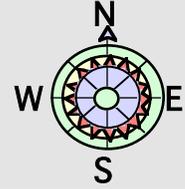


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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

What a month it has been; the Steelers are going to the Super Bowl, we will soon have another conservative Supreme Court justice on the bench, the weather has been anything but winter like and another march for life has graced the nations capital. Life is good! Well, the weather is truly unpredictable. It is beyond our control. Anything can and does happen. With the Steelers, many say it is destiny. That it is predetermined, even preordained. More than likely it is the result of hard work and perseverance by a group of players and coaches focusing on and working together to achieve a common goal.

They have faith. They believed they could when most said they could not. As a result they have neared their goal. This is not unlike the battle to protect those who cannot protect themselves. The struggle to stop the slaughter of innocent children has been and continues to be a difficult fight. However, through the perseverance of millions of the faithful there is light at the end of the tunnel. Morality is winning over immorality. Right is winning over wrong and good over evil. The appointment of Chief Justice Roberts and Samuel Alito, Jr. to the bench will provide the opportunity for Roe vs. Wade to be reexamined in a more fair and constitutional manner. It is bad law and it needs to be fixed. This is all we can ask of the Supreme Court. For it is their responsibility to judge law based on the constitution (and the intentions of the framers) and not to inflict their individual views as to what the law should be. I am hopeful.

It was very encouraging to see the large number of young people on our bus and on the March for Life. Young people are the future. What we do or don't do affects them. They know it and they are standing up! It is great to see.

As a result of the efforts of the moral (and too often silent) majority, there is an opportunity to right a wrong, to end the bloodshed and stem the moral decay of our great country. By fighting the good fight, through prayer and perhaps a little divine intervention we are nearing our goal. The closer we get the tougher the fight will be. We can not let up, but must redouble our efforts to ensure that Life, Human life is (as God intended) protected from conception to natural death.

God bless you,

*Don*

## CHAPLAIN'S LOG



Dear Brother Knights,

As we, once again, commemorate the Annual March for Life, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Knights of Columbus for all their dedication and unceasing work in protecting the life of the unborn.

Life is God's most precious gift and we will be held accountable for the way we defend, cherish, and reverence this great gift of life.

May God continue to bless each of you for your dedication to the **absolute right to life**.

Peace,

*Fr. Michael*



## Calendar of Events

Feb 6	Regular Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall
Feb 13	Officer's Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall
Feb 14	Second Degree at Verona
Feb 20	Regular Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall
Mar 6	Regular Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall
Mar 13	Officer's Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall
Mar 20	Regular Meeting - 8 PM Garden City Fire Hall

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joe Ankenbrandt\*, Nellie Jane Ankenbrandt\*  
 Doug Comment, Len Damratowski  
 Bob Fedarko, Felicia Gurski  
 Amil Jurica, Mike Kiss  
 Ed Kuntz, Sr., Kathryn Lafleur  
 Rita Liberto, Frank McIntyre  
 Jim McIntyre\*, Lou Renda  
 Gerry Ruetz\*, Bill Syrek  
 Joe Weber, Genevieve Wolfe\*  
 and for all other sick and deceased\*  
 members of K of C families.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BROTHERS

FEBRUARY	BIRTHDAYS -
4	Thomas G. Roche
8	Matthew Czyzewski
8	Michael P. Lynch
11	Edward J. Kosar
20	Saverio Esposito
25	Louis A. Renda
29	Aaron M. Borowitz



Member News

At a first degree in honor of our founding Grand Knight, Pat Boccardi, Christopher N. Brancato became a Knight of Columbus and a member of Pius XII Council 4925. Please welcome Chris and make him comfortable at our meetings. Congratulations, Brother Chris!

NEW FIELD AGENT

Stephen C. Baker is our new insurance agent. He will be contacting all brother knights in the near future. If you wish to speak to him his phone number is 724-325-3335 and e-mail is scbkofc@adelphia.net

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The 33rd March for Life - Report by Clay Bossart

The St. Bernadette Bus for Life to D.C. was packed with 54 intrepid souls who gave witness to our courts and legislators and to our entire nation that Abortion is Wrong and we want action! The infamous Roe vs. Wade decision of 1973 must be reversed. The climate for such change has never been better. More and more "pro-choice" people are switching sides and echoing the Cause of Life.

If we have to march again on Jan. 22nd, 2007, please join us, particularly if you have never been on the March. Among the hundreds of thousands of marchers were thousands of Brother Knights and their families giving witness. You cannot help but come back a bit tired, but oh, so proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

More Knight Power Needed

St. Bernadette Parish will hold its first annual Parish Festival on Friday and Saturday, June 16 & 17, 2006. The funds raised at this festival will be used to offset the annual expected high cost of maintaining The Lourdes Center. The Lourdes Center will expand the parish facilities to accommodate a gym and cafeteria for the school and pre-school, room for the many ministries, the several musical groups and for seniors, etc. The Knights have been asked to help supply the hundreds of volunteers needed for this major endeavor. Some 30 Knights have already made a commitment of 4 hours of their time. How about you. Call Clay at 412-372-6672 if you are willing to help.

Bishop's Project

Donations for the 2005-2006 program year must be deposited by February 28, 2006. The council has deposited \$5892 with the project so far. Those desiring to make a donation should bring them to the February meetings or mail them (soon) to the project's treasurer, Tom Behrmann at 181 Main Street, PO Box 26, Salina, PA 15680-0026.

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Catholic Men's Fellowship of Pittsburgh

Take a look at <http://www.cmfppitt.org> on the web. A very quick scan shows it might be of interest to our members. Deacon Joe Carr, the presenter with Bishop Wuerl, was a classmate of mine at St. Vincent (Youth Ministry class) and is the seminarian sponsored by Council 3530.

Tom Behrmann

Fiftieth Anniversary of Pius XII Council 4925

It was suggested at the last meeting that brother Knights start thinking of ways to celebrate our council's 50th anniversary. While it won't occur until 2010, we all know it takes a lot of planning and time to do a good job for such a milestone celebration. Please submit your ideas to the Grand Knight. Better yet, come to the meetings and present your ideas.

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