



# NEWSLETTER

## James A. Hansen Council #13122

### St. John's Parish –Darwin, MN

### January 2021

<p><b>2020-2021 Officers</b></p> <p>Chaplain Fr. Brian Mandel</p> <p>Grand Knight Steve Resop</p> <p>Deputy Grand Knight Tim Benoit</p> <p>Chancellor Doug Busho</p> <p>Recording Secretary Marcus Benoit</p> <p>Financial Secretary Patrick Hansen</p> <p>District Deputy #38 Kelvin Torkelson</p> <p>Treasurer Bruce Bonniwell</p> <p>Lecturer Vacant</p> <p>Advocate Shawn Hansen</p> <p>Warden Jim Levino</p> <p>Inside Guard Matt Barrick</p> <p>Outside Guard Anthony LeBlanc</p> <p>Trustee 1st Year Tim Steuck</p> <p>Trustee 2nd Year Eric Menke</p> <p>Trustee 3rd Year Chris Hansen</p> <p><b>Program Positions</b></p> <p>Program Director Tim Benoit</p> <p>Faith Director Dea John A Hansen</p> <p>Community Director Tim Benoit</p> <p>Life Director Tim Steuck</p> <p>Family Director Leland G Leblanc</p> <p>Membership Director Carlos C Mendiola</p> <p>Editor <a href="#">Wes Edwards</a></p> <p>Insurance Agent <a href="#">Joe Furey</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual Meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday Jan 5th 7pm via google meet <a href="https://meet.google.com/mgc-avjg-zeb">https://meet.google.com/mgc-avjg-zeb</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January Birthdays</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Dennis R Berglund</td> <td style="width: 10%;">Jan</td> <td style="width: 10%;">5</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Matt R Barrick</td> <td style="width: 10%;">Jan</td> <td style="width: 10%;">20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joseph M Schmitz</td> <td>Jan</td> <td>11</td> <td>Benno V Roehl</td> <td>Jan</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dale E LaPlante</td> <td>Jan</td> <td>14</td> <td>George L Olson</td> <td>Jan</td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Philip M Hansen</td> <td>Jan</td> <td>19</td> <td>Russ G Stueber</td> <td>Jan</td> <td>28</td> </tr> </table>	Dennis R Berglund	Jan	5	Matt R Barrick	Jan	20	Joseph M Schmitz	Jan	11	Benno V Roehl	Jan	25	Dale E LaPlante	Jan	14	George L Olson	Jan	27	Philip M Hansen	Jan	19	Russ G Stueber	Jan	28
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<p><b>Coming Events</b></p> <p>January 1. Mary, Mother of God</p> <p>January 3. Epiphany of the Lord,</p> <p>January 5. Regular meeting by virtual google.meet. See info above</p> <p>January 22. Day of Prayer for Unborn and March for Life</p>																										
<p><b>Grand Knight's Message</b></p> <p>Worthy Brothers - I wish you all a blessed and safe New Year. 2020 was a challenging year and I'm looking forward to the new year. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion. See article below. "Mobile Abortion Unit Coming to Your Community".</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Steve Resop Grand Knight, Council 13122</p>																										
<p><b>Chaplain's Comments</b></p> <p><b>Brother Knights</b></p> <p>We welcome a new year. This past year was one that we probably want to say goodbye to. Hopefully 2021 will be better with God's help.</p> <p>Thank you all for your support and care for one another especially during the pandemic which is touching all of our lives. I hope that we will get the COVID 19 virus under control. Please pray for a cure and that the vaccines will be effective. In the meantime, please look out for one another and help anyone who needs a boost or a lift out of care and charity toward them. Please help anyone you see who has a need of food, shelter, prayers, or even a conversation on the phone. Our selfless care means a lot.</p> <p>As we begin a new year, I encourage all to continue to commit your lives to Christ. I am grateful for the effort of our council to help families consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. The Holy Family will support all of us as we strive to live for Christ and follow his ways. We pray together. We make our homes places where we welcome Christ. We reach out to those in need as we thank God for his marvelous blessings. There are many ways to let God in. It is time we make ourselves more aware of the blessings God brings. Maybe one of our resolutions is to make a litany of thanks to God for the gift of life, family, and for being close to us.</p> <p>I am glad to be back from a good sabbatical and retreat for ten weeks in Arizona. The time has been good as I rekindled my relationship with God. I simplified some things to be more aware of how Jesus is very much present in the everyday people and events of our lives. We all need to get rid of all things that keep us from truly loving God and neighbor. What commitment will we make to do this? Let Christ's life sink in.</p> <p>Thanks for all who are remembering that we are people of life. I am sure there is much information about the march for life. Hopefully it can happen in person. We are putting a bus trip together. If not, MCCL and the Archdiocese have plans for prayers and support for the rally. Please be as supportive as you can.</p> <p>Blessings in the new year. May God's life and peace fill your hearts.</p> <p>Peace, Fr. Brian</p>																										

### ***Mobile Abortion Unit Coming to Your Community?***

The following information was provided by District Deputy Kal Torkelson. It has been distributed by the New Ulm Diocese CCW. I encourage everyone to read it and be aware of what is happening right here in western Minnesota.

Beware Rural Minnesotans: Mobile Abortion Unit Coming to Your Community?

by Debra Braun

A former Planned Parenthood director from Austin, Texas, Dr. Julie Amaon, is spearheading an effort to establish a mobile abortion unit which would travel the rural areas of Minnesota, especially in the western part of the state and among immigrant populations. This traveling abortion unit would dispense the "abortion pill" (chemical abortions using mifepristone [formerly called RU 486] and misoprostol). This is the type of abortion portrayed in the movie "Unplanned". Called "Just the Pill," the organization's stated mission is to "expand access to sexual and reproductive healthcare in rural Minnesota." On its page for the recent fundraising day organized by GiveMN.org, it stated, "We recognize the importance of understanding and reducing obstacles presented by language, geographic location and poverty." You can read the entire article here. [Layout.qxd \(plam.org\)](#)

As gross as it is, I also encourage each of you to watch a "chemical abortion" as presented in the movie, "Unplanned". ***This clip is from the movie Unplanned.*** <https://youtu.be/iMO9QZVh3Mk>

As Catholics, as citizens, we must do everything we can do to stop this heinous murder of innocent children!

### ***Consecration to the Holy Family***

On December 27 at the various Masses in the Area Faith Community our families were dedicated to the Holy Family. This is an annual program of the Knights of Columbus. Details can be found on our web site. [Consecration to the Holy Family \(stjohnscatholic-darwin.com\)](#)

Coincidentally, Pope Francis has dedicated this year to St. Joseph. You [can get all the information here](#). There will be many opportunities to find out more and many ways to participate in the celebration this year. The first source I became familiar with is from Relevant Radio. Check out their [home page](#) where you will find more information. Father Rocky has prepared a booklet to guide us through the year. At this juncture in time nothing is more important than strengthening the family. What better role model could we find than the "father" of Jesus. He has so much to teach us. Don't miss it.

### ***March for Life Bus***

As in past years, the district KCs are sponsoring a bus to the March for Life Rally in St. Paul. It is reasonable to expect an onslaught of pro-abortion activities in the coming year so it is more important than ever that we garner all the forces we can to fight this battle for life for the unborn. Invitations have been sent out but response is slow. If you or someone you know plans to participate please let me know ASAP. Get more details on the St John's [Facebook page](#) or the [MCCL website](#).

### ***US Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children***

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### ***For the Good of the Order***

Please pray for all of our brothers and members of their families that are in need of prayer. Brothers Al McLean, Larry Ostlund, George Olson, Don Huhn, Dave Backes, Brent Woodfill, Dale LaPlante, Stan Koci.

Jacob, son of brother Joseph Schmitz, is dealing with serious health issues. Please keep him in your prayers

Please continue to pray for our seminarians, Samuel Rosemeier, Luke Miller and Nathan Hansen as they pursue their vocation of the priesthood. Pray for all the members of the council and their families as they face their day-to-day struggles.

### ***Knights of Columbus Launches New Life Insurance Product***

***Protector Universal Life-Guaranteed Product Offers Affordability And Flexibility***

### ***Editors Notes***

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