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Message from our Grand Knight
Patrick Shamroe



Brother Knights,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday. Things this time of year never seem to slow down before the next big day comes around.

After giving thanks for the many blessing we have, we now turn our attention to those less fortunate. This time of year always brings out the best in us Knights. While we all strive to practice our first principle of Charity throughout the year, I've always felt an added emphasis during this season. I don't know if it's the commercials on TV, the extra solicitations from various charitable organizations, or our Coats for Kids Drive and Christmas Baskets program we're doing this month that gives me that extra sense of awareness to give back.

Ultimately, I like to think that generosity becomes more engrained into our spirits this time of year because we are reminded of the ultimate gift and sacrifice that we have ever received-the Birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas



Jesus Our Hope

For millions of people, the Christmas season means nothing more than parties, gifts, decorations, and time off work. For Catholics; however, this time of year is a happy reminder of the hope we have because of Jesus Christ. Before Jesus came, God seemed distant, hidden in the Holy of Holies in the temple, accessible only to the high priest. Worshippers wondered whether their sacrifices were acceptable. They doubted their salvation. Christ means hope—to the person out of work, to the struggling single mother, to the dying believer. Even if you're just slogging your way through the disappointments of life, if you have Jesus, you have hope. And he is not a false hope, a childish fairy tale that we wish will have a happy ending. When Christ rose from the dead, that ended the argument. Period. Our hope in him is solid and it is real. Christmas is a renewal of that hope. It reconfirms it for us if our vision has grown dim. It was settled long ago, so we don't have to doubt any more. Jesus is the fulfillment of our hope, our deepest longings come true.

12 Days of Christmas

DAY ONE *Romans 5:15-17*

This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ.

DAY TWO *Matthew 1:22-23*

The implications of the name 'Immanuel' are both comforting and unsettling. Comforting, because He has come to share the danger as well as the drudgery of our everyday lives. He desires to weep with us and to wipe away our tears. And what seems most bizarre, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, longs to share in and to be the source of the laughter and the joy we all too rarely know.

DAY THREE *Ephesians 3:20-21*

When God intends to make something wonderful he begins with a difficulty. When he intends to make something very wonderful, he begins with an impossibility.

DAY FOUR *Luke 6:38*

Somehow, not only for Christmas, But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others, Is the joy that comes back to you.
And the more you spend in blessing, The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing, Returns to you glad.

DAY FIVE *Romans 8:35-39*

I am not alone at all, I thought. I was never alone at all. And that, of course, is the message of Christmas. We are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the word seemingly most indifferent. For this is still the time God chooses.

DAY SIX *Matthew 18:2-4*

There's nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child.

DAY SEVEN *John 3:30*

A Christmas candle is a lovely thing; It makes no noise at all,
But softly gives itself away; While quite unselfish, it grows small

DAY EIGHT *Psalms 19:14a*

So remember while December, Brings the only Christmas day,
In the year let there be Christmas, In the things you do and say.

DAY NINE *2 Corinthians 4:16-18*

There is no improving the future without disturbing the present

DAY TEN *Philippians 3:12-14*

Look not back on yesterday. So full of failure and regret;
Look ahead and seek God's way— All sin confessed you must forget.

DAY ELEVEN *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Life has to be lived forwards but it can only be understood backwards.

DAY TWELVE *Proverbs 4:11-13;18*

If this is to be a Happy New Year, a year of usefulness, a year in which we shall live to make this earth better, it is because God will direct our pathway. How important then, to feel our dependence upon Him!



Council Christmas party

**Everyone is cordially invited
Saturday December 15 6PM**

Karaoke by jimmy gilstrap

**Bring your favorite dish
or Christmas treat
to share**

Cash Bar

**Dirty Santa starts at 8 PM
To participate bring a gift
no more than \$25**





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| 01 | Rev Edward F Mullen |
| 04 | Michael G Macalka |
| 04 | Paul W Minerva |
| 05 | Raymond P Flanagan |
| 06 | Thomas F Mcafee Iv |
| 08 | Larry K Bell |
| 08 | Bruno Di Filippo |
| 09 | Michael J Cislo |
| 11 | Michael R Hemmert |
| 11 | Douglas L Hine |
| 12 | Jeffrey M Crouch |
| 19 | Edward W Knope |
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| 21 | Alex W Foley |
| 22 | James A Curtin Jr |
| 25 | Bob Van Norden |
| 26 | Carmen E Deluca |
| 26 | Brian T Smith |
| 27 | Robert J Browning |
| 27 | Matthew J Kelly |
| 28 | Hany N Armaly |
| 28 | Richard F Burke |
| 29 | Theodore W Erbrecht |
| 30 | Matthew E Mumaugh |
| 31 | Philbrick Allen |

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

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Dec. 1 - Poinsettia Christmas Parade-Assembly
 1073 – cancelled due to weather conditions.

Dec 9 - Annual Christmas in the Park,
 Simpsonville Senior Center, Meal served from
 3 to 6 PM. Donations should be made to
 Victoria Norris – Nick can use an electric can
 opener - Call Nick Hine 963-5077 (H) or 363-
 5681 (C) for details.

Dec 15 – Council Christmas Party
 Council Hall 6 PM – Karaoke
 Secret Santa, Covered Dish, Cash bar.

Coats for Kids donations of new or gently used
 coats should be brought to the hall on or
 before **Dec 15th**.

Dec 21/22-Our Annual Christmas food boxes
campaign
 Council Hall - collect food and monetary
 donations, pack, and deliver the boxes to
 families. Call Eric Bricco 884-2617 or email
embricco@gmail.com for details.

Dec 29 - College Football Semi-finals Playoff
Viewing Party

Jan 11 - Proudly Pro-Life Dinner, Seawell's,
 1125 Rosewood Dr. Columbia, SC. Cost \$40 per
 ticket) dinner starts at 6:45PM.

Jan 12 -, Stand up for life March and Rally,
 11:00AM line up at the Russell House,
 11:30AM March steps off led by 4th Degree K
 of C and members, 12:00PM Rally begins at
 the State House plaza.

The pitfalls of replacing coverage

We all know the old adage, “the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence.” When it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company, the adage holds true. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to *the other side of the fence* might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet — in some cases, a lot less. That’s why it pays to remember another old saying, “Read the fine print.”

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. I’ll focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here — pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a *contestability period*, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period — typically two years — after the contract is issued. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Second, it’s unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you’ll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you’re older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There’s no way around that one. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these can factors affect the amount of coverage you’ll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace — or worse, drop — your existing coverage, please call me. I’ll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest.



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***November
Council Award***

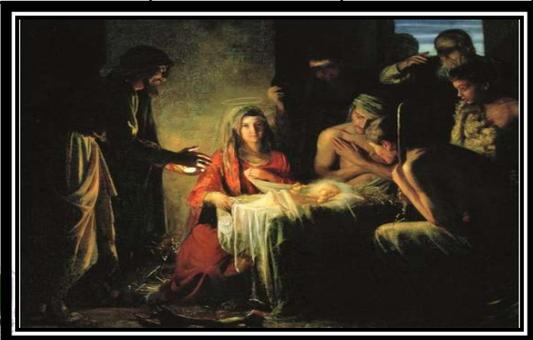
***Knight of the
Month***

***Rick
Burke***

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2		3	4	5	6 Assembly	7 	8 Immaculate Conception 
9 Christmas In the Park	10	11	12	13 Council	14 	15 Council Christmas Party	
16 	17 	18	19 	20 Corporation	21 Christmas Basket Program	22 Christmas Basket Program	
23 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> 	24 <i>Christmas!</i>	25 Christmas 	26 Newsletter Submissions Due	27	28 	29 College Football Semi-finals Playoff Viewing Party	
30	31 New Year's Eve						

Keep Christ in
Christmas!
 Have a
 blessed holiday



Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Brother Knights



Our Constitution promotes Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. The Key word is “Life” because without Life there is no Liberty or Pursuit. The Knights of Columbus offers men a place to lead their families and communities in faith and service and put their Faith into Action. Brothers if you truly wish to fulfill this obligation, please consider implementing an Ultrasound program in either your council or district, currently Council 1668 is approved for an Ultrasound. Any Council willing to contribute to that effort should contact Patrick Shamroe at pshamroe@yahoo.com.

Create a culture of life. Assist pregnant women in need, care for the elderly, aid the handicapped and empower those with special needs to realize their full potential. The Knights of Columbus works together as an organization to purchase ultrasound machines for qualifying pregnancy centers. After the state and/or local council raises 50% of the cost, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will provide the other 50% to complete funding for purchase of an ultrasound. Or, if the council raises 100% of the cost of a vehicle outfitted to serve as a mobile medical unit for a pregnancy center, the Supreme Council will provide 100% of the funds for an ultrasound machine to be used in that vehicle.

Featured Program Requirements

Councils are required to identify a Pregnancy Center in need of an ultrasound machine that meets the requirements listed on the Diocesan Evaluation (#10715). Upon approval from the Supreme Council, a council raises 50% of the cost of the ultrasound machine. The council must then follow the published guidelines for obtaining the remaining 50% from the Supreme Council. Qualification for this program will be determined from the information provided on both the Diocesan Evaluation (#10715) and the Ultrasound Application (#10716).



1. Get council approval to raise the council's portion of the cost of the machine or cost of the vehicle.
2. Contact your state council's life director, Bill Hooks for guidance. When necessary, with state deputy's approval, create a fundraising partnership with the state council, chapter, district or other local councils.
3. Identify and partner with a pregnancy center that meets Knights of Columbus guidelines and is in need of funds to purchase an ultrasound machine or funds to purchase a vehicle and ultrasound machine.
4. Ask the pregnancy center to obtain a manufacturer's price quote for a desired ultrasound machine or ultrasound machine and vehicle.
5. Ask SC diocesan pro-life director, for approval of the pregnancy center to be included in the Ultrasound Program. Complete the Diocesan Evaluation (#10715) and submit it to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission.
6. Supreme Council Life office sends letter to advise state/local council that fundraising may begin.
7. Establish a special council charity account to receive donated funds.
8. Lead the fundraising campaign for the council's portion of the cost of the machine with fundraising activities, such as:
 1. Second collection at Mass
 2. Laps for Life
 3. Baby Bottle Boomerang
 4. Solicit council members at a meeting and/or by mail/email
 5. Raffle/silent auction
 6. Pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinner, etc.
9. Build public interest for the Ultrasound Program! Promote in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 1. Bulletin announcements
 2. Pulpit announcements
 3. Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages
10. When the council's portion of the funds are collected, submit the Ultrasound Application (#10716) for matching funds to state deputy for approval/signature and forwarding to the Supreme Council office.
11. Expect three to six weeks for application processing/check approval.
12. Upon check receipt, make check presentation to pregnancy center with Catholic/local press invited. Refer to Public Relations and Publicity Guidelines (#2235).
13. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your council records.
 1. Immediately after your event is finished, complete the *Life Report Form* (Forthcoming)
 2. At the end of the fraternal year, complete your Columbian Award Application (#SP-7).

The key is to contact our SC Life Director, Bill Hooks , 864-963-8449 , wbhooks.scpro-life@charter.net to oversee the completion of all forms prior to Supreme submission to avoid any delays.

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Bill Hooks, Dave Turner, and all our brothers, their wives and/or widows who are sick or in distress.

Our extended family who need our prayers especially Cindy Aleshire.

All the unemployed due to business closings seeking employment, 50 Million aborted babies since the Roe vs. Wade decision. All Firemen, Policemen, Servicemen, Priests, Deacons, Religious Persons, Seminarians and Caregivers.