



St. John's Messenger

"SPREAD THE WORD"

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL 4797
HUTCHINSON, MN 55350

VOLUME 4

January 2012

DATES TO REMEMBER

PROJECT DATE

January 3 – Fish Fry Meeting 7pm St A Cafeteria
January 15 - Free Throw Contest
January 23 - March for Life

OTHER DATES

January 4 – KC Meeting 7:30pm
January 18 - Officers Meeting 7 pm
February 1 – KC Meeting 7:30pm

Knight and Family of the Month for December:

Knight:

Family:

Fish Fry (Feb. 24)

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. Please mark the date on your calendar and be willing to help if called. Or better yet, call Scott and volunteer your help!

Free Throw Contest:

The free throw contest will be January 15th at 12:30pm. Please help out by calling Pat Schommer and signing up for a time. Thanks!

Grand Knight's Message:

It's a new year and a time to think about what you are going to do in the next year, or as Father put it in his homily this weekend, time to ponder. In May it will be time to vote for a new Grand Knight. Would you be will to step up and do it? You would have lots of help as the past 3 Grand Knights stay on the Officer's board and help. You would have all the support you need and its a very rewarding job. Ponder the possibility and

call if me if you want to know more about what a Grand Knight does.

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 order 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

Also, you can check the Minnesota state website at 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 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.

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Catholic Minute:

I found a news story before Christmas about raising standards of cleanliness in abortion clinics in Pennsylvania on the AP news wire. Why shouldn't abortion clinics be held to the same standards as hospitals? Maybe the added cost would make abortions less palatable for those who have to pay for them and those who would then have less profit in doing them. Let's call our state legislators and have them pass a similar law. I can see where this would be good in making abortion standards tougher. I can also see that this might make abortions look more legitimate if the standards are raised to the same level as hospitals. You decide what you think. There will be many tough decisions like this in the upcoming election year. Either way let's keep praying for the end of abortion and attend the March for Life this month!

Pa. Clinics Brace for New Standards for Abortions

Wednesday, 21 Dec 2011 02:13 PM

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Operators of women's health clinics that perform abortions in Pennsylvania are bracing for new regulations that they say could mean expensive facility changes and more staff.

Gov. Tom Corbett is expected this week to sign a bill that would place abortion clinics under the same standards as freestanding ambulatory surgical centers. The measure's passage by state lawmakers was spurred by the case of a now-shuttered West Philadelphia clinic that prosecutors say was unsanitary and routinely killed newborns in illegal late-term abortions.

Jennifer Boulanger of the Allentown Women's Center says no Pennsylvania clinic currently complies with the tougher regulations.

Clinic operators say they are worried over how they will absorb the costs to comply with the new rules.

KC Insurance

HAPPY NEW YEAR, I hope 2012 is a happy and prosperous year for you. The Knights of Columbus have had another successful year and I would like to thank you for that.

Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus so members and their families would have a safe and secure place to go in good and bad times. We have maintained those principles for 130 years. As I work with my councils I am constantly hearing how members are reaching out to people in need, both financially and lending a helping hand when needed.

We have paid over \$11,500,000.00 IN FREE BENEFITS TO FAMILIES of Knights. Being an insured member is not a requirement, but it is a safe and secure option. Our life insurances, long term care policies, annuities, and disability policies can give guaranteed protection for your families.

To find more information on your local council give me a call. I can get you in contact with a local member. I can be called at 320-224-2587 or my E-mail address is dennis.dunne@kofc.org. God bless 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

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Dear Brother Knights,

I have recently brought to your attention the possibility of instituting a Columbian Squires circle in our council.

The Squires program offers young men ages 10-18 the opportunity to develop their leadership potential through a balance of spiritual, service, circle, and membership activities. In addition, since experience shows many Squires naturally lean towards joining the Knights of Columbus when they become old enough, we can expect that the leadership skills a Squire develops are very likely to be used for the benefit of a Knights of Columbus council in the future. I have in my hands the Inquiry Kit to help us institute a circle. We need to vote to approve the institution of a circle in our council because there comes with this vote come responsibilities on the part of our council. We as Council 4797 will need to provide a Counselor Team consisting of one lead Knight, a Priest (Fr. Zach has already agreed), 2 or more additional Knights to serve as committee counselors. A meeting place for meetings once or twice a month is also needed. Institutional expenses our council will help with: 3" patches @ 1.25 each, squire lapel pins @ \$1 each, ceremonial supplies, printing, postage, refreshments for open houses, and organizational meetings. All counselors from our council will need to fill out an application and submit to a background check. I have the checklist for the institution of a circle if you are interested in seeing more.

Sincerely,
Jerry Brown