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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

A most blessed and joyous New Year is wished for you and your families. May you have had a happy and peaceful Christmas season. Your support of the parish activities for this special time of year is most appreciated. Many Knights and their families helped decorate the church grounds and will help with take down. Thank you also to the brothers who presented the altar gifts on Epiphany weekend in the midst of a busy travel time.

This month of January presents many opportunities to grow in the light and peace of Christ. We remember on Jan. 18 Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. who always preached the gospel of non-violence in the midst of unjust affliction. So too the voice of the late minister continues through the mission of his niece, Dr. Alveda King, a current pastoral associate of Priests for Life and a member of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign for post-abortive parents: "How can the dream survive if we murder the children?"

On January 22, we solemnly remember the tragic U.S. Supreme Court decision 37 years ago to legalize abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Pray for our nation to be true ministers of peace and justice; lasting peace which can only start when there is peace in the womb as Blessed Mother Theresa reminded us. Pray for the healing of those affected by the current culture of death and for the conversion of heart of those who lead us into seemingly darker directions. May the hope, love, and light of Christ shine in us for all.

Please remember also to keep your membership active as dues for the 2009-2010 fraternal year will arrive in the coming weeks. Your timely attention demonstrates genuine concern about the wellbeing of the council and its mission to serve families, the Church, and the world.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Rajewski

Pope's Quote:

As the Gospel of Saint Luke recounts, it included, in addition to Mary and Joseph, a few lowly shepherds who came to the cave after hearing the message of the Angels. The light of that first Christmas was like a fire kindled in the night. All about there was darkness, while in the cave there shone the true light "that enlightens every man" (Jn 1:9). And yet all this took place in simplicity and hiddenness, in the way that God works in all of salvation history. God loves to light little lights, so as then to illuminate vast spaces. Truth, and Love, which are its content, are kindled wherever the light is welcomed; they then radiate in concentric circles, as if by contact, in the hearts and minds of all those who, by opening themselves freely to its splendour, themselves become sources of light. Such is the history of the Church: she began her journey in the lowly cave of Bethlehem, and down the centuries she has become a People and a source of light for humanity. Today too, in those who encounter that Child, God still kindles fires in the night of the world, calling men and women everywhere to acknowledge in Jesus the "sign" of his saving and liberating presence and to extend the "us" of those who believe in Christ to the whole of mankind.

Wherever there is an "us" which welcomes God's love, there the light of Christ shines forth, even in the most difficult situations. The Church, like the Virgin Mary, offers the world Jesus, the Son, whom she herself has received as a gift, the One who came to set mankind free from the slavery of sin. Like Mary, the Church does not fear, for that Child is her strength. But she does not keep him for herself: she offers him to all those who seek him with a sincere heart, to the earth's lowly and afflicted, to the victims of violence, and to all who yearn for peace. Today too, on behalf of a human family profoundly affected by a grave financial crisis, yet even more by a moral crisis, and by the painful wounds of wars and conflicts, the Church, in faithful solidarity with mankind, repeats with the shepherds: "Let us go to Bethlehem" (Lk 2:15), for there we shall find our hope.

Taken from www.zenit.org on Benedict XVI's noontime Christmas Day message at St. Peter's Basilica.

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights:

May God's blessing be with each of you and those you love in the New Year! May these days that open to us each be one of blessing from God and an occasion of our growing in deeper love of Him and for the person of our neighbor.

January 22nd marks the 37th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade which, as we know, legalized abortion on demand in our country. As we observe this tragic anniversary it is a time for us to renew our own personal and church commitment to the right to life in our daily interactions with people in every circumstance of life. Also, we need to continue to let our voices be heard in the halls of government at both the national and local level.

In a pamphlet issued by the Secretariat Of Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, His Eminence Justin Cardinal Rigali of Philadelphia, Chairman of the Bishops Pro-Life Committee states:

"The right to life is not *more important* or *higher than* all other rights. In a sense the highest or supreme right is freedom of religion, because that is the right to do what God created us *for*, loving and serving Him by loving and serving others. But the right to life is the core element *of* other rights. All other earthly rights involve something *more* than life itself—but without life, they are nothing.

That "something more" is vitally important. The defense of life reaches its fullness when it expands to defend the entire range of human flourishing. This is all one vision, and ultimately one issue—the dignity of the human person. In the words of St. Irenaeus, *Gloria Dei vivens homo*—the glory of God is man fully alive."

May this new year be one in which we stand in defense of *all life*: the unborn, the immigrant, access to affordable health care for all people, support for programs to alleviate the causes and effects of poverty and homelessness, care for the elderly and dying—all part of church teaching on the sanctity of human life.

Fr. Jim Secora

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December meeting summary

The Youth of the Month was awarded to Akshay Sanghi for excellence in advanced study of physics and electrical engineering and for his accomplishments as social justice advocate and a proponent of simpler living among his peers. The council approved the support of hosting a showing of *Fireproof* around St. Valentine's Day. The council will participate in the state KofC tootsie roll fundraiser at the 2010 State Fair. Signup sheets were passed for helping the council pro-life activities in January and the Fish suppers in the coming Lenten season. Jeff Witt was Knight of the Month for his continued efforts in circulating the council newsletter and

the council directory. A birthday card for Fr. Jim was passed around to sign at the meeting.

~ Coming Events ~

Business meeting Jan. 13, 7pm

The next business meeting will be Thur. Jan. 13 at 7pm with a meal beginning at 6pm.

FYI@STA: Respect Life prayer vigil, Jan. 22, 6:15 pm

The St. Thomas Sanctity of Life Committee will conduct a prayer rally on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade beginning in the worship space at 6:15pm. A procession will follow around Lincoln Way and the south side of campus before returning to the church.

Right to Life activities, Jan. 23-24

The council will be passing out sticker roses to all women of the parish before all weekend Masses. Additionally with the assistance of the St. Cecilia's Sanctity of Life Committee a parish breakfast will be held on Sunday after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Contact the Grand Knight if you are able to help in any way. Thanks for your service to our council!

St. Cecilia's High School casino night, Jan. 24, 6:30-8:00pm.

Volunteers are needed Sat. Jan. 24 for putting on a casino for the high school students in the parish social hall. Contact Craig Fink (cfink828@msn.com or 233-1567) if you can help.

St. Cecilia's Spelling Bee, Jan. 31, 1pm

The local KofC spelling bee at the school will be Sun. Jan. 31 at 1pm. Your help is greatly appreciated in making the event a success. Contact Tim Simodynes (tsimody@yahoo.com or 663-0715) for more details on services needed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 1 **Fri.** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- 3 **Sun.** Epiphany, KofC kings presentation of altar gifts
- 13 **Thur.** Business meeting 7pm and meal 6pm
- 18 **Mon.** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22 **Fri.** 37th anniversary **Roe vs. Wade**, National Day of prayer and penance
- 24 **Sun.** Right to Life Roses and parish breakfast weekend
- 31 **Sun.** Local KofC Spelling Bee in school 1pm

February

- 11 **Thur.** Business meeting 7pm and meal 6pm
- 14 **Sun.** St. Valentines' Day
- 15 **Mon.** President's Day
- 17 **Ash Wednesday**
- 26 **Fri.** 1st Lenten fish bake 5-7pm

March

- 6 **Sat.** *Viva La ARC* casino in the Social Hall, 7pm
- 7 **Sun.** State KofC Spelling Bee in school, 1pm
- 12 **Fri.** 2nd Lenten fish bake 5-7pm
- 17 **Wed.** St. Patrick's Day
- 26 **Fri.** 3rd Lenten fish bake 5-7pm
- 28 **Sun.** Palm Sunday



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