



Knight Times

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Brothers All,
December was a fun and busy month for our council. We started with our monthly pancake breakfast but

with a little something extra for the kids of all ages Santa paid a visit. The following Saturday we set up the outside crèche and brought the Christmas trees for the attic while the ladies decorated the Monsignor Harris Center for the Parish pot luck Christmas party .We also displayed the Keep Christ in Christmas posters the Children of Saint John's school had entered the contest of the same name . The Three winners in their age group are as follows: Gracen Armsworthy, Kendall Coughlan and Reagan Connolly while I think all who participated are winners, we had to choose. The Christmas party was wonderful with plenty of great food and fun for the kids Santa and Mrs. Clause made their annual appearance and the kids enjoyed their presence . Jim Bailey supplied us with his talented Band and the youth group ran the face painting and projects tables . the Hall looked beautiful with all the decorations and trees A special thanks to the ladies for their hard work . I would like to name all of you but I'm afraid I would miss someone .On the third Sunday the kid's favorite donut social was held while the CCD Classes got a special visit from Santa the old guy sure gets around. On the 30th the Consecration of the Holy Family was held at all masses. Like I stated at the begging this was a busy and a fun month. Thanks to all who helped

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

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make it all work. We do have something for everyone so if you would like to get involved please talk to one of the Knights, Until next month.

Fraternally yours,
Grand Knight Dan Greenwell

Deputy Grand Knight Report



Parish breakfast will be January 06th and our donut social will be on January

20th.
On January 12th at 8:30 am we will be washing the chairs. If you have a carpet washer, air blower, or would like to lend hand please stop by the Monsignor Harris Center.

There will be a 2nd Degree formation on Jan 23th at St John followed by a 3rd Degree at St John's on the Jan 25th. Please pass it along to Brothers requiring degrees. If you

can attend to watch or assist the degree team it is encouraged.

In Jesus' name we pray,
Dorian A. Tavarez

District Deputy Remarks

My Brothers,

I want to wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope the recent Christmas season offered opportunities for quality time with family, good food, and friendship.

As we enter the New Year, we as Knights have plenty to look forward to. I pray you by-passed the usual new year resolutions for something different, consider these: Recruit one new member for your council, take the 2nd, 3rd and 4th degrees, meet with your Knight of Columbus Field Agent, Gavin Arvizo, to review you family's insurance needs, regularly attend your council meetings, participate in some of your council's activities and resolve to touch base with those members you haven't seen or spoken to in a while, especially those members you

sponsored for membership.

Whatever it is, make this year's resolution last!

Keep up the good work and bring in those new members!

And finally, enjoy being a Knight! We are volunteers, and for all of the wonderful things our councils accomplish, we should always remember to have a little fun while reaching our goals.

As we enter January, St. Mary's County, will again host its 3rd degree ceremony on January 25, 2019 at St. John Francis Regis, Monsignor Harris Center. We look forward for a great turnout of candidates and sponsor members. Have your council's Financial Secretary send me a quick notice if you would like to attend. Also try to make the time to participate in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 18, work with your councils and parishes to get a strong turnout.

I want to thank all of the Knights in our District for the great things they accomplished in 2018! Please help your Grand Knight identify the things you did for the council and in your community so that he can complete the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. This is a critical survey required by all councils to help the order build their case for continuing to keep their favorable IRS standing as a volunteer organization. This report is due by January 31st, and any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to a prosperous New Year and working with you all in 2019.

Again, My thanks for a great 2018 and My best wishes forward to a wonderful 2019!

“Remember, we are men of Faith and Charitable Actions”.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Bob Bowles
Knights of Columbus
District Deputy Maryland District #3

CALENDAR

The calendar for November and December are enclosed. However, you can also view the calendar posted to the UKnight website..... There are three ways to get there:

1. Go to '<http://UKnight.org>'. Enter 7914 in the box under COUNCIL # on the top right corner of the page and click the 'GO' button.
2. Go to '<http://KofCCouncils.org>'. Enter 7914 in the box under COUNCIL NUMBER and click the 'GO TO THIS COUNCIL' button.
3. Go to '<http://KofCKnights.org?CNO=7914>' - the direct route to your Council site.

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◀ December		January 2019					February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2 Business Meeting Council Hall starts at 7:30 pm	3	4	5	
6 Pancake Breakfast Starts at 8:00 am	7	8	9	10	11	12 Chair Cleaning Begins at 8:30am Monsignor Harris Center	
13	14	15	16 Planning meeting Council Hall Starts at 7:30 pm	17	18	19	
20 Donut Social after 9:00 am mass	21 MLT Birthday And Free Throw Contest		23 Formation Degree at St John's council hall starts at 6:30 pm	24	25 Knighthood Degree St John's Monsignor Harris Center Starts at 7:30pm arrive a half hour early	26	
27	28	29	30	31			

◀ January		February 2019					March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 St Johns Schools open house	2	
3 Pancake Breakfast Starts at 7:30 am	4	5	6 Business Meeting council hall starts at 7:30 pm come early and chat with old friends	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17 Donut Social Begins after 9:00 am mass	18	19	20 Planning Meeting and Social gathering starts at 7:30pm All are welcome	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28			



St.Johns students who participated in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. All of the kids did a great job on their entries.



Winners in their age groups were Gracen Armsworthy(in tan coat), and Regan Connolly. Not there for pictures was Kendall Coughlan .

Reflections
Lawrence P. Grayson

Bless the Mother, Kill the Child

For several weeks at the end of each year, Catholics in America celebrate the beauty and joy of motherhood. The liturgical feasts and biblical readings describe how God instilled hope by creating life in the wombs of virgins and barren women.

On December 8, the Church honors the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She, who was destined to become the Mother of God, was conceived in the womb of her mother, Anne, free from original sin, a pure vessel to bring forth the Savior of the World.

Then, four days later, Catholics celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On that date in 1531, the Blessed Virgin appeared to Juan Diego and imprinted on his tilma an image of herself, clothed in native garb that was adorned with Aztec pictographs identifying her as a pregnant virgin.

On both feasts and on many other days preceding Christmas, events in the lives of Mary and Elizabeth are told from the Gospel of Luke: An angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah and said, "Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John." Then, the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and said, "you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus," and continued, "behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren." Upon her cousin's visit, "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, 'Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'"

These descriptions of divine events are complemented by Old Testament readings from Judges, Isaiah, and Samuel: "An angel of the Lord appeared to the woman [wife of Manoah] and said to her, Though you are barren and have had no children, you will conceive and bear a son"; they named him Samson. The Lord gave King Ahaz a sign saying, "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." And Hannah said to the high priest Eli, "I prayed for this child [Samuel], and the Lord granted my request."

These narrations are preparatory to December 25, when Christians throughout the world observe the birth of Our Lord through Mary. This most solemn of holydays is liturgically celebrated for eight days, ending on its octave of January 1, which the Roman Catholic Church designates as the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. The old year thus ends with the birth of Our Savior, and a new year begins with a celebration of Mary's motherhood.

But even as life is proclaimed, the shadow of death looms. On December 28, the Church remembers the Holy Innocents, the boys two years and younger who were ordered massacred by Herod for his fear that the Lord would be an earthly king.

Today, this heinous slaughter has been repeated daily since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion in 1973. Some 60 million children in America have been destroyed before birth, exterminated by acts of their mothers' free will and abetted by an infrastructure of death. No past society in the history of the world has ever tolerated such voluntary, massive destruction of its own people.

The promotion of death is big business in the United States, with thousands of people making their living killing unborn babies. It is not compassion for a distressed mother, but money that is the driving force. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which performs more than one-third of all abortions in the nation, is abetted in its grizzly business by the federal government, having received \$544 million of taxpayer money in fiscal year 2016-17. With an outspoken advocate for abortion – sadly, a Catholic -- having been nominated to be Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, it is unlikely that federal support will decrease.

After 46 years of battling legalized abortion, pro-life efforts are bearing results. The Center for Disease Control recently reported that the number of abortions in the United States decreased 24% over the decade 2006-2015, to an historic low. However, there also is a disturbing shift from surgical abortions to medication abortions. Since the Food and Drug Administration approved RU-486, commonly known as the abortion pill, in September 2000, medication abortions have increased to one quarter of all abortions.

As abortifacients become easier to obtain – an increasing number of universities are making morning after pills available via campus vending machines -- more and more abortions will occur by simply "popping a pill." There soon will be no need to go to an abortion clinic, face pro-life prayer warriors and counselors, possibly see graphic images or view an ultrasound picture, and undergo a surgical procedure. The woman will have less anxiety or feelings of guilt about taking a self-procured pill, as her actions will seem normal.

The pro-life movement is faced with a new significant challenge. As increasing numbers of abortions are done at earlier stages with pills, not only the hearts and minds, but the consciences of people must be formed to acknowledge the existence and dignity of the human person at the earliest stages of development and recognize the evils of abortion in all its forms. With the low level of religious observance in America – one quarter of all adults have no religious affiliation, while only 23% of Catholics attend Mass each week -- this will not be easy to achieve, but must be done.

America needs a religious revitalization. There must be an endeavor by religious and laity to live one's faith openly and fully in public, and to develop a societal reverence for life. But most importantly, there must be a concerted effort of prayer – to rededicate this nation to its patroness, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, and to call upon that pregnant virgin, Our Lady of Guadalupe, who has been declared Empress of the Americas. With prayer and faith, with Our Lady's intercession to her Son, the nation's culture can change, for as Our Lord assures us, "with God, all things are possible."



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