

# Letter from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson:

Dear Brother Knight,

I am writing today to share a call from our bishops to stand up for religious freedom and reject religious tests for public office. I urge you to <u>visit their action alert center</u> today and answer the call to action by contacting your senators and asking them to reject religious tests for judicial nominees.

In recent months, senators have questioned several judicial nominees about their faith and whether it should prevent them from being a federal judge. In three cases, senators even suggested that a nominee's membership in the Knights of Columbus should disqualify him. Holding judicial candidates to this standard is a clear violation of Article VI of the U.S. Constitution, which states, "No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States." The suggestion that one can't be a practicing Catholic and be an impartial federal judge also runs counter to the long tradition of American pluralism.

Earlier this year I wrote to you sharing our proud history of standing up for religious freedom and against religious intolerance and bigotry. Today we have another opportunity to add to that great legacy.

Again, I urge you to stand foursquare with our bishops by <u>contacting your senators today</u>. Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson Supreme Knight

## **Council and Assembly meetings:**

Council 6419 Leadership Meetings: First Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. The Assembly 1892 Leadership meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.

Council 6419 meetings: Second Thursday of every month, 6:30 p.m. Meeting this month is March 14.

Assembly 1892 meetings: Third Thursday of every month. Business meetings on odd months at 6:00 p.m. Social meetings on even months at 6:00 p.m. with no meeting in December.

## **Retreat at Subiaco:**

March 22-24, 2019: for Knights, Knights and Spouses: Only 26 rooms available; \$200 single, \$300 couple.

For reservations, contact Randy Schnoebelen, Faith Director, AR State Council, 501-204-9486, or <a href="mailto:swissrm@sbcglobal.net">swissrm@sbcglobal.net</a>.

## Charity:

Council 6419 raised OVER one-half a million dollars and donated it to our local Charities in the last five years. Assembly 1892 charities are not included, so really there are greater works than what follows:

Rummage Sales Proceeds: Monthly Donations Recipients ...Jackson House ...The Caring Place .... Faces Foundation .... Samaritan Ministries ......St Mary's Food Pantry ......Project Hope (Food Bank) ......Change Point Care Center ......Disabled American Veterans ......Cooperative Christian Ministries & Clinic

Additional Annual Projects and Recipients: First Step ......Annual Scholarship ......Pennies from Heaven ......Baby Bottle Campaign .....Arkansas Special Olympics .....Seminarians (Golf Tournament) .... St. John's School (Spaghetti Dinners) ...St John's School (Golf Tournament) ....Squire Circle 5700 Scholarship Fund ....Lenten Fish Fries

Average Annual Council 6419 Donations from 2014 to 2018 = \$103,210For a 5-year total,  $$103,210 \times 5 = $516,050$ . Great work!

## Marian Prayer Program – Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians:

In the 2018-2019 fraternal year, a new icon and prayer program will replace the Holy Family Prayer Program. The new icon is of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. The purpose of the icon and prayer program is to spread devotion to Our Lady and to pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world. As the new Marian image is brought on pilgrimage through the jurisdiction, councils will host the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians icon for a prayer service at their parish.

This year's program will begin on or before February 1, 2019. We have two icons that will be traveling the state. Each district within the Arkansas jurisdiction is scheduled to host one of the icons for one month. (Apparently, April is our month.) I will directly contact the initial receiving District Deputies to coordinate delivery. I am asking that you start contacting your Councils now and find out when the Council/Parish would like to host this icon within your scheduled month. Prayer books and cards will be provided. We need the prayer books returned and the cards passed out sparingly so enough materials are available for the next service. Books and cards will be provided in both English and Spanish. There is a log book with each icon. This needs to be filled out following each service and kept with the set (set includes icon, prayer books, and prayer cards). Upon transfer to a new district, the District Deputy transferring the icon will need to scan and email me the last couple of pages so that I can keep track of the totals. This will also be verification that the transfer has been made and will allow me to track the icon's location. Any damage to the icon needs to be photographed and sent to me. I also need to know ASAP if any additional program materials need to be ordered. My email address is wooster\_m@yahoo.com.

Any pictures that you, the Council or the Parish may take, please forward these as well. I will try to post as many as possible to the state website.

Vivat Jesus! Michael W. Bowman State Warden

## Warrior to Lourdes Pilgrimage:

You don't have to go to war to feel its devastating effects. As a military wife, I have witnessed my husband change following his deployments and training. Though I'm proud of his service, the effects on our marriage have been ravaging. But there's hope. There is Lourdes. As a wife and caregiver, I am so blessed to have been part of the Warrior to Lourdes pilgrimage, and I tell you, I found peace, joy, friendship and healing to carry on my call as a military wife.

- Claudia J., Marine Corps Spouse and Nurse, 2018 Volunteer

Countless of our warriors carry visible and invisible "wounds of war." Whether they suffer physical, mental or spiritual trauma, their wounds are the result of their sacrifice and dedication to the protection of our great nation and the American people.

It is now our turn to reach out to them and their families, to help free them from isolation and brokenness and aid them in their search for healing, peace and reconciliation.

Join our efforts by supporting the annual <u>Warrior to Lourdes Pilgrimage</u>. Each donation of \$2,600 sends a pilgrim to Lourdes. Please give what you can — every dollar you <u>donate</u> makes a difference.

#### **Bingo:**

The next BINGO for St. John's School is on March 31, 2019! Bingo starts at 2:00 p.m. at the St. John's School Cafeteria. The next one Knights will work is August 25, 2019.



#### **Corporate Communions:**

Corporate Communions will be held on the **FIRST Sunday of each MONTH**. Knights and their families should sit together at each of the Masses, at each of the Churches that our Council serves. Look for the signs and reserved sections at Mass.

## **Exemplification Dates:**

Second and Third Degree, District 10 February 10, 2019, Hot Springs Council Hall, 3045 Spring St., Hot Springs, 11:30 a.m. Fourth Degree April 6, 2019, Sacred Heart, Hot Springs Village, AR

#### **Put up Flag Holidays:**

February 18, 2019: Presidents' Day May 27, 2019: Memorial Day June 14, 2019: Flag Day July 4, 2019: Independence Day September 2, 2019: Labor Day September 11, 2019: Patriot's Day October 14, 2019: Columbus Day



November 11, 2019: Veteran's Day December 7, 2019: Pearl Harbor Day

#### **Upcoming Events:**

BINGO for St. John's School, March 31, 2019: Information above. Lenten Fish Fry, March 8, 2019, St. John's, 4:30 p.m. to after Stations of the Cross Lenten Fish Fry, March 15, 2019, St. Mary's, 4:30 p.m. to after Stations of the Cross Rummage Sales: April 5/6 and 12/13, 2019 & October 4/5 and 11/12, 2019 Massenelli/Bauer Scholarship Application Deadline is March 31, 2019 Golf Tournament, May 18, 2019

#### **Special Dates:**

Ash Wednesday: March 6 Palm Sunday: April 14 Good Friday: April 19 East Sunday: April 21

#### **Living Rosary Dates:**

Every fifth Sunday of the month during the year:

### How you can HELP!

- To help with flags, show up at 7:00 a.m. sharp at Calvary Cemetery on Greenwood Avenue. It only takes about 10 minutes to put up 24 American flags to celebrate the holiday. For information, call Don Sass 767-2780 or Joe Kanopsic 262-5829.
- To help with Exemplification teams, call Larry Nieman 5201300, Newton White 622-0191 or Joe Kanopsic 262-5829.
- To assist with any part of the Rummage Sales, call Jim Lockwood 525-7022.
- To help cook spaghetti for the Bazaar, call Joe Giompoletti 767-8292.
- To help with Oktoberfest, call Mike Tucker 617-9158 or Mark Chunn.
- To assist with the Tootsie Roll drive, call David Myers 620-9006 or Charlie Cook 262-5413.
- To assist with Corporate Communion at St. John's, call Kevin Touhy 752-2509.
- To assist with Corporate Communion at St. Mary's, call Charlie Cook 262-5413, Andy Anderson 425-9368 or Joe Kanopsic 262-5829.