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## COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Rev Michael A. Danner

Fr. Mike takes a brief hiatus from his newsletter duties for this month's issue. In the place of his article, please enjoy the following. The Editor



**A Walk Back in History: Past GK (1969-1971) Lloyd Ney, Grand Knight's Message**

*A word about church and the Knights.*

*Society has created many new problems for itself and there is much good that our order can do to make this a better world to live in.*

*As we are all living out our allotted time on this earth, I am mindful of the undeniable truth that "The only things we take with us when we die are the good deeds we leave behind."*

*We are all tempted to view the "church" as a place where we go to worship, the pastor, bishops, cardinals and popes.*

*How wrong we are. WE are the church. If you can remember the days of your catechism, WE are the church militant, the soldiers of Jesus, called upon to wage war on the sins of the world and mankind. To do good deeds and to set an example to the rest of the world that good prevails over evil.*

*Let us serve our God, our order and our country by setting a good example and making the good deeds of your fellow Knights known to the world.*

*To our new brothers I leave this message, tithe your time in exercising the precepts of our order, Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism. Whether it be 1, 2, 5 or 10% of your time, you alone will know when you have contributed enough. "Must I continue to give and give?" Only until the Lord stops giving to you.*

*Remember our fraternal salutation, Vivat Jesus (Jesus Lives).*

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

March 24

6:30pm gather; 7:00pm gavel  
St Jude Church Lower Level

## OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

March 6

Pancake Breakfast

March 9

Ash Wednesday

March 10

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

March 17

St Patrick's Day

March 19

St Joseph, Husband of Mary

March 25

Solemnity of the Annunciation  
of the Lord  
KofC Day of the Unborn Child

March 29

Anniversary of the Order  
Formed in 1882

# LENT

## CHARITY ~ UNITY ~ FRATERNITY

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

**M**arch 25<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Annunciation, and has been designated the Day of the Unborn Child (Rosaries welcome).

Here are some things to think and pray about: To date there has been over 55 million abortions in the U.S. alone since 1973 when the Supreme Court made abortion legal in the US. Now here's something else to think about, birth control pills followed on the heels of that. Now the birth control industry would like us to believe that the birth control pill prevents fertilization of the egg. However, what it actually does is **prevents** implantation of the fertilized egg to the uterine wall. The egg that is actually already fertilized and contains all the DNA to not only create a human being, life has actually begun. The Catholic Church has **always** maintained that life (and ensoulment) began at the moment the egg was fertilized. The pill is actually an abortifacient, a pill that causes an abortion. Thus, one might conclude that the 55 million abortions that have taken place in the abortion mills of the US, is actually the tip of the abortion iceberg. The actual number of abortions may be beyond calculation. A staggering thought.

Now the Catholic Church has pretty much stood alone in its position of birth control and abortion. We have been very unpopular in our secular society that has an anything goes attitude, and ignore the consequences. The consequences have been significant. Life has been devalued, children have been devalued and women have been devalued most of all.

This was predicted with 100% accuracy by a very

unpopular Papal Encyclical, issued July 25, 1968, letter of Pope Paul VI, title "Of Human Life", or perhaps you know it by the name of *Humanae Vitae*. He predicted "Grave Consequences of Methods of Artificial Birth Control". He felt that a "dangerous weapon would be placed in the hands of those public authorities who take no heed of moral exigencies."



We have a political regime that has turned back all the previous restrictions to abortion, and even returned to funding abortion in third world countries with your tax dollars. Now the erosion of the family unit is going to move further at a Federal level, as the President will no longer defend the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman. And the abortion industry and birth control move on unchecked.

Catholics need to be aware of these issues when they vote for politicians. I believe if we unite and send a strong message to the politicians by uniformly voting for life, and holding so called pro-life politicians to their pledges, we would see a big change in a remarkably short time.

What's the most powerful tool in this battle for life? Your unflinching prayers.

Vivat Jesus! *Jon Wright*

P.S. The Book of the Month on this topic is Abby Hoffman's book titled: **Unplanned: The Dramatic True Story of a Former Planned Parenthood Leader's Eye-Opening Journey across the Life Line.**

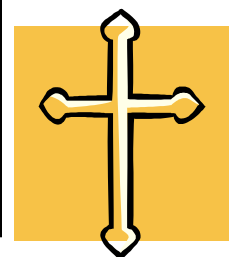
### In Memoriam

Edward J. Grzegorski

December 12, 1927-February 9, 2011

Council Member—November 24, 1947-February 9, 2011

Rest In Peace



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**1st Degree Anniversaries**

March 1	Marcel Mercier	69 years
March 16	David Gillstedt	19 years
March 26	Lowell Vickery	21 years
March 13	Karl Rettig	14 years
March 1	Tom Farley	13 years
March 1	Ted Hamilton	13 years
March 23	Tom Kaplanowski	8 years
March 25	Norb Fisher	3 years

**March Birthdays**

March 4	Tom Farley
March 23	John Corey

**Cruise Into Charity!**

Tickets for the Michigan State Charity Raffle are now on sale.

Prizes:

**1st Prize**— 12 night Mediterranean Cruise  
(or \$25,000)

**2nd Prize**— Alaskan Discovery Vacation  
(or \$15,000)

**3rd Prize**— 7 night Caribbean Cruise  
(or \$7,500).

The seller of the 1st prize ticket wins \$1,000 and the seller of the 2nd prize ticket wins \$500.

Remember the Council gets a "rebate" on the tickets purchased.

**Congratulations!**

Rev. Mr. Larry Hoogeboom on receiving honors of the 2nd and 3rd Degree of Knighthood on February 27th!

**Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Poster Contest.**

*Congratulations* to Jake Singer and Amanda Dunnebeck from Holy Trinity School whose posters were selected for State competition in the annual poster contest. Amanda is the niece of Brother Ed Schindorf of Council 389.

**Plant the Seeds**

If you plant honesty, you will reap trust  
If you plant goodness, you will reap friends

If you plant humility, you will reap greatness

If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment

If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective

If you plant hard work, you will reap success

If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation

What you plant now will determine what you will reap later.

**GOD'S ON THE LINE.  
DON'T HANG UP!**

*Vocations Are Everybody's Business*

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Pray for our Priests  
Support our Seminarians**

**DISTRICT 15**  
**District Deputy**  
 Mike Czajkowski  
 246-6508

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 298-6410

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 364-8296

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 363-4706

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 363-5788

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 364-7642

**Trustee—3 Year**  
 Bob Foster  
 458-9727

**Trustee—2 Year**  
 Peck Green  
 363-4641

**Trustee—1 Year**  
 Angelo Tiberio  
 363-7878

### Lenten Spiritual Opportunities

**Evening Mass**  
 7pm in the Church  
 Tuesdays during Lent at St Jude

**Stations of the Cross**  
 7pm in the Church  
 Friday evenings during Lent



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*35th Annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities*  
*"Rainbow Heart Fund"*

**PLEASE HELP THOSE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

Dear Brothers ,

I am very proud to have been Chairman of this worthwhile program since 1994, probably more than anyone else in Council 389. And that is true because I have always hand delivered the checks to the Agencies that serve the Mentally Impaired folks in our community. I also feel fortunate to have met and talked to a fair number of the folks that we help. It is truly great because 100% of the donations from this project reaches the agencies. Everything including advertising, travel and mailing has never come from the monies collected. If you are a part of this true act of love ---- I say thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are great.

*"Together let's end all forms of intellectual disability*

*Pray for further progress"*

*No matter your financial or physical ability - give from **your Heart.***  
*Equest Center; Special Olympics; Lincoln School*

**Count Me In!**

*Say "Yes, I want to do my part in this years M.I. Drive". Add MY NAME to the list of your **Rainbow Heart Fund** members! A \$10.00 donation will include your name on the Rainbow Heart Fund rolls.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of my donation \_\_\_\_\_

*Clip this coupon and send it along with your donation to Robert P. Foster M.I. Chairman, 1077 Maybelle St. N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.*

*Make Checks payable to: Council 389 "Rainbow Heart Fund"*  
*Any questions, call Bob at 458-9727*

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