



KC Council #1386 Newsletter—Spring 2013

Notes from the Grand Knight

At our March meeting, Deacon Bill Bussan told a story about anger that often rings true. A farmer transported his goods in a boat to a market that was upstream from his farm. As he rounded a bend in a narrow part of the river, another boat was headed straight towards him. The farmer shouted and screamed for the boat to get out of the way. The closer the boat came, the angrier the farmer grew. As he cursed at the top of his lungs, the farmer realized that the boat heading towards him was empty. It had come unmoored and was simply drifting downstream. The farmer was ashamed of himself.

Of course, Deacon Bill's point is that so often we attribute the worst motives to others and so easily get angry at them, only to realize later (if ever) that our rage was based on a misunderstanding. During the remainder of Lent, let us pray for the grace to control our anger, to be patient towards others, to be slow to attribute evil motives to others, and to forgive them when they intentionally wrong us. As St. Paul teaches us, "Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil" (*Ephesians 4:26-27*).

May you and your family have a blessed Easter!

Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, pray for us!
Venerable Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli, pray for us!

KC Families of the Months

The KC family of the month for January was the **Lee and Patti Eggers family**. The KC family of the month for February was the **Ray and Darla Banfi family**. The KC family of the month for March is the **Steve and Deb Becker family**. The KC family of the month for April is the **Larry Droessler family**. The KC family of the month for May is the **Austin Baxter family**. Please congratulate all five of these brother knights and their families. Thank them for all that they do to help St. Mary & St. Augustine parishes and Council #1386.

Pancake Breakfast—May 12

The next pancake breakfast will be on May 12 (Mother's Day). Breakfast is served from 8-11. Moms eat free. We will also give away roses at St. Mary's Masses that weekend, with all proceeds donated to Grant County Right to Life.

Tootsie Roll Drive—April 20-21

We will conduct an annual "Tootsie Roll" drive for Badger Camp on the weekend of April 20-21. Once again, we'll have a stand outside of Kwik Trip and also distribute Tootsie Rolls after the masses on October 27-28.

Congratulations to Our Newest Knight—Tom Cullen!

Congratulations to Tom Cullen, who made his 1st degree in January.

John Karsten's 30th Birthday Party—May 11

Our brother knight John Karsten will be celebrating his 30th birthday on May 11. He invites all KCs to attend his party, which will be from 1:30-4:40pm in the Mound City Bank Community Room. He asks that you do not bring gifts. Your presence is your gift. Please come!

Clergy Appreciation Dinner—May 21

Our annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner is Tuesday, May 21. We begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m. We have invited Monsignor Charles Schluter and all of the priests from southwestern Wisconsin, as well as Bishop Morlino. We also invited the deacons, religious sisters, and lay ministers who tirelessly serve our area parishes. Please plan to attend and show your support for ALL of our area clergy. More importantly, please pray daily for all priests, bishops, and our new pope.

Our New Field Agent

Welcome and congratulations to our new KC Field Agent, **Dusan Vystrcil**. He and his wife Jenna have five children—one daughter and four sons. (Two of them are frequent mass servers.) After Dusan worked in the corporate world, most recently in south-central Wisconsin, he moved his family to Platteville so that he could work for a non-profit organization whose mission matches his own values. If you are interested in insurance through the Knights of Columbus, or would like him to review your current policy, please give him a call at 608-408-0369.

Upcoming Events

- March 31—Easter Sunday
- April 1—Monthly KC meeting (7:30)
- April 20-21—Tootsie Roll Drive
- April 27-28—KC State Convention (Wisconsin Dells)
- May 6—Monthly KC Meeting (7:00 4th degree; 7:30 general)
- May 11—John Karsten's 30th birthday party
- May 12—Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 21—Clergy Appreciation Dinner
- June 2—Corpus Christi procession (4th degree honor guard)
- June 3—Monthly KC meeting
- December 9—Ordinations of three priests (6:30 pm; 4th degree honor guard)

Traditional Prayer for the Pope

V. Let us pray for Francis, our Pope.
R. May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

Our Father, Hail Mary

O God, Shepherd and Ruler of all Thy faithful people, look mercifully upon Thy servant Francis, whom Thou hast chosen as shepherd to preside over Thy Church. Grant him, we beseech Thee, that by his word and example, he may edify those over whom he hath charge, so that together with the flock committed to him, may he attain everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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