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Please come to our business meeting every 2nd Monday of the month at St. John Neumann's Family Center at 7pm

The March 11 Meeting will be at the VFW in St. Charles

Remember to bring Candy to fill the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt

Remember to bring 40 cans for SVDP



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## Jason's Journal



Hello Brother <<First Name>>,

Last month's journal dealt with giving back, and I'd like to continue with that theme. The month of April starts the last quarter of our fraternal year. It is time to start thinking about leadership in our council for the next fraternal year. All positions are up for nomination, excluding Financial Secretary which is an appointed position. We are looking for a few good men to step up and either volunteer (or accept nominations) to become officers, directors, and event chairmen. There are a variety of positions with a range of responsibilities. Our strength stems from strong leadership.

The requirement for an officer position is being a 3rd degree Knight. Directors and Chairmen have no such requirement. The council grows with new faces bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Please contact myself or Fred Karl if you'd like to volunteer or learn more about any of the positions. Our newsletter on the right column list all the positions.

God Bless,  
Jason

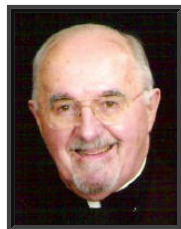
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## Chaplain's Report

### Reformation

Message for 3/3/13  
Third Sunday of Lent (C)

Like it or not, we all are in need of ongoing reformation. We continually need to grow



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### Upcoming Events

March, 2013

03/11 Business Meeting-**VFW**

03/15 Soup/Stations - SJN

03/16 St. Patrick's Day Parade

03/17 Egg Filling - SPDT

03/30 Easter Egg Hunt - Lincoln Park

ever closer to God and not stagnate in the ways of the world. This is the message from this weekend's Scripture readings.

In the first reading from Exodus (3:1-15), Moses encounters God via the burning bush and hears God's plan to release the Israelites from slavery by the Egyptians. It was the beginning of Moses' reformation from being a shepherd to becoming a prophet for the Lord, an ongoing spiritual growth in the Lord. When we read about how the Lord directed Moses in his reformation, we realize that this is God's plan for all of us. We, too, are called to reform from our worldly ways and to grow in the ways of the Lord. This is not an easy task. We know all the troubles Moses had in trying to lead the people of Israel along the way of the Lord. At times they were ready to do him in because of the hardships along the way, but Moses generally kept on growing in his faith in the Lord and even stood in the breach between God and his people when things didn't go well for them and God wanted to vent his anger. Though Moses was a man of growing faith, even he succumbed to anger and got in trouble with the Lord along the way and never entered the land of milk and honey promised by God. What a valuable lesson for all of us: we must persevere in our growth in the Lord, trusting that he will guide us and always show us the way.

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the second reading for today (1 Cor 10:1-12), we are warned not to get overconfident in our spiritual life because God will be displeased with us if we fail to grow in our faith: "All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall."

Luke's gospel (Lk 13:1-9) is a lesson for us also, Quoting Jesus as saying that it is a time to reform our lives, and not become satisfied with the status quo. Twice he used the phrase: "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" when he was asked to comment whether the deaths of seemingly innocent people were related to their sins. This also applies to all of us. If we become like the fig tree that bears no fruit in the parable in today's gospel, Jesus tells us by way of the parable of the fig tree that we, too, are liable to be cut down: "'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree,' the man told the vine dresser, 'but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' The vine dresser said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down.'" The vine dresser is like Jesus, he gave the fig tree a second chance to bear fruit.

So what does this mean to all of us? Simple! We must take this opportunity during Lent to get back on track with the spiritual growth part of our lives. Often, we get lost along the way because of our sinful nature and we need to find our way back. You probably heard about the mountain climbers who were lost for days in an avalanche of snow and ice. No-one could see nor find

April, 2013

04/01 LA-SPDT-Fr. Carse  
04/07 First Degree-SPCR  
04/08 Business Meeting-SJN  
04/21 Special Olympics-NCC

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

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### Knight of the Month



January- Frank Schaul for his years of service1

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

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### Know Your Faith

By Sir Knight Ken Konetzki

#### Donatism

Shadows dance against the wall in step with the flickering tongue of the candle in the center of the room, the only source of light in a dark and sequestered space. The ambiance is reverent as the leader of the small group solemnly moves through each carefully choreographed step of the sacred ritual. It is a ritual that has been handed down for generations but it takes no small measure of courage to participate in it this evening. For this is the time of Diocletian; and to be a Christian is a dangerous proposition.

In the silence of the sacrament, it is easy for the group to hear the threatening sound of an approaching horde. The leader lunges forward to snuff out the candle but it is too late. Suddenly the door bursts open confronting this small band of faithful with the terrible visage of the Emperor's wrath. Fear overwhelms the group for they know what lies ahead: imprisonment, torture, and execution, unless they renounce the faith, denying the Lord to whom moments ago they expressed their love in worship.

In the face of such persecution, it does not surprise us that many Christians chose the Emperor over Jesus, though they were well

them, until one of them turned on his GPS (Global Positioning System) and its signal guided rescuers to their aid. We all have a GPS that guides us back to our spiritual track - that is, Jesus Christ. Now is the time to turn it on so that Jesus can guide us and not let us be lost forever. Confess your sins. Reform your life. Reconcile those areas in your life that keep you from following the Lord. Get involved in your faith. Study and reflect on the Bible. Keep Jesus in your heart and on your mind to keep you on track.

Most churches have extra penance services during Lent. Take advantage of this opportunity to get back on track with the Lord.

Love and Prayers,  
Fr. Joe

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## Ladies Auxiliary Report



Hello All!

The next "Dine at Gabby's" day is this weekend. All day Sunday, March 10th and/or after the evening masses on Saturday, March 9th, anyone who dines at Gabby's (on Rt. 64 in St. Charles) can put their paid receipt in the "KC LadiesAuxiliary" 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!



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**

To place an order, please contact us at 630-513-0580. We appreciate your support!

### **Doris Braddock**

President, Ladies Auxiliary

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## STRIKING FOR 300

The next First Degree will be held on Sunday, April 7, at St. Pat's Crane Road Church.

Candidates are to arrive at 12:30PM.

All members are invited to attend. Please arrive by 12:50PM for the 1:00PM ceremony.

aware of the martyrs that had gone before them, preferring death for love of Christ to life in denial of Him. Those that gave up the sacred books, sacred vessels, or their fellow Christians to their persecutors came to be called "traitors;" and when the persecutions finally ended, they remained held in contempt by other Christians who had not given in to the oppression. So it was that the stage was set in the early 300's for the rise of a schism known as Donatism.

It was named after Donatus, a North African bishop. In his book *The Fathers Know Best*, Jimmy Akin puts it this way: "The schism concerned the proper treatment of those who had compromised the Christian faith during persecution. The Donatists held a rigorist attitude and deemed sacraments celebrated by compromised churchmen to be invalid." The Church, however, did not hold that view and recognized that a lawful bishop, even if they had succumbed under the pressure of persecution, was still the lawful bishop of his see. Donatists held such bishops as being excommunicate by virtue of their "traitor" status and installed other bishops claiming the see.

This schism lasted for about a century and came to involve acts of violence perpetrated by the opposing parties. In the early 400's St. Augustine participated in a debate between Donatists and Catholics in an attempt to repair the rift. Eventually, the influence of Donatism waned and came to an end.

### Apply Your Faith

Today we are not being bullied into giving up our sacred texts, vessels, or fellow Christians - at least not here in the United States. We have, however, been scandalized by pedophiles within the priesthood and we probably all know people (my own brother included) who have used that travesty as an excuse to cast away the Catholic Church.

It is important to remember that the truth of the Catholicism doesn't cease to be true when a Catholic, even a priest, fails to live according to that truth. The sacraments have their power not because of the priest but because it is the power of Holy Spirit working through the priest.

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### From the Field Agent

It is very important that you contact Paul Braddock if you have spoken to someone about this First Degree. Please do not just have them show up without having said something to Paul. We wish to make the proper preparations for your candidate.

Paul Braddock  
Director of Recruitment  
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630-901-3164

## Marquette Assembly - Update of the 4th Degree



**Tim Cooper, Faithful Navigator**

Brother Knights and Sir Knights,

March is here and it is a busy time for the Marquette Assembly. Confirmations are taking place now in our area and that means that Bishop Malloy will be making frequent visits to our area.

He attended the Here I Am Lord Conference at St. Patrick Crane Road this past weekend and celebrated confirmations at Annunciation Parish in Aurora and St. Peter in Geneva the following day. As we move closer to Holy Week, many parishes will be requesting an Honor Guard for the Holy Thursday Masses and other events. I would ask that all Sir Knights in our Council, with regalia, please support both St. John Neumann and St. Patrick parishes for their Holy Week Celebrations. Your Council Liaison, Sir Knight Frank Positano, PFN and Sir Knight Bud Howatt, Commander, will be requesting help for both parishes.



We also have the St. Charles St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16th in downtown St. Charles. All Knights and their families are welcome to board the Santa Maria Float and cruise down Main St. with the Knights. Again, Sir Knights with regalia please come and march. The city loves to see the Knights of Columbus march in their regalia. It adds a lot to the parade.



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If you are not currently an LTC policyholder, I suggest that we schedule some time together so that I can provide additional information on how you can avail yourself of this significant, value-added benefit.

Please schedule an appointment with me today.

Gregory Paul  
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Sunday, March 10th, the Santa Maria will return to active duty at the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade at 103rd and Western Ave. What a way to kick off the parade season.

There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification Lincolnshire - April 13, 2013, Marriott Hotel.

Any 3rd Degree Knight interested in being a candidate for the 4th Degree, please contact me and I will get the info to you. You can reach me via email at [coop2.coop2@gmail.com](mailto:coop2.coop2@gmail.com) or call 224-520-1151

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## Knights Olympics



Congrats to "Peanuts," the winner of the Nights Olympics that was held on 2/16/13.

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## 2013 Knights Golf Outing News

Planning is underway for the Knights 14th Annual Chuck Hollenbach "Never Give Up On Life" Memorial Golf Outing on Monday July 15 at Royal Fox CC. The next golf committee meeting will be held on Monday March 18th, 7pm at the St. Patrick Crane Rd. church. New committee members are welcome. All outing profits will continue to benefit The Fox Valley Pregnancy Center. More information to come but golfers, event sponsors, hole sponsors, raffle/silent auction donors, event book advertisers and volunteers are all needed to help make our outing a success. Our outing goal for golfers is 120, so start planning your foursome today! All golf inquiries can be directed to Fred Karl, cell: 847-373-2922 or e-mail: [ftkarl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ftkarl@sbcglobal.net). PLEASE SAVE THE DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR.



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## SVDP Trivia Night

Support St. Vincent de Paul by attending their Trivia Night on Saturday, April 27th at Dempsey Hall at the Crane Road Church.

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and Trivia starts at 7:00pm to 10:00pm



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Cost is \$12/person, Kids 12 & under are \$5 (Entire table of 8 people (MAX) is \$90. Tickets can be purchased at the door or if you have a team you can reserve a table (Leave message at 630-338-8270) and you can drop off check at the Parish Office.

Appetizers and Desserts will be served.

## 40 Can for Lent

Just a quick reminder to bring in your 40 cans (or other non-perishable) food items to our upcoming General Council meeting next Monday. This is for our "40 Cans for Lent" food drive to support the St. Vincent DePaul Food pantries/program at both of our parishes. Give your wife a heads up and start cleaning out the pantry! See you on Monday.



Fraternally Yours,  
Steve Hill

## Men Walking with Christ

Just a reminder that this Saturday, 3/9/13, the Men Walking with Christ group will meet at the Crane Road Church. Reconciliation is available before Mass at 6:30. Mass is at 7:00, followed by the Rosary (and additional opportunity for Reconciliation) and then we will move to Dempsey Hall for breakfast, fellowship and instruction. We usually are complete by 9:15. Please come out and join us.

## New Knight Orientation



New Knights receive instruction from Paul Braddock. The Knights in attendance were (L to R) Dan Gapinski, Michael Wittleder, and Dr. Pat Para.



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

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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**

Meet early for 10:30AM Mass St. Pat's Downtown to sit with the American Heritage Girls.

Egg filling will take place at 11:30AM in the Father Carse Room (basement of St. Pat's Downtown Church)

Please sign-up on our website, [kofc12497.com](http://kofc12497.com).

Hot Dogs, Chips, and Drinks will be served when the eggs are filled!

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



Meet in Lincoln Park at 10:30AM for final preparations and to hide Easter Eggs.

Please sign-up on our website, [kofc12497.com](http://kofc12497.com), to help and to also have a family member join in the Easter Egg Hunt.

Any questions about any of this may be directed to Paul Braddock, [trombone\\_55@yahoo.com](mailto:trombone_55@yahoo.com), 630-901-3164

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## Pro-life Update

After much prayer and contemplation, I have decided to inform Jason that at the end of the fraternal year I intend to step down as the Pro-Life Program Director. If you would like to learn more about the Directorship, please let me know and we can talk about the duties of the office.

On March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation--when Mary Learned that she would become the mother of our Lord--I ask that

you also pause and pray in remembrance of the International Day of the Unborn Child. A suitable prayer may be

**Prayer to Christ Unborn**


Dear Lord Jesus in the womb  
of Blessed Virgin Mary,  
before your birth You filled  
the unborn Baptist  
with the joy of the Holy Spirit.  
Inspire us to see You  
in every unborn child.  
Grant us the perseverance  
to defend vulnerable human life  
from abortion, abandonment,  
experimentation, and all violations.  
Fill us with reverence for the moment  
of your Incarnation in Nazareth  
when the Word became flesh.

Jon Mielke  
Pro-Life Program Director

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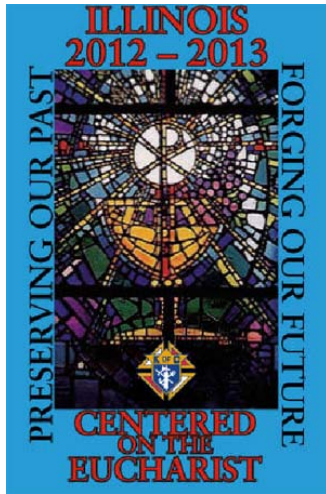


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