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## GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Brother Knights,  
I hope everyone realizes winter will be over in few months.  
Hang in there.  
Here is a quick joke - how do you make a 6 foot 5 inch Grand Knight invisible? Answer, put him behind a KC recruiting table at Saint John Neumann. Unfortunately, we managed to have another degree ceremony with only one candidate from our council. I imagine most of you, like myself, did not join the Knights to recruit other Knights. I always figured if we do good things others will want to join us. We have done many good things with no new members. So we will change.  
Mike Schmid will be spearheading this change. Thank you Mike. Please contact Mike or myself if you have any ideas or opinions.  
Thanks,  
Dan

## Chaplains Message::

It's a challenging time for Catholics! There has come to us some alarming news from Washington. The White House has informed the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that there would be no broad exemption from mandated contraception coverage for Catholics. According to Catholic moral teaching, closing the marriage act to the possibility of conceiving a child is not permissible, so the use of any form of contraceptive drugs or devices is wrong. Catholic New Agency put it this way: "On Jan. 20 the Department of Health and Human Services confirmed it would impose the contraception coverage mandate on most religious institutions, with a narrow exception for groups whose main purpose is the inculcation of religious values among people of the same faith. So while parishes would not have to pay to cover contraceptives, Catholic colleges and charitable organizations such as Catholic Charities would."

Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, received a personal telephone call from President Obama informing him of the decision not to accept the appeal of Catholic leaders for an exemption from the requirement that contraceptives be covered by health care plans. Later Dolan called the move "an unprecedented incursion into freedom of conscience that forces an unacceptable dilemma on believers: Stop serving people of all faiths in their ministries so that they will fall under the narrow exemption or stop providing health-care coverage to their own employees. Non-exempt religious groups have been granted an additional year to comply with the mandate, a concession the future cardinal ridiculed as

if we might suddenly be more willing to violate our consciences 12 months from now. Archbishop Nienstedt has asked for our prayers for the restoration of religious liberty, and that we visit [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience) to find out how to work for the reversal of this decision. I hope you will do that!

ó Fr. Joseph Gallatin

## BENEFITS CORNER:::

### "Live On" or "Leave On" Money

As your working life progresses, your priorities will likely shift. Many major life events (weddings, births, education costs for children, etc.) are probably behind you. Your focus shifts to those golden retirement years when you can enjoy your hobbies, grandchildren, travel or simply relax at home.

During my career as a field agent, I've had members ask me what they should do with a sum of money they are looking to dump somewhere for safe keeping. First, I tell them that there is no safer place to put their money than with the Knights of Columbus. No one has ever lost money using our retirement products. There are no risks assumed by you, the members. Second, I ask the member a question: Is this money to live on or leave on?

I ask this because the answer makes all the difference. If you want a guaranteed flow of cash in retirement, one of our annuity options might meet your needs. If this money is intended as a gift for grandchildren, to assist your wife in the event of your passing or to give to your favorite charity, a Single Premium Whole Life policy might be the best product.

When it comes to decisions about your finances and your family's future, don't leave things to chance. Discuss the options with a brother Knight who knows how to help. Someone who's helped many other Catholic families not too different from yours. Someone who can offer you life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products backed by the 130 year history of financial strength and security. There is no more highly rated insurance provider in North America than the Knights of Columbus. Protection provided by Brother Knights for Brother Knights and their families.

Call me today to set up a time to meet. You'll only regret that you didn't call sooner. I'm at 612.743.6659 or at [joseph.hamand@kofc.org](mailto:joseph.hamand@kofc.org).

## NOTES FROM JANUARY MEETING:::

1. Grand Knight, Dan Dixon thanked those that were at the Holiday Dinner and announced the "Family Of The Year"

was the Stephen Matlon Family and the Knight of the Year was Terry Stadick.

2. The December Culver's night was a big success with Santa drawing a bigger crowd.

3. Some of us attended the funeral of Clarence Svihel. He has been a member of the Knights since 1965, and was very active at St. Thomas Becket Parish.

4. Phil Curoe has scheduled the Council Free Throw Contest for Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at Faithful Shepherd gym starting with registration at 12:30. Girls shoot at 1:00 and Boys at 2:00. We need about six guys to help with this activity.

5. We will be having a recruitment weekend at all three parishes on the weekend of January 14 & 15. If you can help please let Jeff know.

6. Our council is sponsoring a Major Degree on Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are not a Second or Third Degree member PLEASE come and be Exemplified that day.

7. Keep Christ in Christ program had mixed results. St. John Neumann had about 61 participants and St Thomas Becket had about 10 participants. St Peter's did not participate. Next year maybe we can work with Faithful Shepherd School and have more youth participate.

8. Jerry Fay reported that he has a Blood Drive set up for February 25<sup>th</sup> at St. John Neumann

9. District Deputy, Mel Meier, reported that our council needs to get 38 new members to make Star Council. He reminded the members about the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at Hastings. District Meeting at Rosemount. January 24<sup>th</sup>. District Free throw Contest will be Saturday

January 28 at Rosemount, registration at 11:30 May 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a major degree at Rosemount. On May 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a training session for Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries at New Prague.

10. Grand Knight presented The Family of the Month Award to Kevin Zenner family and The Knight of the Month Award to Father Joseph Gallatin.

11. **Justin Willmott's** name was drawn in our attendance drawing and would have won \$100.00 if he had been present. The drawing at our February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be for \$100.00. Hope to see you there.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### The following have Birthdays in February:

05 John Broman	17 Jerry Bryce
24 Gregory Daniel	12 Joseph Davy Jr
02 Joseph Davy III	21 Timothy Dulac
01 Terry Ekegren	10 Eric Evenson
15 Kurt Fischer	04 Stephen Foertsch
03 Roy Gutzman	28 Daniel Heiden
26 Mariom Holzemer	09 Peter Honsa
19 Rev Mr Robert Kelly	07 Scott Knutson
28 Faye Mashek	20 Jeffrey McNamara
18 Timothy Mussell	12 Fred Neumann
18 Paul Noesen	22 Thomas Novitzki
13 Micheal Reineke	13 Daryl Rogers
03 Nathan Rudd	12 Daniel Schultz
04 Rev Mr Richard Stevens	17 James Taylor
01 Charles Weimer	



**Culver's Night!! Bring the Family out to eat at Culver's in Eagan, on Thursday, February 23 from 5:00 to 7:00. Remember the Knights get 10% of all sales at that time, and mom won't have to cook.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February 13

Knights of Columbus meeting 7:30 at FSCS after the 6:30 Mass at SJN and the Rosary 7:00 at FSCS Chapel

### February 14

**Valentine's Day!! Take that SPECIAL SOMEONE out to dinner, Just the two of us, like old times.**

### February 16

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER**

### February 22

**Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent. Turn away from sin and hear the Good News!**

### February 23

**BRING THE FAMILY TO CULVER'S FOR DINNER 5:00 TO 7:00 HELP SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND HAVE GOOD FOOD AT THE SAME TIME.**

### March 11

Second (Formation Degree) and Third (Knighthood Degree) at New Prague . Registration at 10:30 degree at 12:00

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

## FEBRUARY 2012 AUXILIARY NEWS

### NO FEBRUARY MEETING

It is hard to believe that Lent is upon us and begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This Lent, let us give Our Lord full freedom to work wonders in our life. Let us not mistrust the Lord as He is worthy of our trust. He walked the path of Calvary before us. He hung upon the cross for our redemption, and cried out on our behalf: "Father forgive them" Our Lord and Savior is worthy of our trust. This Lent spend time in prayer with Our Lord. Catholic TV station EWTN has great programming during Lent and all year long.

February is the month of love and marriage. The debate over the definition of marriage has unfolded and is the subject of the proposed amendment on November 2012 ballot to preserve marriage in Minnesota. The passage of the marriage amendment ensures that the people of Minnesota themselves and not activists judges of politicians decide how our state will define marriage in the future. In November, Minnesota voters will finally have the opportunity to cast a vote to preserve marriage, as the union of one man and one woman. A home is better for children where there is a father and a mother. Stand up for marriage and pray to strengthen and preserve marriage. Visit [MinnesotaForMarriage.com](http://MinnesotaForMarriage.com) and join other Minnesotans to preserve marriage.

There was a great turnout for our annual Holiday Party. All ladies attending received a little gift from the Auxiliary.

Passers by will no doubt look twice when they see a 167 foot high statue of Jesus Christ in a field in rural Poland. The statue, believed to be the largest statue of Jesus in the world, is the brain child of Rev. Sylwester Zawadzki, a retired Catholic Priest in Swiedobzin, Poland who led the 1.45 million dollar project. It is even bigger than the 125 foot high Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro. Swiebodzin's mayor Dariusz Bekisz says it's hoped the towering image of Jesus will be a tourists attraction that will bring economic prosperity to his town. "Some" he said "will come out of curiosity, while others will come for spiritual reasons." You can see this statue on the internet and watch the video of it being built.

Margaret Hendricks  
Auxiliary President

