



# St. John's Messenger

## "SPREAD THE WORD"

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL 4797  
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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **PROJECT DATE**

December 8 - National Night of Prayer for Life  
December 11 - KC Breakfast for the Needy  
January 3 – Fish Fry Meeting 7pm St A Cafeteria

#### **OTHER DATES**

December 7 – KC Meeting 7:30pm  
December 21 - Officers Meeting 7 pm

#### **Knight and Family of the Month for November:**

**Knight: Pat Schommer**

**Family: Jim and Sandy Haas**

#### **Fish Fry**

Yes its time to start planning for the Fish Fry again! Scott Larson will be chairing this year. He is doing a great job getting things together so far but he needs some help. Would you be willing to help him by co-chairing with him? No previous experience is necessary.

#### **Grand Knight's Message:**

Join us for adoration for the National Night of Prayer for Life. It is from 7:30pm to 11:30pm after mass on December 8. You don't need to come for the whole time. Just come for 15 minutes or an hour. This is a National event that will take place all across the country! If you take an hour to be there for adoration in the chapel please give me a call, 587-8102.

#### **KC Polo Shirts**

You may have seen the classy red KC polo shirts that your brother Knights wear for different functions. Perhaps you've wondered how to get one. Wonder no more. If you would like to or-

der a red KC polo shirt give Mark Lewandowski a call or come to the next meeting.

#### **KC Picnic Shelter:**

The shelter is closed for the year but keep it in mind for next spring and summer. Cost is \$5 for members and \$25 for non-members. Please give Mark Lewandowski a call if you wish to rent this out and to check availability.

#### **KC Websites:**

If you're looking for more information about the KC's, you can check out the Supreme website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

Also, you can check the Minnesota state website at [www.mnknights.org](http://www.mnknights.org)

Check out our Council's website at:

<http://www.kchutch.org>

Thanks to Tim Haas for putting it together for us.

#### **Electronic Newsletter**

Sign up, as many other Knights have, to get this newsletter sent to your email. Send me an email at [pieps@mediacombb.net](mailto:pieps@mediacombb.net) to get switched over. It will save the council postage and help the environment. Lets be the best stewards of our environment that we can. Thanks to those that have already responded.

#### **Catholic Minute:**

If you don't think legalization of same sex marriage or unions will affect you and the Catholic Church, think again. On the next page is a news story about what is happening in Illinois now that they have same sex civil unions. This news story is from October. Since then I have read that Catholic Charities in Illinois has had to stop placing for foster care and no longer handles adoptions.

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### **Catholic Agencies Ordered Child Transfer After Gay Law**

Sunday, 23 Oct 2011 11:12 AM

Illinois's state child welfare agency – already embroiled in a scandal for administering psychotropic drugs to children – is moving to transfer children from Catholic orphanages and dioceses because of a new gay civil unions bill.

Lawyers for Catholic Charities are protesting the move by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), particularly raising the question of why an agency mired in scandal should take in more children who already are being cared for in safe surroundings, according to LifeSiteNews.com.

“Why is the DCFS, particularly in light of the scandal that it is handling now, dealing with [Catholic Charities’] workload in a hasty manner,” asked attorney Peter Breen of the Thomas More Society, who is representing Catholic Charities, in an interview with LifeSiteNews.

Breen pointed out that the state agency has only imposed the accelerated time frame on the three affiliates that are appealing the court decision that effectively pushed Catholic Charities out of adoptions because it won't comply with the state's new homosexual civil unions law.

Catholic Charities of the Peoria Diocese, which is not included in the appeal, has been allowed to operate “business as usual” until January 31, 2012. The other agencies, however, have only been given until November 30th to transfer the children in their care to secular agencies, or religious agencies that do not share the church-run agencies' beliefs about gay unions.

That means that all children will already be transferred from the three Catholic Charities agencies before a court ever has a chance to hear their appeal.

“The DCFS has never in its history had to transfer this many children from this many counties from this many agencies,” said Breen. “This is a unique event in the history of the DCFS, and the DCFS staff are expediting the process for no reason that it has given to the public.”

### **KC Insurance**

I hope your Thanksgiving was a good one. With our busy lives we lead it is good to slow down long enough to enjoy some family time. Next in line of course is Christmas, don't forget to keep Christ in Christmas.

As I work with Knights of Columbus life insurance, long term care, IRA's, and disability products I am constantly working with numbers. Recently I found a comparison that I found interesting. We often grow up with the idea that life insurance is only there for someone after we die. Did you know that for every \$1.00 we pay as a death benefit we pay \$3.38 to someone as a living benefit? With that in mind the SAFETY AND SECURITY of the Knights of Columbus products deserve a second look. They are very effective tools for money management and estate planning.

Contact me at 320-224-2587 or at [dennis.dunne@kofc.org](mailto:dennis.dunne@kofc.org) for more information. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Dennis Dunne, FICF

As always it is an honor serving the Council as your Grand Knight. Thanks to everyone that is able to volunteer their time for our projects. And thanks all of the members, just being a Knight helps our parish and our community. Ask someone to join us!

Yours in Christ, Eric Piepmeier, Grand Knight