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**Next meeting is Wednesday, January 13, at 6:45 p.m. — Please plan to attend!**

## *Making a New Year's resolution*

Knights are called to help and serve those less fortunate than we

**A**s all of us hopefully remember, when we joined the Knights of Columbus, we learned that the faithful needle of our compass always points to the virtue of Charity. As Knights, we are called to serve and to help the less fortunate with our time, resources and talents.

The biblical reference and support for this focus are many and easy to find. The First Book of John, Chapter 3, Verses 17-18 is succinct in stating the importance of this virtue:

“If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? Children, let us love not with word or speech, but in deed and truth.”

The Apostle is telling us in this letter, in essence, “Talk is cheap.”

At our family Christmas dinner this year, the inevitable topic of New Year's resolutions came up and I began pondering the question, “What will your New Year's resolution be?”

The following day (December



### **THE GRAND OPENING**

**Lee Ashton  
Grand Knight**

26<sup>th</sup>), my family and I were blessed with the opportunity to work at Holy Family Shelter preparing and serving a meal to the Shelter residents. It was a wonderful time and the residents were thankful and appreciative, and it helped me remember how blessed I am.

December 26<sup>th</sup> happens to be the feast day of St. Stephen, who was one of the first deacons appointed by the Apostles to care for the widows and orphans. It is also designated “Boxing Day” in many countries, with origins found in helping the less fortunate. Having the Feast Day of St. Stephen and Boxing Day coincide with the day we happened to be at Holy Family Shelter helped me see where my resolution needed to

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Our time at Holy Family was a true blessing in that it helped me re-focus on what is important as a Knight and as a Christian. We are called to serve others as best we can with our time, talents and resources. My resolution this year is to find more opportunities to be a better Knight and Catholic gentleman by serving others, including helping out at Holy Family Shelter.

I pray that 2016 will be a year for us as a council where we will all find new ways to help and serve others and especially those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

**Santo Rosario Council wishes all a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!**



**Bradley Williams**  
**Deputy Grand Knight**  
**Church Committee Co-Director**

## ***Recapping the first annual Indulgence Walk***

**A**s the pictures on Page 8 of this newsletter show, our first Indulgence Walk this past November 7th was a great success. More than 60 Knights and guests attended, and we have received nothing but compliments ever since. The pilgrims visited several graves, praying for the repose of their souls and learning their stories. Those visited were:

- The Chevrolet Brothers — Louis, who died penniless despite his name gracing millions of automobiles; Gaston, winner of the 1920 Indianapolis 500; and Arthur, although some dispute it is his son of the same name buried there instead.
- Warren Tate — local 19th century businessman who led a notorious life and converted to Catholicism on his deathbed.
- Father J.M. Villars — a priest who died in Richmond, Ind., under mysterious circumstances and whose gravesite is adorned with coins of those who seek his intercession.

Monsignor Marino Priori — founding pastor of Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

The tour also included a stop at a memorial to the 35th Indiana Infantry, “The Irish Brigade,” who fought in many Civil War battles.

The event was timed to coincide with the Church’s granting of an indulgence — applicable only to the Poor Souls in Purgatory — during the first eight days of November for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the repose of their souls. (The other “usual conditions” for earning indulgences also apply.) It’s a fairly simple indulgence to earn, and we wanted this walk to make it even easier and more profitable than ever.

Do take the opportunity to thank David Walden for singlehandedly putting this together [*Don’t let him fool you: Brad provided plenty of assistance in the planning and execution of this event — ed.*] Among other things David selected the gravesites, researched the stories surrounding each one, set up the ceremony, wrote the readings, timed the presentations and pre-measured the distances walked, and served as our event photographer. We are equally grateful to Luke Reese, who presided over the event and led us in the rosary. And for those of you who could not attend, fear not, the event will be back next year.

Our principal event this spring will be the Lenten Knight of Reflection, date to be announced but definitely in March.

### ***Pope Francis meets with Knights of Columbus leaders***

Pope Francis received Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore in a private audience at the Vatican on Dec. 17. During the course of the meeting, the supreme knight and Archbishop Lori spoke with the Holy Father about the many activities of the Knights of Columbus in 2015, particularly the Order’s efforts to aid persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

Through the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, the Order has distributed more than \$5 million to support Christians in the Middle East. In addition to this financial support, the Knights of Columbus has organized a major public awareness campaign about the situation faced by Christians in the Middle East.

During the visit, the supreme knight also presented the Holy Father with a contribution of \$1.6 million from the Vicarius Christi Fund, offered on behalf of the 1.9 million members of the K of C. The Vicarius Christi Fund has generated \$56,015,000 for the pope’s personal charities and causes since its establishment in 1981.



**Jerry Friederick**

## *Enjoying the campout — ‘death march’ and all*

**T**he Father/Son Campout this past fall was a splendid success with 12 people participating. Our campsite was great with a large area for the boys to run around in and many trees for a wind break if needed, plus the boys played games and interacted with some Boy Scouts at the next campsite. Both nights we prayed the rosary around the roaring campfire. It was beautiful to see the boys praying and falling asleep holding a rosary.

On Saturday, we went hiking along Laughery Creek for about 9.5 miles. Johnny Rushenberg did a great job navigating our group on the hike, which some have called the “death march.” Also, the boys had a fire-starting competition between the two patrols of boys led by Senior Patrol Leader Donnie Murphy. The boys seemed to really enjoy the competition. By request of the boys, we also did some singing of classics like “The Battle of New Orleans,” “Sink the Bismarck” and others.

Not to be outdone, the stars were gorgeous — if I may say, heavenly — and the fall colors of the sugar maples and other vegetation were great! Much food and drink were enjoyed with the cooking of brothers Tim Rushenberg and Don Murphy, plus desserts by Jerry Friederick and the famous cookie. On Friday night, we had some wonderful brother time until about 2 a.m. It included Bible reading of Psalms, Proverbs and the Nativity story in Luke, as well as general conversation.

I hope to see more people in 2016. Trying to be consistent, I intend to organize the campouts for the weekend after Memorial Day and the third or fourth weekend of October.





**Charles Stevens**  
**Culture of Life Director**

## *Pro-Life movement continues to be active*

**A** few notable events have occurred since our last newsletter:

- We recently completed 40 Days for Life; this campaign resulted in 543 babies nationwide being saved from abortion (Praise the Lord!).
- On Friday, Nov. 13, we had our film series, “Demographic Family” (shrinkage of the family), sponsored by the St. John and Holy Rosary Pro-Life committees. About 40 people attended; about 10 percent were from Holy Rosary Parish, and six Knights were there.
- On Nov. 21, we held our annual “Knight in Paris” fundraising dinner. Our attendance was down from the prior year, but the event turned out very successful. The speaker was Congressman Marlin Stutzman from Indiana’s Third District (Fort Wayne and area), and a strong advocate of the Pro-Life movement. He was well received. We were able to donate \$4,608 to various Pro-Life ministries. One thousand dollars went to the Holy Rosary Pro-Life Ministry, \$1,804 to the Women’s Care Center at 86th Street and Georgetown Road, and \$1,804 to the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life and Family Life at the Catholic Center (the old Cathedral High School from which I graduated in 1970).

There will be some upcoming events:

- The Holy Rosary and St. John Pro-Life committees will present another feature in the Pro-Life Film Series on Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Priori Hall. I will have details for everyone at the upcoming business meetings.
- The Mass commemorating *Roe v. Wade* will be said by Archbishop Tobin on Friday, Jan. 22, at St. Peter & Paul Cathedral downtown at noon. After Mass there will be a Rosary March; brother Eric Slaughter has e-mailed me looking for Knights to volunteer to be traffic caretakers; in the past Holy Rosary has been well represented in this event.

On a sad note, we need to be prayer as Congress has failed to pass the ANDA legislation (Abortion Non-Discrimination Act). This was a conscience protection bill. Its strongest opposition came from Senate Democrats and President Obama. I failed to mention that Congressman Stutzman will be running in the primary this spring as a candidate for Senate to replace the retiring Sen. Dan Coats.

Also, I recently learned that the budget bill for the new fiscal year gave Planned Parenthood full funding, even after there was serious outrage that the organization is selling baby parts. However, both houses of Congress did pass legislation that would defund PP and repeal Obamacare, but the President vetoed the bill; again, we need to be in prayer.

Lastly, on a non-Pro-Life note, there was a religious freedom rally held at the Indiana Statehouse on Nov. 17. It was not sponsored by any Catholic organizations that I know of, but 1,200 people attended. The rally supported upcoming legislation to protect religious freedom in light of it being attacked by the LGBT and organizations that work to diminish our religious freedoms.



**SK Don R. Murphy, FIC, FICF  
Field Agent**

## ***Life insurance as a gift?***

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. “How morbid,” they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers — even while you’re alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse’s quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It’s a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

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### ***Council Crier***

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 ***Men’s Holy Hour: First Wednesday every month @ 9 p.m.***



**Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight**

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## ***The Order keeps growing in record numbers***

*The following is an excerpt from the Supreme Knight’s annual report at the 133rd Supreme Convention in Philadelphia this past August:*

**I**t gives me great pleasure to report that our membership grew for the 43rd consecutive year to a record 1,888,598 brother Knights.

During this same period we added 256 new councils, including five in Mexico, 11 in Poland, 10 in Canada, 95 in the Philippines and 135 in the United States. We now have 15,117 councils throughout the Order.

And this year I again personally presented charters for several new councils. In October, I presented a charter to St. Augustine Council 15723 in Washington, D.C., at St. Augustine Church, known as the “Mother Church of African-American Catholics in the Nation’s Capital.”

Our Order is also growing in Ukraine, Lithuania and Poland. Last January, in Lithuania, more than 10,000 people attended the first “Family Expo” sponsored by the Archdiocese of Vilnius. Council 15900 was there to spread awareness about the Order’s efforts to strengthen family life. Archbishop Gintaras Grusas of Vilnius, a member of that council, addressed the meeting, as did Supreme Treasurer Michael O’Connor.

In 2014, I announced the establishment of our first council in South Korea — St. Andrew Kim Taegon Council 16000. Membership in Korea has continued to grow, and I was recently in Seoul to present charters to that council and to St. Paul Chong Hasang Council 16178.

Other jurisdictions added substantially to their ranks as well. Ukraine took the lead, growing by nearly 110 percent. Lithuania followed with 21.6 percent and Poland with 14.2 percent. Mexico Central and Mexico South grew by 12.8 percent and 9.5 percent, respectively. In Canada, British Columbia led with a 1.7 percent growth in membership. In the United States, Hawaii saw the largest growth with 8.9 percent.

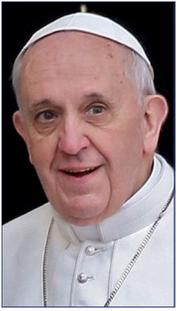
Most brother Knights say they were asked to join the Knights of Columbus by a family member or friend, yet too many Knights say they rarely offer this invitation to others. All of us need to make an extra effort to extend the benefits of membership to more Catholic men. Today, I ask every brother Knight to recruit at least three new members this year.

You can use our new membership recruitment app, free of cost and available for most mobile devices, to assist you in this important work. This app gives prospective members an overview of our charitable work, our service to the Church and our fraternal benefits. It also includes a digital prospect card.

Councils should hold First Degrees on a timely and frequent basis, and they should use our new First Degree DVD when a degree team is not available.

Our Star Councils lead the Order in growth and charitable efforts. I applaud every council that has achieved this honor, and I encourage every council to strive to join their ranks. This year, 2,163 councils achieved Star Council status — an impressive increase of 88 percent over last year.

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**Pope Francis  
Supreme Pontiff**

*This is an excerpt from the Holy Father's message at his weekly General Audience in St. Peter's Square on Dec. 16, 2015.*

## ***Signs of the Jubilee Year of Mercy***

**O**n Sunday [December 13, 2015] the Holy Door was opened in the Cathedral of Rome, the Basilica of St John Lateran, and a *Door of Mercy* was opened in the Cathedral of every diocese of the world, and also in shrines and churches indicated by bishops. The Jubilee is throughout the world, not only in Rome. I wanted this sign of the Holy Door to be present in every particular Church, so that the Jubilee of Mercy could be an experience shared by each person. The Holy Year, therefore, has begun in the entire Church and is being celebrated in every diocese as in Rome. Also, the first Holy Door was opened in the very heart of Africa. Rome, of course, is the visible sign of universal communion. May this ecclesial communion become ever more intense, so that the Church may be the living sign of the Father's love and mercy in the world.

The date 8 December was also meant to highlight this need, by linking, separated by 50 years, the beginning of the Jubilee with the conclusion of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. In fact, the Council contemplated and introduced the Church to the light of the mystery of communion. Scattered throughout the world and articulated in many particular Churches, however, it is always and only the one Church of Jesus Christ, the one that he wanted and for which he offered himself. The "one" Church that lives of the very communion of God.

This mystery of communion, which makes the Church a sign of the Father's love, grows and matures in our heart, when the love, which we recognize in the Cross of Christ and in which we immerse ourselves, enables us to love as we are loved by Him. It is an unending Love, which has the face of forgiveness and mercy.

However, mercy and forgiveness must not remain as pleasant words, but must be made manifest in daily life. *Loving and forgiving are tangible and visible signs that faith has transformed our hearts* and allow us to express God's very life in ourselves. Loving and forgiving as God loves and forgives. This is a program of life that can know no interruptions or exceptions, but it pushes us always to go farther without ever tiring, with the certainty of being sustained by the paternal presence of God.

This great sign of Christian life is then transformed into many other signs that are characteristic of the Jubilee. I think of those who will pass through one of the Holy Doors, which this year are the true Doors of Mercy. The Door points to Jesus himself, who said: "I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture" (Jn 10:9). *Passing through the Holy Door is the sign of our trust in the Lord Jesus* who came not to judge but to save (cf. Jn 12:47). Be careful that no one rather swift or too shrewd tells you that you have to pay: no! Salvation is not paid for. Salvation is not bought. The Door is Jesus, and Jesus is gratis! He himself speaks about those who do not enter as they should, and he simply says that they are thieves and robbers. Again, be mindful: salvation is free. Passing through the Holy Door is a sign of the true conversion of our heart. When we pass through that Door it is good to remember that we must also keep the door of our heart wide open. I am before the Holy Door and I ask: "Lord, help me to thrust open the door of my heart!" The Holy Year will not be very effective if the door of our heart does not allow the passage of Christ who urges us to go toward others, in order to bring him and his love. ...

Another important sign of the Jubilee is *confession*. Approaching the Sacrament by which we reconcile ourselves with God is equal to directly experiencing his mercy. It is finding the Father who forgives: God forgives everything. God understands us even in our limitations, and he even understands us in our contradictions. Not only this, but He tells us with his love that precisely when we recognize our sins he is even closer and he spurs us to look forward. He says even more: that when we recognize our sins and we ask for forgiveness, there is a celebration in Heaven. Jesus celebrates: this is his mercy: let us not be discouraged. Onward, forward with this!

How often have I heard: "Father, I can't forgive my neighbour, a coworker, the lady next door, my mother-in-law, my sister-in-law". We have all heard this: "I can't forgive". But how can we ask God to forgive us, if we are unable to forgive? Forgiving is something great, yet forgiving is not easy, because our heart is poor and with its efforts alone we cannot do it. However, if we open ourselves up to welcome God's mercy for ourselves, in turn we become capable of forgiveness. So often I have heard: "I couldn't see that person: I hated her. But one day, I drew close to the Lord and I asked him to forgive my sins, and I forgave that person too". These are everyday matters. And this opportunity is close to us.

Therefore, take courage! Let us live out the Jubilee by beginning with these signs that carry the great power of love. The Lord will accompany us in order to lead us to experience other important signs for our life. Take courage and step forward!

# INDULGENCE WALK 2015



**Top Left:** Pilgrims pray for all the Poor Souls.

**Top Right:** Warren Tate's impressive monument.

**Above:** Mystery surrounds Fr. Villars' grave.

**Right:** Tombstone of Holy Rosary Parish's founder.

**Far Right:** Pilgrims pray the rosary as they march along.

**Below:** First stop was graves of world-famous Chevrolets.

