30, dinner at 6:30.

What to wear? If you're in a first line position, please wear your Sunday best—no jeans. If you're helping with the Catering Staff or Beverages, please wear black slacks and white shirt. Bring your KofC apron if you have one! I promise you will not be overworked. *Please call me by Monday, June 6th if you can fill in some of the empty spots where help is needed.* Bob Foster, Dinner Chairman

UPCOMING EVENTS**Texas Hold'em**

- ◆ **June 30-July 3**, Plainwell Lanes, 575 10th Street, Plainwell, MI
- ◆ **July 11-13**, Westgate Bowl
- ◆ **July 30—Carnival Grand Rapids Home for Veterans**
KofC Booth, 10am-2:30pm

Charity at Home and Abroad

Council 389 recently supported McKenzie Samuelson who made a Mission Trip to Haiti with some of his fellow West Catholic school mates. McKenzie reported on his experiences and included some photos of his trip. McKenzie stated, "I learned a lot from Haiti. Everyone down there was so grateful for what little they had. This showed me to be thankful that I live in a country where I am guaranteed a meal every day, a bed to sleep in and I have a loving family that cares for me. Haiti was a once in a lifetime experience that I will not soon forget. So once again I would like to thank all of you for making this possible. "

Thank you McKenzie for your servant heart!



Pictured above: the group with whom McKenzie traveled to Haiti (McKenzie is shown in the back row, far left standing)

Pictured below: (left) Students placing tarps on Villager's cornstalk huts to keep out the rain; and (right) students with the proud owners of their home.

