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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Michael A. Danner



KEEP IT GOING!! DON'T STOP!

Perhaps you noticed the report of the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, in the August issue of **COLUMBIA** about the coinciding of the Knights' Year of the Volunteer and Benedict XVI's Year of the Priest. He maintains that mutual familiarity and cooperation of these two groups of the Church leads to vital action and to steps that move us to the fulfillment of the goals of the mission of the Church. **Works of Mercy, Catholic Health Care, Global Charity, Catholic Education, and Defense of Religious Liberty** comprise some of the basic points of focus to be considered seriously as arenas where ministerial priesthood and the Church's devoted corps of volunteers meet and excel. From personal observations I can attest to the fact that our K of C men and women are involved in all of these and more endeavors right here in Grand Rapids. My prayer and plea to you: **DON'T STOP!!!!** My prayer includes the fervent hope that our priests will keep us all connected with the Gospel and my plea includes the confidence that your talents and time will reach out to those areas listed above. As we see this at work in our world—which we do everyday—we see the Mystical Body of Christ wonderfully alive and well. We need the mutual support and cooperation of priests and volunteers. Christ is wonderfully present in the mutual support and cooperation of volunteers and priests. **DON'T STOP!!!!** May your work and word keep you at the task and encourage others to join in our K of C corps and/or ministerial priesthood. We need each other. Vivat Jesus! Father Mike

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7

Labor Day

September 8

The Birth of Mary

September 10

Rosary, Vets Home Chapel, 4pm

September 12

Most Holy Name of Mary

September 13

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SEASON
BEGINS!

September 14

Triumph of the Cross

September 24

General Council Meeting
St Jude Thaddeus Center, 6:30pm

September 28

Bingo Workers at St. Mary's, 6:00pm



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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Robert P. Foster

Hello out there in the fall of Michigan! As you know I'm speaking of a

season. We are quickly reaching the time that we must think 'PANCAKES'. Worthy Knight Dave Klemmer is again our pancake breakfast chairman. So it's up to the rest of us to be ready to do our thing. Our first breakfast is on September 13th. That same weekend is a time to look for new Knight members. If you know someone who like to belong to this august group, please invite him to join and have him sign a Form 100!

Our installation event was super! Ten of the 12 offices of the Council were present. The Officers formed a cross in the Millennium Center atrium. Their wives and other members viewed the instal-

lation from the stairway. District Deputy Carroll Graves administered the oaths of office and jewels were presented to the new Officers.

Following the installation, Father Page gave us an invocation prayer and we had a delicious potluck meal.

Two presentations were also presented. The Council has been blessed to have one incredible Knight. This Knight has been the longest active Knight that this Council has ever had. This Knight has had his 3 sons join the Council. This Knight has a wife that has been a visible part of this Council for many years. This Knight has chaired many events, including our summer gathering. This Knight has been Council 389 Treasurer for over 40 years. This Knight

has kept us with a good name with the State and Supreme Knights of Columbus. I have been involved in many levels of the Knights, and as the Grand Knight of the 2nd oldest Council in the State, I have received Council compliments many times and in many places. I can tell you the credit for these compliments belong to Worthy Knight Ed Kuberski. It is a privilege and an honor to know and work with this great Worthy Knight. And you can bet that Ed has not finished serving this Council! Both Worthy Knight Ed and Lady Judy were honored with awards and a gift card to Vitale's restaurant.

Vivat Jesus! *Bob*

Knights and Families of the Month

Limited space in previous newsletters precluded these awards from being announced.

Knights of the Month

May 2009—Frank Murphy
 June 2009—Rich Clement
 July 2009—Tom Kaplanowski
 August 2009—Larry Wilson

Family of the Month

May 2009—Ted and Celia Hamilton
 June 2009—Larry and Donna Hoogeboom
 July 2009—Tom and MaryJo Samuelson
 August 2009—David and Suzanne Motyka

**Knight of the Year and Family of the Year
 to be presented at the September Meeting-
 Congratulations, All!**

CONGRATULATIONS!

BIRTHDAYS

- Sep 31 Don Wilson
- Sep 14 John Capodilupo
- Sep 24 Ronald Stack
- Sep 28 Frank Murphy
- Sep 29 Roger Terhaar

District Deputy Dist 27

Carroll Graves
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Bob Foster
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Ted Hamilton
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Larry Wilson
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784-2143

Recorder

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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

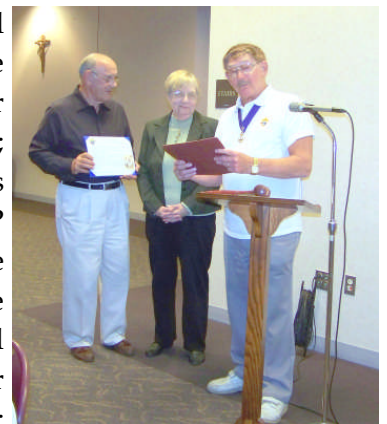
Angelo Tiberio
363-7878

Trustee—1 Year

Henry Baltruczak
361-6023



Officers of the Council (above left) stand in the form a cross during their installation on August 27th; DD Carroll Graves presents the Council its first RSVP plaque for 2008-2009; the Most Rev. Thomas Page (below left) graciously led the invocation and prayer before the potluck meal;



and GK Bob Foster presents Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing Treasurer Ed Kuberski and his Lady Judy for their more than 40 years of service to Council 389. Thank you all for your service!



First Degree. 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.

Have You Asked Someone to Become a Knight?

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FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT



Greetings fellow Knights. We had a great summer, but it appears to be winding down. Hopefully there's still time for some fishing yet before the weather goes south on us.

I "borrowed" this clip from the KofC web site, and thought I'd pass it along:

Two top rating firms have reaffirmed giving their highest ratings for the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's concluded this week that the 127-year-old Catholic fraternal order's financial strength and stability remains strong despite a slumping economy.

In my working career I have seen, and experienced 401K's take three severe losses as the economy went through its cycles. I've seen family members return to work after retirement due to 401K losses. They

can bounce back, but there are losses none the less. You might want to consider investing some of your future in the KofC annuities (rock solid) or even whole life insurance. Many investors have come to realize that whole life insurance with a solid company (see above) not only provides security for widows and orphans, but offers another rock solid investment for you when it matures. When I was "young and foolish" I let some insurance salesman talk me out of my whole life policies. I regret that decision. I now have all my life insurance with K of C and have no regrets. Please remember that our Field Agents exist to serve only the Knight's. They don't take business from anywhere else. Father McGivney had the foresight to offer financial security for the members and families. I think he would be very pleased to see how it turned out.

Vivat Jesus, *Jon*



The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of September

General: That the word of God may be better known, welcomed and lived as the source of freedom and joy.

Missionary: That Christians in Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar, who often meet with great difficulties, may not be discouraged from announcing the gospel to their brothers, trusting in the strength of the Holy Spirit.



Prayer for our Seminarian

Lord Jesus, your Mother Mary continues to shine as one who fully responded to God's call. May young people throughout the world be graced to follow her example of doing God's will in their lives. Help them understand the joy that comes from serving God and others. Amen

We pray especially for our Seminarian. Chuck, as he likes to be called, is studying in Grand Rapids during the summer. Very shortly he will begin his seminary

days at St Mary's of the Lake in Mundelein, IL. Continue to encourage him as he continues his journey in answering the call to the priesthood. Any stipend you can include with a note to him will be most appreciated. Checks should be made payable to him directly.

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