

Knights of Columbus

St. John the Divine, Council 11053
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Month of the Holy Family



**Jesus, Mary, and Joseph most kind,
Bless us now and in death's agony.**

February 2014

Chaplain's Message



Pope Francis has been declared *Time's Person Of The Year*.

Looking back on 2013, he has done some incredibly remarkable things to lead the Church.

This is a list of my top 10 favorite things that Pope Francis did.

10. He spoke out against frivolous spending by the Church.

The average set of cardinal's clothes costs as much as \$20,000. In October,

Pope Francis urged officials to dress more modestly and to not squander such money.

In the same month, he ordered a German bishop to explain how he had spent \$3 million on a marble courtyard.

9. He invited a boy with Downs Syndrome for a ride in the Popemobile

During a general audience, Pope Francis invited Alberto di Tullio, a 17-year-old boy with Downs Syndrome, to ride in his Popemobile while thousands watched.

The boy and his father were said to be "choked up" when he was embraced by the Pope.

8. He held a major ceremony at the chapel of a youth prison

In March, the Pope held a major Holy Week service at Casal del Marmo jail for minors, rather than the Vatican.

During the service, the pope washed and kissed the feet of 12 young offenders to commemorate Jesus' gesture of humility towards his apostles on the night before he died.

During the service, he broke tradition by washing the feet of women and Muslims.

7. He personally called and consoled a victim of rape

A 44-year old Argentinian woman, raped by a local policeman, was one of thousands to write a letter to Pope Francis in 2013.

The woman was surprised when she later received a phone call from Francis himself—who consoled the woman and told her, “You are not alone.”

6. He auctioned his motorcycle to benefit the homeless

In October, Francis donated his own Harley Davidson motorcycle to fund a hostel and soup kitchen in Rome.

5. He fought child abuse

The Catholic Church has been rocked in recent years by allegations and admissions of child abuse by members of the Church.

Pope Francis became the first Pope to take effective action against such atrocities.

He amended Vatican law to make sexual abuse of children a crime, and he also established a committee to fight abuse.

4. He redirected employee bonuses to charity

When a new Pope is elected, Vatican employees receive a bonus.

Upon his election, the extra money was given directly to charity instead.

3. He took part in a selfie



In what might be his most progressive feat of all,

Pope Francis met with youngsters to be part of a truly remarkable selfie.

His is embracing the present, and he is undoubtedly taking the Church to a more loving and accepting future.

2. He invited homeless men to his birthday meal

On December 17, Pope Francis invited a group of homeless men and their dog into the Vatican to share his birthday meal along with his staff.

The Pope had decided that he wanted a small birthday event, which would do some good, rather than a large and expensive event.

1. He snuck out of the Vatican to feed the homeless

More recently, it has been discovered that Pope Francis regularly leaves the Vatican at night to feed the homeless.

Dressed as an ordinary priest, he joins Archbishop Konrad Krajewski to feed the poor of Rome.

Grand Knight's Message

February, 2014

First and foremost, I sincerely hope you and your loved ones are managing to keep warm and for you lucky folks that can afford to visit a warm climate, may you enjoy temperatures in the mid 30's(Celsius)!. I can't remember the last time the temperature rose above freezing, and for what I am hearing, it will be a while before we see the warm weather and shorts.

The fraternal year of 2014 has already commenced and it promises to be a busy one.

The kitchen renovations will begin with demolition scheduled for Wednesday March 5th to Friday March 7th. and with construction scheduled for the week of March 10th. Brother Knights, we will need several helping hands to assist with the demolition during this time. If you can make yourself available for any of those days we would appreciate your support. I would ask you to please call Brother Moe La Certe @519-471-3026.

On Shrove Tuesday March 4th, and the start of Lent, we are planning to hold a Pancake dinner and we will once again be calling on you for support not just with cooking and cleaning but also attending for dinner with your families. Please call John Egan at 519-471-9808 if you can spend a few hours helping out.

Our most recent roast beef dinner of January 24th was well supported as we surpassed the 140 attendance mark and added a healthy \$211.00 in the 50/50 draw to the proceeds. A job well done by the entire A- TEAM. The next roast beef dinner is scheduled for Friday February 28 with the B-TEAM running the event.

One important issue is the lack of cooks that we currently have available to us and quite frankly we are running them to the bone. If any of our members from the Knights or from the parish would like to be trained to be cooks, please speak to Brother Ted Bartlett.

Regarding John Egan, he has most graciously agreed to fill in for Brother Bern Rollings as he deals with the recent loss of his wonderful wife Ruth.

Finally and most importantly, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council 11053 I want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt sympathies to Bern and his family's wife at this very difficult time. Our prayers go out to them.

Sincerely,

Brother Gary, Grand Knight

Financial Secretary Reports:

Brothers,

This month you will find 3 reports attached to the Newsletter. Our Semiannual Audit outlines the activities of our Council from July 2013 to December 2013. A copy of this report is sent to Supreme Council, State Council and to our District Deputy.

Our Roast Beef Dinner was well attended by 133 people. You will find our Dinner report attached with the breakdown of revenues and expenses as well as a comparison of 2013 to 2014. As previously outlined by our Grand Knight, we are always in need of additional cooks "Many hands make light work". For those interested in helping with preparing the meals, the Executive will pay for the training that is involved with food preparation.

Finally, the last report is our Bank Reconciliation Report which outlines our deposits and warrants issued for the month. If there are any questions about any of these reports, please bring them up at the General Meeting.

Birthdays

Hugh Short 02-01-1939

Patrick J Misener 02-06-1956

Tony Leonardo 02-07-1969

Joseph Feely 02-22-1933

Edward A Bartlett 02-26-1936

Alan G Blackwell 02-26-1963

Michael B Croft 02-27-1944

Rolando M Cura 02-28-1952

Martien C Van Doren 02-28-1953

Happy Birthday Brothers.

Reflection and Prayer:

Minute Meditations

Celebration of Love

Our faith is a gift from a living and loving God who lavishly tries to reach us and does so with persistent fidelity. It is a celebration of a God of love who tries all kinds of ways to touch us.

Staying Faithful

Fidelity is the practical expression of love. Fidelity is a love that is supported by loyalty and courage. It is keeping your promises to God, family and country.

Spiritual Food

The Our Father is like a classic Renaissance painting that crowds the canvas with spiritual milk for beginners and meat for the mature.

From: *Staying Faithful Today To God, Ourselves, One Another*
by Father Alfred McBride, O. Praem

**Our next General Meeting is Tuesday February 11, 2014
following the 7pm Mass. Refreshments to follow after the
Meeting.**

St. John the Divine Council 11053 - Executive - 2013/2014

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Basketball Free Throw Event

On January 24, 2014, our Council sponsored the annual Basketball Free Throw Contest for children aged 9 to 13 which was held this year at Jean Vanier Separate School. The contest was chaired by Brother Gary Pullam, with strong support by Brothers Mike Zabehaylo, Ted Bartlett, Tony Leonardo, John McIsaac, John Savel, Joe Metron and Hugh Short. A special thanks to the ladies who coordinated registration and completed the certificates during the event and kept the men on track. Thanks was also expressed to all parents who were there to support their children and the event.

Approximately 40 students from St. Jude, Jean Vanier, Ecole Frere Andre, Westmount P.S. and Arthur Ford P.S. participated. All students received a Certificate of Participation and a crest as well, all winners in each category were provided with Champion Certificates and plaques. Refreshments and snacks were available to all participants and spectators following the presentations. All participating schools were well represented by the students.

All ten winners will move on to the District Free Throw scheduled at St. George Separate School in Bryon on Friday, February 07. Winners from this event will advance to the Regional Contest at St. Thomas Aquinas S.S. on Friday, March 01.

Pictures to follow.....stay tuned.

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