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**TUESDAY JANUARY 3:
FOURTH DEGREE MEETS:**

At Council 4400, 7:30 PM.

**SUNDAY JANUARY 8: THE
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY.**

We celebrate the first public appear-
ance of our Lord to the Magi.

**TUESDAY JANUARY 10;
COUNCIL MEETING:**

In Burnett
Hall at 7:00 PM. Note that the coun-
cil meetings now start at 7:00 PM.

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11:
MANGER TAKE DOWN:**

Time
to put it all away for another year.
Meet at the manger (just outside the
St Mary School entrance) at 9:00AM.
It will take about an hour.

**SUNDAY JANUARY 15: THE
MASS FOR LIFE:**

At the Cath-
edral of St Raymond in Joliet, 2:00 PM
Come and pray with bishop Conlon
for an end to end the culture of
death that is infecting our nation.
Honor Guard at 1:00 PM (flyer Pg 6)

**SATURDAY JANUARY 21:
POKER NIGHT:**

At Joe Kral's
house, 19403 Kevin Ave., Mokena
Phone (708) 478 4543. Bring your
favorite drinks and enjoy the compa-
ny of your brother knights!

**SATURDAY JANUARY 21 AND
SUNDAY JANUARY 22: PICK
UP BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE!**

The St Mary Pro Life Committee will be
passing out baby bottles to be filled
with change. The proceeds will be used
to support "Woman's Choice Services"
that helps unwed pregnant girls avoid
abortion. (article)

**SUNDAY JANUARY 22: PAN-
CAKE BREAKFAST:**

In Burnett
Hall all morning. Come and join your
brother knights and their families to
serve and enjoy this great St Mary tra-
dition!

**TUESDAY JANUARY 24: OF-
FICERS AND DIRECTORS**

MEET: In the Deacon Jim Fitzgerald
Room of St Mary School, 7:30 PM.

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25:
DEADLINE FOR EXEMPLIFICA-
TION RESERVATIONS.**

Join the
Joliet Assembly in this great annual
celebration as the Northern Illinois Dis-
trict welcomes about 200 knights into
the Fourth Degree of the order. (Article
Page 5, form Page 4)

**FRIDAY JANUARY 27: MAJOR
DEGREE:**

At St Anthony Church in
Frankfort, 6:00 PM. (Article, flyer)



MATERIALISM

Christians often deplore the materialism of the modern world but many of them don't understand what it is. It seems that most people believe that materialism has something to do with greed for material property such as wanting to constantly acquire new things. Materialism has nothing to do with possessions. Materialism is a faith that everything in the universe is explainable by physical cause and effect.

The faith of materialism is that chemistry and physics, as material causes, explain how everything works and how everything came to be. The human body is explained as a complicated machine that can be fully understood by analyzing its parts and chemistry. The notion that a human body is materially different from the body of a horse is rejected since both are nothing more than complicated machines. All of nature is looked upon as a collection of machines and chemistry. This idea that everything has a material nature denies the concept that there might be more going on than just the birth, repair and death of machines that came into existence through a logical development called evolution. In the world of materialism there is very little difference between mammals since they are all similar machines. Even emotions such as love are explained as chemical changes. There is no soul. There is nothing after death.

Members of the materialist cult usually cry foul when religious belief is used as the basis for a law or rule. The pro abortion lobby is frequently heard to complain that "science" should determine whether a mother can exercise her "choice" to kill an unwanted baby. It must be understood that in the framework of materialism there is very little wrong with ending the life of a machine, born or unborn. The cult laughs at religion as not scientific. Any one who talks about invisible things such as belief in God is ridiculed. The cult believes that everything has an explainable physical cause. Materialistic belief is the basis of Communism, Socialism and other "isms" that treat the world as a large collection of organisms that can be controlled and used. The murder of millions in the Soviet Union, Germany, Cambodia, China and the disgrace of abortion in the "developed" world all resulted from materialism and its rejection of God.

The theory of evolution has been elevated into dogma by the current crop of materialists. Children are being taught that evolution cannot be questioned since it is "scientific fact". Evolution is then used as the basis for other beliefs involving nature and the universe. One of these beliefs is that the Earth changes very little from century to century and that if it does we should be able to explain the mechanism. Materialism depends heavily on "science" to make everyone comfortable and uses "science" as the rationale for almost every statement of fact about our world. "Global Warming" is an example of a materialistic belief supported by "science". Many people will believe almost anything if it is supposedly "scientific" - regardless of truth. It is impossible to find objective facts that support the numerous claims.

Materialism is a religion. The religion of materialism is now the basis for many of our governmental actions, rules and regulations, opposing Christianity.

As Catholics we believe that God is in charge of things and that we should be wary of other explanations. It is fascinating to read the "Decree of Canopus", which is the inscription on the famous Rosetta Stone that was found in the Nile delta. The Decree states that "due to the recent upheavals" the length of the year has increased by 5 1/4 days so that it has become necessary to adjust the calendar. The decree was issued by Canopus, the High Priest of Egypt, in about 325 BC. It seems that the Earth does indeed undergo some dramatic changes that we can't explain. Naturally such changes are ignored or diminished as myth by the materialistic cult, which claims to be able to explain everything. Our children are being taught their pagan beliefs in school.

Materialistic paganism has penetrated our society and our Church to an alarming degree. The notion that science explains everything is ungodly, particularly when much of the "science" is suspect. The famous Catholic Priest scientists who provided us with much of the knowledge about astronomy, mathematics and chemistry we were taught in school were trying to find out how God had made His universe so they could worship Him better. We need to be on guard and defend their Faith. Vivat Jesus

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS!

The annual Council Christmas party on December 10 was a great success, as usual. About 100 people came to eat, drink and be merry. Al Sparks played his keyboard for the caroling. The ladies of our council did a wonderful job of coordinating the food service with the usual suspects—Bob, Mario and Rich. Santa had great gifts for the kids whose parents had signed them up. The council was able to save a lot of money this year because Joe Kral donated most of the gifts that Santa gave out. Joe likes garage sales and had been buying toys that are new and still in their original wrapping. The toys are wonderful and Joe donates them to us! Thanks Joe!



Virginia Strezo decorates Santa's lap

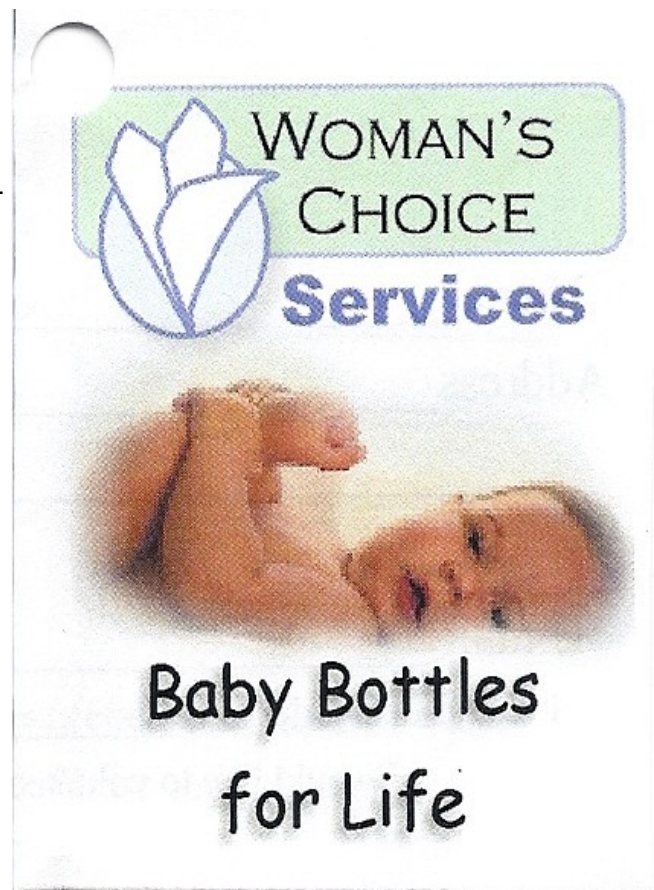
WOMAN'S CHOICE SERVICES

The Diocese of Joliet sponsors a wonderful organization named "Woman's Choice Services". It is a Pro Life effort that saves numerous babies from the death of abortion every year. The organization has offices in Lombard at 123 W. St. Charles Road, Suite 101 and Joliet at 1701 N. Larkin No. 311, in the Crest Hill Shopping Center. Open daily, the two offices are "walk in" counseling and support facilities for pregnant girls and women. The organization is supported by donations from supportive Christians. Be one!

Services provided at the Women's Choice centers are:

- Free Pregnancy Tests (These help a lot)
- Free Ultrasounds (These save babies)
- Unplanned Pregnancy Counseling
- Mothering and Parenting Classes
- Post-Abortion Recovery
- Pregnancy Support—Project Gabriel
- Medical Referrals— help from cooperative doctors
- STD Information and Testing

On January 21 and 22 the St Mary Church Pro Life committee will be handing out baby bottles. Take one home with you! The bottles are for your pocket change and other money you want to donate. The money collected will go to Woman's Choice Services. Bottles will be picked up in February. Be generous, there are very few organizations around that provide such a wonderful service.



RESERVATION FORM - 2012 EXEMPLIFICATION

DUE BY JANUARY 25, 2012

(Please Print)

Name _____ Spouse Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Council Number _____

E-mail _____

The Assembly needs the following INFORMATION to proceed with your application.

Candidate & Guest Registration:

_____ Candidates Initiation Fee of \$70.00 (**\$45.00 Priest or Religious Brother**)

includes the following: Initiation into the Fourth Degree, a social baldric,
a Fourth Degree lapel pin, and a ticket to the Fourth Degree Banquet.

Candidate choose your dinner entrée below.

_____ Fourth Degree Banquet tickets \$45.00. (Spouse, family, and additional reservations)

_____ Beef _____ Fish

_____ Ladies Luncheon tickets \$22.00

\$ _____ TOTAL amount enclosed

Hotel Reservation:

Will you need hotel reservation?

The phone number for the hotel is 630-505-1000 or 866-615-4206

and request a 6th floor room

ROOM RESERVATION CUT OFF DATE IS JANUARY 14, 2012

Mention you are with the Knights Of Columbus for this rate.

Rooms are \$92.00* plus tax per night

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KofC JOLIET ASSEMBLY #204

Mail Form and Check:

Knights of Columbus c/o Tim Cosgrove, FC. 1026 Stonegate Road New Lenox IL 60451 815-485-5599

*At this time September 2011 this was 2011 price

ARE YOU A THIRD DEGREE KNIGHT?

If you have not yet completed your initiations into the Knights of Columbus, or if you have a friend who has not completed his, then the annual event at St Anthony's Church in Frankfort is for you. Once every year our sister Council at St Anthony sponsors a "major degree" for First Degree knights. It is conveniently held on a Friday evening so more can attend. This year it will be held on January 27, starting at 6 PM for candidates. The council pays for the food for candidates who complete their degree there. It is always a great event.

See the flyer on Page 7. Join the large group of knights from various councils who come together for this great annual event.

If you plan to attend contact Deputy Grand Knight Rich Ciancio at (815) 485 0896 (richardciancio@aol.com) or Membership Director Don Zich at (708) 606 4273 (dzichy810@yahoo.com). Reservations are required.

This is by far the best opportunity offered each year to complete the second and third degrees of the order. Other "major degrees" usually require distant travel.



WHAT ABOUT THE FOURTH DEGREE?

The Fourth Degree of the order is the Patriotic Degree. Third Degree Knights join the Fourth Degree in order to emphasize their support for our nation and Church. Members of the Fourth Degree wear a distinctive uniform to call attention to the order, to honor our Bishops and other clergy, and to participate in patriotic events. Our organization of Fourth Degree Sir Knights is the Joliet Assembly.

Initiations, called Exemplifications, into the Fourth Degree are held once per year. This year the exemplification will be conducted on February 11 when about 200 new members will be inducted into the Northern Illinois District of the Fourth Degree. See the registration form on Page 4. Knights who completed their First Degree initiation before August 11, 2011 and who have completed their second and third degrees before February 11, 2012 are eligible to join the Fourth Degree. If you are interested in applying for Fourth Degree membership contact Faithful Navigator Joe Sluis at (815) 469 9204 (mokenaj@aol.com) or Faithful Comptroller Tim Cosgrove at (815) 485 5599 (sox1985@peoplepc.com).

The Joliet Assembly of the Fourth Degree welcomes new members. The Assembly meets monthly and raises money for Birthright of Joliet, Catholic Charities and The Deaf Apostolate. Sir Knights of the Assembly provide honor guards for formal Masses with our Bishops, for parades and for other important events. We are the visible part of the Knights of Columbus. In 2012 the Assembly will develop strong initiatives to defend our Church and our Faith to ward off some of the attacks being made by society and government on our Holy Mother Church.

The Joliet Assembly raises money through an annual raffle and through a program booklet used at the exemplification. Raffle tickets cost \$10 each and five drawings for \$50 prizes are held monthly at Assembly meetings. You are solicited to purchase an advertisement in the program booklet. About 700 copies of the booklet are printed and widely circulated. See the form on page 8 of this newsletter. For more information contact Joe Sluis or Tim Cosgrove (see above).



The Joliet Diocesan Life Office
&
The Joliet Chapter of Knights of Columbus
Announce
The 38th Commemorative MASS for the Unborn
&
All Whose Lives have become endangered since the
January 22, 1973
Supreme Court Decision, Roe v. Wade.

2:00 PM

Sunday January 15, 2011
The Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N. Raynor Ave.
Joliet, IL 60435

Celebrant & Homilist
Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of the Joliet Diocese

A Special Blessing will be given to all persons traveling to the March for Life in
Washington D.C.

Please invite everyone who is going from your town or parish, to this lovely
afternoon MASS,

The Culture of Death extends from conception to natural death.
We count the years from 1973 but truly they should be counted from 1965 when the Supreme
Court legalized the use of contraception for married couples.

That case was the first time a "Right to Privacy" was given as the reason for a decision
regarding Life issues. Since then we have tumbled from contraception's total acceptance in
and out of marriage to : surgical & chemical abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, IVF,
frozen embryos, embryonic stem cell research & cloning.

The Climb back to a Culture of Life will only be possible if we attempt it in
Prayer and accompany those prayers with Sacrifice.

The MASS will be followed by refreshments and a wonderful time together.

Contact Information:

John F. Egizio, Knights of Columbus; 815-722-1660



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*So that the world
may know new hope*

**ANNOUNCING THE
2nd & 3rd MAJOR DEGREE**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012

ST. ANTHONY COUNCIL #9770

AT

**ST. ANTHONY COUNCIL HALL
7659 W. Sauk Trail
Frankfort, Illinois**

CANDIDATE REGISTRATION: 6:00 P.M.

2nd DEGREE AT: 7:00 P.M.

3rd DEGREE AT: Following 2nd Degree

Dinner will be served after the 3rd Degree

FOR COST & RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

**DISTRICT DEPUTY #37
GRAND KNIGHT
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FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS, CHECK OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.illinoisknights.org>

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Centered On The Eucharist*

Souvenir Program Agreement

Knights of Columbus Joliet Assembly #204

108th Annual Exemplification of The Fourth Degree

Lisle, Illinois February 10, 2012

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

FULL PAGE (5 1/2 x 8 1/2) \$100.00

Knights of Columbus

1/2 PAGE (5 1/2 x 4 1/4) \$50.00

Ad Due Date: JANUARY 1, 2012

1/4 PAGE (5 1/2 x 2 1/4) \$25.00

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BOOKLET AND THE CHARITIES SUPPORTED BY THE FUNDS RAISED