



# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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**February 2013 - Happy Valentine's**

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# GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Vivat Jesu!

If we had made a New Year's resolution to have an incredibly busy January, then I think we succeeded. When I look back on the month, it had to be one of the busiest we have had in the history of our council. In addition to our normal calendar of meetings we had: 1) A Tri-District Meeting in Monroe 2) Euchre Night 3) Pancake Breakfast 4) Fraternal Benefits Night 5) 2 Major Degrees we sent candidates to for Degree work and 6) Signed up 5 of our Brother Knights for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification in March. All of these events were well attended/staffed by our Council. When you think of where we started as a Council, to think that we would accomplish so much in one month is truly remarkable. It makes me so proud to lead such an active and involved Council.

As we enter February, Lent is clearly the focus of this month. We begin our season of contemplation of the sacrifice which Jesus made for us to bring us out of the darkness of sin and into the light of sanctifying grace. Of course, all of this is geared towards that glorious Sunday 40 days after Ash Wednesday when we can again proclaim, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today Alleluia".

The other event that February is known for is St. Valentine's Day. As husbands, fathers and gentlemen, it would be well for us to remember the women in our lives on this special day. Whether it is your wife, mother, daughter or sweetheart, please make sure that they know you love them and appreciate all they do for you throughout the year. I have heard it said that the best way to be a Father is to love your children's mother. Sage advice even in this modern world.

God Bless,

Mark

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# Chancellor's Chair



Excerpts from an article in the OSV Newsweekly, 10/07/2012, by Eric Sammons:  
Three Branches of the Year of Faith  
Knowing, Living and Sharing your Faith

Today we look at the second component of participating in the Year of Faith:  
**Live your faith.**

Our knowledge of Christ and his Church is not merely an academic, intellectual knowledge. It is knowledge that leads to action.

St. Paul's writings are centered on the idea that to follow Christ, we must be "like Christ." This is the result of that full assent of intellect and will to Christ—we give ourselves so totally to him that we are re-made into his image. We should all have on our lips and in our hearts the words of St. Paul to the Galatians, "I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me" (Gal 2:19-20).

How do we live our faith in such a way as to allow ourselves to be transformed into images of Christ? First, by recognizing that this transformation is an act of God — a sheer grace. During this Year of Faith, we should redouble our efforts to live a sacramental life — receiving the Eucharist as often as possible and going to confession on a regular basis (at least monthly). The sacraments are the primary means by which we receive grace and are molded into Christ's likeness.

We also live our faith fully by having a deep prayer life. Most of us struggle to set aside time daily to talk to God, but this is the most important activity of the day. If a husband said he did not have time to talk to his wife on a regular basis, what kind of husband would he be? Likewise, the Christian who has no time to dialogue with God regularly is not a true Christian.

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# Chancellor's Chair

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Furthermore, the Catholic tradition has a deep wellspring of devotions from which we can regularly draw. The Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Stations of the Cross—these are just a few examples of time-tested methods by which we enter into the mysteries of God and draw closer to him.

Another way we live our faith is through works of charity. The Triune Godhead consists of an eternal self-giving: the Father pours himself out to the Son, the Son returns that self-giving love, and their love is so real and abundant that it forms another person: the Holy Spirit. We are likewise called to pour ourselves out in love for others, modeling our own lives after the eternal life of God.

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St. James wrote, “Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead” (Jas 2:17). Our faith is not a mere intellectual assent — a philosophy that we accept in the classroom. No, it is the means by which we enter into the Christian life — a life lived for Christ and in Christ.

In January, I referred to a web site, [www.amm.org/chss.asp](http://www.amm.org/chss.asp). I have since learned that link is incorrect. It should be [www.amm.org/chss/chss.asp](http://www.amm.org/chss/chss.asp). If you go into “Community Links” on our web site, click on “Catholic Home Study Services”, you will get right into the site. In addition, Our Sunday Visitor has a web site, [www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com), which has a link to information regarding the Year of Faith.

Next time we will take up the third part of The Three Branches of the Year of Faith, **Sharing Your Faith.**

Vivat Jesu,

Your Chancellor  
Russ Wenner

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## News from Our Pro-Life Couple



January 22<sup>nd</sup> marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy. The March for Life in Washington, DC celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as well. It started when some Knights of Columbus approached Nellie Gray, a DC lawyer, to plan the march and asked for her help in getting speakers. The Knights are still intensely involved. I traveled on one of the buses that left the Downriver area for our nation's capitol on the 24<sup>th</sup> and walked in this year's March. Estimates of up to 650,000 people stood up for life. I saw many K of C councils represented there.

Towards the end of the March we were greeted by members of one catholic organization who challenged us about what steps we were going to take next. They said that in 40 years we have been unable to get Congress to change things, but if we were serious about it, WE could end abortion. What can you do to end abortion? Start with talking about why abortion is wrong with your children and grandchildren. Need answers on how to respond to pro-choice arguments? Follow the link to [media.rtl.org/pdf/EasytobeProlife.pdf](http://media.rtl.org/pdf/EasytobeProlife.pdf) .

### **Upcoming Events**

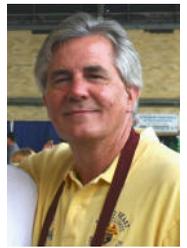
Interested in getting more involved in Pro-Life activities in your church? The next Life Issues Committee meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 6:30. All are welcome to attend.

Interested in getting more involved in Pro-Life activities in your community? The next Board meeting for Southern Downriver Right to Life is Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7:00 at the K of C hall on Jefferson in Trenton. All are welcome to attend.

Marian Sylvester

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# Our Worthy District Deputy Jeff Dombrowski



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men... *Col 3:23*:

We had a great Major Degree on January 12th at Msgr. Eppenbrock council in Trenton. District wide we brought in 14 new members, and then had 20 1st degree Knights move up to the 3rd degree. So, first of all I'd like to thank all of you fine gentlemen, brother Knights all, who have been giving other Catholic gentlemen the opportunity to find out what it is that they can do to help others...to share their faith in acts of charity and set examples to be emulated. I also would like to thank the officers who have stepped up and have established a 1st degree team in their council. We now have the ability to have a 1st degree every month, anytime we have candidates available and willing. These are good steps we are taking and we should all thank God for them, for opening the doors we walk through, which will strengthen our faith.

Between January 1 and June 30, 2013, Very Important Proposer (V.I.P.) Club members will receive double rewards points for each new member they recruit. Members will receive 1,000 V.I.P. rewards points - twice the usual amount - for each new member recruited during this six-month period. Section 5 of the Membership Document (#100) must be completed and received by June 30, 2013 to qualify and receive points. Become a Very Important Proposer and receive double rewards now! If you haven't taken a look at the items you can purchase through the Knights of Columbus, do yourself a favor and go to the KofC.org site. Lots of **interesting** information... that's the key word, interesting. You have to do a little digging, opening doors, but what you'll find will make you feel great to be a Knight.

If you have any questions or if there is anything that I can do to assist you in growing in the Knights of Columbus, please feel free to contact me anytime. I always enjoy talking with any of you. You can reach me at [islandguy01@hotmail.com](mailto:islandguy01@hotmail.com)

Vivat Jesus!

Jeff Dombrowski

District Deputy

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## **POPE JOHN PAUL II ASSEMBLY** **Fourth Degree News from the Navigator**



*The Holidays are behind us now, and most of us are looking forward to spring and warmer weather, which I must confess would be just fine with me, but hold on we still have a few bright spots coming up.*

*Our planning for the “get to know everybody involved in Pope John Paul II “social is starting to take shape. A committee has been formed, and an e-mail request sent to each member asking for their in-put in setting it up. The meeting on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> should see it come to life. We would like to have something before we start Lent. Please take the time to read SK Gary Patrick, SK Richard Lambrix, and SK Donald Smith e-mail and forward your ideas and comments to them.*

*March 2, 2013 is the date for our Downriver Spring Exemplification Program at Crystal Gardens Banquet Center in Southgate. A lot of good knights put in long, hard hours working to get this program started Downriver, and we need your help to show it was worth the time. We need to havr BETTER attended each year.. Our recruitment is going well, and we hope to have a lot of candidates moving up to the 4th Degree. Keep the pressure on recruiting more and come join us for this very important program.*

*There will be a Mardi Gras Party at Msgr: Eppenbrock Council on Feb.9<sup>th</sup> 2013 the doors open at 6pm with dinner at 7pm. There will be a Basket Auction for the Holy Cross Children Assoc. Tickets are \$28.00 per person; or buy a table for 8 for \$200.00.*

*We are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting; February 6, 2013 at 6:15 pm officers meeting, and then general meeting at 7:00 pm.*

*Until then May God Bless you, and your family.*

*Larry Vaught*

*Faithful Navigator*

*Pope John Paul II*

## Field Agent on Benefits



### *Ask eligible men to join*

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works in the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members.

We also recognize that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join our ranks and bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Chances are that the only reason he hasn't joined already is because no one asked him.

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often an interesting "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members come into the Knighthood simply to be able to buy coverage for their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

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## Knight of the Quarter

*Brother Gerald Solak*

## Family of the Quarter



*Brother Edward Korte*

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## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **OUR DECEASED:**

**Brother Clifford Moening  
Sir Knight Edward Wesolowicz**

### **OUR SICK, DISABLED:**

**Tony Herk – who recently passed away – from  
Msgr. Eppenbrock Council**

**Bishop Moses Anderson – passed away on Jan 3.**

**Howard Lambrix – Uncle to Richard Lambrix.**

**Sir Knight Mark Lauer's Brother Richard**

**Sir Knight Dominic Mancini**

**Brother James Fitzpatrick**

**Brother Jim and Lady Mary Payne**

**Lady Pat McGraw**

**Lady Jeanette Swisz**

**Lady Carol Korte's Brother Dale**



**Pray for all of our Military Soldiers, Living and  
Deceased, and for their families.**

**May God keep them safe. Amen.**

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