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*Coffee Run Council
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May thru June 2019 Newsletter

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Grand Knights Message: Thomas Green

Worthy Brothers,

I hope you and your families are having a very blessed Easter Season!

After completing our extremely successful six weekly Fish Frys on April 12th, and as we close out the 2018 -19 Columbian Year, our Council is getting a well-deserved break in planned activities. See the Event Calendar at the end of this newsletter for more information. We also held our semi-annual Rt. 41 cleanup on April 27. See the write-ups for all activities by their leaders in this newsletter.

I attended the 76th Annual State Council Meeting & Convention as a delegate (April 26th thru April 28th). At the Convention Banquet, it was my honor to accept two State Council Program Awards on behalf of Coffee Run Council.



The **Life Award** was for our purchase and display of four 4' X 8' respect life banners at both entrances to St. Mary's Church during Respect Life Month (October). The banners were setup to be visual to traffic on both Lancaster Pike & Old Lancaster Pike and were rotated

weekly to keep the message fresh. The **Faith Award** was for our Open Letter to our Governor and Congressional Delegation asking for them to condemn unwarranted attacks on the Knights of Columbus and the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. The letter was published in the News Journal, the Hockessin Community News and the Dialog in both print & online.

Please join me in congratulating our Family and the Knight of the Quarter. **Ralph & Emily Paulus** are our Family of the First Quarter. As they do each year, they coordinate our very successful Souper Bowl Food Drive with a record 10,000 lbs. of food being distributed to 11 organizations. Our Knights of the Month is **Jerry Smith**. He is being recognized for his

contributions to our very successful golf outing and more recently as Council Advocate, leading the effort to revise our Council By-Laws. Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!

Thomas Green

Consecration to the Holy Family- M.Brown

Consecration to the Holy Family was held the weekend of 3/16-3/17 at all Masses. This was a new event passed down from Knights of Columbus Corporate. Part of the new “Faith in Action” program under Family. Each priest led the congregation in prayer, using the prayer cards distributed before Mass by the Knights of Columbus Coffee Run Council. Refreshments were served in the gathering space. The event helps to achieve the “Columbian Award”.



Fish Fry- Anthony Gennusa



Dear Brother Knights,
I am humbled and honored to serve as the annual Fish Fry Guy. Thank you to everyone who was able to carve out a few hours each week to help, each task that you do is a greatly appreciated. With your help and dedication our fish fry operates smoothly and efficiently. The number of meals served each week was outstanding and surpassed all prior years. This volume is contributed to the advertising we obtained this year. The Hockessin Athletic Center allowed us to run our ad for 6 weeks, the new sign at the front entrance, post cards, Facebook and Nextdoor application postings, and word of mouth.

I would like to say a special thank you to the Ladies for taking over the dessert table this year. The phone calls, the selling, and even making desserts is greatly appreciated. In addition, thank you to the Saturday cleanup crew! You guys did a great job making sure our kitchen was sparkling clean each week.

With your help we made \$21,710.27! A record year for sure!

<i>Week</i>	<i>Dinner Sales</i>	<i>Bake Sales</i>	<i>Bar Sales</i>	<i>Total Sales</i>
Week 1	4838	225	460	5523
Week 2	5387.25	375	562	6324.25
Week 3	5138.8	254	562.5	5955.3
Week 4	5116	353	574	6043
Week 5	4582	420	454	5456
Week 6	4223	349	401	4973
Total Sales				\$ 34,274.55
Total Expenses				\$ - 12,564.28
Net Total				\$ 21,710.27

Route 41 Spring Road Clean up- James Ambrose

On a windy spring day, 8 Knights took on the Rt 41 trash dragon and were once again victorious. The grabbing tools purchased a while back by the Council have been a real blessing and have saved many aches and pains. Seventeen bags of trash and several large items later, we were able to go back to further enjoying our Saturday. Many thanks to Charlie Talkowski, John Schoff, Mark Salzbrenner, Rusty Giles, Lew Shumaker, and John McCloskey. Special thanks to Ralph Paulus for also bringing his truck to round up the bags and take them to the drop site.

Our fall Adopt a Highway cleanup is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 26 from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Be on the lookout for signup reminders and an entry on the online Event Calendar.



Remember Next Road Clean up October 26th 7-10:00 AM

Council's Newest Knights, Rich Angiullo, Bill McCabe, Jeff Skorup & Sal Spada!



Brother Knights,





Habitat-John McCloskey

Recall the Habitat service day planned for February 20 was postponed because a snow storm was forecast. We tried for another service day in April which did not have suitable participation because of short notice. At that point I tried once more to identify another opportunity in the April/May which did not work out because of the Spring is the most popular window for high school, college and corporate groups. Rather than try to identify a summer months service day, Maritza (Habitat) and I decided to set up a couple of possible service days in the later part of September and maybe another in November if the interest is there. I will send more information concerning the September opportunity in June.

The decision to avoid the July and August opportunities was based on the preference to not ask the Knights of Columbus volunteers, to do possibly heavy construction type work, during what could be hot, humid days. As far as I know, there will be no summer Habitat projects that will be in air condition environments this year. Should anyone feel disappointed about not having a Habitat opportunity during the summer, they can give me a call, and maybe we can try to arrange for them to come along on one of my regular Habitat workdays.

Dues- John Baldo

Dues notices are being sent the week of 5/6 to those whose 2019 dues haven't been received yet. Please do your best to respond if you get a notice. Our council uses the dues to take care of general administrative and fraternal expenses so that our fundraising events and activities can go directly to our charitable works.

The Council has been very careful to keep annual dues low. When the council was chartered in 1976 the dues were set at \$6.00 per quarter and the only change was in 2002 when we went to an annual basis of \$25 per year.

Please let the Financial Secretary know if you have any questions.

Life- John Baldo

Delaware's "End of Life Options Act", an aid in dying bill, has been introduced in the General Assembly on 5/2/19 and has a hearing scheduled for 5/8/19 in the House Health *and Human Development* Committee. It is also referenced as HB-140. For the third straight year, the Primary Sponsor is Representative Paul Baumbach (D-Newark).

Bishop Malooly has previously urged all Catholics in Delaware and Maryland to oppose Euthanasia, Physician Assisted Suicide, and all other "Death with Dignity" bills for many reasons.

During this Easter Season, I am overwhelmed by the Love of God, who sent his only Son to live among us, teach us the Way, suffer unimaginably for us, die and be buried, and then to Rise in Glory. To take another's life or one's own life because there might be suffering is to deny the Cross of Jesus Christ and reject the Resurrection.

Please let your Representatives know this is wrong.

For a Catholic view, follow the link. [https://www.catholicherald.com/Faith/Your Faith/Straight Answers/The church and assisted suicide/](https://www.catholicherald.com/Faith/Your%20Faith/Straight%20Answers/The%20church%20and%20assisted%20suicide/)

Reflection States Battle for Life- John Baldo

REFLECTIONS
Lawrence P. Grayson

The States Battle for Life

Life in the womb is the most polarized issue in our nation today. There are profound ideological differences in how the pros and cons -- those who believe in the unborn child's right to life and those who are committed to a woman's right to abortion -- view the matter. Presently, 18 states have laws to limit abortion, while 10 states have laws to protect the right to abortion. Not since slavery was debated and fought over has there been such a stark

contrast in the beliefs of the opposing sides and in the state laws they are enacting.

Kentucky, with a pro-life governor and a pro-abortion attorney general, looks like a border state for the conflicting positions. After a U.S. District Court judge, last September, ruled that a 1998 state law requiring abortion clinics to have signed agreements with an ambulance service and a hospital was unconstitutional, the matter was raised to the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. Briefs were soon filed by 16 attorneys general from politically-red states arguing that the 1998 law should be upheld, while attorneys general from 20 politically-blue states and the District of Columbia filed in support of the ruling. No date has yet been set for the hearing.

With a strongly pro-life president, a presumably more constitutionally-conservative Supreme Court, and the success of the abortion-revealing films *Gosnell* and *Unplanned*, pro-life advocates hope that *Roe v. Wade* may be overturned and the regulation of abortion returned to the states. Pro-life legislators have been energized, introducing over 250 pro-life bills in 41 states since the beginning of this year.

There are “trigger bans” that will automatically prohibit abortion if and when *Roe v. Wade* is repealed; “fetal development bans” that make abortions illegal after a certain point in a pregnancy, such as when an unborn child can feel pain or its heartbeat can be detected; “method bans” that bar dismemberment and other specific procedures; and “fetal characteristic bans” that prohibit abortion based on race, sex or disability.

Statutes banning abortions after a heartbeat is detected could protect almost all unborn children. With a vaginal ultrasound, detection can occur at about six weeks of gestation, a time when many women do not even know they are pregnant. Arkansas, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia and Ohio have enacted heartbeat laws, while Missouri, Tennessee, Florida, Texas, South Carolina and Oklahoma are advancing similar measures.

Alabama voters approved a state constitutional amendment last November that affirms the right to life for unborn children. Another bill was recently introduced that would make abortion at any stage of pregnancy a felony, except if the mother’s life is at risk.

The Tennessee legislature is considering a bill that would prohibit abortion completely once *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. Trigger laws banning abortion

have already been passed in Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Utah and Kentucky recently enacted laws to protect unborn children diagnosed with a disability such as Down syndrome. The Texas legislature is considering a bill to remove fetal anomaly as an exception to an existing ban on abortions after 20 weeks gestation, forbid all abortions motivated by the unborn child's sex, race or disability, and expand perinatal palliative care for families whose children-in-the-womb are determined to have life-limiting disabilities.

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Utah passed a law to ban abortions after 18 weeks gestation. The Arkansas House recently passed a similar bill.

North Carolina and Texas are debating bills to require appropriate medical care for newborns who survive abortions. The bills are similar to *The Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act* that pro-abortion legislators are blocking in the U.S. Congress.

North Dakota enacted a law to prohibit dismemberment abortions, a brutal procedure typically used in the second trimester, in which a living unborn child is torn apart in the womb and removed in pieces. Indiana is advancing a similar measure.

South Dakota recently passed several laws that require abortionists to give women the chance to see a sonogram of their baby and listen to its heartbeat, inform women about abortion pill reversal, ban abortions on pain-capable children, and make the sale of aborted baby parts a felony.

In contrast to the pro-life efforts, abortion advocates have been working to expand access, remove restrictions and codify abortion rights, as well as challenge the new pro-life state laws. New York, New Mexico, Maryland, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia have passed or are trying to pass bills that allow abortion up to the moment of birth or even after a child is delivered.

New York recently expanded access to third-trimester abortion in cases where a woman's health is in danger or where a fetus is not viable, permit non-physicians to perform abortions, and remove all criminal penalties for the procedure.

The Vermont Senate overwhelmingly approved an amendment to the State Constitution that would legalize abortions up to birth and deny legal rights to children-in-the-womb. The amendment must be approved by Vermont voters if it clears several more legislative hurdles.

The governor of Illinois has pledged to make that state “the most progressive state in the nation for access to reproductive health care.” Two bills currently being debated would allow abortion for any reason up to birth, remove the ban on partial-birth abortion, permit non-doctors to perform the procedure, and strip away conscience protections for medical professionals who oppose abortion.

California, is arguably the most extreme supporter of abortion, permitting late-term procedures and allowing girls as young as 12 to obtain abortions without parental knowledge or consent. A bill is now advancing that would direct all public colleges and universities to provide abortion drugs to students on campus for free. A second bill would require every student identification card issued by public schools at all levels and religious colleges and universities to include the telephone number of a reproductive health hotline, e.g., Planned Parenthood.

With legislative victories on each side, the pro-life/pro-abortion divide grows deeper and the opposing factions more combative. The future, both politically and culturally, will continue to be contentious.

America survived the battle over slavery -- though at a significant cost with the fallout still being debated today. The nation will survive the decades-long conflict between an unborn child’s life and a mother’s choice. If you believe that life beginning at conception is a gift from God, there is only one side you can support. If you believe that God will prevail, you know the eventual outcome. * * * * *

May 2019

THE SILENT DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY ON ABORTION

5/2/2019

by **Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson**

What if I told you there's an issue that unites a clear majority of Americans?

What if I told you that at least 60 percent of Independents, Republicans, and Democrats agree on that issue?

And what if I told you that the Democratic candidates for president are on the wrong side of that issue? That they're out of step with the party – and the country – they want to lead?

That's exactly the case with abortion.

With just nine months to go before the Iowa caucuses, Democratic hopefuls seem to be competing to embrace the most extreme position on abortion even though it alienates an overwhelming majority of Americans on both sides of the aisle. It is important to understand just how far Democratic candidates have strayed from public opinion – even among their own constituents.

After New York expanded access to late-term abortion even up to the moment of birth earlier this year, the [Marist Poll](#) – one of the country's most respected surveys – found a broad consensus among the American people.

By about three-to-one, Americans oppose abortion after 20 weeks – or don't want it at all. This includes about eight in 10 Republicans and independents *and* nearly six in 10 Democrats.

This survey also found that 80 percent of Americans support limiting abortion to at most the first three months of a pregnancy. This included nearly two-thirds of those identifying as pro-choice and a similar number of Democrats (64 percent). The poll was commissioned by the Knights of Columbus.

Few issues command such massive majorities. The revulsion these proposals caused was bipartisan. But, while the polling showed that most

Americans strongly opposed policies like those in New York and Virginia, Democratic presidential candidates appear to be doubling down on abortion.

It wasn't always like this. The Democratic Party used to have pro-life candidates at every level. Even party leaders once spoke out against abortion often and forcefully.

Ted Kennedy once wrote that “abortion on demand is not in accordance with the value which our civilization places on human life.”

In 1972 George McGovern worked the Democratic National Convention to stop a pro-abortion plank from being included in the party's platform.

In 1976, Sargent Shriver campaigned in the Iowa Caucuses on a pro-life platform, and Jimmy Carter won there, in part, because voters believed he too was pro-life.

And in 1981, Senator Joe Biden voted for the Hatch Amendment to overturn Roe v. Wade and allow States to again restrict abortion.

These examples prove an important point. Abortion should never have become a partisan issue. It would cease to be partisan if Democratic candidates who are pro-life, or at least support substantial abortion restrictions, stepped forward.

Given what the polling has revealed about attitudes toward abortion among Democrats, it seems obvious that a strong majority of Democrats, including Catholics and working-class voters, would have good reason to prefer a candidate who supports substantial restrictions on abortion.

It would be better for America – and for the unborn – if Democratic candidates listened to the electorate again. The majority of Democrats deserve representation and not exclusion of their point of view within their own party.

But that will never happen until the voters demand it.

The more than seven in 10 Americans – and six in 10 Democrats – who oppose late-term abortions should refuse to support any candidate who holds extreme abortion views. They need to speak out at town halls, at county dinners and anywhere else the candidates go.

It's time to say that abortion isn't a matter of party politics – it's a matter of national consensus. The American people agree: Abortion should be a post-partisan issue. Only Democrats can make it one, starting in Iowa.

Carl Anderson is the Supreme Knight and CEO of the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization.

This article was first published in the [Des Moines Register](#)

Loss of a Brother Knight- Coffee Run Council



We're opening up Knights.net!

Dear Knights of Columbus leaders,

Beginning on May 9, all members will be able to access Knights.net! While Knights.net will remain the digital hub for Online Members to access and update their personal and billing information, the great content there will no longer require a login to be viewed.

On Knights.net, you'll find news articles, a social media hub, and resources that Knights you and your family can use to enrich you're their daily lives as Catholics. The site is organized into four categories to make navigation easy.

- **Lead with Faith** is full of spiritual reflections, prayer resources, and fresh takes on our faith.
- **Under Protect Your Family**, you'll find practical advice on financial health.
- **Serve Others** is home to stories of Knights putting their faith into action, and
- **Defend Your Values** has everything you need to know about issues that matter most, especially the fight for life and religious freedom.

For your convenience, you'll find a link to Knights.net when you log in to the Officer Portal on KofC.org. Of course, you can always access Knights.net by typing that URL into your web browser. We hope you enjoy this new resource and share it with your family and friends!



Date	Activity	Location	Time
May			
May-04-19, Sat	Knights Recruitment Church Drive	Church Gathering Space	After 5:00 PM Mass
May-05-19, Sun	Knights Recruitment Church Drive	Church Gathering Space	After All Masses
May-06-19, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 AM – 12 Noon
May-06-19, Mon	Cardinal Gibbons Assembly Meeting	Holy Family Church - Newark	7:00 PM
May-08-19, Wed	Council Business Meeting		7:00 PM
May-10-19, Fri	Ladies Axillary Luncheon	Back Burner Restaurant, Hockessin	11:30 AM
May-12-19, Sun	Mother's Day		
May-18-19, Sat	Armed Forces Day		
May-20-19, Mon	First & Second Degree Exemplifications	Brother Vincent Council, Smyrna	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
May-21-19, Tue	First Degree Exemplification	Christopher Council - Claymont	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
May-27-19, Mon	Memorial Day		
May-28-19, Tue	First & Second Degrees Exemplifications	Seton Council, Bear	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
May-30-19, Wed	Ascension of the Lord	Christopher Council - Claymont	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
June			
Jun-02-19, Sun	Third Degree Exemplification	Coffee Run Council, Hockessin	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Jun-03-19, Mon	Adoration 11-Noon - Knights Present	Chapel	11:00 AM – 12 Noon
Jun-03-19, Mon	Cardinal Gibbon Assembly Meeting	Holy Family Church - Newark	7:00 PM
Jun-09-19, Sun	Pentecost Sunday		
Jun-10-19, Mon	First & Second Degree Exemplifications	Dover Council, Dover	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Jun-12-19, Mon	Council Business Meeting	Coffee Run Room	7:00 PM
Jun-14-19, Fri	Flag Day		
Jun-16-19, Sun	Father's Day		
Jun-18-19, Tue	Second Degree Exemplifications	Christopher Council - Claymont	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Jun-21-19, Fri	Third Degree Exemplification	Dover Council, Dover	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Jun-30-19, Sun	Fifth Sunday Rosary	Church Left Wing	9:00 AM
Jun-30-19, Sun	Newsletter Items Due		



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

*Articles for next Newsletter
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