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Grand Knight's Message

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Chaplain's Reflection

Fear and Anxiety

During the Last Supper discourse, Jesus spoke the same words to his disciples that he speaks to us today when we're overwhelmed by the anxieties of life: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God, and have faith in me." In other words, if we wish to be free from worry and fear, we need to place our faith in Jesus who loves us and will take us by the hand if we would only let him.

Fear sells. We live in a world we can't always manage or control, so we all worry about something, at least sometimes. Five hundred years ago, Michel de Montaigne said: "My life has been filled with terrible misfortune; most of which never happened."

Each of us wrestles with particular fears, be they about money, relationships, health, the future, peer acceptance, or whatever. We fill our minds with thoughts that provoke anxiety and even despair, fueling feelings of worthlessness and a sense of futility. Not only will most of what we fret about never happen, but the time we spend doing it takes away from the time we have to focus our loving attention on others. And anxieties of any type invariably rob us of joy and peace.

It's easy to classify our anxieties. There's what might be described as "**What if...**" type of thinking. "*What if I lose my job? What if my spouse leaves me? What if I get sick? What if I never get married?*" Statements such as these project some disaster into the future about which we can do nothing except worry. They keep us from focusing our energies on the reality of today, either to celebrate it, or cope with it.

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Then, there is "**If only.**" "**If only...**" type of thinking focuses not on the future but on the past-- also a time that we can do nothing about. "*If only I'd worked harder. If only I'd invested wisely. If only I'd married so-and-so. If only I'd taken that job. If only I'd paid more attention.*" Translated, all of these statements mean: "If only reality were not reality." They look to a past that offers no consolation or hope, and they seek to escape a present that needs to be faced honestly, even courageously.

Other anxious thoughts begin with the words: "**I don't have...**" "*I don't have the energy I once had. I don't have the looks or ability or the money of some people I know. I don't have the job or spouse I wish I had.*" Often, this thinking may be objectively true. However, it can blind us to all that we **do** have and all that we **can** do.

Even Jesus' disciples weren't immune from worry and anxiety. They were gathered in the upper room for the Last Supper, and they were filled with fear. They knew that Jesus was preparing to leave, and they didn't know where he was going. And they were deeply concerned about their future, and what might happen to them.

Jesus, however, knowing what was in their hearts, offered words of comfort and hope. He offered hope that **through him** they could share in the very life of God; hope that **in him** they could approach the Father and see his face; hope that he was preparing for them a dwelling place for all eternity in the Father's house; and hope that one day he could come again, and take them to himself. However, replacing our fears with trust in God's care and providence is very hard because it brings us face to face with the reality that we are not in control of very much. So, it's something we need to work at every day.

Every day before each meal, our family prays: "Protect us from fear, harm, tragedy, and useless anxiety." And, it's not without reason that during Mass, right after the Our Father, the priest asks Jesus to keep us "safe from all distress." If we have confidence in God and live in his love, the concerns of tomorrow will melt away in the trust of today.

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In Memoriam:

We pray for the repose of the soul of the following:

Bishop Thomas V. Daily, former Supreme Chaplain
Rev. Lawrence Dunn, M.I.C.

Birthday Greetings

The Council extends best wishes for a Happy
Birthday to our Brother Knights who are celebrating
a birthday in June!

John R. Uicker – 6	Fr. Louis Hoffman - 23
Robert E. Myers – 13	Joseph E. Phipps - 24
Joseph L. Passaro – 14	Cyril J. Jardine - 29

Welcome!

The Council welcomes aboard its two newest
members: Gustavo Hernandez and Deacon
Stephane Philogene, who took their first 2 degrees
on May 25.

June Initiation Degree Cancelled

The Initiation Degree Exemplification scheduled for
Thursday, June 8 has been CANCELLED.

From the District Deputy

While this is the final District Deputy report for this Columbian Year, I'll be here for another year, so there will be more to come. The new year brings many activities to the Knights. Closing the old year out, the State Convention occurs in May (more about that in a bit), next Councils develop their Slate of Officers for the year and Council Elections occur in early June. Once the Officers are elected, much planning and coordination is needed. To help with planning, the State has their Leadership Seminars (aka, Grand Knight's College) in late June, and then the Council Installation Ceremonials in July and August. Not to mention the activities of the Sullivan Brothers Assembly and Color Corps. It's a busy/hectic time for us!

Lots of things are happening with the Christian Solidarity Action Committee (aka, CSAC) I mentioned in my report a few months back. I hope you will join the committee's effort and help make a difference to our Christian Brothers suffering in the Middle East. Let me know if you can help! At the State Convention, our representative from Supreme was the new (as of 1/1/17) Deputy Supreme Knight (DSK), Patrick Kelly. The first meeting of the Convention is the District Deputy meeting early Friday afternoon. When DSK Kelly went up for his remarks, he said there were 5 points he wanted to talk about and number one was Christian Relief! Our State Deputy was sitting directly behind him; when the DSK said that, SD Cohen leaned forward, looking around DSK Kelly at me. That was an awesome start to the convention for me! Lots of amazing events occurred over the weekend surrounding CSAC. I would love to write more about it, but I will keep it short. Next time you see me, ask about it if you're interested. The DSK is the second to last (State Deputy is last) to give his remarks before the Convention is adjourned, and he stated that the "most important" issue for the Knights of Columbus to address at this time is Christian Relief, and called out District 18 for the work we are doing to address it in Maryland. Awesome!

With the new year here, it's time for you to step up and try something new to help your council! Let the Grand Knight know how your talents can be best used, and/or ask where he needs help and where you should get more involved. We do great

things, and the more participation we have, the more great things we do.

I hope you will attend your council's Installation Ceremonial coming up soon. Show your support for your council and get to know your brothers and what the Council plans for next year. I hope to see you there!

Joe Stewart,
District Deputy #18

COMMUNITY

Shepherd's Table

Let's give a hand to the good people at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen on Wednesday, June 21, beginning at 5:00 PM. The time spent will be most rewarding. Shepherd's Table is located at 8210 Colonial Lane, #A in Silver Spring, MD. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Call William Trimble, PGK, 240-603-2574, for more information.

COUNCIL

Schedule Changes for June

Our monthly business meeting will take place on Thursday, June 8 at 8pm. The social meeting will be moved to the fourth Thursday of the month – June 22. Council meetings take place in Room 11 of the St. Catherine school building.

CHURCH

St. Catherine Laboure Parish Picnic

The picnic takes place on Saturday June 3 from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm at the soccer field and Russell Room. Volunteers are needed for the following shifts: Knights wear your council shirts/hats!!

- Thursday June 1- 6:30 pm - move chairs from the Claridge Room to the Russell Room. Set up Russell Rm & Gym
- Friday June 2- 6:30 pm - Set up the large tents
- Saturday June 3 Picnic - Help needed from 8:30 am on for set up of little tents, move tables and chairs outside etc.
- The picnic runs from 12:30 pm to 3 pm on Saturday.

CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday Celebration of the Holy Spirit

On Sunday, June 4, volunteer help is needed after the 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 12:30 pm Masses at St. Jude's to provide assistance in serving food, working the grills, set up and clean up. Knights wear your council shirts/hats!!

CHURCH

Father's Day & Corpus Christi Events

Shrine of St. Jude - Rosary's will be distributed and prayers for the family offered at the 10:30 am and 12:30 pm (Spanish) masses

St Catherine Labouré – a Corpus Christi Procession will follow the Sunday June 18 – 1 pm Spanish Mass. Knights participating in this devotion who are not attending the 1 pm mass should arrive at St. Catherine's Church at 2 pm to prepare for the Corpus Christi Procession.

FAMILY

Council Baseball Outing

This year's Baseball Outing will take place on **Friday, July 14, 2017**, when the Baltimore Orioles host the 2016 World Series Champion Chicago Cubs. Tickets are \$70 each, and include box seats, round-trip motor coach to/from the stadium, a box lunch, and peanuts. The bus departs St. Catherine Labouré Church parking lot at 5 pm. Tickets are limited and going fast. Contact PGK Mike Holder at thedukeholder@verizon.net or 301-367-3381

CHURCH

Deacon Wakefield's Ordination to the Priesthood

We are invited, as a council, to support Deacon Andrew Wakefield at his Ordination to the Priesthood at 10:00am on Saturday June 17, 2017 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Our council has been supporting Andrew throughout the last 3yrs of his studies as a seminarian.

All members are encouraged to come and support him in this initial step of his priesthood.

FAMILY

Fall Pilgrimage to National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes

Save the date! Our fall pilgrimage to the Mother Seton Shrine and the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes will take place on September 16, 2017. Yes, the day will conclude with a buffet dinner at the Mountainside Family Restaurant in Thurmont. Anticipated cost will remain at \$50 per person.

COUNCIL

Election of Officers

As the fraternal year draws to a close, it is time to elect the men who will serve the Council as officers for the upcoming year. Please review the slate of officers and be prepared to vote at the June 8 business meeting.

Grand Knight	Danilo Orino
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Recorder	Frank Carroll
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Trustee 2 Years	Bill Newbrough, P.G.K.
Trustee 1 Year	Mike Holder, P.G.K.
Inside Guards	Gavin Pereira
	Reggie Flagg
	Gustavo Hernandez
Outside Guards	Ron Henriquez
	Juan Lara
	Joe Fantom

The positions of Financial Secretary and Lecturer are filled by appointment, not election.

The Activity Chairmen for the upcoming year are as follows:

Programs Chairman	Alex Lopez Bueno
Youth Activities	Reggie Flagg
Church Activities	Frank Carroll
Community Activities	Mike Holder, P.G.K.
Culture of Life Activities	Mike White
Council Activities	Bill Newbrough, P.G.K.
Family Activities	J.P. Flagg, II, P.G.K.

Living in the Age of Death

If one were to label the current times, they could be called the Age of Death. While history has been marked frequently by significant human losses due to war, disease, plagues, famine and natural disasters, a preponderance of the deaths in the last 100 years or so have been premeditated, of epic proportions, and caused largely by man himself. The past century has witnessed two World Wars, Fascism, Nazism, Communism, Auschwitz and the Holocaust, gulags, a military doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction, and now a radical Islamic jihad aimed at terrorizing ordinary people engaged in the normal activities of daily life.

This Age of Death may be said to have begun on June 28, 1914, when a Serbian nationalist assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Within days, Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire, and Bulgaria were at war; the United States entered in 1917. When this World War ended on November 11, 1918, over 17 million people were killed and another 20 million wounded.

Two decades later, on September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland, igniting World War II. Over the next nine years, more than 100 countries fought, with some 60-80 million people killed. And this war was soon followed by conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, and now a global war on terrorism. The last century has experienced wars at all levels: world, regional, national, civil, and tribal, fought for economic, political and religious reasons.

There have been genocidal movements to destroy national, ethnic, racial and religious groups. In the early 1930s, Stalin through deportations, executions and a forced famine, killed some 7 million Ukrainians. In the period 1942-45, Hitler exterminated as many as 11 million people, more than half of them European Jews, to purify the Arian race. In the period 1972-75, the Khmer Rouge killed some 2 million Cambodians in order to turn the nation into a Communist state. In a three-month period in 1994, the Hutu ethnic majority in Rwanda murdered as many as 800,000 people, mostly of the Tutsi minority; when the Tutsi gained control through a military offensive, as many as 2 million Hutu fled the country for fear of their lives.

But wars and genocidal movements have not been the only causes of human destruction. In 1973, the United States legalized abortion; since then, some 60 million children in America have been killed in the womb. This U.S. number, as horrific as it is, pales before the estimated 2 billion abortions performed worldwide in that time – that is, some 40-50 million preborn children are destroyed annually. This carnage is being conducted either by government policy, as in India and China, or for personal convenience, as in the United States and Western Europe.

While the business of procured death is well established at the beginning of life, the focus now is being turned to rid society of the aged, the disabled, and the incurably infirmed. Under the guise of compassion, human dignity and quality of life, the very elderly and the terminally ill are becoming subjects for euthanasia. Although this movement is still in its infancy, it is increasing in Western Europe and gaining acceptability in the United States.

Euthanasia takes several forms. The most prevalent is voluntary suicide, usually approved or assisted by a physician. In the Netherlands, doctors may provide lethal drugs to anyone over the age of 12 whose suffering is unbearable with no prospect of improvement, as well as to persons with depression, dementia, and other forms of mental illness. In Belgium, terminally-ill children of any age may be given lethal drugs. In the United States, physician assisted suicide is legal in six states and the District of Columbia, while 27 other states have considered it. The primary motivation in these cases is the alleviation of suffering.

A second variation is non-voluntary euthanasia in which a guardian's judgment is substituted for that of the patient. This may occur when the person is in a persistent coma or is an infant and thus unable to consent. In 2005, upon her husband's request, a Florida court ruled that Terri Schiavo, who was in a lengthy coma, should have her feeding tubes disconnected; it was done and she literally starved to death over a two-week period. The concern here is the cost of treatment and in the case of severely disabled newborns the child's future quality of life.

A third, and perhaps the most callous approach, is involuntary euthanasia, in which a third party makes a decision to euthanize someone contrary to their desire. From 1939 to 1945 under the Aktion T4 program, the Nazis murdered about 200,000 people at euthanasia centers to rid the state of "incurably ill, physically or mentally disabled, emotionally distraught, and elderly people". Today, any approach to purposely terminate another's life against their will is almost universally considered a criminal act.

A passive form of involuntary euthanasia, however, occurs when a third party decides that a seriously-ill person should not receive a needed life-saving treatment. Here the motivation is strictly cost containment. In 2016, Stephanie Parker, a young mother diagnosed with an incurable autoimmune disease, was denied insurance coverage for an expensive doctor-prescribed therapeutic drug, but could receive payment for an inexpensive life-ending drug. With the growing legality of physician-assisted suicide in the United States, there is concern that this may become more common among cost-conscious insurance companies.

With a growing market for reusable human body parts there are those who would redefine life as personhood and death as a capacity-based sociological condition rather than an irreversible biological state. If only those who have the capabilities deemed necessary for personhood were considered to be alive, then infants who have not yet developed these capacities or those who have lost them through

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Picnic Setup @ St. C's	2 Picnic Setup @ St. C's	3 St. C's Picnic 12:30-3p
Pentecost 4 SJ Pentecost Reception	5	6	7	8 Business Meeting 8pm	9	10
11 Trinity Sunday	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	Deacon 17 Wakefield's Ordination
18 Corpus Christi Fathers' Day	19	20 Summer Begins	21 Shepherd's Table 5pm	22 Social Meeting 8pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



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illness, injury or age, would become exploitable. Even though biologically living, their sociologically “dead bodies” could be used for experimentation or as a source of replacement organs for otherwise healthy individuals.

When large sums of money are to be made through abortion, when human organs can be bought and sold, when the quality of life is considered more important than life itself, when efficiency and cost containment become criteria for medical decisions, when euthanasia becomes a therapeutic option, a culture of death rules – life is no longer an unalienable right endowed by the Creator.

As Pope John Paul II clearly stated in his encyclical, *Evangelicum Vitae*: “[W]e are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life.’ We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict.”

As God-fearing people, we have an inescapable responsibility to protect life from conception to natural death. Turning the cultural tide will be difficult, but with prayer and faith it can be done.

On this 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s appearances at Fatima, we can look to her counsel for dealing with the evils of the world. She asked us for prayers, penance and devotion to her Immaculate Heart. In her third apparition, she said, *“You must recite the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war for only she can obtain this.”*

This may seem like an insignificant response to combat the enormous evils of today's world. But it is a devotion requested by Our Lady. She merely implores our cooperation, and she will do the rest.

Since 1946, every new Knight has been given a Rosary and called upon to “pray it as often as you can.” Shouldn’t we do so? Is it too much to ask? * * *