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Waiting in Hope

Pope Francis has highlighted the dispositions that aid the disciple along the Advent journey: “Perseverance in prayer: to pray

More. Diligence in fraternal charity: to draw closer to those in need. And joy in praising the Lord” (Homily, Meeting Jesus

With our Defenses down 2 Dec. 2013). All of these dispositions encourage a greater openness to the encounter with the Lord,

who the Pope reminds us, also seeks us out during Advent! By inculcating these practices in our lives, we ready

Ourselves for the encounter, which gives hope and life anew. Prayer, fraternal charity, and joy: three dispositions to encourage

Our brother Knights to become steeped in this Advent. Last year I had the privilege of visiting the Cenacolo Community in

St. Augustine, Fl. Cenacolo is an international community, where young adult men and women who struggle with addiction go

to live in Christian community. Through prayer, fraternal charity, and the joy and hope of the Gospel, they learn to live in the

Freedom of Christ.

Witnessing the real joy present in the lives of young men and women, where once darkness had pervaded, was truly to see the

amazing work of God, renewing His creation. Every brother Knight should know about this great Catholic resource for those

young people and families struggling with addictions. Watching and waiting as pilgrims, like Mary and Joseph of Nazareth.

As our brother Knights no doubt lead their councils in acts of charity and service, can we remind them to be watchful and wait?

Anew for the Lord to encounter them, this holy season? Pope Francis reminds us that we are invited to perceive and

understand “what is happening within us,” to ask “if the Lord comes or does not come; if there is room for the

Lord, or if there is room for celebration, for shopping, for making noise.” This examination of conscience, he said, should

lead us to ask ourselves: “Are our souls open, as the soul of Holy Mother Church is open, and as Mary’s soul was open? Or

have we closed our souls and put a highly erudite note on the door saying: please do not disturb?” (Homily,

Awaiting the Birth, 23 Dec. 2013). May we await the only Hope that transforms anew the lives we live. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Vivat Jesus!

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MEMBERSHIP

Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of your council and the Order. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community. Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and faith.

Utilize this section of our Web site when organizing and implementing successful membership recruitment and membership retention programs in your council. The links below will connect you to recruitment and retention suggestions that are proven winners. You should decide which of these ideas offer the best opportunities for success to your council.

Use these links to access more information on the following topics:

- [Membership Recruitment Strategies](#)
- [Membership Campaign Details](#)
- [Membership Retention](#)

The Supreme Council office provides many tools to help with membership recruitment and growth. If you don't find the membership related materials you need listed here, contact the Department of Fraternal Services for additional resources:

[Leadership Guide](#) (pdf, 1.05 mb) - Features ideas and resources to help promote the Order, assist your council's member recruitment efforts, and encourage new membership for recruitment success. This pdf includes "click able" fields to allow you to fill out the forms.

[Shining Armor Program](#) (pdf. 63, mb) - A program that encourages new members to become immediately involved in council activities.

[How to...](#) (pdf. 130 mb) - A guide of successful recruiting programs that can be coordinated by your council throughout the fraternal year.

[Membership Blitz](#) - An Order wide emphasis that targets membership recruitment during specific weekends throughout the fraternal year. Detailed plans will help you run a successful Blitz.

[VIP Club](#) (pdf. 23 mb) - Proposes have their own Club - "Very Important Propose." Promote this program to your members to help you recruiting.

[Duties of a Propose](#) - Your duties don't end after the First Degree. Learn the role a proposer should take in the life of a new member.

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Altar Servers

O God, You have graciously called me to serve You upon Your altar. Grant me the graces that I need to serve You faithfully and wholeheartedly. Grant too that while serving You, may I follow the example of St. Tarcisus, who died protecting the Eucharist, and walk the same path that led him to Heaven. St. Tarcisus, pray for me and for all servers. In the Roman Catholic Church, altar servers help the priest and deacon during the liturgy, especially the celebration of the Holy Mass. They have several supporting duties to carry out, such as carrying the processional cross and candles, carry the incense and thurible, holding the missal for the priest celebrant when he is not at the altar, assisting the priest when he receives the gifts from the people, bringing up water and wine for the priest to transform into the Body and Blood of Christ, washing the hands of the priest before the prayer over the gifts, removing items from the altar during communion, and assisting the priest celebrant and the deacon as necessary. Altar serving is a good way to get young people more interested and involved in their religion and their parish.

Memorial Mass

Don Clark PGK, Lecture

Our Annual Memorial Mass in honor of our deceased Brother Knights was held on January 12. The Mass was celebrated by Father John Tapp, the New Pastor of Nativity Parish. About 40 people were in attendance. I would like to thank our Necrology readers, Neil Waid, Dick Hardesty PGK, Howard Baum PGK and Tom Babiarz PGK, Thanks also to Deputy Grand Knight Chris McManus for doing the readings.

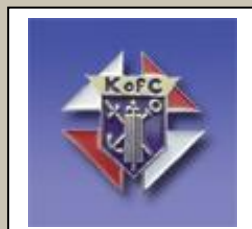
A dinner was held in the Adult Center and enjoy by all. We had fresh Cuban sandwiches, potato salad, Cole slaw, cake, chips and drinks. The following morning I took the overflow of food and cake to the Sadie Street Community Center where it was given to the homeless in that area.

Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship

Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 (starting in the fraternal year 2013-2014)

The championship is set up to have the contestants compete within their own gender and age group. All competition starts at the local level. Winners move on to the district, regional, and state or provincial levels. From there, some make it to the international level for championship competition in their group.

It is a great way to get out into the public and introduce the Order to your community — while providing youths with a rewarding activity that yields a chance for local, state or provincial, and international recognition.



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VAWS

On Saturday 6 December 1850 sponsored our annual Christmas party for our brave heroes at the Haley Cove nursing Home. More than 100 attended and were offered a pizza lunch and entertained by "The Dancers from Brandon". Our expenses were \$539.96 for food and presents (socks, T-shirts, wash cloths, candy boxes, magazines and DVD's). When our vets come in contact with our knights and their families, especially at this time of the year, the uplifting of their spirits is undeniable. We should never forget the great sacrifices they have made for our way of life to endure. Our participation in events like these play a big part in making their lives more bearable. A hardy "WELL DONE" to all our brothers for your help. We have secured April 11 for our "Spring BBQ for the Vets" at the nursing home. (The first Saturday after Easter)



Prayer for the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviates our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grants us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

*Susan Fogarty
Kathy Olsen
Jerry and Connie Westbrook
Dick Hardesty
Dean Jacobson
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"Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities"

One of the most popular and successful programs conducted by Knights of Columbus state and local councils for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities is the fund-raiser in which councils collect donations outside stores and on street corners. In appreciation, the donor is offered a candy bar, often a Tootsie Roll. The high visibility of this program has led to the campaign being referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive."

The nickname is understandable, but misleading.

The Knights of Columbus has no official tie to Tootsie Rolls or their manufacturer. In fact, many councils participate in the same fund-raising drive, but distribute other items. References to this program should highlight the good the money does, not advertise a candy bar. For these reasons, it is strongly recommended that this project be promoted as the "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities"

Here are the dates for the Tootsie Roll Drive.

Publix at 939 W Brandon Blvd. Store Manager: Lori LaBarbera
813-884-6562

May 3 and May 10. May 10 is Mother's Day.

Publix at Valrico and Rt. 60. Contact person is Brandon.
March 7 and May 2.

Please note that May 10 is Mother's Day.

These are the dates given to me. I did not have a choice. Publix is not giving back to back days like in the past.

Is there a possibility that we can do Tootsie Rolls at Nativity Church?

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

YBIC Tom

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS FOR DEPARTED BROTHER KNIGHTS

To Honor those that have gone before, the Annual Mother Seton Council Memorial Mass for Departed Brother Knights will be held Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Nativity Chapel.

This will honor all deceased Brother Knights from the Mother Seton Council. All Knights, Family members and interested parties are invited to attend. If you know a widow of a deceased Knight, please invite her and offer transportation to honor her husband.

The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Adult Education Building with refreshments and finger foods. Contact Worthy Lecturer Don Clark with any questions.

Procession 2015

On January 18, 2015 Nativity Catholic Church will be recognizing the solemn anniversary date of the Supreme Court Case decision of Roe v. Wade which legalized abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

We remember this solemn event with the Rose Procession. The Rose Procession will occur during the 10:30 a.m., 12:15 Spanish Mass and 6:00 p.m. Mass at Nativity and helps us to remember all of our lost brothers and sisters to abortion since its legalization on January 22, 1973.

We gather people born from 1973 to 2014 to represent their peers lost to abortion. We will also have a pregnant mom to represent the 2015 baby. They will march in the entrance procession at the 10:30 a.m., Mass carrying a red rose. Before the presentation of the gifts, each participant will stand up and process up to the altar and place their red rose in a vase. While they do this, there is complete silence except for the tolling of a bell.

If you, your child or teen would like to participate in this event that will respectfully honor and remember these lost children, please email: Lupe Gladu at resplife@gmail.com for the 10:30 Main Church Mass

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Please pray for the health and protection of our Pope Francis.... just a simple Hail Mary (read below). Especially now that ISIS has targeted the Vatican and plans to assassinate the Pope! Please read all below and forward to friends... the goal is ten million Hail Marys for our dear Pope!!

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POPE FRANCIS MAKES A REQUEST

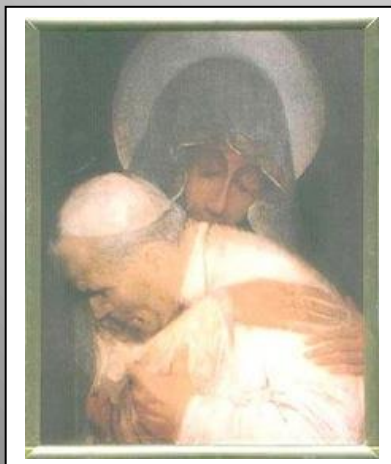
Weep not for what you have lost, fight for what you have.
Weep not for what is dead, fight for what was born in you.
Weep not for the one who abandoned you, fight for who is with you.
Weep not for those who hate you, fight for those who want you.
Weep not for your past, fight for your present struggle.
Weep not for your suffering, fight for your happiness.
With things that are happening to us, we begin to learn that nothing is impossible to solve, just move forward.

THE HOLY FATHER MAKES A REQUEST FOR PRAYERS THAT GOD PROTECTS HIM AND GIVES HIM FORCES TO MEET THIS DIFFICULT TASK ... SO BE IT!!

Our goal is to reach ten million Hail Mary's for Pope Francis.
This campaign started today. Send this message to all Catholic friends or even to those who like him
We pray for the Holy Father that the heavenly Mother intercedes for him and protects him in his ministry:

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Do not forget to forward this message to as many friends. We want to reach ten million Hail Mary's.



Mary and her Knights



*Holy Mary, Mother of God...
Pray for us.*

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NEXT MONTH ►►

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
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<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> CRXD Annual Memorial Mass for Departed Brother Knights	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> CRXD Second Degree @ St Stephen's School
<u>18</u> CRXD The 2015 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship CRXD Rose Procession COLOR CORP REQUESTED	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> CRXD Assembly 1850 Meeting	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> CRXD First Degree at St. Francis	<u>27</u> CRXD Officers & Director's Meeting	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> CRXD Report Due	<u>31</u>