

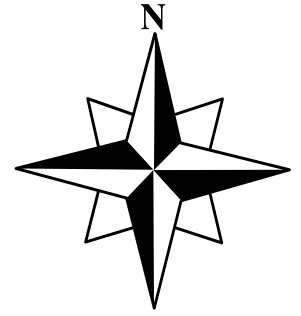


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## Grand Knight's Message

### 40th "Anniversary" of Roe v. Wade

As has been our practice for a number of years now, at each officer's meeting we review the Pro-Life activities that are underway within our organization. As a strong Pro-Life council there is always something to discuss and with Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> approaching, the topic of the "40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" of Roe v. Wade was brought up. As we lamented over the coming of this sad day, one of the council officers made the statement "Isn't there another word that should be used in place of anniversary, it just doesn't seem to be the right word to describe a terrible event." This really caught my attention and ever since that meeting I have been thinking of how that simple statement hits home with me.

To many of us, the word anniversary typically brings to mind positive events in our personal lives such as our wedding anniversaries or the anniversary of the opening of a church or school. While grammatically correct, using this word to indicate the beginning of a time in this country when so many innocent lives would be lost just doesn't seem right to me either. Over the past month I have struggled to bring closure in my mind to this linguistic disconnect. As time went on, it became apparent to me that there have been other events in history that we have used the word anniversary to remember sad events of the past, take December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 for example. We use this term the "The Anniver-

sary of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor" to emotionally connect the terrible events of that day to a point in time. I now realized that both of these days immortalize the beginning of a time in this country when many lives would be lost, millions heroically killed in WWII as the result of aggression of others outside our country and millions killed from within, as the result of a misguided opinion of our own Supreme Court that the unborn child has no rights, not even the right to be born.

In the 40 years since the Roe v Wade decision many people have continued the "fight" to correct this terrible wrong but like WWII, there have been many setbacks along the way. While many prefer to isolate themselves from the issue by saying it is a political battle that will never be won, others have stepped forward and lead the charge. Like the citizens of this country who worked behind the scenes to support the troops who landed at Normandy and other battlegrounds of the war, I encourage you to help support the efforts of those who do so much to try to save the lives of so many they will never know. Similar to the sacrifices made by the men and women who valiantly fought to protect us and the innocent of Europe, we too must continue to fight for those who can't protect themselves. It is only by all of us working together that we can hope to soon **celebrate** the

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## Grand Knight's Message—*continued*

Anniversary of the Overturning of Roe v. Wade and the granting of human rights to the unborn.

On a related note, if you did not have a chance to read Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson's column in the January issue of the Columbian Magazine, I ask you to do so now. A copy of this outstanding article entitled "Our Moral Responsibility" has been reprinted in this edition of the Compass for your reading pleasure.

Vivat Jesus,  
Dave Uerz, GK

## Trinity Council Musings

To keep the Editor happy, here is the Father Michael McGivney mention for February from the January 2, 2013 edition of *Jeopardy!*, under *Service Organizations* for \$600, courtesy of Mike Donovan:

Father Michael McGivney founded this fraternal society for Catholic laymen in 1882.

Question: What is the Knights of Columbus? Unfortunately, none of the contestants got it right. Which is why we run public service announcements like this.

Speaking of the January General Membership Meeting, the Grand Knight, Dave Uerz, announced there that the Council's Charity Dinner this Spring will be in honor of the first responders who were victims of the Christmas Eve Tragedy on Lake Road in West Webster. Volunteers are needed for the Special Olympics Winter Games being held in Rochester the weekend of February 22-24. This is along the same lines as our C&B Christmas Party and C&B Summer Picnic. Please tell Grand Knight Dave Uerz that you'll help... And staying with C&B for a minute, at the meeting C&B Chairman Joe Dilal, PGK presented Chancellor Dave McCoy with the Service Beyond the Call of Duty Award for an unusual C&B sale last year.

Hats off to Liam Cummings and his wife Michelle for handling the meat end of Holy Trinity's Christmas Basket program... A special place is wait-

# Thursday, February 7th

## Membership Dinner Meeting


Savory Stuffed Pork Chops  
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Salad/Vegetables  
Bread/Butter  
Coffee and Dessert

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**NOTE: If you make a reservation, you are expected to pay for the meal.**

ing upstairs for Don Bell, PGK and Joe Aschenbrenner. As members of the Cuddy Assembly's Color Corps they did double duty January 7th standing guard at the joint wake service and funeral Mass of Sir Knight John Norton and his wife Sharon who passed away on the same day.... Speaking of Don Bell, he is looking for volunteers to help distribute ashes at Hill Haven Nursing Home on Ash Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. This would be during the morning. Give Don a call at 671-2636 if you can help. (Don't be afraid to leave a message.)

Christmas falling on a Tuesday last year gave Council bingo teams a most welcome Christmas gift: an extra week between shifts. Not to mention a rare Tuesday off for Bingo Chairman Karl Steigerwald and Mike Hosenfeld and Joe Ashenbrenner... Please take note that due to Valentine's day falling on the second Thursday the First Degree has been moved to Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.



## **Our Moral Responsibility—Beyond questions of politics, abortion fundamentally remains a moral issue that Christians have a duty to oppose.**

*By Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus*

This month, we observe the 40th anniversary of the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision. Of all the things that will be said about this court case in the days ahead, one thing remains beyond dispute: Abortion is the issue that will not go away.

Indeed, 40 years after the Supreme Court handed down its decision, most Americans consider abortion to be morally wrong, and a large majority wants significant restrictions on its availability. As long as this is the case, *Roe v. Wade* cannot be considered as “settled.”

There is another reason as well: The fundamental ruling of *Roe v. Wade* rests upon a falsehood, namely that we cannot tell when the life of a human being begins. Today, we know beyond doubt that a child in the womb is precisely that — a child. No constitutional system can rest secure when it is premised on what is widely believed by many to be a lie.

And there is a third reason: No legal system can be truly committed to human rights if it supports the principle that it is acceptable to intentionally kill the innocent. *Roe v. Wade* not only accepts this principle, but elevates it to a constitutional right.

During the recent U.S. elections, some pro-life candidates poorly articulated their position and lost, and some pro-abortion candidates embraced their position to an extreme and still won. For this reason, some have suggested that a candidate in the future cannot hope to be both pro-life and successful.

The grand illusion regarding the abortion issue is that it can be treated exclusively in political terms. Because abortion is fundamentally a moral question, we should expect it to be resolved in accordance with philosophical and ethical principles.

Certainly, many of those who voted in favor of abortion rights were acting according to their own principles. For nearly two centuries, philosophers of both the left and the right have laid the groundwork for society’s acceptance of abortion.

In the 19th century, Karl Marx and Frederick Engels argued that the traditional family structure oppressed women. The only way women could gain true equality, they said, was to be “liberated” from the responsibilities of motherhood and family, and by finding employment outside the home. For these writers, the demands of family life made true equality impossible.

On the other side, the libertarian philosopher John Stuart Mill likewise believed that the communal demands of family life made true individual freedom impossible.

Whether socialist or libertarian, both sides saw family as the problem and agreed that the solution was for women to escape motherhood and family. And so today, on both the left and the right, we find those who maintain that “liberation” depends upon the absolute power to control fertility and therefore depends upon the availability of legal abortion.

Within the Christian tradition, we understand that, in regard to the transmission of human life, we are called to cooperate with our Creator and that no person is entitled to claim absolute control over another human life already called into existence. The life of every human being is first and foremost a gift of the Creator.

In these circumstances, the responsibility of Catholics remains clear: It is to articulate a clear, consistent understanding of Catholic social teaching in regard to the dignity of the human person, marriage and the family. It is our responsibility to do this in season and out of season, regardless of which political party may benefit. As Catholics, our course must be set by our Church’s moral compass and not by partisan political calculation or advantage.

And what of the Knights of Columbus? We are called to be what our name implies — to be faithful, to be steadfast, to come to the defense of those who cannot defend themselves and to remain on the field until the field is won.

*Vivat Jesus!*



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Special Meeting of  
the WCC Corporation to be held  
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immediately following the  
General Council  
Membership Meeting where the  
2012 Financial Report of the  
Corporation will be  
presented.

Talk  
To  
your  
children  
about  
Religious  
Life!



**February Council Birthdays**

John	Hounslea	0201
Dennis	Schultz	0204
Robert	Marsjanik	0204
Michael	Pellittiere	0206
Edward	Wynne	0208
Don	Cousineau	0210
David	Werth	0211
Kevin	Murray	0211
David	Samuelson	0213
Joseph	Occhipinti	0214
Peter	Breidt jr.	0217
Wilbur	Beh	0217
Gerard	Farnand	0217
Thomas	Goundry	0219
John	Shura	0219
Fr. Bartholomew	Amobi	0219
Richard	Habes	0222
Michael	Cota	0222
John	O'Malley	0222
James	Messineo	0222
Walter	Bitler	0223
James	Clements	0223
David	Maier	0223
Joseph	Molino	0224
Patrick	Quinn	0225
Dc. Gerald	Skerrett	0226
Joseph	DeSario	0227
William	Schoepfel	0227

**February 2013**

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24	25	26	27	28		

**March 2013**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

**Key Dates for upcoming activities**

- 02/07 Regular Council Dinner Meeting – WCC—6pm
- 02/21 Officer Meeting – WCC—7pm
- 02/22 Euchre Tournament – WCC—7pm
- 02/22-24 Special Olympics Winter Games, Rochester
- 02/25 Chapter Memorial Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral, 7 pm
- 02/28 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification, – WCC—7pm
- 02/28 WCC Board Meeting– WCC—7pm

**Monthly Bell Jar Report – 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2012**

Number of Deals Sold	25
Gross Profit	\$3,942.00
Cost of Deals Paid	<u>\$ 306.00</u>
Net Profit for Qtr.	\$3,636.00

Note: 1/3 of Net Profit is reserved for Charity and Worthy Causes.

**Bell Jar Report – Year-End Summary - 2012**

Gross Profit	\$20,234.50
Cost of Deals Paid	<u>\$ 1,960.50</u>
Net Profit for 2012	\$ 18,274.00

Checks written to Charity and Worthy Causes – 2012 **\$7,670.00**

*Full report on file with Grand Knight*

See article **“A Worthy Cause For A Worthy Knight”** on page 10 of this issue regarding assistance with this worthwhile program.



# Let Us Pray

**For our Veterans**, that we always remember those who have given their lives for our freedom and that we support our troops as they return home. We pray especially for Josh Steinhilber, a fellow Brother Knight from Trinity Council.

**Prayer for our troops:** Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. AMEN

**For our Seminarians**, that the Lord gives these men the strength to remain committed to answering God's call to serve Him and his people in a special way.

**For members of the Permanent Deaconate Program**, especially Rick Rall from Trinity Council. That the Lord will encourage them in their studies and help them find the right balance in their lives for their studies, their families and the Lord's calling to do his work.

For the repose of soul and family of Cecelia Shura, mother of John "Bud" Shura.

Marilyn Bowman	Joe Nagel
Peter Breidt	Vincent Pellegrino
Ann Ceranowicz	Christopher Scalzo (brother of Dan)
Deacon Stan Douglas & Joanne	Art Schuth
Susan Douglas-Doyle (daughter of Deacon Stan)	Carol-Jeanne Serio (wife of Vic Serio)
Catherine Fremut (twin sister of Peter Breidt)	Theresa Sweeney (daughter of Tom & Marty Sweeney)
Carolyn Hafner	Carl and Ann Tiberio
Gladys Hickey	Morsina Tortino
Helen Kester	Marge Waehner
Iris Kilgor (sister of Dean Hamingson)	Sue Ward (sister of Kathy Uerz)
Jack Kuebel	Michael Ward (brother of Kath Uerz)
Donna Martin (daughter of Jean Chappell)	Sid Webster
Ron McNinch	Evelyn Young
Al Montante	All Requests of the Trinity Council Prayer Chain

## Trinity Council No. 4618 Prayer For Those In Need

Father of goodness & love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our council, their families and friends, and for all those who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole, and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and join us in thanking you for all your gifts. With Mary we ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.



## Ladies Auxiliary of Trinity Council

**February Meeting:**

February 11, 2013  
**Program:** Potluck  
 Dinner 5:30pm, eat at 6:00  
 (Please bring a dish to pass and invite your spouse/significant other)



Entertainment—7:00 pm Barry's Crossing Irish Band

**January Donations:**

\$150 Birthright of Ontario  
 \$200 Right to Life March  
 \$200 Veterans Outreach Center

**February Birthdays:**

6<sup>th</sup> Elaine O'Connor  
 6<sup>th</sup> Joann Fisher  
 10<sup>th</sup> Lana Leschhorn  
 13<sup>th</sup> Marion Ramsey  
 28<sup>th</sup> Doris Cota



**Prayers:**

Evelyn Young  
 Ron McNinch  
 Madilynn Uerz  
 Susan Ward  
 Katie Scott  
 Dolores Caramante



**Monthly Offering:**

We will be collecting items for Hope House.

**Reminders/Save Dates**

March 11—meeting will be The Bread Man

**Charity Dinner-** will be the weekend of April 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> . More details to follow

**Just a note:** We will need several new officers at the end of this year. Please consider stepping to help support this wonderful group.

**Bingo Scheduling:**

Mary Senecal will be stepping down from her Bingo responsibilities. We will be looking for someone to fill this position. If you need more information on what she does, let me know.

**Bingo:**

New set-up and workers are always a welcome addition to the volunteers who staff the concessions for weekly Bingo. Please contact Mary Senecal if you are interested in helping with this. It is a once every 6 weeks or so commitment.

**Sunshine Requests:**



Is there an Auxiliary member who need some cheering up, is ill, or is going to be hospitalized, 1<sup>st</sup> time mommy, 1<sup>st</sup> time grandparent or moving to a new home?? Please contact Donna McNinch at 265-1526.

**Donation Requests:**

Please submit them in writing to an Auxiliary member before the next board meeting for discussion and review. Please provide the name of the organization/ person for donation, along with a brief description of needs. Forms are available from the Auxiliary President.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** Pat Obbie's Home, 7:00 pm.

**Thoughts for your consideration:**

February is a month with many special thoughts. We celebrate Black History Month and Presidents Day. Both of these remind us that this country has struggled through much in its short history. Let us remember all those who sacrificed so we could remain free and offer your help to someone who still is suffering a lack of freedom today.

Kathy



### What Knights Won't Do To Please The Ladies

Brother Knights who attended the January General Membership Meeting may have noticed the boxes of tiles and bags of mortar that occupied the foyer. They seemed to have survived the New Year's Day Flood two days prior none the worse for wear. (A disgruntled bingo player?)

The Webster Columbus Center Board of Directors, in its infinite wisdom – and we hope without any undue influence - decided that it was time to give the ladies' room a makeover. Due to the discriminating nature of the final judges an all star team comprised of the Council's best tradesmen was assembled to make sure the final results would pass muster. There was literally no margin for

error. Putting their necks in the noose were Dick Jester, John Strowbridge, Mike Donovan, Joe



*WCC Manager Barney Quinlan, takes a moment after painting to pose against the new north wall of the ladies rest room.*

Nagel, Marty Sondervan, Joe Spisak, Bruce Brauch and WCC Manager Barney Quinlan. We are in your debt gents, in your debt.

The results are nothing short of spectacular. Tell your significant other to check them out. As for you men, Barney Himself is offering a guided tour after the February 7<sup>th</sup> Dinner, narrated as only Barney can do, to the first six Council members who call him at 872-6090 to reserve a spot.

While on the subject of WCC laborers, we would like to acknowledge the contributions of Joe Frate who always seems to be there painting and making repairs. And the men who on January 4<sup>th</sup> dealt with the aftermath of the New Year's Day Flood, i.e., Walt Kowalski, Karl Steigerwald and Joe Kirchner.



The Fr. Paul J. Cuddy Assembly wants to thank our Brother Knights who assisted us in successfully completing our recent Florida Fruit Sale. THANK YOU !

Joe Aschenbrenner, Don Bell, Jack Kuebel, Walt Kowalski, Roger Matyjakowski, Phil Rohnke, Jim Rousseau, Karl Steigerwald, David Stein, Tom Dole, Gene Verschneider, and his Grandson Gerard Moran, Andy Weidman, also Joe

Bradbury, Don Fisher, Bob Leschhorn, Neil McKenna, Carl Vandewinckel, Bill VanSlyke, and Richard Mc Hale.

In addition we thank our local pastors of St. Rita's, St. Paul's, Holy Trinity, Holy Spirit and St. Maximilian Kolbe, plus their church staff who supported us.

Vivat Jesus,  
Dick McHale, PFN



Don't forget the canned goods and staples at the monthly meetings for the benefit of the Sister Regis Food Cupboard.







*Youthful faces adorn the winners of the 2013 Trinity Council Free Throw Contest. From left to right are Adelyn Carney, 10 year old girls, Kolbe Smith, 10 year old boys, Ryan Welch, 11 year old boys, Audrey Mack, 11 year old girls, Nicolas Meleca, 12 year old boys and Nicole Voci, 13 year old girls. Not pictured are Rachael Bessette, girls 12 year old (due to photographer error) and Darcy Weidman, girls 14 year old.*

## 2013 Trinity Council Free Throw Contest Report

by Bob Keown, PGK

A spirited group of 45 boys and girls ages 10 to 14 years old participated in the Trinity Council Free Throw Competition held at State Road School on Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The following participants were the winners in their respective age categories and have earned the right to compete at the district level competition to be held in February, 2013:

Boys 10 year old – Kolbe Smith  
Boys 11 year old – Ryan Welch  
Boys 12 year old – Nicolas Meleca

Girls 10 year old – Adelyn Carney  
Girls 11 year old – Audrey Mack (daughter of Steve Mack)  
Girls 12 year old – Rachael Bessette (granddaughter of Buzz & Angie Buzzelli)  
Girls 13 year old – Nicole Voci  
Girls 14 year old – Darcy Weidman (daughter of PGK Andy & Louise Weidman)

Co-Chairman Mark Ludington and I would like to thank the following Knights, family members and friends who helped to make this year's Council competition so successful: Joe Dilal, PGK, David Powe and his son, Miles, a McQuaid student, Jack Samuelson (McQuaid student and son of Dave and Ellen Samuelson), Dave Schaertel, Dick Wagner, PGK, Rick Tatanus, Tom

Dole, Gary Smith, Tom Freundsuh, PGK and his brother Bill, Tony Gilbert, Buzz Buzzelli, GK Dave Uerz, Steve Mack, Ed Mullen, Ron Meyer, Don Bell, PGK, Jim Messineo, and Jack Spisak.

Thanks also to Tyler Eichas, a gym teacher at Plank Road South Elementary School. He was instrumental in promoting the Competition.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition is conducted Order-wide with contests at the council, district, chapter, conference, state, and supreme levels.



## Christmas Eve Mass At Hill Haven A Poignant Affair

Approximately 45 residents of Hill Haven Nursing Home celebrated Jesus' birthday on Christmas Eve as it should be celebrated, at Mass, thanks to several Brother Knights and Reverend Leo Hetzler, C.S.B. who so graciously officiated again. This particular Christmas Eve Mass was an especially poignant one, coming as it did mere hours after the West Webster Fire Department tragedy on Lake Road earlier in the day.

Trinity Council volunteers Don Bell, PGK Mike Donovan, Dean Hamingson, Bob Keown, PGK (whose Father, Charlie, founded the Council's Hill Haven ministry many, many, years ago), Dick Wagner, PGK, Bob McNeill, Pam and Jim Rousseau, PGK, Andy Weidman, Rick Rall and Dave McCoy made it all possible. Thanks also to GK Dave Uerz and Karl Steigerwald for helping line them up.

In addition to Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday the Council hosts Roman Catholic religious services at Hill Haven on the second Tuesday evening of each month. Please keep this important ministry in your prayers. To participate once a year on a Tuesday evening as a volunteer call Andy Weidman at 872-3063.

## A Christmas Tradition Continues

We are indebted to Ken Pritchett and Dave Wirley for setting up and taking down the Keep Christ in Christmas signs in De-

ember. Signs appeared at Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Paul's, St. Rita's, Webster Presbyterian Church, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd and, of course, the Webster Columbus Center. They were a welcome reminder of the first Christmas.

"With the weather in the 50's the project went smoothly," Wirley said. Hopefully this year they'll have more help. That is just too much work for two people, even two as dedicated as Pritchett and Wirley.

Brothers, we salute you for keeping this long-time Trinity Council tradition going and brightening the gloomy days of Advent. And while we are on the subject, thanks to Don Bell for once again posting the inspirational "Season's Blessings" sign on the WCC's message board. That's another nifty Council tradition.

## Chapter Memorial Mass Slated for February 25

The Knights of Columbus Finger Lakes Chapter will be holding its annual Memorial Mass for all Brother Knights in the Diocese of Rochester who have gone to their eternal reward during the past year. It will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2013. Bishop Emeritus Matthew Clark will once again lead us in prayer. A reception will follow. All Knights, wives and widows are cordially invited to attend. If you go you will not feel alone; over fifteen

members of Trinity Council were in attendance last year. And ye olde Editor, Tom Freunds Schuh, will most likely participate again in the reading of the honor roll. What more could you want?

## A Worthy Cause For A Worthy Knight

Dan Milner is one dedicated Bro. For as long as he can remember he has been rushing home from work on Tuesdays for a quick supper. Then, beginning at 6:00 p.m., he spends an hour and a half plus selling scratch-off tickets to pleading Bingo players at the Webster Columbus Center, going through a box or two of bell jar tickets each time. Additional hours are spent at home each week keeping track of the money, balancing the check-book, writing checks and filing quarterly reports with the State. All to what end?

Well, we'll start with the thousands of dollars he raises annually for WCC overhead. And we'll end with the thousands of dollars he enables the Council to give away to charities each year. What a guy!

Ten or so years ago Milner had eight teams of two helpers each sharing the load. Those teams have since dwindled to two or three helpers total. Clearly, Dan could use some help. But he is too proud to ask, so we'll do it for him. If you are able and willing to assist Dan Milner every eight weeks on Bell Jar please call him today at 671-4391. Better yet, call your favorite Brother Knight first and ask him to be a team with you and then call Dan.



## Council Programs Recognized by Supreme

At the January General Membership Meeting District Deputy George Schenk, on behalf of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, presented Grand Knight Dave Uerz with the Columbian Award for the 2011-12 Columbian Year. The award recognizes Trinity Council's ability to conduct a minimum of four activities in each of the following areas during the preceding Columbian Year: church, community, council, family, pro-life and youth.

Think about that for a



minute. That's at least twenty-four events, or two per month. Now that is indeed impressive. Keep in mind that some events, such as Hill Haven Nursing Home Catholic services, took place more than once.

Grand Knight Uerz accepted the award on behalf of the Council's Program Director, Deputy Grand Knight Dean Hamingson, the event chairmen and all of the Brother Knights who stepped forward to make the activities happen. He specifically saluted Tom Freundsuh, PGK, for taking the time to write up and submit the application. We concur.

*Editor's Note: From time to time when space and time permits, The Compass will bring you some historical highlights from our orders 130 year history. The intent is to inform you of global involvements you may not be aware of. Courtesy of kofc.org*

2001: In response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Knights on Sept. 12 establishes its \$1 million Heroes Fund. Checks for \$3,000 are presented to the families of all full-time professional law enforcement, firefighters and emergency medical personnel who lost their lives at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Forty-five Knights were killed on 9/11.

2002: The Order establishes a \$2 million Pacem in Terris Fund to promote peace and education initiatives in the Holy Land and provide support for the Christian



community there.

2003: 100,000 copies of a pocket-sized prayer book, Armed With the Faith, are printed by the Order and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, and sent to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, along with 10,000 rosaries.

2005: The Knights send 2,000 wheelchairs to land-mine victims and people with disabilities in Afghanistan and elsewhere. Through its partnership with the Global Wheelchair Mission, Knights have since distributed nearly 25,000 wheelchairs around the world.

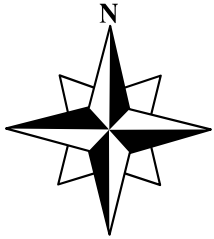
2005: Villa Maria Guadalupe, the Order's pro-life retreat center in Stamford, Conn., operated by the Sisters of Life, opens.

2006: In its first international expansion in almost a century, the Order charters its first councils in Poland, beginning with John Paul II Council 14000 in Krakow.

2006: In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in the U.S. Gulf, Knights donate more than \$10 million and 100,000 volunteer hours to help rebuild Catholic churches and schools.

2007: The Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome, a 3,780-square-foot mosaic depicting mysteries of Christ's life, is constructed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

2007: Represented by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, the Knights and K of C families are defendant-intervenors in a case challenging the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. Court decisions in 2009 and 2010 uphold the words' constitutionality.



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