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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE COUNCIL 9612 OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY / LUTY

5-FIRST FRIDAY MASS FOR KNIGHTS  
7-MEMBERSHIP DRIVE  
9-GENERAL MEETING 8PM  
11-CLERGY APPRECIATION NIGHT  
15-AUDIT DUE  
18-ASH WEDNESDAY  
20-RETREAT FOR KNIGHTS & FAMILIES  
21-BINGO 8PM  
23-EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30PM  
28-BINGO 8PM

### MARCH / MARZEC

5-FIRST FRIDAY MASS FOR KNIGHTS  
9-GENERAL MEETING 8PM  
20-BINGO 8PM  
27-BINGO 8PM  
29-FOUNDER'S DAY  
29-EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30PM

### APRIL / KWIECIEC

12-GENERAL MEETING 8PM -  
NOMINATIONS  
17-BINGO 8PM  
17-PALM SUNDAY  
24-EASTER  
24-BINGO 8PM  
26-EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30PM

### MAY / MAJ

6-FIRST FRIDAY MASS FOR KNIGHTS  
8-Communion Breakfast  
10-GENERAL MEETING 8PM -  
ELECTIONS  
25-BINGO 8PM  
21-23 -STATE CONVENTION  
22-BINGO 8PM  
31-EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30PM

### JUNE / CZERWIEC

4-FIRST FRIDAY MASS FOR KNIGHTS  
11-GARAGE SALE  
12-K OF C PICNIC  
14-GENERAL MEETING 8PM  
18-OFFICER TRAINING  
19-BINGO 8PM  
21-OFFICER INSTALATION & SOCIAL  
26-CORPUS CHRISTI  
26-BINGO 8PM  
28-EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30PM

Have a story, pictures, joke, event details or prayer request that you would like to share with your Brother Knights? Then please forward it before our next Submission Deadline **March 26, 2011** *Email to:* [Joseph@zacon.com](mailto:Joseph@zacon.com) or contact Joseph Zielinski at 905-820-3299

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



This weekend we celebrate Good Friday and Easter...the time of the year when millions around the world celebrate the death and resurrection of the Savior of the world—the One who was rejected by men ... the One who came from heaven to earth to give his life a ransom for your sins and mine ... the One who is now in Heaven preparing a place for his followers ... the One who is coming again to take us to be with him in glory forever. How can we ever

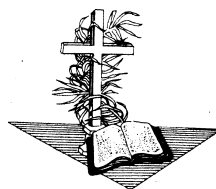
thank God and the Son of God enough for so great salvation? Let's us thank God for the gift that he bestowed upon us. Have a happy Easter with Friends and families. Say a little prayer for your dear one and wish him/ her a blessed Easter. At this time I wish all the brothers and their families happy and joyful Easter.

The nominations and elections will be held in April and May. We have an election committee headed by Bro. George Presz. If you are interested in running for the executive do not hesitate to get in touch with Bro. George. Council elections are fast approaching in May. Nominations begin at the General Meeting in April. Any member running for office ought to resolve to faithfully attend the executive and general meeting held on the second and last Tuesday of each month. To take office on July 1, 2011 a member must be in good standing (dues paid up to date) and must have completed the Third Degree.

I like to thank Bro. Jozef Chodulinski for running the membership drive to ensure that our council grows. He spends countless hours organizing and running the recruitment events.

Vivat Jesus

Joseph Zielinski





## 2010-2011 EXECUTIVE

Chaplain	Father Andrzej Sowa 905-848-2420
Grand Knight	Joseph Zielinski, P.G.K. 905-820-3299
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Deputy Grand Knight	Jozef Studzinski 905-272-0741
Chancellor	Mieczyslaw Gniotek 905-273-9245
Recorder	Walter Kaye, P.G.K. 905-278-5958
Financial Secretary	Julian Duklas 905-542-7084
Treasurer	Michael Balawejder 905-206-9265
Advocate	Klaus Roehrig 905-272-1459
Warden	Eugene Boryszko 905-829-1459
Inside Guard	Zygmunt Wardzala 905-624-8579
Inside Guard	Andy Makula 905-949-4979
Outside Guard	Jozef Kula 905-828-7729
Outside Guard	Miroslaw Prochowski 905-840-4994
1ST Year Trustee	Jan Hapek
Membership Director	Jozef Studzinski 905-272-0741
District Deputy	David Peters, PGK 416-568-1978
District Warden	Damiano Carbonelli, PGK 905-624-5808
KofC Insurance Agent	Ray Bechard 905-812-8665 905-276-3789
2ND Year Trustee	Joseph Chudolinski 905-450-7606
3RD Year Trustee	Al Zawadzki 905-625-2345
Lecturer	Eugeniusz Gwiazdowski 905-306-0470
Program Director	Jozef Studzinski 905-272-0741
Church Director	Mieczyslaw Gniotek 905-273-9245
Community Director	Andy Makula 905-949-4979
Council Director	Al Zawadzki 905-625-2345
Family Director	Stanislaw Armatowicz 416-626-7028
Youth Director	Michael Balawejder 905-206-9265

## From The Pulpit



Seeing with the eyes, with the heart... seeing anew, afresh...seeing for the first time, not seeing...these are images – evocative metaphors – of spiritual vision. Images of vision and blindness, of light and darkness inform our Lenten readings today by asking us to look within. Reading from John’s gospel of the man born blind invites us to reflect on how we receive Jesus. Do we, with the Pharisees, attempt to limit God with rules and judgments? Or are we open to possibility, to transformation, as we journey with Jesus into the Easter mysteries? Together with the man born blind, we see anew through our encounter with Jesus; we learn to view everything through the lens of committed discipleship. Later in his gospel, John uses the familiar and rich image of Jesus as light of the world. Yet earlier this year, in Matthew’s gospel, we heard Jesus tell us that we too are light of the world. In the second reading today, Paul assures us that “in the Lord” we are light. Not a light that is nebulous, diffused, soft focused. But light embodied, light incarnated – light with a purpose. We become a people who reflect Christ in our words and attitudes, through our actions, here...now. With the man born blind, let us affirm with confidence, “Lord, I believe.”

Fr. Andrzej



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*Wishes continued success to the Knights of  
Columbus #9612 in their community work*



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*Wishes the Knights of Columbus Council 9612 the very best year*

## FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT



### SOMETIMES IT IS EASY TO OVERLOOK THE SIMPLEST OF THINGS

Check the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the beneficiary originally designated to receive the proceeds from that policy needs to be updated. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse, and even your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary – an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – the date it was

originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

Are you an insured member of your council? There are many ways to become classified as an Insured Member.

Of course, a life insurance policy of any size – even one for your funeral expenses – small premiums to let the Knights cover your funeral costs. Or a Joint Last-to-die policy that could pay all of the taxes on your RRSPs on the death of the second spouse.

Long Term Care insurance – let the Knights pay for your care ... in your own home, or in a Long Term Care home.

Or if you are worried about qualifying due to health reasons ... there are ...

“Guaranteed” Life insurance – a \$7500 policy before age 65, and a \$5000 policy between 65 and 75.

A TFSA – Tax Free Savings Account – guaranteed interest rates and security of your capital.

RRSPs or RRIFs – if you have these with other financial institutions, you can transfer part or all of it to K of C – again, supporting your fraternal organization, and having the security of S&P AAA rating, AM Best A++ rating, and IMSA designation for ethical standards.

Consider leading by example ... let's work together by finding a convenient way of helping you ... in a makes-sense way... to become an Insured Member of the Order. It will help your council to qualify for the Founder Award and thus the STAR Council award.

And if you are already an insured member, but you want to know more about any of these, let's get together for more information.



**Be sure to let our Brother Knights know about it as well if they ask. These are very valuable benefits that we have available to us as members of the Knights.**

[Ray Bechard](#), Fraternal Benefit Advisor  
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[Email: bechardR@rogers.com](mailto:bechardR@rogers.com)

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## ELECTIONS FOR THE 2011-2012 FRATERNAL YEAR

Elections for the 2010-2011 fraternal year will be held at our May General meeting (May 11th.) Our Past Grand Knight George Presz, will conduct nominations at our March and April general meetings. For our newer members (and to refresh the mind of us old timers), we present once again a general description of the positions that will be up for election, and we would ask that you review this list and determine where you would like to be. Brothers, remember that this is **YOUR** Council, and the success of our activities will come as a direct result of **YOUR** involvement!!!

### **GRAND KNIGHT**

The Grand Knight is in effect the President of our Council. Under Section 135 of our Constitution, the Grand Knight presides over all meetings of the Council, appoints committees, acts as the Chaplain in the absence of the Chaplain of the Council, countersigns all cheques and vouchers, reads notices of the Fourth degree, and performs other duties that are essential to the success of the Council. He is expected to lead by example, so that others will follow along with him in our programs and activities.

### **DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT**

The Deputy Grand Knight serves as the assistant to the Grand Knight, performing the duties of the chief executive officer when the Grand Knight is unable to do so. The Deputy Grand Knight has also served in our Council as the Program Director, responsible for the co-ordination of a successful, thorough, and balanced program for the benefit of the membership at large.

### **CHANCELLOR**

The Chancellor assists the Grand Knight in his duties as required, but is essentially responsible for the vocations aspect of our program. The Chancellor would be called upon to promote and encourage Catholic ideals, and to offer support with the members of our

Council to seminarians, both in our parish and in the seminary.

### **RECORDER**

The Recorder is responsible for taking the minutes of all Council meetings, both general and executive. This task involves in the area of 3-5 hours per month after the meetings to transcribe the minutes into the proper record books.

### **TREASURER**

The Treasurer is the custodian of all funds, receives monies from the Financial Secretary, keeps accounts, pays orders (warrants) drawn by the Financial Secretary and performs other duties as assigned. He works side by side with the Financial Secretary as the financial officers of the Council.

### **ADVOCATE**

The Advocate acts as the lawyer for the Council. His role is to enforce the rules of the Order and to act as the attorney of the Council when necessary. One does not have to be a lawyer, or even pretend to be one, to hold this position.

### **WARDEN**

The Warden is the custodian of all Council paraphernalia (flags, jewels, books, lectern, tablecloths, etc..) and is responsible for making sure that all in attendance at a meeting are qualified to be there.

### **GUARDS**

The Guards (3 to be elected,) are responsible for acting as the guards of the Council chambers, and to make sure that those present are members of the Knights of Columbus. They check the membership cards and assist the Warden in his duties. In Council 9235, the guards also administer the 50/50 draw held each meeting.

### **TRUSTEES**

One Trustee is elected for a three-year term. The role of a Trustee is to act as an auditor for the Council; to perform an audit every six months to ensure that all Council transactions are carried out in accordance with the rules. The Trustees perform a crucial role in that they ensure that our transactions are legal and above board.

There are two non-elected positions on the executive: Financial Secretary and Lecturer. The Lecturer is responsible for the good of the order, specifically the provision of food and the attendance of speakers after the meetings. He is appointed by the Grand Knight. The Financial Secretary is appointed by Supreme in consultation with the Grand Knight of the day (the Financial Secretary serves for a three year term, unless circumstances warrant otherwise.) His job is to receive



all monies of the Council, keep accounts with regards to the status of the membership, pay all monies received to the Treasurer, communicate with Supreme in instances where this is necessary, keep the seal of the Council and perform other duties as assigned. More information will be available at our March meeting on this position.

## **OBOWIAZKI CZLONKOW RADY:**

Członkowie prosili o zakres obowiązków wymaganych dla każdej pozycji w Radzie. Poniżej podajemy te pozycje oraz związane z nimi zakresy obowiązków.

**GRAND KNIGHT:** Grand Knight przewodniczy spotkaniom Zgromadzenia. Musi dopilnować by wszystkie zasady i zarządzenia, zarówno Zgromadzenia jak i całego Orderu były przestrzegane. Przewodniczy także Radzie Powierniczej i jest członkiem ex-officio każdego komitetu stworzonego w ramach Zgromadzenia. Przydziela także pozycje: Chaplain, Lecturer oraz Program i Membership Directors. Musi również wykonywać obowiązki wymagane przez Order.

**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:** Jeśli Grand Knight nie jest w stanie pełnić swoich obowiązków, Deputy Grand Knight musi być gotów na ich przejęcie. Powinien współpracować blisko z Membership Director w rekrutowaniu nowych członków.

**CHANCELLOR:** Asystuje Grand Knight i Deputy Grand Knight w wykonywaniu ich obowiązków oraz przewodniczy Zgromadzeniu w przypadku ich nieobecności lub ich niezdolności do pracy. Asystuje i partycypuje w działalności rekrutacyjnej Zgromadzenia.

**TREASURER:** Odpowiada za depozyt pieniędzy otrzymanych od Financial Secretary oraz wydaje czeki za poręczeniem danym mu przez Financial Secretary. Blisko współpracuje z Financial Secretary oraz z trustees i musi dbać o dokładne statystyki wszystkich dochodów i wydatków. Dwa razy w roku musi być osiągalny Trustees chcących sprawdzić książki rachunkowe Zgromadzenia.

**RECORDER:** jest odpowiedzialny za dokładne i precyzyjne protokołowanie wszystkich zebrań Zgromadzenia, w książkach zatwierdzonych przez Supreme Sekretary. Powinien prowadzić korespondencję Zgromadzenia oraz wykonywać wszelkie obowiązki zlecone mu przez Zgromadzenie lub Order.

**ADVOCATE:** Jest pełnomocnikiem Zgromadzenia w przypadku jakiegokolwiek procesu lub dochodzenia, broniąc interesu Zgromadzenia.

**WARDEN:** Zarówno ci na zewnątrz jak i wewnątrz pod kierunkiem Wardena pełnią swoje obowiązki uczestnicząc w przygotowaniu do wpuszczania członków do Izby Zgromadzenia.

**TRUSTEES:** Jeden Trustee jest wybierany każdego roku na okres trzech lat. Trustees powinni nadzorować wszystkie finanse Zgromadzenia i ich zgoda powinna być konieczna na zapłacenie wszelkich rachunków Zgromadzenia. Trustees sprawdzają także dwa razy w roku księgi rachunkowe przygotowane przez Supreme i State Councils.

Bracia, jeżeli życzyacie sobie więcej informacji związanych z pozycjami które wybierane są każdego roku na Walnym Zgromadzeniu, sprawdźcie prosimy swój egzemplarz broszurki „Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus”, którą otrzymaliście po uzyskaniu trzeciego stopnia.



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## Family of the Year 2009

**Jozef Studzinski Family**

## Family of the Month

**2011**

March Paul Gumowski Family  
February Michael Balawejder Family  
January Duklas Family Family

**2010**

December Wojciech Ciesielka Family  
November Rynkun Family  
October Makula Family  
September Armatowicz Family  
August Eugene Gwiazdowski Family  
July Wojciech Ciesielka Family  
June Stan Kulig Family  
May Rynkun Family  
April Duklas Family

## Brother of the Year 2009

Henry Lopinski

## Brother of the Month

**2011**

March Ted Jarosz  
February Eugene Gwiazdowski  
January Boleslaw Rybka

**2010**

December Andy Makula  
November Henry Lopinski  
October Miroslaw Maleszewski  
September Stan Jablonski  
August Richard Sadowski  
July Sylwester Opinski  
June Wincenty Kazanczuk  
May Jozef Chudolinski  
April Stanislaw Armatowicz

## Happy Birthday Brothers



## April

3 Jan Nicki  
5 Jacek Bajorek  
5 Wincenty Kazanczuk  
6 Stefan Otremba  
7 Bogdan Chodynski  
8 Stanislaw Szewczyk  
9 Stanley Jablonski  
9 Christopher Motyka  
16 Benedykt Darcy  
16 Wladyslaw Sudol  
17 Julian Duklas  
18 Karol Bartyzel  
20 Jerzy J Wojdat



21 Joseph Szwarc

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## Happy Birthday Ladies



### April

- 6 Miroslawa Rzeszutek
  - 7 Wieslawa Kula
  - 12 Janina Zielinski
  - 23 Lidia Studzinski
  - 25 Ana Olszewska
  - 25 Bozena Meinhardt
  - 27 Ewa Matwiejczuk
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### April

- 15 Urszula and Andrew Makula
- 19 Jozef and Wieslawa Kula
- 19 Jozef and Lidia Studzinski
- 23 Teresa and Edmund Nowak
- 27 Helen and Walter Kaye

- 27 Irena and Tadeusz Jarosz
  - 27 Jerzy and Elzbieta Zbroszczyk
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## Adwokaci

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*Brother Allan and Kasia Stewart*

*We wish the Knights of Columbus all the best in this Fraternal year.*

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## RATERNAL REPORT



Brother Henry Lopinski is our Fraternal Director, if there are any Brother Knights or family members that are sick or in distress he should be contacted at 905-274-4660. Ted Siuda can also be contacted at 905-566-0616  
Our Council will make the appropriate gesture if we know the situation.

### ILL AND VISITATION

As of Jan 30, 2010

#### Rest in Peace:

Bro. Marian Kmiotek  
Teresa Wlodarski, widow of Bro Zygmunt Wlodarski  
Stan Soltys  
Ted Stroz

#### In Hospital:

None reported

#### At Home and also in need of your prayers:

Ed Gnyla

Fraternally,  
Brother Henry Lopinski

We now have the Car Raffle Tickets and it now time to start selling them one again this year we have two different type of tickets but this year they are different colour one book of ticket will be \$ 10.00 for six ticket and the other will be \$2.00 each. We need all of you Brother Knights to get involved and sell tickets .It is a very good way to help out the Arthritis Society and a number of other Charities we support during the year. Any Brother Knights who would like to get books and may not be at any of our Meetings please contact me and I will insure that you get some for selling I can deliver them to you .This year as well I would like to get some help selling these Tickets, anyone interested please let me know. I would like to encourage as many Members as possible to help us out with this program they are very easy to sell. Lets get Involved

**Klaus Roehrig**  
Car Chairman 905-272-1459



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Prizes to be drawn from lowest to highest in value. Winning tickets will not be eligible for other draws. Prizes must be accepted as awarded and claimed within 12 months of the draw date.

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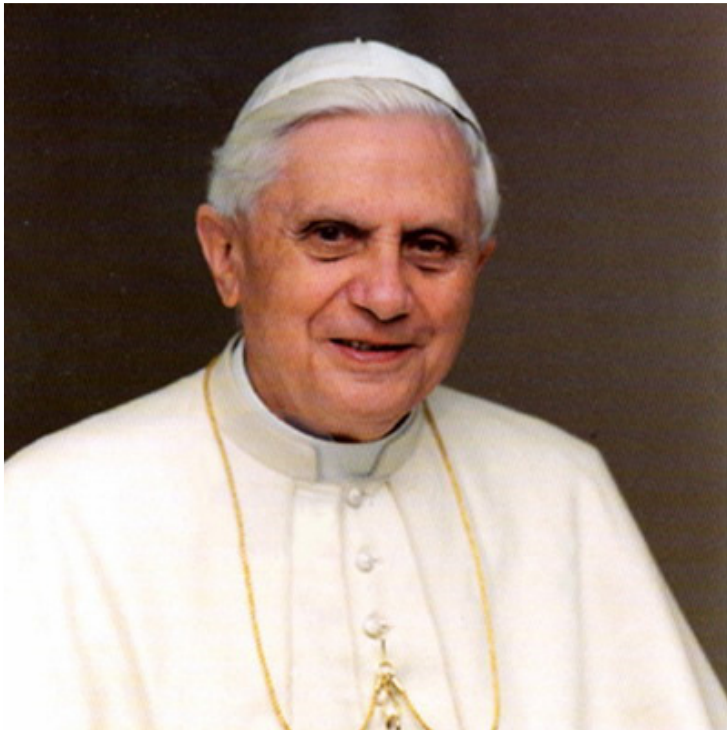
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## CARS REPORT

Brother Knights



## Pope's Message



*Pope Benedict's Message this year has as its title a passage with a theme from Colossians: "You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him." (cf. Col 2: 12)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

By immersing ourselves into the death and resurrection of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are moved to free our hearts every day from the burden of material things, from a self-centered relationship with the "world" that impoverishes us and prevents us from being available and open to God and our neighbor. In Christ, God revealed himself as Love (cf. 1Jn 4: 7-10). The Cross of Christ, the "word of the Cross", manifests God's saving power (cf. 1Cor 1: 18), that is given to raise men and women anew and bring them salvation: it is love in its most extreme form (cf. Encyclical *Deus caritas est*, n. 12). Through the traditional practices of fasting, almsgiving and prayer, which are an expression of our commitment to conversion, Lent teaches us how to live the love of Christ in an ever more radical way. Fasting, which can have various motivations, takes on a profoundly religious significance for the Christian:

by rendering our table poorer, we learn to overcome selfishness in order to live in the logic of gift and love; by bearing some form of deprivation - and not just what is in excess - we learn to look away from our "ego", to discover Someone close to us and to recognize God in the face of so many brothers and sisters. For Christians, fasting, far from being depressing, opens us ever more to God and to the needs of others, thus allowing love of God to become also love of our neighbor (cf. Mk 12: 31). In our journey, we are often faced with the temptation of accumulating and love of money that undermine God's primacy in our lives. The greed of possession leads to violence, exploitation and death; for this, the Church, especially during the Lenten period, reminds us to practice almsgiving - which is the capacity to share. The idolatry of goods, on the other hand, not only causes us to drift away from others, but divests man, making him unhappy, deceiving him, deluding him without fulfilling its promises, since it puts materialistic goods in the place of God, the only source of life. How can we understand God's paternal goodness, if our heart is full of egoism and our own projects, deceiving us that our future is guaranteed? The temptation is to think, just like the rich man in the parable: "My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come...". We are all aware of the Lord's judgment: "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul..." (Lk 12: 19-20). The practice of almsgiving is a reminder of God's primacy and turns our attention towards others, so that we may rediscover how good our Father is, and receive his mercy.