



# **THE HOLMEN KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER**

**FATHER JOHN ROSSITER COUNCIL #9385**

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Dear Knights and Families,

The **Fall 2011 40 Days for Life** campaign got underway on Sunday, September 25th with a well attended kick-off rally. The youth present made their own signs to hold when they come out to the vigil site. Thank you to Fr. Schaller, Fr. Parr, Fr. Burish and Fr. Alan for joining us and to the more than 60 people who processed to the vigil site for prayer to close off the rally. The kick-off is done, but there's still plenty of time to join in this life-saving and life-changing effort.



40 Days for Life has a proven record of over 4,000 babies (that we know of) spared from abortion, 53 abortion workers have quit their jobs and 16 abortion facilities shut their doors permanently following 40 Days for Life campaigns. Not to mention the countless men and women who have been spared the pain of loss, grief and regret that comes with abortion.

The 40 Days for Life prayer vigil will run through November 6th from 6 am - 6 pm daily. That leaves a lot of hours during which you could offer your time and prayers, with thousands of others across the country and around the world.

The vigil is being held on the corner of South Ave. and 7th St. S. in La Crosse. To sign up, just go to [www.40daysforlife.com/lacrosse](http://www.40daysforlife.com/lacrosse) or call Elizabeth Garibaldi at 769-4014. If you would like to make sure you are not out there alone you can a) bring a buddy, b) sign up online during a time when someone else is already signed up, or c) call Elizabeth and she'll set you up with a "veteran" prayer warrior. We want to encourage you to sign up for a regular hour each week, but even if you are unable to do that, if you can get out once or twice, those hours and prayers make a difference. You never know when someone will be passing by who needs to see that people are praying for them and their unborn baby.

Finally, Tom Garibaldi is organizing a "Knights Night" on Thursday, October 20th from 4-6 pm. Come from work, home or play. Bring your wife, children, grandchildren, etc. Wear Knights of Columbus apparel so our community can SEE that the Knights are pro-life. We had 27 Knights of Columbus from our area join in the 40 Hour Vigil for Life held this past spring (mostly covering the COLD night hours...Thanks, guys). We would like to challenge all of you to beat that number, even by one, for the "Knights Night." Imagine what an amazing site that would be...to see a bunch of men standing together to support, not a football team or baseball team, but fellow human beings fighting for life. We hope to see you there!

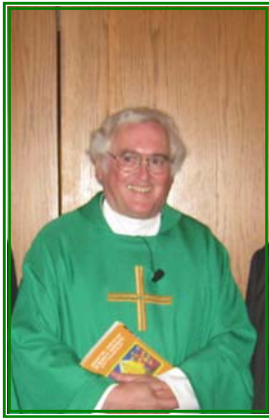
On behalf of all of our unborn brothers and sisters (and future Knights)  
Thank you and God Bless.



Paul and Jennifer Fisk,

Father John Rossiter Council, Pro-Life Couple

## Knights of Columbus



One of the mysteries of life is how we get on some mailing lists. Often when I pick up the day's mail I stand by the wastebasket to toss away the junk mail. I bet you do the same. Recently however my routine was interrupted. I noticed an envelope from Poetry Journal. I haven't decided yet whether to subscribe but I am grateful to have received the mailing. The enclosed letter quoted the poem "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" by Wendell Berry.

"So friend, every day do something/that won't compute. Love the Lord./ Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor./ Love someone who does not deserve it.../ Practice resurrection."

As a Knight of Columbus you know what matters most is deepening our love for the Lord, and to do that means we must never, ever, close our heart to anyone. For lots of people, "that won't compute." But love for God and his people make sense only to those who are in love and growing in love. "Practice resurrection," the poet calls it. And our parish and world, my life and that of others, is much the richer because you are doing so.

May the Lord be with you always.

Father John Parr



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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT



Dear Brother Knights,

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. Please take some extra time this month to pray the Holy Rosary. What a great way to prepare ourselves for mass or our daily endeavors. As we consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Virgin Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

Our Council's charitable activities and services are going strong the last quarter of 2011. These activities include our drawing for Sports Memorabilia Raffle and 1st Degree installation at this month general meeting on October 9th. Other activities going on are "40 Days for Life", Rotary Lights, "Keeping Christ in Christmas" program, and our own Christmas Program. As Knights of Charity, we are looking for your assistance with these programs.

"40 Days of Life" - September 28 - November 6, 2011 at South Ave. and 7th Street in La Crosse

These are exciting and busy times for our Council. Please take a look at our ongoing and upcoming activities, if you have any interest or questions about our programming please feel free to contact me or any other council board members to get involved. I hope to see you at our General Meeting on October 9th at 7:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. (1st Degree installation at 6:00 pm and Sports Memorabilia Raffle Drawing at 7:00 pm with meeting to follow).

Vivat Jesus,  
Joe, GK



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun. Oct. 9.....Regular Council Meeting and drawing for SPORTS MEMORABILIA RAFFLE and First Degree Ceremony for new members
- Mon. Oct 10.....COLUMBUS DAY
- Sun. Oct 16.....Pancake Breakfast at St. Patrick's Church
- Thurs. Oct 20....."Knights Night" at 40 Days for Life..... 4-6 p.m.
- Mon. Oct 24.....Officer's meeting at Pizza Corral
- Mon. Oct. 31.....Halloween
- Sun. Nov. 6th.....daylight savings time ends
- Fri. Nov 11.....Veteran's Day
- Sun. May 19, 2012.....4th Degree Exemplification to be held in Onalaska, WI \* ( join up with GD )



## HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP !



On Sunday, October 2nd, the KC's held their last Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for the season. A large group of 17 helped pick several bags of garbage and then headed to Features to watch the Packers beat Denver and the Brewers beat Arizona. The weather was great and the group enjoyed a few sodas and beers.



*A woman had twins, and gave them up for adoption at birth. One of the twins went to a family in Egypt, and was named "Jamal." The other twin went to a family in Spain, and they named him "Juan." Years later, Juan sent a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she told her husband that she wished she also had a picture of Jamal. Her husband responded, "But they are twins. If you've seen Juan, you've seen Jamal."*

**Q. What did George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Christopher Columbus all have in common?  
A. They were all born on holidays.**

**Columbus discovered America when he thought he was headed for India. It's always been true -- a guy just hates to stop and ask for directions.**



## CONGRATULATIONS : COUNCIL AWARDS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH for SEPTEMBER:**

Many thanks to Len Beranek for donating and preparing the delicious sausage for the KC Kornfest breakfast! Many compliments were received for the delicious meal, and for all his help Len is our September Knight of the Month.

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER:**

**Congratulations to John and Joyce Popple, and daughter Brianna as the Knights' September Family of the Month. They helped at the Kornfest Run finish line with timing, recordkeeping and runner safety, ensuring another very successful Kornfest weekend!**





**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT.....**

*If you seek Him, He will let you find Him...2 Chronicles 15:2*



Recently, I was listening to a talk show on Relevant Radio where the guest was complaining about contemporary children's stories, and how they were lacking in moral Christian virtues. For examples of his argument, he offered the theme of the Harry Potter stories as well as the Prince, and the Pauper. The guest took offence with the notion that Harry Potter a neglected poor orphan could cross over into a magical and wondrous kingdom only to have "many rejoice and treat him a long lost son." Then when he went on to complain about the story of the Prince and the Pauper saying how upsetting it was to see how, "a poor wretch could grow from object poverty and become the saving force in the kingdom." I sat in awe how this guest and the host could not see these as a parable of heaven and Christ's life. Could he not look past the noise of fantasy and see God's mark of his salvation?

We are familiar with how the Old Testament was the foreshadowing Christ coming. However, when we look at nature and others society's of ancient we often fail to see God's influence. Some see the flying geese in the air as many small crosses written upon the sky. When I drive into Holmen from the south, and the hills and bluffs are a washed with the golden light of the sunset, it appears as if they were praising God.

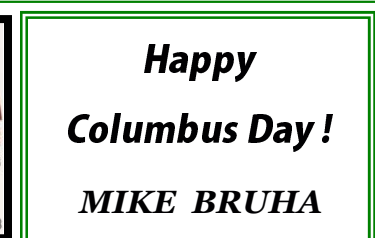
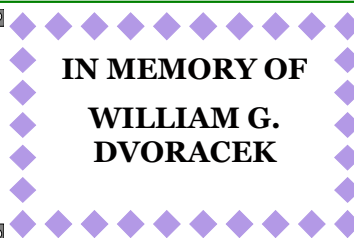
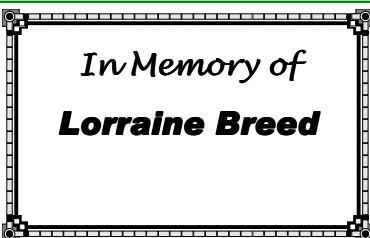
Recently in an interview on public radio, the Armenian Orthodox theologian Vigen Guroian gave account how his children released two turtles into his garden during the late fall, just before winter the turtles entombed themselves in the earth. It was during Holy Week, the following spring that these turtles emerged from the earth just as Christ rose from the tomb some two thousand years prior.

Looking throughout history, we can see God is foretelling of the coming of Christ. The Greek god Dionysius born of a god and a virgin mortal, was crucified, died, and rose again. A closer look at the sarcophagus of the pharaohs of Egypt one can see that they embrace Christ's symbols of mercy and justice, a Sheppard's hook and winnowing rake. However, it is only in the coming of Christ and his glory, do we see the signs of history and nature fulfilled.

Just as the rosaries beads help focus our attention on prayer and meditation. God's many imprints on contemporary art, nature, and history can help remind us today to focus our attention on His glory. Prayer and meditation on his glory is like the calming of the winds upon a pool of water. With the winds, blowing our reflection is fragmented and uneven, but it is when the pool is still that we can then view the image of God in the reflection.

Vivat Jesus,  
Jeff R., DGK

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**Sir Knight Larry Hubert, a World War II Veteran, and retired US Navy Chief Petty Officer was on the September 17, 2011 Freedom Honor Flight to Washington, DC. Our Assembly Honor Guard was there to greet him, and all the returning veterans, as they returned from their trip to Washington, DC. We were in the "receiving" line as the veterans got off the plane. The compliments and "thank you's" we received warmed our hearts. It was an honor to be there to honor them and thank them for their service to our country.**

**Greetings Sir Knights.**



With the entrance of October we celebrate some very interesting lives of the Saints. One such saint is St. Francis of Assisi. (Oct.4th) St. Francis is one of the most popular saints throughout the world, yet most don't take the time to truly understand who he was. Francis was a man who truly lived out his motto, "My God and My All". He never intended to begin a religious community, and yet because of his actions people began to follow, so much so he has the largest following even today. He so closely identified his life to Christ's that he was blessed with the Holy Stigmata. Francis was even in tune with nature. Stories have him communicating with the animals. This was possible because of his unique relationship with the father, who is the creator of all. We need not dismiss St. Francis as just the ecology saint. He truly was a man for all times. He dared to go against the ridiculousness of society to live in oneness of God. His devotion to the Eucharist was strong, and thus gave him the strength to be a man of courage and strength. He trusted so much in God that he gave up everything. He was so humble, that he was blessed with suffering. St. Francis a man who dared to follow God. A real man for our times, a man we need to emulate in our day and age.

God Bless.  
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**Backs to Basics:  
Understand Term and Whole Life Insurance**

Studies have shown that life insurance is often a misunderstood product. Worse still, people are unsure where to find information on these products or are afraid to ask. As a member of this Order, you have access to me, a full-time professional life insurance agent. A large part of my role as field agent is to answer your questions and help make sure you and your family are protected.

To start, I want to give some basic information on life insurance. For some of you, this may be a refresher course, but for many a little knowledge might open your eyes.

There are two basic types of life insurance coverage: term and whole life. Term, as the name implies, covers an insured for a specific period of time. Some liken this to "renting" life insurance. In the term or "rental" period, the policy holder remains covered as long as premiums are paid. When that term expires, so does the coverage. A new policy can be purchased, but it's mostly likely the rates will increase (the policy holder isn't as young as when the first policy was obtained) and it is possible the applicant cannot be insured anymore due to health issues. If you find that term covers your immediate needs, my advice would be to establish a plan to convert that term to whole life over time.

While term insurance certainly has a place in a balanced portfolio, whole life has many advantages not offered by term. First, the coverage in place continues after the payment of premiums has stopped. Some payment periods last 10 or 20 years. A Single Premium Whole Life policy asks that you make only one payment to attain lifelong coverage. The plan you choose is based on your goals and budget, of course, but there is one that will fit these needs.

A second major advantage of whole life is the accumulation of cash values in the policy and potential for dividends. To discuss these more, and all the plans and options available to you, please contact me today.



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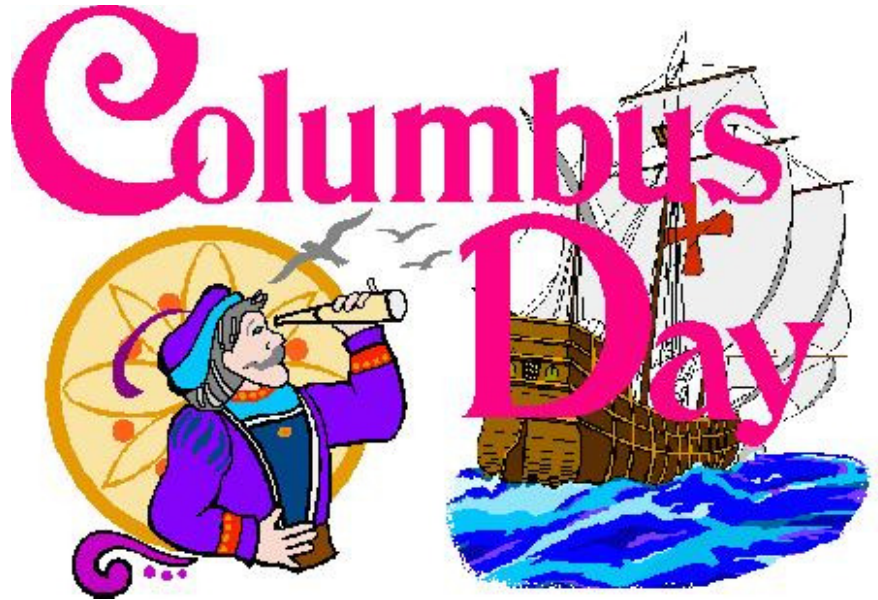
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