



NEWSLETTER

James A. Hansen Council #13122

St. John's Parish Community

February 2012

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Sick or Distressed		
Bro Ralph Russell, Fr. John Pearson, Bro Larry Ostlund		
Dates to Remember		
<p>Future Dates of upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 5 – Pancake fundraiser breakfast for homeless youth • February 12- Family fun night -Sunday 5pm at the Ed Center • March 4- Pancake fundraiser breakfast for vocations 		
Agenda-Family Fun Night		
<p>Due to the Minnesota's 2012 Precinct Caucuses which will be held February 7 it is necessary to change our Fun Night. Instead we will be having a FAMILY fun night beginning with a pot luck supper at 5 PM on Feb. 12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entire family is invited to attend. • Bring a hot dish, salad, dessert or whatever to share at the potluck. • Bring you favorite game of any kind, or movie or activity and join in the fun with the family. <p>After a busy holiday season join us for a relaxing evening and get rid of all that winter stress that has built up. We are looking forward to seeing you.</p>		
Chaplains Message		
<p>Father John is recovering from a serious brain aneurism. Keep up with his status on http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/fatherjohnpearson and keep him in your prayers.</p>		
<p>Be sure to read the item on the next page from the Columbia Magazine, "In Defense of Life, Love and Freedom". There is another article, "Brothers Working Together" on the State Council website. As Knights we all being called to action to help fight political attacks on the very basic principles of our Catholic faith. This year may be the time for you to respond to the call of our bishops and Knight Leadership and get involved through the caucuses next week. You can find out more by going to the MN Secretary of State website or the article on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website.</p>		
Minnesota Knights of Columbus Student Loan Fund		
<p>For over 46 years, the Minnesota Knights of Columbus have been running a unique student loan program that has helped thousands of students attend college, vocational-technical school and graduate school. Since 1960, the fund has grown from just \$4,800 to more than \$1,400,000, largely through the generous contributions of Knights and their friends. Meanwhile, its delinquency rate on repayments has averaged less than one-half percent.</p>		<p>Loan Application Write: Minnesota Knights of Columbus Student Loan Fund, Inc. P.O. Box 126 Belle Plaine, MN 56011 Call: 952-873-2213 Fax: 952-873-4237 email: daly.daly@frontiernet.net</p>

Prof. Helen Alvaré discusses religious liberty and the effect of a 50-year social experiment shaping views about human life and sexuality

Columbia: Amid the spectrum of political issues that voters have to consider, how important is it for Catholics to vote for candidates and policies that uphold the Church's principles about these issues?

Helen Alvaré: It is very important now for all Catholics as citizens to know what the Church teaches about human sexuality, marriage and family, and to recognize that this teaching has to do with human happiness and freedom, the wellbeing of the vulnerable and the equality of men and women.

The health of their families, communities and really their nation is at stake. Catholics need to take these teachings seriously and seek out candidates who support this view of the human person. They also need to contact members of their federal and state delegations, because there is a tremendous amount going on right now with regard to marriage, respect for life, health care and educational policy that closely relates to whether or not Catholics will even be permitted to act publicly, or even speak publicly, about their convictions in these crucial areas.

Grand Knight's Message

As you all know since Fr. John has become ill our church has seen quite a bit of change. Now that Fr. Joe Steinbeisser has become our Parochial Administrator, we will have to back him 100% until Fr. John returns or when the Diocese decides to make a more permanent decision. I would like to ask all our members to welcome Fr. Joe. He has been a firm believer in the KC's over the years and has had a good rapport with the Litchfield KC's.

Thanks to all the knights that helped at the January pancake breakfast. Don't forget we have a Pancake breakfast on the 5th of February and our regular meeting on the 7th has been changed to a Family Fun Night on Feb. 12th. I'd like to see a BIG turnout even though you won't have me to bore with a meeting.
See you all soon,

INSURANCE REPORT

It's February already and unless you are a snow lover it has been a nice winter. And with February comes Valentine's Day.

There are the customary Valentine's Day gifts like flowers, candy, and a night out which is a well deserved present. In addition to that a gift of security for the future would be a great gift. A few minutes spent making sure that if something unforeseen happens the family will be provided for can give peace of mind for years to come. Fr. Mc Givney started the Knights of Columbus to provide that security and peace of mind and we have kept his ideals over the years. We have grown from a humble start to a top rated fraternal insurance company in 13 countries that has never lost our members money.

For more information on our life insurance, long term care, annuities (IRA's), and disability insurance contact me at 320-224-2587 or E-mail me at dennis.dunne@kofc.org.

If you have ever wondered how the Knights of Columbus accomplish everything they do take a look at us, insurance is not required and there are great free fraternal benefits.

If you would care to share an event, special occasion or news with the Council, please email the council at: westonfe@gmail.com

Or you can contact:

Grand Knight, Alec McLean at 320-275-2710

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Editors Notes

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