



Saint Mary Queen of the Universe Council 8196 Newsletter September 2012

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2012- 2013 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Sep	23 Breakfast-Council Fundraiser
Oct	2 Council Meeting 7 Clergy Night 12,13,14 Tootsie Rolls
Nov	6 Council Meeting 11 Seminarian benefit breakfast 13 First Degree 25 Memorial Mass
Dec	4 Council Meeting 9 Christmas Party ? Salvation Army Bell Ringing ? District Officers Meeting 24 Christmas Luminaries
Jan 2013:	6 Birthright Benefit Breakfast 8 Council Meeting 19 Bunko Party 20 Local Free Throw Contest ? District Meeting
Feb	3 District Free Throw Contest 5 Council Meeting 9 Ladies Appreciation Party 17 Major Degrees (at Council 601)
March	3 State Free Throw Contest 5 Council Meeting 8 Fish Fry 17 CYO Benefit Breakfast 24 Rosary for Unborn 25 Mass for Unborn
April	2 Council Meeting 16 First Degree 21 Corporate Communion Breakfast
May	3-5 State Convention @ Olathe 7 Council Meeting
June	4 Family Picnic @ Lakewood Park 18 First Degree

Knight of the Month

June: Bob Brown
July: Mel Bergkamp
August: Ron Denault

Family of the Month

June: the Adam Cotes
August: the Clint Newtons

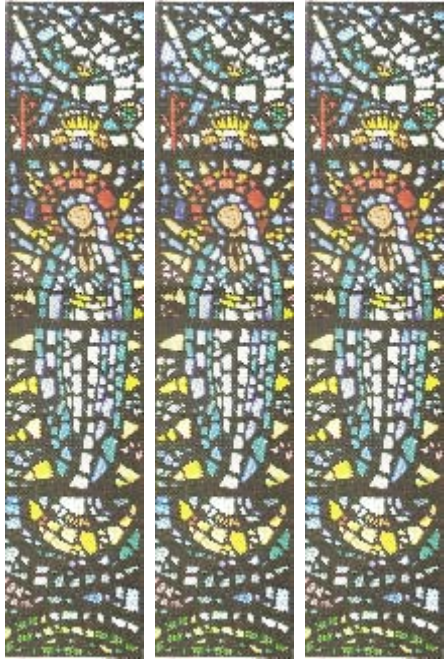
RECENT ACTIVITIES

Corporate Communion, August 19
Brother Mel Bergkamp (at left) leads a recitation of the rosary before the 8 A M Mass.

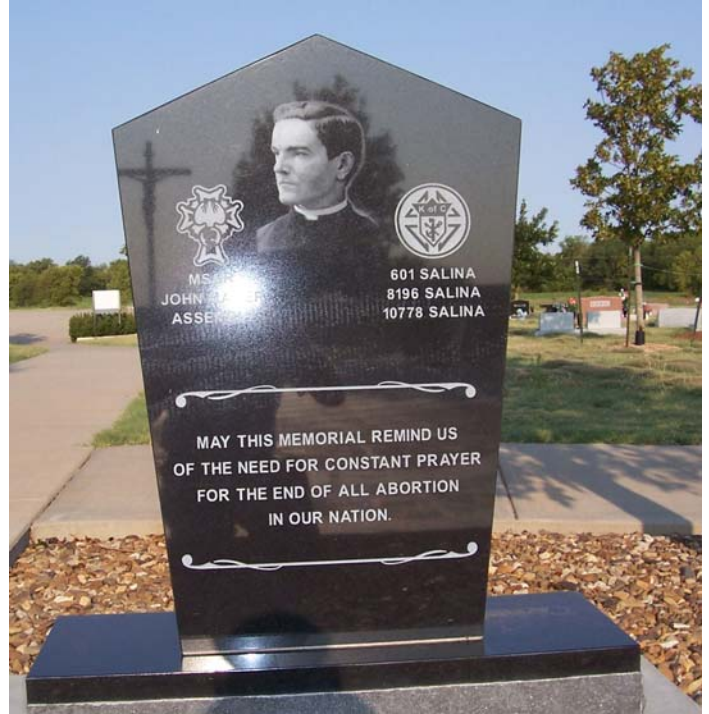


A couple of scenes below from the breakfast for Knights, families, and guests after the Aug. 19 Mass and corporate communion.





On September 8, Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger dedicated the memorial stone for the unborn, erected at All Saints Cemetery on East Crawford. The monument, financed by *the Msgr. Maher 4th. Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus, Knight Bill Immenschuh, and the three Salina Knights of Columbus Councils*, is a reminder of the souls of unborn babies being aborted, especially those intentionally aborted legally in this country since the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*.



PARISH PICNIC

As customary, Knights grilled the hamburgers and hot dogs for the annual parish picnic, on September 9. Following is a shot of Brother Jerry Schumacher and crew at work.



A hearty welcome to Father Brian Lager, Ron Stratman, and Chad Burr. Father Brian and Ron transferred recently, and Chad reinstated his membership.

Congratulations to new Knights initiated in the first degree September 18: Brent Montgomery, Randy Worcester, and Chad Lorson. Brent is employed by Union Pacific RR, is married to Dr. LaDona Schmidt, and they have 4 children. Randy is a roofing contractor, and is married to Doris, St. Mary's parish nurse. They are members of St Mary's parish. Chad lives at Hope, Ks, and farms near there. He will attend his local Kof C Council. Left to right are Randy Worcester, Brent Montgomery, Chad Lorson, and GK Doug Mergen.



Insurance

Did you know a Knights of Columbus agent does more than just sell life insurance? How many of you have already met with your area's K of C Agent? Allowing time to meet with your agent can help make things easier down the road whether it's to sign up for life insurance, increase benefits you are already offered through the Knights of Columbus, or to just get to know the agent so that should anything happen to you or a member of your family, he is able to more accurately help you in filing life insurance claims, helping with social security benefits, and even helping with funeral arrangements in order to make what is a very emotional and difficult time easier on you and your loved ones. Every Knights of Columbus agent keeps updated records and notes, thus making it beneficial for you to meet with them so when something does happen, he

will already have met your family and won't just be a stranger coming in to help at a time of need.

Another thing to think about if you are already a member of the Knights of Columbus is, do you already have insurance through this organization, and if not, WHY? The Knights offers very competitive products and can beat other insurance companies' rates majority of the time, and this could mean increasing death benefits for the same price, or maintaining your death benefit at a lower cost, therefore saving you money. If on the slim chance they can't beat a product offered by another company, your K of C agent is honest in letting you know, because ultimately taking care of you and your family and making sure you are covered in the event of a death or injury takes priority.

I know there has been a rotation of agents in this area over the past few years, making it hard and confusing at times on who to contact, or who will be contacting you about the Knights of Columbus. I hope to alleviate this problem by being a known presence in your community, and look forward to being able to meet with you so that you can get to know me, and I can better understand how to meet your needs. Please call me to set up an appointment to review your status, and know it could also save you money.

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,
As I mentioned in our last newsletter, our Council did meet all requirements and has achieved the status of Star Council. Our District Deputy will present this award at our October meeting. If you are free that evening, please plan on attending, enjoying a wonderful meal, and taking the

opportunity to join your fellow Knights in celebrating our accomplishment. I look forward to seeing many of you that night.

We are almost 3 months into the new fraternal year. I would like to challenge all our members to recruit a new Knight in the coming months. I realize that it is a tall order to double our membership, so with everyone trying, it should be easy to meet the goal of growing our Order one Member per Council per Month. If we are able to increase our membership by 12 men in the next fraternal year, we should be well on our way to attaining the honor of Star Council again!

I would also invite our members who have yet to attain membership in the 3rd Degree to consider making that commitment. There will be a major degree held in Manhattan on Sunday, October 28, 2012, in Manhattan. We will sponsor a major degree on February 17, 2013, at Council 601 here in Salina. Look at your calendars and be prepared to say "yes to a date" when I contact you in the near future.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that we have many activities and fundraising breakfasts in the coming months. We are always looking for new participants and ideas for our Church, Youth, Family, Community, Pro-Life and Council Activities programs. God has blessed us all with talents and special gifts. As members of the largest Catholic fraternal organization, we have the opportunity to make a difference and do great things for our Church and the Knights of Columbus. Let's continue to make K of C Council 8196 a visible and successful presence in our parish and city.

Vivat Jesu,
Doug Mergen, Grand Knight

Chaplain's Corner

YEAR OF FAITH:

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a worldwide *Year of Faith*, beginning on October 11, 2012 and concluding on

November 24, 2013. In introducing the *Year of Faith*, the Holy Father spoke of the grave difficulties of our time. He said one of the chief characteristics of our time is that in previous ages, one could almost always presume faith. That is not so in our time in Europe and North America.

He went on to say that many of us are in a desert, as were the Hebrews in the Old Testament. One of the main signs that we are in the desert is the way many people think there are no moral absolutes. In modern times, people tend to think that I have the power and the right to decide what is moral – for me and too often for others.

The church has the power to lead people out of the desert. To do this, she herself will need to follow a path of penance and renewal. He believes that a chief way for the Church to be a force that will call others to a deeper life and to the church is "to witness to charity."

The Holy Father reminds us that faith is a journey. As pilgrims make progress, both the pathway and the journey can change them. The Hebrews who set out for the Promised Land were not the same persons who finally entered Canaan. As they grew in their faith, they were finally able to recognize the treasure God put before them.

October is Respect Life month. Let us, first of all, remember the treasure God has given each of us: the gift of life. Secondly, as we witness to our belief in life, let us do so with the deepest charity. Let us also note that there are many areas of life that we are called to support: the unborn, the immigrant, those on death row, those trapped by the slave trade (all these mentioned in the Bishops' Respect Life packet for this year). Finally, let us spend some moments in the Adoration Chapel thanking God for the gift of life.

Father Kerry Ninemire

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