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Grand Knight's Report

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COURAGE

By William J. Bennett

We become brave by doing brave acts," observed Aristotle. Dispositions of character, virtues and vices, are progressively fixed in us through practice. Thus, the Greek philosopher explained, "By being habituated to despise things that are terrible and to stand our ground against them we become brave, and it is when we have become so that we shall be most able to stand our ground against them."

Standing ground against threatening things is not to be confused with fearlessness, however. Being afraid is a perfectly appropriate emotion when confronted with fearful things.

The great American novelist Herman Melville makes the Aristotelian point beautifully in a telling passage in *Moby-Dick*, where Starbuck, the chief mate of the Pequot, first addresses the crew.

Melville writes, "'I will have no man in my boat,' said Starbuck, 'who is not afraid of a whale.' By this, he seemed to mean, not only that the most reliable and useful courage was that which arises from the fair estimation of the encountered peril, but that an utterly fearless man is a far more dangerous comrade than a coward."

The brave person is not one who is never afraid. That is rather the description of a rash or reckless person, someone who may be more harm than help in an emergency. It is hard to "educate" such a person on the spot. The coward, on the other hand, the one who characteristically lacks confidence and is disposed to be overly fearful, may yet be susceptible to the encouragement of example.

The infectious nature of strikingly courageous behavior on the part of one person can inspire — and also in part can shame — a whole group. That was one key to the kind of courage inspired by Horatius at the bridge in ancient Rome, and by Henry V at Agincourt.

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It was one key to the kind of courage displayed by those who silently suffered abuse when they joined ranks with Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., in acts of nonviolent protest directed at rousing the public conscience against injustice.

Another key to their success, of course, was reason: practical reason delivered with the kind of eloquence that is informed by a real command of one's cultural heritage and that steels the will to take intelligent action.

The mere inclination to do the right thing is not in itself enough. We have to know what the right thing to do is. We need wisdom — often the wisdom of a wise leader — to give our courage determinate form, to give it intelligent direction. And we need the will, the motivating power that inspiring leaders can sometimes help us discover within ourselves even when we are unable to find it readily on our own.

If Aristotle is right, then courage is a settled disposition to feel appropriate degrees of fear and confidence in challenging situations (what is "appropriate" varying a good deal with the particular circumstances).

It is also a settled disposition to stand one's ground, to advance or to retreat as wisdom dictates. Before such dispositions become settled, however, they need to be established in the first place. And that means practice, which in turn means facing fears and taking stands in advance of any settled disposition to do so: acting bravely when we don't really feel brave.

Fear of the dark is almost universal among young children, and it provides relatively safe opportunities for first lessons in courage. In families, older siblings are greatly assisted in cultivating their own dispositions in this respect by putting up a brave front before their younger brothers or sisters. "You see? There's really nothing to be afraid of."

This is excellent practice, and a fine place to begin. Occasions for being brave on behalf of others — for standing by them in challenging circumstances — are occasions for becoming brave ourselves; that is, for learning how to handle our own confidence and fear, for figuring out the right thing to do, and for mustering the will to do it.



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ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS AND BREAKFAST ON, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH, WHEN THE WOMAN'S GUILT AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL SPONSOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT FOR COUPLES WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED 30 YEARS OR LONGER. THIS CELEBRATION WILL BEGIN AT THE 8:30 A.M. MASS IN THE CHURCH. BREAKFAST WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW IN THE SOCIAL HALL

IF YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS EVENT PLEASE CONTACT

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FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Nativity Council Grand Knight Marc Anderson helps out at inaugural Basketball Free Throw Challenge at Resurrection KofC Sat Jan 18, 2014

Respect Life - Art Show.

It is appropriate to start in earnest our planning for this event on the anniversary of Roe vs Wade.

I would like us to meet on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2014 at 7pm at St Francis. I do not have a room number at this time but I will follow up with one.

Grand Knights, please forward this email to your Pro-Life Director or representative from the Meeting in November.

We will start with a prayer towards the repeal of Roe v Wade.

We will review where we are at with the details of the event.

We will try to form up some loose groups in charge of fund-raising/sponsorship and looking for artists/contributors.

We do not need to take our assignments solely on our own. We all represent other ministries and groups that can help us achieve our goals.

I hope to see many of you there. Please bring a rosary.

Tim



FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2014 Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council

Free Throw Championship

Sunday January 12, 2014

In the Nativity Gymnasium

On January 12, 2014 the Mother Seton Council held its annual Basketball Free Throw Challenge. We were fortunate to have competitors in most every age group again this year. The Council Champions are pictured in the photo section with Grand Knight Marc Anderson who was on hand to witness the competition first hand. The following competitors scored enough points to move on to the District competition slated for Feb 8, 2014 at the Nativity School Gym:

The District Championship will be at February 8th at 9AM in the Nativity Gym.

Contact Larry with any questions. (Idl5762@aol.com).

You can sign up to commit to help on the website calendar or Evite or just show up. All help is appreciated!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOTHER SETON COUNCIL CHAMPIONS!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FEB 3 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 P.M. ADULT ED BUILDING
- FEB 8 Free Throw Championship 9:00AM - 12:00PM. Youth Center
- FEB 9 ANNIVER SARY MASS AND BREAKFAST 7:00 AM
- FEB 14 ASSEMBLY 1850 MEETING 7:30 P.M. ADULT ED BUILDING
- FEB 16 COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS 7:00 – 12:00
- FEB 17 POT LUCK 6:30 PM
- FEB 18 FIRST DEGREE ADULT ED BUILDING 7:30 PM
- FEB 28 OFFICERS MEETING PASTORAL CARE BLD 7:30 PM



Brother Knights

We will have some good information about growing to 500!!!!.....Plants

WE are going to have our First..... KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PLANT SALE

Our meeting tonight we will start the Plans for our SALE which will be MARCH 23.

We need some help in

location.. Location ..Location

Advertisement, Refreshments, Set up

Creative thoughts.....

We want all input and all of your ideas.

See you at the meeting

Bring your GREEN thumb

Peter McNeill



JEFFRE	ORTMEIER	2/5/1970
RICHARD	SILVER	2/6/1947
JORGE	BONCE	2/4/1972
TARQUIN	RIEDER	2/7/1977
QUBE	WATFORD	2/7/1989
DEXTER	FRASER	2/10/1970
JAMES	CASALE	2/11/1951
CRAIG	BISCEGLIA	2/12/1954
OSCAR	LUGO	2/13/1945
MATTHEW	BAIN	2/14/1977
SAMUEL	MILLER	2/15/1988
RICK	OLBERDING	2/15/1958
LINWOOD	POISSONNER	2/15/1950
ARTHUR	PROULX	
CHRISTOPHER	MCMANUS	2/18/1972
JEFFREY	AMES	2/20/1948
ROBERT	YELTON	2/20/1948
KEVIN	MC NAMARA	2/21/1981
JOSEPH	LO PRESTI	2/22/1925
PAUL	NEWMAN	2/28/1948
DAVID	STOLL	2/28/1968



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Insurance Check-Up for 2014

Where did 2013 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2013. Now, the first quarter of 2014 is flying by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

Take steps to protect your family and your financial future.

Fraternally,

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WAWMS

On Wednesday January 15th five SKs from assembly 1850 made a delivery to the 46th street station for our homeless vets. The total was \$245.70. Our donation included 20 cases of water along with food and hygiene items. It must be noted that the continuing generosity of all our councils and Assembly make these donations possible. We extend our heartfelt thanks to these knights, who continue to bring in these most necessary items to their meetings. A job well done. Be assured that these items are being put to good use. Assembly 1850 will sponsor a "Spring BBQ" for our heroes at the Haley Nursing Home this May... Our target date is the first Saturday in May (the 3rd). Your support makes these events possible. fraternally, Bill Queenan, KofC Rep. to Haley Hospital



NAC Volunteer of the Year Award Nomination NAC Volunteer of the Year 2013

Fourth Degree Knights, dedicated to the principle of patriotism, have led the Order in this effort through the "Serving Those Who Served" program. "The program has grown into a full-time effort for the Knights of Columbus. "It has built awareness of America's military — past, present and future," Visitation programs, gifts and financial donations have been the more popular ways Fourth Degree Knights are supporting veterans during times of illness or incapacity.

Joe Rynne was in charge of developing a plan to help our Homeless Veterans. Our first step was to provide a way of tracking our donations and volunteer hours.

The next step was providing different kinds of canned food, dried food, and personal hygiene products. There are a number of items that can be added to this list. As an assembly we are going to be asking each member of the four councils to provide one item when they attend their monthly council meeting. These products will be collected and brought to our Assembly meeting. Each Assembly member is asked to do the same. Items will be collected and delivered to the Department Of Veterans Affairs for the homeless.

There is a need for water for our Homeless Veterans on the street. Our Assembly will be providing twenty-five cases of water each Monty, There are many other needs for our homeless Veterans and this is a small part what we as Knights of Columbus can contribute. Let's not forget our men and women who served our country and protected our freedoms.



Brothers,

It is with a heavy heart I am sending out this email.

Lois was at our Christmas party the last two years. We gave her one of our new basketballs.

If you can please take the time to attend. I will be there to represent our council.

Lois has been a great personal inspiration for me over the last two years. The work that we do to support Lopez impacts so many families, many whose names we will never know.

Please add Lois, Brad, and Cindy Sampson to our prayer list.

Thank You.

Marc R. Andersen, Grand Knight

Marc,

I wanted to make sure that you and the Knights were aware of the loss of one of our students. You may remember Lois from the past couple of years at the Christmas party. Lois passed away last Friday and is now with The Lord. I have given the arrangements below for you to pass on to anyone who may like to attend on Saturday. Her picture is also attached.

Her service will be Saturday, Feb 1, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Landmark Baptist 6021 Williams Rd, Seffner, FL 33584

With the viewing/visitation from 9 AM to 11 AM prior to the service.

We request donations in memory of Lois in lieu of flowers to be made to Make-a-Wish Foundation <http://cnfl.wish.org/> or Lopez Exceptional Center, Lois's school for the past 10 years at 315 W. Old Hillsborough Ave, Seffner, FL 33584. Also if you have any pics of Lois w/ family or friends, then please email them for possible inclusion in the presentation at the visitation. Love,

Brad, Cindy, & Lois (residing in heaven)



Knights Remember Cardinal O'Connor (1920-2000)

Cardinal O'Connor

Cardinal O'Connor at the pulpit in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Cardinal O'Connor with Mother Teresa

Cardinal O'Connor with Mother Teresa and Virgil Dechant at the inaugural Gaudium et Spes Award presentation in 1992.

More than ten years after his death, His Eminence John Cardinal O'Connor is remembered this week by the Knights of Columbus for his loyal service to the Church, for his courageous promotion of the Culture of Life, and for his long friendship with the Knights of Columbus.

Cardinal O'Connor, New York's archbishop from 1984 to 2000, died on May 3, 2000, eight months after undergoing surgery for a brain tumor. He was 80 years old at the time of his death and was a member of Our Lady, Star of the Sea Council 6701 in New York City.

One of the most notable points of collaboration between Cardinal O'Connor and the Knights came while Cardinal O'Connor served as chairman of the Pro-Life Activities Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Seeing the need for a robust pro-life effort led by the nation's bishops, Cardinal O'Connor turned to the Knights of Columbus to serve as partners, asking the Order to provide the seed money for the USCCB Pro-Life Education Campaign.

To this day, the Supreme Council continues to provide in excess of \$700,000 a year to support the annual budget of the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

In 1992, Cardinal O'Connor served as host ordinary for the Knights of Columbus 110th Supreme Convention held in New York City. During the convention's opening Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal O'Connor challenged local K of C units to begin erecting memorials to unborn children killed by abortion. Delegates to the convention unanimously adopted a resolution to promote the program Order wide

By the time of Cardinal O'Connor's passing, more than 2,000 councils and assemblies reported establishing such memorials.

During the same Supreme Convention, Cardinal O'Connor joined with then-Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant in hosting Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who received the Order's inaugural Gaudium et Spes Award prior to the States Dinner.

In 1994, the Board of Directors presented the second Gaudium et Spes Award to Cardinal O'Connor, in large part for his leadership of the pro-life movement, citing his "unflinching and eloquent championing of the cause of unborn human life in the face of the evil of abortion" and his "dedication to the spiritual welfare of his people," with "compassion for the poor and the sick."

The cardinal donated the award's \$100,000 honorarium to the Sisters of Life, the active and contemplative religious community he founded in 1991. In addition to the traditional religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, the Sisters of Life take a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson recalled Cardinal O'Connor as "a man of great courage, and of great faith.

"Cardinal O'Connor truly was a giant in the history of the Catholic Church in America. No one did more for the cause of life than Cardinal O'Connor and his contributions live on through the prayers and works of his Sisters of Life. "The supreme knight continued, "We are proud to have helped the Sisters realize Cardinal O'Connor's dream of a pro-life retreat center with the establishment of Villa Maria Guadalupe in Stamford."

In 2004, with the support of future Supreme Chaplain Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, the Order purchased the Villa Maria Retreat Center from the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters, located on a beautiful parcel of land in Stamford, Conn.

Following several months of extensive renovations, with countless volunteer hours contributed by local Knights, the renovated retreat center was renamed Villa Maria Guadalupe and dedicated by Bishop Lori and then-Supreme Chaplain Bishop Thomas V. Daily of Brooklyn on Oct. 20, 2004.

Today, the retreat center is in high demand, offering retreats for all facets of the pro-life movement, serving everyone from college pro-life leaders to post-abortive women and men. A bronze plaque in the entrance way of Villa Maria Guadalupe memorializes Cardinal Cardinal O'Connor.



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IT'S NO SECRET.

ADOPT A PRECINCT IS A FEEL-GOOD FUNDRAISER.

Now is a great time to make your commitment to participate in Adopt A Precinct, and to count on the funds you'll bring in for your next budget.

All you have to do is click here and let Linda Earnest know you're in! And please read the message below from Supervisor Craig Latimer. He's asking for your help so that we can make Adopt A Precinct even bigger and better.

A message from Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer:

I've challenged my staff to expand our Adopt A Precinct program, because it worked so well during the last election. You recruited some terrific poll workers and we enjoyed partnering with groups that are truly making a difference in our community.

So now I'm asking that you tell a few of your friends and colleagues about Adopt A

Precinct. I know that word of mouth will be the quickest and most effective way to expand this program and make it even more successful than it was in 2012.

Help us make Hillsborough County the best place in America to vote! Forward this email to a few people who are like you -- working to make our community better, and in need of a little funding for the work they're doing.

Thank you so much,

p.s. Please take a few seconds to sign up for my email newsletter so we can stay in touch.



Prayer For the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviates our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grants us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

Crimie Anderson

Jerry Westbrook

Stephen Willkous

Joseph Bujega

Beatrice Bujeg

Emily Seay

Darlene Westbrook

Kolleen Spinelli

Richard Barrett

Gespen Chieto's Mom

Ed Kochie

Joy

Stephen Arbatonski and his family

Jody Nelson

Angelo Pickolo

Irm Barrett

Richard Hardesty

Paula Zemke

Bob Delton

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