



# *The Knightly News*



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## Mark Your Calendar

### **Soup Kitchen**

Meet at American  
Legion to Car pool

**June 8<sup>th</sup>  
& 29<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 AM**

### **Council Meeting Elections**

In the school cafeteria

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>  
7 PM**

### **First Degree**

627 Dennison Dr  
Ballwin, MO 63021

**June 14<sup>th</sup>  
11AM**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree**

627 Dennison Dr  
Ballwin, MO 63021

**June 14<sup>th</sup>  
11AM**

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## **Act of Consecration to Mary**

**O my Queen, O my Mother, I love you and give  
myself to you. I give to you this day my eyes,  
my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole self.  
Since I am yours, keep me and guard me as  
your child forever. Amen.**



# News

June is election month at our council. A slate of candidates has been chosen. If you feel you can contribute to the operation of our council, and make it better and more vibrant, please place your name in nomination.

It is also important that as many as are able attend this meeting and vote.

This is your council, it is our council, and in the spirit of patriotism, it is important that all participate not only in elections, but all year.



The Knights of Columbus has passed many milestones and received many accolades along the way: \$97 billion of life insurance in force, 39 consecutive A++ (Superior) ratings for financial strength from A.M. Best, 14 consecutive years of sales growth, and designation as a 2014 "World's Most Ethical Company," but all that is secondary. What matters most is that we continue to fulfill Father McGivney's mission of offering and providing financial protection for Catholic families. 2015 is not 1882. Times are different. Laws are different. Economies are different. But even for those families who may have slightly more than next-to-nothing, insurance protection can be the difference between getting by and getting evicted. In its role as the premier Catholic life insurer, the Knights of Columbus continues to provide a valuable and noble service. That's why we offer life insurance.

## Catholic Men for Christ

The conference coming up on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Peabody Opera House. Tickets are \$45 until February 3<sup>rd</sup>, then \$50 at the door. If you are interested you can register [here](#).

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This is a reminder that your dues payment is now over due. Please pay quickly. Dues is \$50.00 or as on your bill.  
Make checks out to:  
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# *In the Spirit*

## **Ways of Coming to Know God**

Created in God's image and called to know and love him, the person who seeks God discovers certain ways of coming to know him. These are also called proofs for the existence of God, not in the sense of proofs in the natural sciences, but rather in the sense of "converging and convincing arguments," which allow us to attain certainty about the truth.

These "ways" of approaching God from creation have a twofold point of departure: the physical world and the human person.

The world: starting from movement, becoming, contingency, and the world's order and beauty, one can come to a knowledge of God as the origin and the end of the universe.

As St. Paul says of the Gentiles: For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.

And St. Augustine issues this challenge: Question the beauty of the earth, question the beauty of the sea, question the beauty of the air distending and diffusing itself, question the beauty of the sky... question all these realities. All respond: "See, we are beautiful." Their beauty is a profession [confessio]. These beauties are subject to change. Who made them if not the Beautiful One [Pulcher] who is not subject to change?

The human person: With his openness to truth and beauty, his sense of moral goodness, his freedom and the voice of his conscience, with his longings for the infinite and for happiness, man questions himself about God's existence. In all this he discerns signs of his spiritual soul. The soul, the "seed of eternity we bear in ourselves, irreducible to the merely material,"<sup>9</sup> can have its origin only in God.

The world, and man, attest that they contain within themselves neither their first principle nor their final end, but rather that they participate in Being itself, which alone is without origin or end. Thus, in different ways, man can come to know that there exists a reality which is the first cause and final end of all things, a reality "that everyone calls 'God.'"

Man's faculties make him capable of coming to a knowledge of the existence of a personal God. But for man to be able to enter into real intimacy with him, God willed both to reveal himself to man and to give him the grace of being able to welcome this revelation in faith. The proofs of God's existence, however, can predispose one to faith and help one to see that faith is not opposed to reason.

-Excerpt from the Catholic Catechism



# *Birthdays*



ANDREW	BURKEMPER		Jun 01
KEITH	DIBBLE		Jun 07
WILLIAM	HARDIN	JR	Jun 10
MICHAEL	BOOK		Jun 11
ANTHONY	GRINSTEAD		Jun 11
JAMES	MUIR		Jun 14
JOHN	OTTENAD		Jun 18
DONALD	MUETH		Jun 21
ROBERT	MAIXNER		Jun 23
GREGORY	RECKER		Jun 24
ANTHONY	BREITBACH		Jun 25
ROBERT	BREEN	JR	Jun 27
THOMAS	VOLLER		Jun 27



Knights of Columbus  
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YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

## Why Choose Us?

- We are strong

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society that is strong, secure and stable. Members can be confident that we'll be here when you need us. We've been

successfully protecting families since 1882, and our outlook remains bright.

Don't just take our word for it. There is no more highly rated insurer in North America

than the Knights of Columbus. A.M. Best has bestowed on us their highest rating (A++, Superior) for 37 consecutive years.

Remember, in 2012, the Knights of Columbus gave more than \$155 million to Catholic and other charitable causes. In these uncertain times, find comfort in an organization that leads the way in doing good for others while doing good for our own.

- We are secure

Since 1882, we have been committed to protecting the financial futures of our Knights and their families. We do this by paying claims and dividends to our insured

members. In 2012, we paid well over \$487 million in death claims and other benefits,

and more than \$349 million in dividends to our policyholders. Even more impressive

is the fact that in the past decade, the Knights of Columbus paid more than \$3.4 billion in dividends to insured members.

- We are stable

Prudent leadership and management has led to the rapid growth of our assets, providing an adequate foundation for our member's protection, and securing our obligations to our insured and their beneficiaries. Also, because we are a fraternal benefit society, we have no stockholders. Our owners are our members and we return our good fortune in the form of dividends to our policyholders.

And we have a local agent, Jim O'Connell. Jim would be happy to sit down with you

and look at options, based on your need. You can contact Jim by phone at (314)774-1320 or send him an email at : [JAMES.OCONELL@KOFC.ORG](mailto:JAMES.OCONELL@KOFC.ORG)



# Congratulations Brother Hantak!

## Nice Job!

Friday 3/27/2015

GET UP EARLY FRIDAY MORNING AND ATE BREAKFAST AND GOT DRESS AND TOOK MEDS. MY STAFF ARRIVAL AND WE LEFT A LITTLE AFTER 7AM. ON OUR WAY TO FORT LEONARD WOOD ABOUT A 2HR DRIVE AND ARRIVAL AT 9:30AM WE WERE ABOUT 15 MINS EARLY BEFORE IT WAS MY TIME TO BOWL. WE SIGN IN AND HAD TOO STAND, BECAUSE IT WAS VERY CROWDED. WE FINALLY FOUND A <sup>(2)</sup> SEATS TO SIT DOWN AFTER A HALF HOUR. WE WAITED TILL IT WAS MY TURN. WE HAD 10 MINS OF WARM-UP BEFORE I BOWL. FIRST IT WAS ME ONLY THEN ONE MORE OF MY TEAMATE CAME AND IT WAS TIME TO BOWL. ONLY TWO OF US WAS THERE AT FIRST, THEN THE OTHER 2 TEAMATES ARRIVAL. ME AND THE OTHER TEAM MATE ERIC BOWL 4 FRAMES BEFORE THE OTHER 2 CAME, WHICH WAS ZACK AND JIMMY. WE ALL BOWL GOOD AND MY SCORE WAS 69 FIRST GAME AND 96 SECOND GAME. WE HAD A GREAT TIME BOWLING AND THE RIDE BACK WAS GREAT. WE LOOK AROUND AND PLAY GAMES AND LOOK AT SOME VEHICLES. WE ARRIVAL BACK AT 4:30pm AND AT LUNCH AT LEE'S CHICKEN.

RON HANTAK



# CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

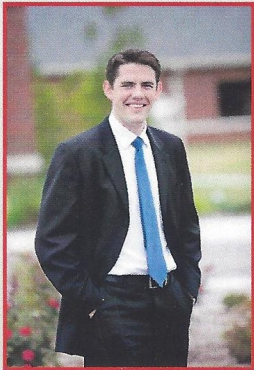


## 9th Annual St. Louis Conference Saturday, February 6, 2016

Peabody Opera House Downtown St. Louis 1400 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life John 14:6*

7:00 AM DOORS OPEN • 8:30 AM CONFERENCE BEGINS • 4:00 PM CONCLUDING VIGIL MASS



### DAVID WILLIAMS

A convert to the Catholic Faith, David is founder of the Devout Heart Program and Devout Heart Press. He is Principal of Saint John Paul II Preparatory School in St. Louis. David is a frequent guest on EWTN Radio.

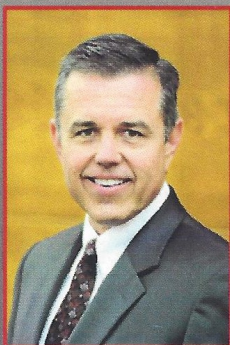
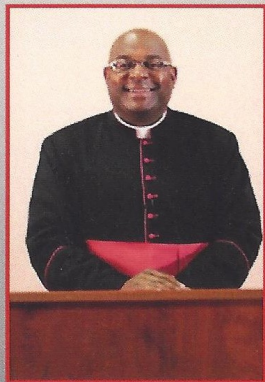


### STEVE BOLLMAN

Founder of Paradisus Dei, a ministry dedicated to finding God within the context of marriage and family life and *That Man is You! (TMIY)* men's ministry, designed to help men in their spiritual journey, especially within the context of their lives as husbands and fathers. Steve's writings have appeared in *The National Catholic Register*, *Inside the Vatican* and *The Catholic Answers*.

### MONSIGNOR EUGENE MORRIS

A priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. He is a regular guest on several Catholic radio and TV shows, and frequently gives talks on various topics related to the faith, retreats and days of recollection around the United States.



### TOM PETERSON

Following 25 years as an award-winning corporate advertising executive, Tom Peterson's life radically change forever after receiving a transforming Spiritual conversion while on a Catholic men's retreat. Soon afterward, he founded VirtueMedia (pro-life) and CatholicsComeHome.org.

### REGISTRATION ONLINE

[www.catholicmenforchrist.org](http://www.catholicmenforchrist.org)

### MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

Send payment and registration form to:

Catholic Men for Christ  
Mail Stop 332001  
P.O. Box 798307  
St. Louis, MO 63179-8000

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Son(s) First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Son(s) Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Conference?  
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I am a member of the Knights of Columbus

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

I am a member of St. Peter Claver

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

### REGISTRATION FEES

Lunch included with all registrations.

#### Individuals

\$35 until Feb. 29

\$40 March 1 - Nov. 30

\$45 Dec. 1 - Feb. 2

**Preregistration will end Feb. 2.**

\$50 At Conference Door

**High School and College Men \$15**

**Clergy and Religious Free, register online.**



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