



# Knight Times

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Chaplain: Father Ray Schmidt, Associate Chaplain: Deacon Ammon Ripple

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Brothers All,  
At our last business meeting we voted to make a donation to the Saint John's School

endowment. I would of like to have seen a better turn out of members for this. We had some members participate in the Veteran's Day parade held in Leonardtown. On Saturday November 17th at the 5:00 pm mass a memorial mass was held, and Mickey Dillow read the councils Necrology list. On Sunday we held the Church Drive looking for new members. which we are still looking for so if you have any friends, relatives or associates that you think would like to be a Knight please contact myself or Mickey Dillow. On Wednesday the 15th we hosted the 4th degree meeting and on the 28th we held an Admission and Formation ceremony. December is going to be a busy month please check your calendar for events and special masses. Until next month or the next meeting or an event.

Fraternally yours,  
Grand Knight Dan Greenwell

## Deputy Grand Knight Report



We will be having our in Christmas Potluck party on Dec 08. During this time,

we usually bring down all the trees

## Life Insurance As a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

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that will be used to decorate the Church. If you can lend a hand that would be great.

Also following the 8 am Mass on Dec 22, the indoor and outdoor Creche will be put up. Again if you can support this endeavor volunteer and save the date.

In between those events, don't forget our donut social on Dec 16.

In Jesus' name we pray,  
Dorian A. Tavarez

## District Deputy Remarks

My Brothers,

It is difficult to realize this calendar year is coming to a close and the fraternal year is nearly half over. Now is the time to take inventory of your own life and the life of your council. Ask yourself "have I made a

difference"; "what has gone right and what has gone wrong". Look at your successes and ask why "was I successful" and look at your failures and also ask "why did I fail". There is no shame in failure as long as you learn from it. Did you achieve the goals you set for yourself, for your council? Are you a better Catholic, husband, father, knight, neighbor and friend? If not, now is the time to make those changes. Start small but most important, start today. Give the gift of your charitable time this season and all year long.

This holiday season; Also, remember to embrace those closest to you: your family, especially your wife and children as nothing is more precious. Many times, in this busy holiday season, we become overwhelmed and forget about who and what really matters.

I want to wish you and your family's, a blessed and joyous Merry Christmas and New Year. Thank each and every one of you for your contribution to our order over the past year. May God Bless you!

And always

**“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 2018						
◀ November						January ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>Pancake Breakfast With Santa</b>	3	4	5 <b>Business Meeting 7:30 at the council hall</b>	6	7	8 <b>Parish pot luck Christmas party</b>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <b>Donut Social after 9:00 am mass</b>	17	18	19 <b>Planning Meeting 7:30 at the council hall</b>	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <b>Consecration of The Holy Family will be held during all masses</b>	31					

◀ 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
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		23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# *Reflections*

Lawrence P. Grayson

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## **Christmas Salve for a Wounded Church**

Christmas marks the most significant religious and cultural event in human history, when the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, “for our salvation, came down from heaven...and was made man.” It should be a time that evokes feelings of gratitude, joy, serenity, love, goodness, and hope.

But as this holy season approaches, the Church has been severely wounded by an increasing stream of accusations and investigations of clerical immorality and hierarchical concealment. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick was removed from public ministry in June for an allegation of sexually abusing a minor, and one month later, with further reports that he carnally corrupted adult seminarians over decades, he resigned from the College of Cardinals. In August, the Attorney General of Pennsylvania released a 1,400 page report describing widespread sexual exploitation of adult males in that state by hundreds of priests and pervasive hierarchical cover-up.

Since then, fourteen additional attorneys general have begun or announced investigations of the Catholic dioceses in their respective jurisdictions. In October, the U.S. Department of Justice issued subpoenas to probe clerical molestation of children in Pennsylvania. Then, on November 13, while the semi-annual meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) was underway, two class action suits were filed in federal district courts by victims of clerical sexual abuse, one case accusing the USCCB and the Vatican of operating a criminal enterprise under RICO federal racketeering statutes.

And how has the hierarchy responded? With inaction, denial and silence. At the opening of the bishops’ meeting, USCCB President Cardinal Daniel DiNardo announced that the Holy See had directed them to not vote on two measures aimed at improving episcopal accountability in sex abuse cases. In his report to the group, Francesco Cesareo, the chairman of the bishops’ National Review Board said: “Today, the faithful and the clergy do not trust many of you. They are angry and frustrated, no longer satisfied with words and even with prayer. They seek action.”

But action was beyond their grasp. After the defeat of a proposal simply to encourage the Holy See to release whatever documents it could about Archbishop McCarrick, one bishop remarked “we cannot seem to speak clearly, even when we want to agree.”

Many priests and bishops were stunned by the revelations and are disconcerted by the hierarchical inaction. An aggrieved laity is producing relentless commentary on social media about the betrayal, withholding donations to the Church, and contributing to numerous reports in the secular press. There has been little guidance for thoughtful deliberation, pastoral efforts and healing.

In spite of the moral darkness permeating the Church, things can change. Reform, however, will occur only when the true nature of the problem is recognized and addressed. Bishop Thomas Daly of Spokane remarked, “There is truly a diabolical nature to this crisis.” Bishop Richard Stika of Knoxville expressed similar views, stating, “I believe Satan is behind all of this.” Both are echoing St. Pope Paul VI, who in 1972, shortly after Vatican Council II, declared that “the smoke of Satan has entered the Church of God.”

A spiritual crisis cannot be solved solely with material approaches. As Cardinal DiNardo said at the end of the bishops’ meeting: “Our hope for true and deep reform ultimately lies in more than excellent systems, as essential as these are. It requires holiness: the deeply held conviction of the truths of the Gospel and the eager readiness to be transformed by those truths in all aspects of life.”

The cardinal’s solution requires a concerted effort by all Catholics, clerical and lay, to live the faith they profess. They must rid the Church of those who use their positions for self-gratification and the exploitation of others. A reformation can start now in Advent by making it not only a period of spiritual preparation for the birth of Our Savior at Christmas, but of repentance and renewal of the Church.

In this call for reform, there is an essential role for the laity. Bishop Thomas Daly of Spokane reminds us that, “During times of corruption and sin in the hierarchy and clergy, God raises up holy lay people and families to call again His Church back to holiness.” Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler further emphasized that role: “This crisis needs the strongest lay voice possible.”

We are not in this place at this time by chance. God has willed us to work out our salvation in this period of moral corruption. Jesus, through His coming has given us the means – Grace, the Eucharist, the Sacraments, His Church – to attain that salvation.

Advent provides an opportunity to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas and begin the renewal. Undertake activities to morally strengthen yourself – say the Rosary daily, spend an hour each week in Eucharistic Adoration, go to Confession, attend Mass more frequently, meditate on the liturgical readings through which the penitential spirit of the season is exemplified. Pray for the Pope, cardinals, bishops and priests that they are faithful to Christ. Pray that the Church, though it is composed of members with human weaknesses, remains one, catholic, apostolic and holy.

As the current crisis reflects a diabolical influence, corporeal sacrifice is needed. As recently-deceased Bishop Robert Morlino of Madison, reminded us, “Some sins, like some demons, can only be driven out by prayer and fasting.” And, it

may also be time to reinstitute the Prayer to St. Michael following every Mass. When Pope Leo XIII wrote the prayer in 1884, he did so after having a horrific vision of evil spirits attacking and trying to destroy the Church. Although the prayer was no longer mandated after Vatican II, Pope John Paul II urged its continued recitation.

Do not stop these activities at Christmas. Continue them throughout the year. The future course of the Church rests within the heart and will of each one of us. If we truly want a Church that fully reflects the teachings of Our Lord, we must lead our lives according to those principles.

If we live everyday as a preparation for Christ's coming, the results will be profound. For ourselves, our families and the Church, have hope and pray. If we do, our Church *will* be quite different.



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