



NEWSLETTER

James A. Hansen Council #13122

St. John's Parish –Darwin, MN

December 2021

2021-2022 Officers

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Program Positions

Program Director
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December Lunch Committee

Russ Stueber	507-276-3558
James Levno	275-2525
Patrick LaPlante	612 369-6111
Mike Field	612-735-6510
Randy Holm	275-3289
Henry Ewald	275-2739

December Birthdays

Bernard Funk	December	10
John Haffley	December	10
Andrew Levinski	December	10
Leon Schumacher	December	16
Terence McMullen	December	25
Aron Bohnert	December	26

Coming Events

December 7 – Regular Meeting at Ed Center, 7 PM
 December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 December 25 - Merry Christmas
 December 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Join us every night for the [Family Rosary Across America](#) at 7 PM CT from to unite in prayer for this very important intention: "the end to legal abortion in America and an outpouring of support for expectant mothers."

Be sure to check out the Minnesota State Council [Knightly News](#)

Chaplain's Message

Brother Knights

I hope Advent is going well for all in your families. We prepare a place for Jesus who is with us every moment of every day. We all need the encouragement to keep him in our lives. He is not far away out there, but close to us, right here. Christmas will be here before we know it. Please remember to let Jesus into your hearts, homes, families, communities, and world. We need him more than ever.

Mary knew this. We have many opportunities to celebrate her, especially this month. First, we celebrate her Immaculate Conception. She was without sin from the very beginning of her life at conception. She has a special place in our hearts. Please see the bulletin for Mass times on December 7 & 8.

We also celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary appeared to Juan Diego, a poor young man. She showed him, and us, that Jesus is here for everyone, not just the rich and famous, and especially the people who seem to be least in our world. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patronal feast of the Church in the Americas – South, Central, and North America. Please come to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday December 12, beginning with Mass at noon in Spanish and a fiesta afterward. We will have food, music, and celebration. All are welcome.

Please pray for those who are sick, suffering, and struggling this month. Have a blessed Christmas and a blessed month.

Peace

Fr. Brian Mandel

2022 MARCH FOR LIFE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND

Details on a local event will be announced soon.

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Hoping all enjoyed a Blessed Thanksgiving. It's good to be back. Thank you to our Deputy Grand Knight Jim Levno and our Council's Officers for putting together a successful annual Installation of Officers and Corporate Communion.

Advent is an important time of preparation for welcoming the birth of our Savior. Let us be prepared. I invite as many of our brothers as possible to present at the two Masses before Christmas to read a prepared 60 to 90 second announcement inviting parishioners to participate in the **Consecration to the Holy Family that will only be held on Sunday, December 26th at the 10:30 Mass**. More information will be presented at our Council's meeting this coming Tuesday. The time is at hand to reserve your seat on our annual March for Life Bus for Saturday, January 22nd. This is an important event. Travel safely and with other Brother Knights and Catholic Families working to end abortion on demand and build a culture of life. Please email or call Brother Wes Edwards to reserve your seat.

Finally, I want to wish all our Brother Knights and their families a wish for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Tim Benoit

Grand Knight

New Leaders are needed in the Council

We are into a new year for the council. New directors and activity chairmen are needed. We encourage members to step up and fill these needs. If you haven't been involved in leadership roles now is a good time to step up and assist the council in program activities. Please contact Tim Benoit or any of the officers if you are willing to step up and help us out.

We are looking for help with the Community Director and with the Brat Feed. Thank you!

New KC Shirts Can be ordered

We are in the process of ordering new/replacement Council shirts. Red short sleeve or white or beige long sleeve dress shirts are available. Please let Chris Hansen know if you want a shirt no later than January 5th. Call Chris at 320-221-0347

January 22, 2022 Pro-Life Bus and March

As in past years the James Hansen Council of the Knights of Columbus along with other area councils are sponsoring a bus to St Paul for the prayer service and march.

Get your reservations in early by email <mailto:westonfe@gmail.com> or call Wes at 320-292-1226. If you are committed to going, get your reservation in by January 8. After that it will be first come first serve. A sign-up sheet will also be available at Thursday morning coffee and rolls and at the January KC breakfast.

The bus will depart from the Church of St John in Darwin at about 8:24 AM on the 22nd. We get back about 3 PM.

Let the folks know that we support life, not abortion!

For the Good of the Order

Tom & Jan Crowe, Alec McLean, Tim and Sue Steuck, Larry Ostlund, Don Huhn, Dave Backes, Brent Woodfill, Dale LaPlante, Wes Edwards, Lou Huber, Marlys Roehl. 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, 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 INSURANCE

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society, which means we can provide financial security to members and their families, while turning premiums into charitable impact.

[Check out the Frequently Asked Questions!](#)

Editors Notes

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