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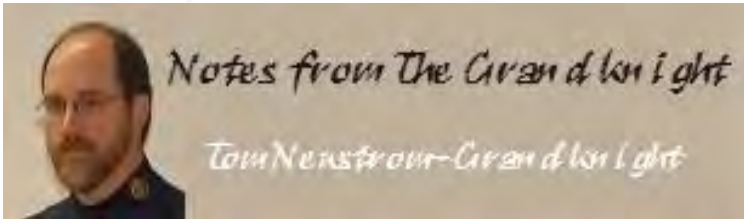
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Brothers,

The arrival of 2011 is bringing many changes for our council: new members, a new field agent as well as new opportunities and challenges.

Our newest member is Dick Schaaf. He went through the Major degree in January. We also have three candidates: Jim Larson, Leon Fischer and Jerry Martin. We hope to get them through a degree as soon as possible, maybe at the Major degree in February. I've heard rumors of a couple of others who may be interested in joining. Let me know and we can talk to them and sign them up.

Farewell to Jim Zimmer who has been our field agent and a big help in getting our council started. Jim has decided to return to the industry he worked at for many years before joining the KC insurance. With Jim's departure, Dale Robinson will be our new agent. Dale has been with the KC insurance for many years. I'm sure he will be contacting everyone. Let's give him a warm welcome.

With the new calendar year we have started to fill our Council calendar with events and projects. With all the suggestions we could have a project every 3 weeks! We have only put those events down that have a chairperson. There is already a lot of opportunity to help out, and more will no doubt be added as they come along. Here's the first couple: the monthly Adoration on the first Friday of the month from 10am till 9pm and the annual Dinner Banquet will be held on Saturday the 12th of March after the 4:30 Mass.

The SKD Marketing committee has approached us with an idea to help or put on a Bi-monthly or monthly Beer, Brat and Bingo night. It would be after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday with the intension to encourage people to check out our worship

space and then stay and meet members in a fun friendly social setting. Our council had talked about having a "dock" (loading dock) party at sometime so this may fit in with that theme in the warmer months. We are still discussing this and are looking for members interested in helping and organizing it.

I'd like to encourage all of you to come to the meetings. You can check out the calendar of events, visit with old friends and meet new ones. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm because that is what makes us a better and stronger Council.

Peace, Tom

50 Years Later, President Kennedy's Inaugural Words Are Still Important to Americans

Survey finds that vast majority see his words as relevant to our country today.

A new Knights of Columbus-Marist poll finds that Americans overwhelmingly believe that key themes from President Kennedy's inaugural speech are still important in America today – 50 years later.

The survey focused on several memorable passages dealing with the importance of freedom, of service to the country, and the role of God in our national life. The results show that 85 percent or more of Americans still consider each of these ideas important for the United States.

The following are the percentages by which Americans say each quote surveyed is still either very or somewhat important:

- 96 percent for "We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

• 95 percent for “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”

• 86 percent for “Here on earth God’s work must truly be our own.”

• 85 percent for “The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God.”

In addition, approximately three-quarters of Americans see the first two quotes as “very important,” while about six in ten say the same for the latter two quotes.

The poll also found that a full two-thirds of Americans think President Kennedy was “one of the best presidents in U.S. history.” That number jumps to nearly three in four (72 percent) with the addition of those who think he was “the best president.”

“Fifty years after President John F. Kennedy stirred a nation with these important words, Americans continue to recognize the importance of what he said, of his definition of what it means to be an American,” said Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. “President Kennedy reminded us then that we must be at the service of God and country and that message – as Americans clearly understand – is still very important to our nation today.”

John F. Kennedy was the first Catholic elected President, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. In 2010, the Knights funded the restoration of the inscriptions from President Kennedy’s inaugural speech located at his grave at Arlington National Cemetery.



K of C Upcoming Events!

Friday 2/4 – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 10am – 9pm, SKDCC

Thursday 2/10, Tuesday 2/15, Thursday 2/17 – K of C Membership Informational Meetings, 7:30, Anoka K of C Hall

Sunday 2/13 – Generations of Faith 4pm

Monday 2/14 – Valentines Day!!

Wednesday 2/16 – Generations of Faith 6pm

Saturday 2/19 – Cana Dinner, SKDCC Following 4:30 Mass.

Monday 2/21 – President’s Day

Sunday 2/27 – Major Degree (1st through 3rd), Anoka K of C hall, 1st Degree starts at 10:30am, with 2nd starting at noon, & 3rd to follow.

Saturday / Sunday 4/29 – 30 – Tootsie Roll Drive

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by David Waisglass
Gordon Coulthart



“It has time-released pain-killers, so you’ll never have another headache.”

College Knights at March for Life Seek to Change Hearts, Save Lives

On Monday January 24th College Knights joined Supreme Advocate John Marrella and over two hundred thousand fellow marchers at the thirty-eighth annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

College Knights have been a staple at the March in recent years, and this year was no different, with Knights from Notre Dame, Holy Cross, George Washington University, Catholic University of America, Harvard University, Auburn University, and many more traveling from campus to the Capital to stand up for the unborn. But this year, the College Knights had another common goal: they acted as ambassadors for the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, distributing information to their fellow marchers and encouraging them to get involved.

The initiative that began in 2009 encourages councils to donate ultrasound machines to pro-life pregnancy centers. Why ultrasound machines? Ultrasounds have played a critical role in opening women’s hearts and eyes about the truth of the lives of their unborn children. The images have proven to be very powerful. In fact, research shows that 80-90% of women considering abortion will choose to carry their babies to term after viewing ultrasound images.

Since the program's inception, Knights of Columbus councils have raised funds to purchase more than 80 ultrasound machines and over \$2.4 million thus far.

College councils have participated too. Councils such as Eastern Illinois University Council 8713 and Pope John Paul II Council 13900 at the University of Florida have supported the Ultrasound Initiative with thousands of dollars of fundraising.

Other college councils such as Georgetown University Council 6375 have supported the pro-life movement in other ways. Every year since 2000, the council has hosted the Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life, which coincides with the annual March for Life. This year the O'Connor Conference, held at Georgetown on Sunday January 23rd, featured prominent speakers such as Supreme Chaplain Bishop William Lori, Kathryn Jean Lopez of National Review and Professor Helen Alvaré, Esq. of George Mason University School of Law.

College Knights have always been particularly passionate about the pro-life cause, and intend to continue their annual tradition of marching alongside the hundreds of thousands of Americans who share that passion each January.



Well, we've made it through January. That means (Believe it or not), spring is a mere 6 weeks off. That may seem like a ways away, but think of it this way: We've already been through 11 weeks, since we had snow before Thanksgiving this year.

If you think we've been through a tough one, take a look at these storms. Suddenly, this winter doesn't seem so bad!

10/16/1880 – Earliest occurring blizzard on record. It struck the Southwest and West Central parts of the state, with 20 ft drifts forming near Canby, and lasting until spring.

10/19-20/1916 – One of the states earliest occurring blizzards, but only left a modest 15 inches of snow. What's worth remembering is that this storm dropped the temperature by 50 degrees in one day.

11/11/1940 – the "Armistice Day" blizzard. It left 27 inches of snow in Colleeville. The memorable part of this storm is the way it slowly approached, intensifying as it came. The day started out very mild, and hunting season was in full swing. The statistical result was 49 hunter deaths through exposure. 59 Sailors lost their lives on the Great Lakes during this one.

3/23-24 and 26-29/1975 – Blizzards in northern MN came packing 100 mph winds, 20 ft waves on Lake Superior damaged shoreline properties, zero visibility near Duluth. They got a foot of snow from each storm.

11/10-11/1975 – You may not remember this one, but I'll bet

you remember the song! A severe winter storm with 71 mph winds created 12 – 15 ft waves on Lake Superior and sank the Edmund Fitzgerald. This storm intensified even more as it moved over land.

10/31 – 11/3/1991 – the infamous "Halloween Blizzard". Over 28" at the airport, and 37" near Duluth. Many roads were closed for days. This was perhaps one of the largest and longest lasting blizzards in state history.

Now, our current snow depth of 39" doesn't sound so bad, does it? You just dig out, and keep going!!



Vatican officials, Catholics on the street talk about Pope John Paul

By Cindy Wooden
[Catholic News Service](#)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Vatican officials, Catholic leaders around the world and ordinary people on the streets and in St. Peter's Square were more pleased than surprised by news that Pope John Paul II will be beatified May 1.

Portuguese Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, retired prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, said, "finally" more than once during a brief conversation Jan. 14 just minutes after Pope Benedict XVI signed a decree recognizing the miracle needed to beatify Pope John Paul.

"This is what the whole world was waiting for," said Cardinal Saraiva Martins, who was the head of the saints congregation when Pope John Paul died and when his sainthood cause was opened.

"I can't help being happy. This is the crowning moment of a work I began," he said.

The cardinal said the written work of Pope John Paul is so vast and the time before his beatification so short that the best "spiritual preparation" Catholics could make would be to "thank God for Pope John Paul's example of holiness and recommit ourselves to follow his example."

Carl Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, said Pope John Paul's upcoming beatification is a "call to each of us to emulate his personal holiness."

Anderson, who stood in St. Peter's Square on the day of Pope John Paul's funeral as many shouted "Santo subito!" ("Sainthood now!"), said there were many who were ready to have him beatified that very day.

In an e-mail to [Catholic News Service](#), Anderson called the upcoming beatification a great opportunity for the world to focus on the pope's message of human dignity.

"He led by example, caring for the poor, the intellectually and

physically disabled, the unborn, the oppressed. He forgave those who did him harm, and he broke down barriers. He had great respect even for those who differed with him religiously. In short, Pope John Paul is a model the world needs," he said.

Anderson said the beatification is not a recognition of the pope's "successful papacy or a thank-you for his good work" but a call for each person to "imitate the holiness, the love of God and neighbor that this man exhibited throughout his life."

Jim Nicholson, a former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, who also attended Pope John Paul's funeral, said the vast crowd that day was a testament to the pope's exceptional qualities "of leadership and hope."

During his 2001-2005 role as ambassador, he got to know Pope John Paul pontiff personally and said he greatly admired his "adherence to hope, faith and prayer, coupled with courage and clever actions."

SKDCC and Ramsey Community show up For Youth Group Pancake Breakfast a Huge Success

Over 300 parishioners and Ramsey area community members showed up for an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast at the End Zone Grill on Sunday, January 23rd to support the youth and adults participating in this summer's St. Katharine Drexel Mission Trip. The event netted a profit of over \$1600 that will offset transportation costs in getting the 31-member group to Mishawaka, Indiana. While there, they will participate in a [Catholic Heart Workcamp](#) experience.



Jim Young, a Presbyterian from Ohio, was in St. Peter's Square when the beatification announcement was made. He said his only real reaction was that he'd better make sure he found some Pope John Paul souvenirs because "I'm related to a bunch of Polish Catholics who were already convinced he's a saint."

Kaitlin Benedict, a 21-year-old Catholic from Eden, N.Y., said she thought the decision to beatify Pope John Paul just over six years after his death "is a little fast. I was surprised. Usually these things take decades and now they're just changing up tradition. But if they feel so strongly ...,," she said, her voice trailing off.

Brigida Jones, from Melbourne, Australia said Pope John Paul "was probably one of our best popes; he was a people's pope."

Contributing to this story was Carol Zimmermann in Washington.

"To achieve great things, two things are needed; a plan, and not quite enough time." – Leonard Bernstein, Conductor and Composer

For Youth Group (and Pancakes)!! Success

While in Mishawaka, participants will be assigned service projects that will include home repairs, presence at senior and daycare centers, work with the homeless and other efforts. Other parts of the program during the week include daily Mass, music, skits, testimonies, small group activities, and recreation time. Mishawaka is approximately 3 miles east of South Bend, Indiana.

