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CHAPLAIN'S LOG- May, the Month of Mary

-Fr. Tony Gargotta, 3rd Degree Knight

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Mary in many cultures. May is considered the season of the beginning of new life. Already in Greek culture, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. In Roman culture, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of bloom, of blossoms. The Romans celebrated the floral games at the end of April, asking the intercession of Flora for all that blooms. This is also related to the medieval practice of expelling winter. May 1 was considered the beginning of growth.

With this history in mind, we see that the month of May has always historically been associated with blossoms, that is, new life. When we think of Mary our Blessed Mother, we can see how she fulfilled most completely being the instrument to help life blossom and become new. The above examples are the belief that the false gods will bring this new life, but for us we know our True God is what brings forth 'New Life'. Jesus said, "Behold, I make all things new." In order for Jesus to make all things new, to become a human being and live perfectly the way humans were created to live, He needed a vehicle to become human. That vehicle is our Blessed Mother, her womb, and her whole life. She said yes to God fully and did not hold anything of herself back. She bore the fruit of the Son of God as a human being. Jesus died for us, gave His whole life for us, and asked us to do the same for Him and others. He asked us to become one with Him, one body with Him as the head. If Mary gave birth to Jesus as the head of a body that He is building, she therefore has to give birth to the rest of the body, that is us. In Revelations chapter 12, we see that great vision of Mary as Queen, but at the end of the chapter, it states that Mary becomes the mother of all who believe in Jesus. As we honor Mary in the month of May, as we honor her bringing forth the blossom of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, let us entrust ourselves all the more to her to allow her to help us blossom into the 'New Life' as the body of Jesus Christ.



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Tootsie Roll Drive: Saturday,
 May 26th @ the Monroeville
 K-Mart. 10AM - 4PM.

eMail Greg Blake to sign up,
 TODAY!

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GRAND KNIGHTS' REPORT - Taking Sides

Keith Brown, GK

partisan |'pärtəzən| noun **1** a strong supporter of a party, cause, or person.

We Knights are to be **STRONG** supporters of these causes: a free **CHURCH**, a free country made up of free citizens, including our unborn.

Currently, our government has waged war against **ALL** three... Our church has one year to conform to a mandate issued by the department of health and human services that contradicts our faith and restricts our first amendment rights. If the first amendment is under attack, the country and her citizens are under attack. The following is a prayer taken from a 13 page document produced by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops titled: Our First, Most Cherished Liberty, a Statement on Religious Liberty;

“To all our fellow Catholics, we urge an intensification of your prayers and fasting for a new birth of freedom in our beloved country. We invite you to join us in an urgent prayer for religious liberty.

Almighty God, Father of all nations, For freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1). We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land. We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

As a council, we all agree how important is it to protect the first amendment! Feelings get tested when we assign causes, or issues like individual liberty, to a particular political party. My observation is that one political party supports government and the other party supports individual liberty.

Now, regarding taking sides, do we take the side of cause or the side of party?

May our stance bring us closer as a council, fraternity, church and country!

VIVAT JESUS, Keith



Different Life Stages, Changing Needs

Ken Scott, General Agent

You may have a long-range expense for which you are saving, such as college for your children. You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. You may want to protect your ability to earn a living. You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets. You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren.

At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20, may not be at 30, or 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?

One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead.

During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care, disability income insurance and guaranteed retirement products that will help you rest easy at night.

Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help. Contact me today to learn more.

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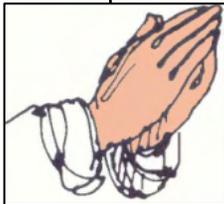
Devine Mercy Sunday & St. Bernadette Feast Day Celebration

Mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm, well done!



Pray for our sick and (+) deceased

- Bill Watkins
- Alicia Marney
- Walt Forrest
- Wayne Bobich
- Carl Fix
- Lorraine Schemp
- Debbie Mezivitch
- Andrew Syrek
- Ray Ankenbrandt
- Bob Mull Jr.
- Karen Mull
- Ed Kuntz Sr.
- Ed Kozar
- Jim Amorose
- John Febowicz
- Father Mike Decewicz
- Walt Forrest
- GK Jim Wright, Co# 13564
- Joyce Burke (+)
- Andrew Becker (+)
- Ruth Curl (+)
- Pauline Taylor (+)



Bishop's Dinner

April 16, 2012



(Photo Left) Seminarian Alexander Schrenk, enjoys dinner with PGK Tom Delaney and PGK Bill Syrek. (Ctr) Bishop Zubik presents Pius XII the Cardinal Wright Award and (Rt) Joe & Chris Gursky hold the Regis J. Sheehan Award.s

Living the Eucharist in Today's America

What a blessing this event was!
Plan to attend next years men's retreat!

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MAY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30 PM Pittsburgh Chapter Meeting St. Teresa of Avila # 13959	2 Memorial of St. Atjamasois Bishop & Dr of Church	3 Feast of St. Phillip & St. James, Apostles	4	5 State Warden Testimonial Holiday Inn, Johnstown
6	7 Officers Mtg 7PM Regular Mtg 8PM	8	9	10	11	12
13 	14 Feast of St. Matthias Apostle	15	16	17 Ascension Of the Lord Holy day of Obligation 	18	19
20	21 Regular Mtg 8PM	22	23	24	25	26 Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest 
27 Pentecost 	28 Memorial Day 	29	30	31 Feast of St. Phillip the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		

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Share the Knights - Invite MEN to Join

Invite MEN to join the Knights! Always have a form 100 with you (in your car) and talk about the Knights accomplishments... Locally: Bishops project. Support community with food for the needy. Support member parishes' needs!

Internationally: We brother Knights are ready to stand side by side to protect Mother Church!



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