



Knights Times

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

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Brothers All,
 I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season. This month we supported the Right to

Life March with many of our members and their wives attending and chaperoning. We also held a 1st and 2nd degree with a great turn out. Our district also hosted a 3rd degree ceremony and our council provided the meal. Forty-five of our brother knights received this degree with about 70 observers. The ice cream social was held for the school on Tuesday, January 29th. As you might expect, this is the kids favorite event! Our council also will be supporting the Theology over Dinner by serving dinner at the Monsignor Harris center. February will be a busy month so check the calendar for an event you might like to attend or lend a hand. Until next time...

Fraternally yours,
 Grand Knight Dan Greenwell

Deputy Grand Knight Report



Parish breakfast will be February 03th and our donut social will be on

February 17th. On February 18th, the Basketball Free Throw Contest will be held from 9-2 pm at St Aloysius.

The Pitfalls of Replacing Coverage

You know the old saying, "the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence," but we all know that it rarely is. The same holds true when it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to the "greener" grass on the other side of the fence might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet — in some cases, a lot less. That's why it pays to remember another old adage, "Read the fine print."

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. I'll focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here — pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a *contestability period*, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period — typically two years — after the contract is issued. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Second, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you're older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There's no way around that. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors can affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace — or worse, drop — your existing coverage, please call me. I'll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest.

Gavin Arvizo, 240-298-3873 (cell) and gavin.arvizo@kofc.org.

On February 24th, a CareNet Luncheon will be held following the 11:30 am Mass.

In Jesus' name we pray,
 Dorian A. Tavarez

District Deputy Remarks

My Brothers –

Hopefully everyone's 1st month of the New Year has been a safe and prosperous one.

In the District, January saw a flurry of degree activity. I want to congratulate all new members of the Knights of Columbus and all of those that made it to complete Knighthood

by making their 3rd Degree in the order.

Please keep up the momentum for recruiting going into and through February! This month is always the short one, but a great deal of planning is needed for an Order-wide recruitment church drive in March. If you had someone interested but could not make a previous degree, keep them up to date on our Degree schedule and let's strive to get them into the order.

The District will be having its Free Throw Contest finals on President's Day at Father Andrew White School Gym starting with the Councils at 9:00 AM, and followed by the District finals around 10:30 a.m. If you have

some time, think about coming out to cheer on the contestants.

If you haven't participated in a council activity lately, I invite you to do so. Service to Church and community is why we joined the Knights of Columbus, and your council brothers will appreciate the help. You'll feel good about being a Knight. It's a win-win, for everyone.

As always, keep doing the fine work that the Knights have become associated with in our parishes and communities.

Please stay warm, and hope for a shorter Winter! May you and yours share a Happy Valentine's Day.

Thanks for all you do!

“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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◀ January		February 2019					March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 St John's Schools open house	2	
3 Pancake Breakfast Starts at 8:30 am	4	5	6 Business Meeting council hall starts at 7:30 pm come early and chat with old friends	7			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17 Begins after 9:00 am mass	18 Basketball Shootout At Father Andrew White. Check the church Bulletin for times	19	20 Planning Meeting and Social gathering starts at 7:30pm All are welcome	21	22	23	
24 Care Net Luncheon 12:30 pm	25	26	27	28			

◀ Feb 2019		March 2019					Apr 2019 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2 Father Andrew White Assembly 7 th annual Mardi Gras party 6:00 pm	
3 Pancake Breakfast	4	5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake and sausage Dinner 5:00 pm	6 Business meeting 7:30 pm	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17 Donut Social	18	19	20 Planning meeting 7:30 pm	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Knights In Action Potographs



Mike & Barbara Thompson, from Council #7914 at the March for Life 2019 .



St. Marys County contingent at the 2019 March for Life in Washington D.C. In red coat is



Mike Thompson, Council #7914, attending the 2019 March for Life in Washington D.C.



On January 25th 2019 a Knighthood Degree was held at St. Johns. We had five Brothers take this Degree. Left to right are Charles Dexter, Lance Strzok, Jason Duke, host of the Knighthood Degree Worthy Grand Knight Dan Greenwell, Bobby Pilkerton, and Tim Henkel. Congratulations to the five new full knights.



Center in this shot is State Deputy Dale W. Trott



There was not an empty chair in the Hall for the great meal put out by Chef Tim Brosnihan and Chef Ray Faulstich. Bob Jackson was sous chef and Danny Greenwell and others were instrumental in getting everything ready.

Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson

Apocalypse 2019 or Not?

On February 21-24, the leaders of the world's bishops' conferences and of the Eastern Catholic Churches will meet at the Vatican in order to deal with "the worldwide problem of the sexual abuse of minors." Pope Francis has declared this to be "one of the vilest and most heinous crimes conceivable." The meeting is a positive step, but as serious as pedophilia is, it is only part of a larger problem of clerical homosexual activity and sexual exploitation of minors and adults. Cases of clerical abuse have been reported throughout Europe, the United States, South America, India, the Philippines, Australia, and other locales.

This, unfortunately, is only one of several global problems facing the Church. A second is the extensive lack of doctrinal adherence and defection of Catholics from the Faith. The Benedict XVI Centre for Religion and Society found that in twelve of twenty-two European countries it surveyed, over half of young adults, 16-29 years of age, do not identify with any religion. Among self-proclaimed Catholics, the proportion that goes to Mass regularly is pitifully small. In France, only 23% of young adults identify themselves as Catholic, and of these only 10% attend Mass at least weekly. The numbers are not more encouraging in Spain, Portugal and Ireland, all traditionally Catholic countries.

The situation is similar in the United States. According to the Pew Research Institute, while 21% of the U.S. population claims to be Catholic, another 15% was raised Catholic but no longer consider themselves as such. As dismal as this is, the problem runs deeper. Only 23% of U.S. Catholics attend Mass weekly, states the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate. Further, many self-identified Catholics want the Church to change its doctrines. Six-in-ten, the Pew study found, hold that the Church should allow priests to marry, ordain women as priests, and permit divorced and remarried Catholics to receive Communion; nearly half say the Church should recognize the marriages of gay and lesbian couples. The Church today exists in a culture where religious affiliation and church attendance are unimportant, and where many people want religious doctrine to accommodate societal trends.

A third global issue is the persecution of Christians because of their faith. The latest World Watch List from Open Doors reports that worldwide 215 million Christians currently face significant levels of oppression. In 35 of the 50 countries on the list, "Islamic extremism remains the global, dominant driver of persecution" and religious conflict. In India, violence and injustice are growing as a result of radical Hindu nationalism. In China, the rulers want religion to be authentically Chinese and free from foreign control. In North Korea, Christians are subjected to heinous brutality, including forced labor, starvation, and mandatory abortion. A study by Aid to the Church in Need concludes that "the persecution of Christians is today worse than at any time in history."

Can this be a modern-day apocalypse for the Catholic Church? Will the worldwide spiritual and temporal problems it faces be fatal? No, the Church has experienced severe crises in the past and survived – and will do so again.

In the 16th century, the Church confronted comparable, if not greater, problems. The laity barely understood the Faith. Priests were generally poorly educated, lax in their duties, and many led immoral lives. Cardinals and bishops were appointed by patronage, held significant temporal power and acted no differently than others of worldly authority. There was no common liturgy, with elements of the Mass varying with local customs.

In addition, there was the development and growth of Protestantism. In 1517, Martin Luther publically challenged the practice of selling indulgences. What began as an effort at church reform became a schism. When the pope would not grant King Henry VIII an annulment, Parliament in 1534 recognized the King as head of the church in England. By the 1560s, Northern Germany and Scandinavia were Lutheran, England was establishing a state church, France was in turmoil, and there were Protestant inroads into Poland.

Externally, a militarily aggressive and expanding Islamic Ottoman Empire threatened the existence of Christian Europe. By 1541, Syria, Arabia, Palestine, Egypt, most of Hungary, and the entire coast of North Africa were under Ottoman control. As the threat grew, the Christian princes were fighting among themselves. The fall of Europe seemed inevitable.

But, it was not to be.

A series of popes worked to reform the Church, stem the advance of Protestantism, and protect Europe. In 1540, Pope Paul III established the Society of Jesus with ten members. Forty years later, five thousand highly-educated Jesuits, who focused on reconstructing church life and teaching the Faith, were dealing with the ignorance and materialism of priests and laity around the world.

The Council of Trent, which concluded in 1563, made numerous pronouncements to clarify Catholic doctrine and to reform the internal discipline of the church. When Pius V was elected in 1566, he saw to

the completion of a Catholic Catechism, arranged for a new Roman Breviary, regularized the Roman rite of the Mass, made praying the Divine Office obligatory, appointed cardinals and bishops by merit rather than patronage, insisted that priests wear clerical garb, reformed religious houses, and had the works of St. Thomas Aquinas taught in seminaries.

In confronting the Protestant challenge, Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth, removed eight French bishops for heresy, and disputed with Germany's emperor and Poland's king. As a result, Poland, Bavaria, Austria and France were largely secured for Catholicism, although England and parts of Germany remained Protestant.

To meet the Ottoman threat, Pius V organized a coalition of Catholic principalities as the Holy League, and put a Christian fleet into action to oppose a powerful Ottoman armada that was seeking to control the Mediterranean. The two navies met in an epic battle at Lepanto in 1571. The Ottomans were overwhelmingly defeated, thus stopping their attempts at expansion for over a century.

The Church not only survived an apocalyptic series of problems, but thrived. No mere human institution could have endured the persecutions, heresies and scandals that the Catholic Church has withstood, not only in the 16th century, but over 2000 years. God did not abandon His Church in the past, no matter how dire the circumstances and He will not do so now.



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