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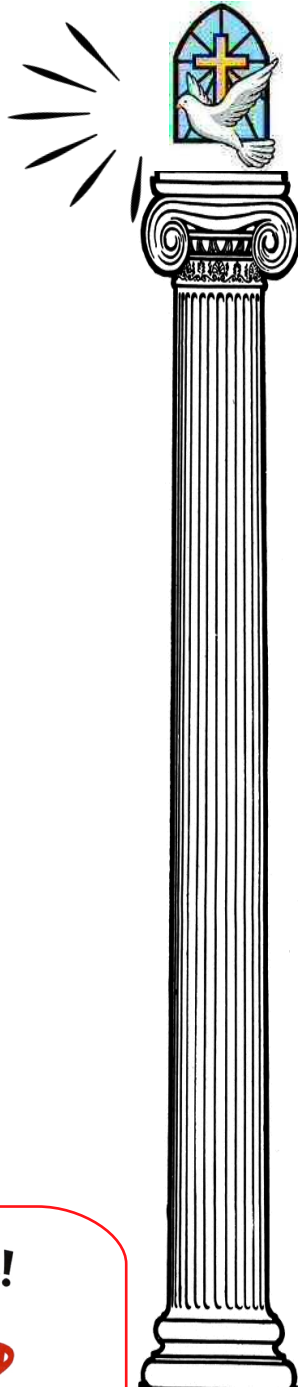
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### WHY THE VINE?

When Jesus spoke of the vine He knew what he was talking about.

In the New Testament the vine had great significance. Isaiah said that Israel is the vine or vineyard of God. Jeremiah said that God's message to Israel I planted you as choice vine. Ezekiel likened Israel to the vine.

The vine became the symbol of the nation of Israel. It was the emblem on the coins of the Maccabees. One of the glories of the temple was the great golden vine upon the front of the Holy of Holies.

In Jesus's time vines were growing all over Palestine. It's a plant that requires a lot of attention if it is to be fruitful. Vines commonly grow on terraces and the ground must be kept clean. It grows rapidly and drastic pruning is necessary. A young vine is not allowed to bear fruit for at least three years. Each year it is cut drastically back to develop and conserve its life and energy. It grows two types of branches: one bears fruit and the other does not. The branches that do not bear fruit is cut back so as not to drain away none of the plant's strength. The vine cannot produce the crop of which it is capable without drastic pruning and Jesus knew that.

In the parable Jesus is the vine and his disciples are the branches.

God the Father has his hand on Christ's disciples. He wants them to bear fruit: to be Christ-like in character, hard working in God's service and influential for goodness and godliness. He prunes the fruitful to make them bear better fruit through humbling and chastening experiences. This makes their quality better.

**Help save a Life!**



September 20th at Seas 2-7 pm  
November 15th at Holy Spirit 2-7 pm

**In order to be fruitful or remain fruitful we must abide in Christ.**

The way to abide is to obey. As Christ was obedient to God our Father by dying on the cross for us. We are expected to do the same.

**In order to be obedient we must rely on Christ to give us the enabling Grace to do it.**

**Suppose a someone is weak, fallen to temptation, and made a mess of their life. That someone is on the way down to and degrading of mind and heart and mental fiber. Now suppose that person has a friend of strong and lovely and loving nature who saved that person for the degraded station. There is only one way in which someone can retain the reformation and keep on the right road. They must keep in contact with his good friend. If they loses contact, all temptation will return and they will fall again. Their salvation lies with continuing contact with the strength of his friend. OUR FRIEND IS JESUS**

**We must never leave our contact with our friend Jesus. To keep in contact we must pray everyday and arrange our lives in such a way that there is never a day that goes by when we forget Him.**

**The greatest glory of the Christian life is that by our life and conduct we can bring glory of our God.**

Viva Jesus

Deacon Norm

### **FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OTHERS**

O Lord our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless, we beseech thee, all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, the same thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- *Anonymous*



## **Words from the Grand Knight**

Dear Brother Knights:

I recently completed the initial module of the Virtus training program put on by our diocese. By the time this is published, I will also have completed the Armatus training established by our Supreme Council. Both of these programs deal with understanding and combating child sexual abuse.



I undertake this training knowing what I expect and knowing that it will not be pleasant. I see the effects of child sexual abuse firsthand. They are heartbreaking. The victims of this terrible crime – and that is exactly what it is – are scarred for life. No matter how much counseling or therapy they receive, and no matter how much love and support they receive from family and friends, the pain never goes away entirely.

Our Virtus trainer pointed out that a sexual predator could be anyone, and emphasized that it is not limited to clergy. While that is true, the awful priest-abuse scandal that has tarnished our Church poses a dilemma for us as Knights. We are called to support the clergy, and many Church leaders remind us of this. However, we are also called to protect and defend the most innocent among us. We must not rush to any judgments, but we must also speak up when children and other vulnerable souls are threatened. And we must be proactive in preventing it from happening.

After the news of the long-running abuse in Pennsylvania parishes broke, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson called on the Knights to commit ourselves “to work for repentance, reform and rebuilding of the Church.” According to the Supreme Knight, this includes a full accounting of all misdeeds by pastors and bishops; a full and complete investigation of sexual abuse by an independent commission that includes laity; and protections against retaliations. Above all, Supreme Knight Anderson declared that Knights and our chaplains “must embrace love of God and love of neighbor.” He called this great commandment of Christ “exactly the opposite of the rejection of God and exploitation of neighbor that our Church has witnessed in these scandals.”

The Supreme Knight made it very clear where he stands – and where we should stand.

As part of this commitment, I ask my brother Knights to consider doing something difficult and undertake this training yourselves. Not only would you learn the devastating effects of child sexual abuse, but you will learn how these predators operate and what you can do to prevent them from harming another child. This is our calling as protectors of our parishes. Let us respond to it.

*Vivat Jesus.*

***Ken Williams***  
Grand Knight



## *In Need of Your Prayers*

Bruce Beck's Granddaughter,  
 ChoppsFamily,  
 Dennis Conley,  
 Rich Cunningham,  
 Marty DeBattista,  
 James Doppler and his wife  
 Ted & Nan Fitzgerald,  
 J.Foliar and his wife,  
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 Leo Mayhew and his wife Trish,  
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 Jim Murphy's Granddaughter,  
 JoePollaro,  
 Dave Pzonka,  
 Brother Joe R from SEAS,  
 Fred Siminski's friend in Hebron,  
 Fred Siminski's mother in law,  
 Jessica Siminski and baby,  
 Mark Siminski & his wife,  
 & Daughter inlaw who's pregnate,  
 Ed Stram,  
 Ernie Williams,  
 Ken Williams Mom & Dad  
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### **WINNERS AT AUGUST MEETING**

50/50 winner: Mike Halcarz \$14.00  
 Attendance drawing: Brad Rybak was not present. The kitty was raised to \$55.00



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Remarking recently on the streak, CEO and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said:

"I firmly believe that our moral compass has helped guide us through a turbulent decade and an uncertain economy. While other companies were making ethically questionable and unnecessarily risky decisions, we were not. While others were looking for novel ways to do business and to increase profits, we were not... We stayed true to our principles and knew that if we did the right thing for the right reasons, we would get the results that we wanted — and we have." For 42 consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has earned superior ratings for financial strength from A.M. Best\*\*

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



- SEP 1 Holy Spirit Mens Group 8:00 am
- SEP 5 Council Officers Meeting at SEAS-7:00 pm
- SEP 8 Council Breakfast at Pappa's 8:00 am
- SEP 12 Council Business meeting at SEAS-7:00 pm
- SEP 16 Holy Spirit Mens Group 7:00 [m
- SEP 22 NW Csatholics Men's conference at St. Patrick's in Chesterton
- SEP 26 Council Social Meeting TBA
- OCT 4 Council Officers Meeting at HS -7:00 pm**
- OCT 6 Holy Spirit Mens Group 8:00 am**
- OCT 10 Council Business meeting at HS 7:00 pm**
- OCT 13 Council Breakfast at Country Kitchen -7:00 am**
- OCT 24 Council Social Meeting TBA - 7:00 PM**
- NOV ! All Saints Dat
- NOV 2 All Souls Day
- NOV 3 Holy Spirit Mens Group 8:00 am
- NOV 8 Council Officers Meeting at SH -7:00 pm
- NOV 10 Council Breakfast at BaJ'S - 8:00 am
- NOV 14 Council Business meeting at SH - -7:00 pm
- N'OV 22 Thanksgiving
- NOV 28 Council Social Meeting TBA

Our Grand Knight Ken knows how to find a way when the fish are biting!



Cooking for the diocesan youth service group at Marquette Park on July 20th.



Fun with the bounce houses at Carmelite Festival II on July 21st .



Brother Johnathan Fanning giving one of our Tootsie Rolldrive checks to William Trowbridge Exec. Director of 'TheArc' of NWI. Also pictured are Brothers Jim Murphy, Sr. (L) and Past Grand Knight Bruce Beck (R) .



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**NAME REVEALED**



This is **Dale Waters** who is now residing in Heaven with our Lord, and all the Saints. He was one of the best, loveable and hardworking Members of our Council.  
**R.I.P. Big Brother Dale: God is loving you forever!**  
**P.S. He is now our rep in Heaven.**