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## Jason's Journal



Hello Brother <<First Name>>,

With Lent quickly approaching, our thoughts naturally turn to that which we will be giving up. I know in the past I've chosen to give up treats, wine, things of that nature as I'm sure many of you have. Giving up during Lent is something we all do.

I want to challenge you to think about giving back. Giving back can take many forms. Giving back can be giving your time to those in need or volunteering at one of our many activities. Our council has a lot going on in the next couple months and it would be great to see some of you who haven't been to an event in a while. You have a wide choice of volunteer activities - just visit our Activity Sign up page to see what's coming up.

While you plan your Lenten activities, please consider spending a little extra time with the Knights helping us help others.

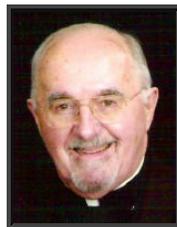
God Bless,  
Jason

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## Chaplain's Report

### The Awareness of God

Message for 2/10/13  
Fifth Sunday of OT (C)



Did you ever pray that the Spirit of God would touch your heart, that you might gain a more awesome awareness of God's presence in your life, or in the lives of your significant others? Today's readings tell the story of how Isaiah, Paul and Peter each humbly reacted to a mystical experience of God's presence, and received their call to do the work of the Lord. All three responded immediately to God's call,

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### Upcoming Events

#### February, 2013

02/10 Pub Trivia - McNallys  
02/11 1st Degree 6pm-SJN  
02/11 Business Meeting-SJN  
02/16 Knight Olympics-SPDT Gym

#### March, 2013

03/04 LA - Fr. Carse  
03/11 Business Meeting-SJN  
03/16 St. Patricks Day Parade  
03/16 Chili Dinner - SPCR

without question, and they were eager to do whatever it took to follow him.

In today's first reading Isaiah had a vision of the Lord in his heavenly kingdom and immediately felt unworthy to be in his presence (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah said: "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" Isaiah's immediate response to go on the Lord's mission was his reaction to the awesome presence of God in his life. He listened and responded without hesitation.

In the second reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 15:1-11), he relates how he was personally called to work for the Lord and how unworthy he felt when he experienced the presence of Jesus, the risen Christ: "Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me."

See how God's presence is not reserved just for the righteous, but even for those who have persecuted him, such as Paul. This, in itself, offers us much hope that we, too, can experience the awesome presence of our Lord.

In today's gospel from Luke (Lk 5:1-11) we see how Peter, James and John experienced the mysterious phenomena of the abundant catch of fish and were awed and felt unworthy to be in the presence of the Lord: "... they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

How wonderful the ways of the Lord; even simple, humble fishermen experienced the power of God and immediately followed the Lord as his apostles. It doesn't necessarily happen that way in our modern, technically oriented world; people are more likely to not react to the awesome presence of God and question any miraculous experience as a scientific phenomena rather than a spiritual one of God's presence in their lives. Consequently, prayers for the Spirit of God to touch our hearts are most appropriate; that we might gain a more awesome awareness of God's presence in our lives and in the lives of our significant others. Let us pray for one another that we might grow in our faith in God, be unafraid to acknowledge his presence in our lives by sharing the Good News of his salvation for us with others. Thank you Jesus!

Fr. Joe Love and Prayers,

Don't forget to see and sign up for activities at:

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### Knight of the Month



December - Steve Pentek for cooking at the Major Deg & Breakfast with Santa

January Knight of the Month will be announced at the February Meeting

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### From the Field Agent



### Shopping that all men should do

By nature, most men do not like to shop. At the risk of sounding chauvinistic, that inclination seems more likely to drive our wives, daughters, mothers or other females we know. Sure, there are exceptions. Maybe you enjoy trips to the hardware store for a tool to help on a home improvement project. Maybe you're a collector or you like to shop for cars. Maybe you like to find the best deal on the newest high-tech gadget for your living room.

When you do decide it's time to make a purchase, if you're like me, you want to get the best value for your money. You want the best customer service possible. Sometimes, this requires lots of research and planning. But one of the most important purchases you can make can be put into motion through a simple meeting with me, a brother Knight.

## Ladies Auxiliary Report



Hello All!

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking forward to the Knight's Family Olympics on Feb. 16th. We plan to serve ice cream to all in attendance while the Knight's tally up the scores. Join us in the cafeteria downstairs to enjoy a cool treat after participating in the Olympics!

We are also gearing up for Here I Am Lord! The Ladies will be preparing and serving the Friday evening meal to the Religious in attendance again this year. Help is always welcome to serve the meal on Friday ... just show up around 4:30 or so! We look forward to reconnecting with those attending HIAL this year.

The next "Dine at Gabby's" day is this weekend. All day Sunday, February 10th and/or after the evening masses on Saturday, February 9th, anyone who dines at Gabby's (on Rt. 64 in St. Charles) can put their paid receipt in the "KC Ladies Auxiliary" container near the register. The receipts will be totaled and the Ladies Auxiliary will receive 10%! Gabby's is very generous in continuing the "Dine at Gabby's" to help support the work of the Ladies Auxiliary. If you will be dining at Gabby's on those days, please drop in your receipt! We appreciate your support! Thank you, Gabby's, for your generosity and support of the Ladies Auxiliary!



Auxiliary members are currently selling coupon booklets for *Carson's Community Days*. Each Coupon Booklet costs \$5.00 and contains over \$400 worth of coupons good toward the purchase of merchandise on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Booklets include a \$10 coupon to use on an item of \$10 or more; a 25%/15%/10% shopping pass to use at a local store; a 30%

off tiered Early Bird Coupon valid on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 7am-10am; and special merchandise offers created specifically to enhance the value of the Community Days booklet. See one of our Ladies to purchase your coupon booklet.

In an ongoing effort for parish community involvement and spirituality, a few event reminders from the Ladies Auxiliary:

**Recitation of the Rosary on the First Saturday of the month**  
3:30 p.m. (Before 4:00 Mass) at St. Patrick – Crane Rd. and after 5:15 Mass at St. John Neumann

***Our Blessed Mother asks us to pray the Rosary - Please join us in this beautiful First Saturday Devotion!***

### **Mystic Monk Coffee and Tea Sales**

We will be selling various blends of Mystic Monk Coffee after Masses at the Crane Rd. church on Sunday, February 24th. This will be the last coffee sale for this season. Can't make donut Sunday? To place an order, please contact us at 630-513-0580.

The core product offered by the Knights of Columbus is not glitzy. It's not like a new car or a classic one. It's not like a laptop or a flatscreen television. It's not something you can "show off" to your friends, but you can brag about it. Life insurance is something that everyone needs. If you have some life insurance, the odds are great that you need more. If you don't have any coverage, you should stop to consider all the benefits of a whole life policy. Remember, it's not about you. It's about your family.

When was the last time you shopped for life insurance? If the answer is "a long time ago" or "never," it's time you speak with me. Have you considered your retirement and how you will afford to maintain your current lifestyle? Our annuities can help. Is your income protected in the event of a serious illness or injury? Are you prepared to cover the expensive costs of long-term care should you or your spouse need it? The Knights of Columbus can help provide solutions to these common situations, too.

Please schedule an appointment with me today.

Gregory Paul  
(708) 601-5489

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We appreciate your support!

**Doris Braddock**  
President, Ladies Auxiliary

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## STRIKING FOR 300

We have not reached our perfect score of 300 yet. As a Council we continue to strive to meet our goal for 300 members by the end of the Fraternal year (June is the last First Degree scheduled). There are only two remaining opportunities (April and June) where you can invite someone to become a Knight. We are currently at 281 members so you can see we have our work cut out for us. Waiting until June for the big push will leave us short. Help us in this quest for 300 by talking to people you don't know at church, during donut Sunday, at girls and boys basketball games, MWWC, St. Vincent DePaul, or any of the other ministries of our churches. Get the name, phone number, e-mail address to me so I may help you with your follow-up. By talking now and with the grace of God, they will be in position to be a Knight in the next couple months. You being uncomfortable will lead our Council to greater things for the glory of God.

There are yellow "Handouts" at each of the churches where you can take one and give it to someone. The information on the "Handout" enables you to read what it says and carry on an easy conversation. You are not asking them to join the Knights. You are asking them if they ever thought about doing something for the church or for the community of St. Charles? If they respond with a "Yes", then you can ask them if they have heard of the Knights of Columbus and is it something they have ever considered? By letting the prospect know we do not live by Faith alone, we take action to serve the Lord, the Prospect will certainly allow you to follow-up with some information on how he can be of service. That is where you get his name, phone number, and e-mail address. At that time, you forward it to me and together, we will take it from there. Whether the individual knows it or not, he is well on his way to becoming a Knight.

Do my heart good by asking me for some "Handouts".

Paul Braddock  
Director of Recruitment  
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## Spelling Bee



**SPELLING BEE  
COMPETITION**

The Spelling Bee was held on Sunday. We had a great turnout with 27 participants ranging from 1st - 8th grades.

Thanks goes out to Jason Lynch, Diane Murray, fellow Knight Ross Thomas and his wife Kim for their help in making the event a success. A special thanks goes out to fellow

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Knight Shawn Clark who volunteered to do the pronouncing. He did an excellent job!

The spellers did great. The event lasted 2.5 hours and ran 23 rounds before the finalists could be determined.

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## Trivia Pub Quiz



Join your fellow Knights and their spouses for some fun and fraternity at our council's Trivia Pub Quiz on Sunday afternoon, February 10, 2013, upstairs at McNally's Pub in St.Charles. The quiz starts at 2:30 pm, but feel free to arrive at 2:00pm to get a

table with your friends. Area pub quiz host Bill Margeson will run the quiz so there should be lots of fun and frivolity. The quiz will last for about 1 1/2 hours. There is no charge to attend, but drinks and food is available for purchase from McNally's well stocked bar and fine pub food. Let's take the opportunity to spend some fun time together as brother Knights and our spouses, and beat a cold Winter afternoon with some heated libations and gamesmanship!

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## Save the Date

14TH Annual Chuck Hollenbach Memorial Golf Outing

Monday July 15, 2013

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW, UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS NOW



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## Save the Date, Part 2

Chili Dinner to benefit the Father Michael J. McGivney Center of Hope and Healing

Saturday March 16, 2013 after 4:00pm Mass at Dempsey Hall



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## Here I am Lord



Sponsorships available in this space. Contact [Jon Mielke](#) for more details.

In addition to the specific activities the Knights participate in like the set-up and take-down as well as the Saturday pancake breakfast, the Knights encourage their members to attend the Friday night and all day Saturday speaking events. The Presider at the Saturday 4:00PM Mass at St. Pat's Crane Rd, will be our own Bishop Malloy. Every 4th Degree Knight should be present for the Honor Guard. Then, come to hear the Bishop speak Saturday evening. Your life will be enriched by being present with His Excellency.

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## Roller Skating



The family program will be holding it's annual roller skating party on Saturday, February 23, 2013 starting at 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. with a pizza lunch from 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. The cost of skating is \$4.50 for regular skates and \$2.00 extra for in-lines. Please bring anyone who has an interest in the Knights. This a a good opportunity to market us. I ask

that any participant who has KofC logo shirts or cloths to wear them to show our presence. Any questions contact Brother Burt Brown at [burtonbrown@sbccglobal.net](mailto:burtonbrown@sbccglobal.net) or call him at 630-940-4243. Sign up on the web at [www.kofc12497.org](http://www.kofc12497.org)

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## Fraternal Benefits Night



The St. Charles KofC hosted a Fraternal Benefits Night/Open House in the Fr. Carse Center on Thursday, Feb 7 from 7-8pm. The primary goal of the evening was membership recruitment. We had 4 Catholic gentlemen attend and with God's grace, they become members of our Council.

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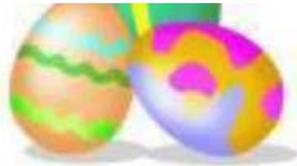
## Easter Egg Hung

### **Easter Egg Candy**

Please bring candy to fill small Easter Eggs to the March business meeting on Monday, **3/11/13**.



This candy needs to be small individually wrapped pieces of candy. We will be filling approximately **1000 eggs** with 3 pieces of candy in each egg.



Fellow Knights who bring candy to the meeting prevents the purchase of candy and an expense to the Council; thus allowing the Easter egg Hunt to take place. If you have plastic Easter Eggs that you wish to get rid of, you may also bring them.

**Filling Easter Eggs - Sunday, March 17, 2013, 11:30AM - Starting with 10:30AM Mass**

Knights and their families are partnering with the American Heritage Girls to fill Easter Eggs with candy. You are welcome to attend this festive affair on Sunday, March 17, after the 10:30AM Mass. You are invited to attend the 10:30AM Mass at St. Pat's Downtown Church. We will attempt to sit together with the American Heritage Girls in church. After Mass, we will proceed to St. Pat's Downtown School cafeteria where the egg filling will take place starting at approximately 11:30AM. Once the eggs are filled, you will be able to enjoy hot dogs and a treat.

**Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 30, 2013**



Egg Hiding - Keep your eyes and ears open as to what time we will meet to hide the Easter Eggs for the Hunt. Knights are encouraged to volunteer to hide eggs. Many hands allow this process to go quickly. We do not wish to utilize Lincoln Park for a long period of time as it is a public park and it is not reserved to us for the day.

Knights' Easter Egg Hunt - This will be our first Hunt in March. We will meet in Lincoln Park (in front of St. Pat's Downtown Church). This event is open to the families of all Knights and their friends as well as the church community of St. Patrick and St. John Neumann. You will be able to Register online on our Council website, [www.kofc12497.com](http://www.kofc12497.com), when the time gets closer. The Easter Egg Hunt is a beautiful reminder of new life given to each of us as a result of the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. Come and join this extremely festive occasion where you can enjoy the smiles of many people (and have a piece of candy yourself!).

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## Pro-life Update

On January 25, in the snow in Washington DC, many members of this council and the Ladies Auxiliary joined with parishioners from St. John Neumann and St. Patrick parishes and 600,000 other Americans to march to the steps of the Supreme Court to protest the ruling made 40 years ago in the case of Roe v. Wade. The Knights (Fr. Slawek, John DeMartino, Claude Ehinger, Carlos Grecia, Jon Mielke, Kerry O'Brien [with St. Edward High School], Frank Positano, and Mike Smith) and the Ladies Auxiliary (Ann DeMartino, Karen Glenn, Lois Mielke) along with spouses were

present at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Basilica when Cardinal O'Malley of Boston told the 13,000 in attendance that "We must never lose sight of the fact that we must work to overturn the law of Roe v Wade, But we must work even harder to make Americans understand that abortion is evil and it is unnecessary."



Our group is in Red shirts in the upper right of the image

Please pray for those who have been touched by the effects of abortion and please consider joining us in 2014 when, it appears, it will still be necessary to travel to Washington to keep this issue in the public eye.



During March for Life--Frank Positano on left in white coat, John DeMartino in Red Coat. Karen Glenn and Lois Mielke on right side of photo

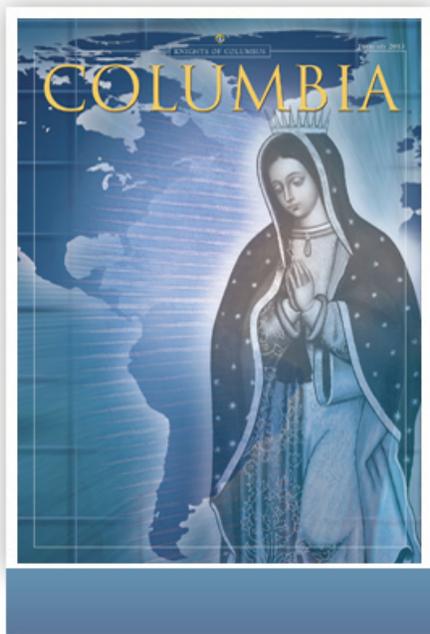
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Pro-Life Program Director

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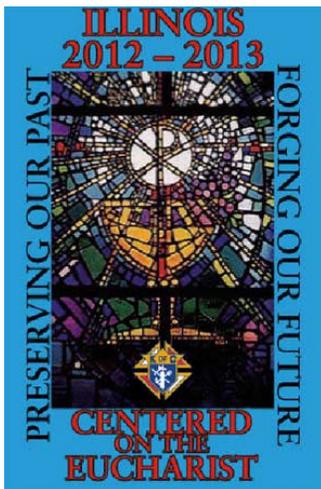
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