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KC Newsletter  
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### GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

Greetings Brother Knights.

“God has a plan for you”

Hello Brother Knights,

Usually you see a bible verse or a notable quote above. Not this time, instead you see the words that led my back to our faith some twelve or so years ago. At that time I was experiencing some major losses in my life, and unsure of what to make of it or what this life is really supposed to be

about. After some prayerful reflection and counseling from other important people in my life, I realized that God has a plan for us. God has a plan, and the purpose of our lives is how we manage ourselves within the plan.

There is proof of God having plans for us all around. Just take a look at our new church. A few years ago, many St. Peter's parishioners did not want to see the old church torn down, yet there was a need for a new church. About 100 years ago right now, the foundation for the 1915 church was being laid. For some reason we may never know, the builders of the church dug a 14 foot basement. Why did they do this? They really only needed a ten, maybe twelve foot basement, but they went fourteen feet. In 1914/15, digging two more feet took a lot more work than it would today. Something compelled those builders to dig two more feet. Fast forward to 2006, and the need for a new church. That fourteen foot basement meant we could preserve our 90-year old church and blend it into a new, bigger, beautiful worship space that we have today. Was it a miracle, a sign? We may never be sure, but God sure knew that our steeple, a symbol of the North St. Paul skyline, was meant to stay just where it is, as is, for generations to come, and we have one of the most beautiful churches besides the Cathedral and Basilica in the entire Archdiocese.

Around the same time, some enterprising entrepreneurs decided to tear down a home a block away from the church and build two new ones. What drove these individuals to do this, well money of course! Little did they know a young man (at the time) and his family, someone who grew up in this community and vowed he would grow up and not come back, would buy one of the houses, plan to raise his family there, and give back to the community he grew up in by becoming your Grand Knight!

In my work as a leader in the secular business world, I often coach and counsel my employees that everything is meant to be, and their job is to manage what they can control within what is meant to be. What I tell each of you is this, God has a plan for you, and your job is to manage what how you respond to the plan he has for you.

Our new church is beautiful, a lot of things well beyond our control came together to make this beautiful edifice exist. Fr. Deziel, our Chaplin, has wonderful living quarters right on the campus of St. Peter's. Again, a lot of things well beyond our control, came together to make this happen!

We have a wonderful opportunity right now to erase the debt left behind by the opportunity to build our new church, of which the council will step up and give to the cause. I encourage each of you to prayerfully discern how you too, can give to this cause!

My path back to the faith, and back to this community, is a colorful one. Before I am done being Grand Knight, you will hear my story. Some 30 years ago I sat in a St. Peter's classroom and never would have imagined my own children sitting in the same classroom, yet they do! This is my spiritual home, it will be forever for me, and I hope it will be for you, your kids, your grandkids, and many generations to come!

This time I will close with a bible verse. This is framed and has followed me everywhere I have lived since I was confirmed. It was given to me for my confirmation by my Mom.

*In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.* Prov. 3:6

Vivat Jesus!

- Jeff

### 2014-2015 Officers

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## Our Mission Statement

*Provide a means by which Catholic men could Support the Catholic Church. To Provide Financial Protection to protect their Families. To Engage in works of Charity to Benefit the less fortunate.*

### Is An Annuity Right For You?



You may have heard that the Knights of Columbus have a GREAT annuity program, but what is an annuity and how does it work? A Knights of Columbus annuity is basically a retirement savings plan that provides you with various income options in retirement. There are two periods of time you should be familiar with:

- Funding and Growth period: You may fund a Knights of Columbus annuity with systematic contributions or in one lump sum (such as a rollover/transfer from a 401k, a CD, IRA or Roth IRA.) Your dollars will earn interest and grow tax-deferred until you take them out.
- Distribution Period: You may take your money out systematically (monthly, quarterly, semiannually or annually) or in lump sums of your choosing. Some people use annuities as a savings plan and will dip into the dollars only as they need it. Dollars that are left in the annuity are paid to the beneficiary of your choosing upon death.

Unlike many companies Knights of Columbus annuities do not have annual fees. Surrender charges will apply for a certain period of time and taxes are due on growth when monies are removed. If your money is "tax qualified" (i.e., an IRA), then principal and growth is taxed when removed. Call me for additional details.

Why should you consider a Knights of Columbus annuity? Here are some GREAT reasons:

- Guaranteed income and tax-deferred growth!
- Safety! There is no higher rated company than the Knights of Columbus and you will never have to worry about the volatility of the stock market.
- Compare us to your CD and savings account rates! You will likely be pleased!
- Bypass probate! Annuities monies generally pass privately to your heirs without going through probate.
- You may roll your 401k, IRA, Roth IRA, SEP, or SIMPLE plan to the Knights of Columbus.

Call or email me today to learn more and to determine if a Knights of Columbus annuity is right for you. As always, you will never be pressured into buying anything. I give you my word.

God bless,  
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## Calendar of Events



- Booya Oct. 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter Church
- Mass for the Deceased Oct. 18, 4:00 P.M.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in the **School Cafeteria**
- First Degree Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Major Degree Sat. Nov. 1 in **School Cafeteria**
- Sun., Nov. 2 – Special Olympics Regional Bowling Treasure Island – Welch, register on line at [specialolympicsminnesota.org](http://specialolympicsminnesota.org)
- Nov. 14-16 – Special Olympics State Bowling - Brunswick Zone - Brooklyn Park, Blaine, and Lakeville, for groups of Knights contact Special Olympics Chairman Dan Irvin 612-618-4698 or danirvin13@yahoo.com

A big **shout out** to all the volunteers that helped with the Fall Festival and School Marathon!



Get out the vote! Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, is calling on us to get out the vote by volunteering to provide transportation to voters who need it, or volunteering in other ways. If able, please do what you can to promote Get out the Vote efforts in our community!

