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## MARCH

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 3 YEAR George St Marie  
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 1 YEAR Robert Strezo  
 FIELD AGENT: Cliff Peloquin  
 KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER:  
 Frank Borich

**MONDAY MARCH 2: JOLIET ASSEMBLY MEETS..** At Council 4400, 7:30 PM

**SATURDAY MARCH 7: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-DISTRICT FREE THROW** In the St Mary School gym from 9:30 AM until noon. Winners of the local contests in the KC district compete. The competition is fierce! Come and help as a judge or spectator.

**SUNDAY MARCH 8: PAN-CAKE BREAKFAST** The second of these great fund raisers this year. Come and support the Council and have fun, too. Pancakes served from 8 AM until noon.

**TUESDAY MARCH 10: COUNCIL MEETING AND FIRST DEGREE** In Burnett Hall at 7:30 PM. Bring a friend who would be a good Knight! Candidates need to arrive at 7 PM.

**THURSDAY MARCH 12: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REGIONAL SPELLING BEE** Winners from the local bees in this area come together in a tough spell-

ing contest. Come and support the kids and Youth Director Tim Cosgrove. 7 PM until 10 PM in the art room of St Mary School.

**FRIDAY MARCH 13: KNIGHTS NIGHT OUT: WORLD MOVIE PREMIERE OF "THE VISION" FEATURING NORA QUINN.** Come join the St Mary Knights as we attend the premiere of "The Vision" at the Rialto Theater in Joliet at 7 PM. See the article.

**SATURDAY MARCH 21: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REGIONAL FREE THROW:** Winners of the local contests square off. JUDGES NEEDED! Participate from 9:30 AM until noon. Training will be provided just before the event.

**SATURDAY MARCH 21: POKER NIGHT** At Dan Michalak's house in New Lenox, 2372 Rock Canyon. Phone (815) 463 1044.

**TUESDAY MARCH 24: OFFICERS MEETING** In the Bishop Fitzgerald Room at 7:30 PM.



Vivat Jesus

COOK'S  
CORNER

The March meeting will feature TACOS! Come and enjoy the famous Mexican treat as prepared by super chef MARIO and the team



SPELLING BEE!



Mokena Junior High swept the local spelling bee competition on Feb, 12. Shown above are the winners: Jake Wilson (first place), Rachael Di Grazia (third) Mrs Julia Wheaton, Principal and Michaela Cantu (second)

K OF C INSURANCE?

When the Knights were founded in the nineteenth century, women who were widowed had a desperate life of poverty. "Social Safety Nets" did not exist, the Church provided help but usually did not have a lot to share. The Knights of Columbus was among a number of organizations that were formed partly to provide insurance for the families of men who suddenly died or were incapacitated.

Knights of Columbus Insurance is now one of the most highly rated and successful companies in the world. The rates are competitive or better than other companies. Annuities and Long Term Care Insurance are a great buy from the Knights. The best part of the K of C Insurance is where the insurance company profits go—to charities around the world instead of to stockholders. Insurance company profits have supplied millions for Katrina Relief, to rebuild the façade of St Peters in Rome, to support missions around the world and many more worthy charitable goals. The Knights also support the annual March for Life and built the bell tower (The Knights Tower) of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a great program.

Welcome our Field Agent Cliff Peloquin when he calls to talk to you about the program or contact him at: (815) 464 7242 or: Clifford.Peloquin@KofC.org



JOE KRAL  
HONORED

On January 30 a special evening prayer service and reception honored St Mary Volunteers of the year. Our Chancellor Joe Kral was honored with other parishioners. Congratulations Joe! We know you deserved the recognition.

Vivat Jesus

# January pancake breakfast



FRIENDLY SALESMEN  
MARIO AND GEORGE



BRILLIANT SERVERS  
MARK GENE TOM DAVE M. DAVE G. JUAN

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUCCESS

The volunteers shown in the accompanying pictures are only a few of the knights who helped with January's pancake breakfast. As usual, the breakfast was an enjoyable time for the knights and their families, along with a little light work. The pancake breakfast scheduled for March 8 will be just as much fun and should also raise about \$1,000 for council activities. Come join us.



MAGNIFICENT CHEFS

CAROL DAVE A. MATT PETE BOB JOE DON

## KNIGHTED!

The Major Degree given at St Anthony's on January 30 was attended by twenty men from our council: ten spectators, nine candidates and District Deputy Tim Cosgrove who hosted the event.

The brothers who completed their initiations and who became Third Degree Knights are

Adam Dalaly

Kevin Burns

Mike Duffy

David Glover

Bob Johnson

Father Dennis Kasule

Juan Mendez

Dave McCormick

Bill McDonald

Congratulations to our wonderful new Third Degree Brother Knights

# PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON D.C.



“The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights—for example the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture—is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination”

His Holiness  
Pope John Paul II

Bishop Sartain instructs the pilgrims after leading a rosary for life at the Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes

## A prayerful trip

206 pilgrims from the Diocese of Joliet traveled to Washington DC on January 20 to participate in the annual march to pray for repeal of the horrible Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion on demand at any time in a woman's pregnancy. Four buses traveled all night. On January 21, the pilgrims visited the shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes where Bishop Sartain joined them. The travelers took a short look at the school founded by Saint Elizabeth Seton in Maryland before traveling to Washington to attend the Mass for the unborn at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. When Mass ended at about 9:30 PM the group traveled to a hotel in Gaithersburg, MD for the night. On January 22, the group attended morning Mass and then traveled to Arlington National Cemetery where the Bishop placed a wreath at the tomb of the unknowns. A short visit to the memorial for military chaplains at Arlington, then the buses took the pilgrims to Constitution Avenue in Washington where Bishop Sartain led their pilgrimage march to pray for an end to abortion in front of the Supreme Court. The group returned January 23, after a wonderful experience together.



Bishop Sartain and pilgrims with the wreath laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in Arlington Cemetery on behalf of the Diocese of Joliet.

# THE MARCH FOR LIFE



A few of about 300,000 pilgrims. Signs and substantial funding for the event are provided by the Knights of Columbus. Many KC Councils participate in this annual plea for the repeal of infanticide laws.

## ST MARY PARTICIPANTS

Five parishioners from St Mary in Mokena joined the Bishop in the trip to Washington. From left to right they are:

Alice Waldier

Katherine McAlarney

Joe Sluis

Helen Sluis

Nancy Dunne

They are seen in a pew of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington while awaiting the Mass for the unborn.



## NEW SIR KNIGHTS!



Seven men from Council 6993 received the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus at the annual exemplification on February 21. The Patriotic Degree, also known as the Fourth Degree, enrolls members into a separate organization called an Assembly. Welcomed into Joliet Assembly 204 were (left to right): Sir Knight J. Mark Welch; Sir Knight Donald Zich; Sir Knight, Father Robert Kasule; Sir Knight Thomas Lulinski; Sir Knight Michael Baker, Sir Knight David Adams; Sir Knight Mario Carreon.



NORA QUINN

## A WORLD PREMIERE

Nora Quinn, daughter of Brother Knight Greg Quinn, appears in a new motion picture entitled "THE VISION". The World Premiere will be at 7:00 PM on Friday March 13 at the Rialto Square Theatre at 102 N. Chicago Street, Joliet. The premiere will include:

Limousine arrival of the stars

Souvenir programs for all attendees

Meet and Greet in the lobby starting at 7 PM

An introduction by the writer/director Robert Alaniz

Cast and crew curtain call after the film

After the film get together in the lobby

For tickets contact Regina or Greg Quinn at (708) 479 4864. This promises to be a wonderful event.