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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights, Family Members,
and Honored Clergy,

By the time you read this, it will be a few short weeks till Easter and, hopefully, you will be in the midst of preparing yourselves spiritually for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Of course, you know this period as Lent, a penitential time when we reflect on the teachings of Christ, we fast, we ask for God's forgiveness, and we spend quality-time in prayer.

In our busy lives, it's not always easy to get yourself "prepared" properly or to get yourself in the right mindset for Easter.

There are many, many distractions. Thankfully, there is help and it comes from our parish and council.

Our parish, St. Paul's, helps prepare us with the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday afternoon and Mass each Saturday evening and Sunday. In addition, St. Paul's has the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 1:30 PM and 7:30 PM. On Thursdays you can pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:30 AM Mass and ending with a beautiful Benediction at 6:45 PM.

Likewise, our Council can help you prepare for Easter by participating in the following activities.

- Fish fry's: offers a meal option to help you abstain from meat on Fridays.
- Pray to end abortion: Join your Brother Knights on March 3 in front of the Cleveland Avenue abortion facility to take part in "40 Days for Life".
- Next meeting: If you plan to make our next business meeting on March 7, arrive by 6:30 PM and join your Brother Knights in prayer by reciting the Rosary. After the Rosary listen to representatives from Catholic Social Services discuss opportunities to partner with them in

assisting those in need. Deacon Dean Racine from St. Elizabeth Council # 11193 will also be attending our meeting and informing us of other opportunities to assist our fellow man.

May you come closer to Christ this Lenten season. That is my prayer for you.

Blessings to you and good health, too!

Vivat Jesus
Bruce Jackson

Our next business meeting starts at 7:00 pm on Wednesday March 7, 2012 at St Paul's in Room 3 in the Lower Level of the new Church

Please give me (bjwesterville@aol.com or 614-882-8994) or PGK Kevin O'Connor (614-523-3892, koconnor@gci2000.com) any written articles by the end of the month so they can be included in next month's newsletter.



Friday
Mar 2, 16, 23, 30
"Let the Fish Fry"

The tradition continues as we crank up the deep fryer and cook up the fish, fries, scalloped taters, mac & cheese, and baked fish. It's once again time for the Council to serve the people of St. Paul's Parish. Many hands make light work. See you in the **MILLER HALL** starting at 4:00 pm. We will need people to set up, serve, and clean up. Simply show up to help or call

PGK Gary Koonce for details (614-898-3823).

We need desserts and any sweet tooth donations would be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from the sale of desserts of all the Fish Fry's are pooled for scholarships awarded to graduating St. Paul students.

We will not have a Fish Fry on March 9 and you can take advantage of this opportunity to support our Brother Knights at Council 10194 at Resurrection in New Albany. You will be warmly welcomed!!!



Sat March 3
Pro-Life Prayer

Join our Council and many others as we mobilize for pro-life on Saturday March 3. We will gather after the 8:30 am Mass to pray outside of the Complete Healthcare for Women at 5888 Cleveland Avenue. Contact Sebastian Mauricio for information (SebMauricio@gmail.com)



Sunday March 18 "Cooking for Easter Eggs"

Join us as we crank up the griddle and serve breakfast in Miller Hall at St. Paul's. The next breakfast of this Fraternal year will be on Sunday March 18. We will be serving after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 masses. Many hands make light work. ***We especially need people to help with clean up after the 10:30 mass.*** Simply show up to help or call PGK Gary Koonce for details (614-898-3823, email:GKoonce@aol.com).



Meals on Wheels

Brother Knight Paul LeCorgne has taken over responsibility for Meals on Wheels. This is a main fundraiser for the Council, and requires but a little time on Saturday or Sunday. ***Nobody is scheduled every weekend. If you can help or want more information, please contact Paul*** (614-794-0071, paul.s.lecorgne@chase.com)



K of C Free Throw Council Champions

The 2012 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Tournament on January 23 was a great success with over 45 boys and girls competing. It is a tribute to the organization of Brother Knight Phil Kraker who is the prime mover of this event. Participants representing Council 5776 at the District Level contest were:

- 10 yr old: Michael Chellis, Sarah Gellner
 - 11 yr old: George Javitch, Julia Bosco
 - 12 yr old: Dylan Edens
 - 13 yr old: William LeCorgne, Ema Pusecker
 - 14 yr old: Ben Coffey, Maria Chellis
- Please congratulate these winners. Maria and Ema also won on the District Level. Michael, George, William, and Ben also won on the District Level.



Council Shirts Available

Shawn Minke has shirts (M, L, XL, and XXL) available for immediate purchase. Polo Shirts are \$22 and T-shirts are \$10.

They provide a wonderful medium for emphasizing unity and fraternity. They make us look good too!!



KofC Insurance Agent

Is your income protected if you become too sick or hurt to work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings. I would like to show you that Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you become too sick or hurt to work, Income Armor provides monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain your standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, and help your savings and retirement assets remain intact. In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

Craig Heppner, FIC
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In Support of Priests and Religious Vocations

- Pray for Pope Benedict XVI
- Pray for Bishop Frederick Campbell
- Prayer for Pastor, Fr. Charlie Klinger
- Pray for Fr. Raymond Lavelle
- Pray for Fr. Dave Gwinner
- Pray for Fr. Dan Drury
- Pray for Fr. Rod Damico
- Pray for Fr. Joseph Murphy
- Pray for Deacon Mickey Hawkins
- Pray for Deacon Tom Barford
- Pray for Seminarian Adam Pasternack
- Pray for Joe Ciaciura – Deacon candidate
- Pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Dick Tomasek



Pennies from Heaven

Be sure to drop your pennies in the milk jug at every Council meeting, Breakfast, and Fish Fry. These funds are collected for retired priests and religious. This is simply our way of returning the favor for all they have done for us.



Council March Birthdays

*Walter S. Bernacki
Bruce A. Jackson
Philip J. Kraker
Anthony J. Lloyd
Angelo Mazzocco
Brian J. Mc Keon
John M. Nemergut
Jerry Nieman
George D. Probst
Walter A. Reed
Christopher P. Woodley
Dr William P. Yomushonis*



Keep Them in Your Prayers

SEND REQUESTS TO
prayerrequest@kofc5776.org

Pray for everyone impacted by the shooting at Chardon High School

Pray for the repose of the soul of PGK Don Dwenger

Pray for Tony Olivieri, father of Brother Knight John Olivieri

Pray for the father of Dr. Kris West

Pray for Charles Kramer's wife, Doris

Pray for Frank Nachtman, per request of Brother Knight Scott Bastian

Pray for Brother Knight Tom Nann and his parents

Pray for Joe Drury, father of Fr. Dan

Pray for Brother Knight Ron Folian, his wife, Carol, and his brother-in-law, Mark Collins

Pray for Christine Foos, wife of Tom Foos

Pray for PGK Barney Sweeney and his wife, Jacqueline

Pray for Brother Knight Paul Fisher

Pray for Brother Knight Don Brennan

Pray for Brother Knight Keith Meyers

Pray for Brother Knight Dave Brown

Pray for Phyllis, companion of Al Surette

Pray for the grandchild of Art Sullivan

Pray for Janice Peltomaa

Pray for Brother Knight Dave Pietras

Pray for Brother Knight Dick Marflak

Pray for PGK Bill Sedor

Pray for Past State Deputy Gary Eckstein

Pray for Brother Knight John Marzec

Pray for Brother Knight Don Gray and his daughter-in-law, Pam Gray

Pray for Doris Kramer

Pray for Marie Mansour, mother of

Brother Knight Al Mansour

Pray for Robert Laube

Pray for Jason and Angela Wiegand, niece and nephew-in-law of Dave Dauer

Pray for Halina Barford, wife of Tom

Pray for William Grubb

Pray for Kathy Foley (Don Coffey's mother-in-law)

Pray for Ariana Rose Hankins (Elmer Cabotage's granddaughter)

Pray for Leroy Piekenbrock, father of Mark Piekenbrock

Pray for Lindy Dziczkowski, father in law of Carl Haaser

Pray for Peter Chlore, Anthony Kinslow, Jacob Spann, Dustin Derga, Ryan Miller, Samuel Pearson, and others who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.



Thought for the Month
“Urgency Addiction”

Delaying gratification can take practice. For most people, willpower doesn't come naturally. As humans, we have always been wired for instant gratification, but technology has kicked up that biological need. We have to stop the madness and be deliberate about choices. We have to learn to act on the IMPORTANT and not react to the urgent.

Leigh Stevens

The two traits that most predict success in life are self-control and intelligence.

Roy Baumeister



Council Calendar

Fri March 2 – 5:00 pm
Fish Fry in Miller Hall

Sat March 3
Catholic Men’s Conference
www.ColumbusCatholicMen.com

Sat March 3
Prayer at Abortion Clinic
After 8:30 am Mass

Sat Mar 3 – Sun Mar 4
Council Open House
After Mass

Tues March 6
VOTE

Wed March 7
6:30 PM **Rosary**
7:00 PM **Business Meeting**
Room 3
Lower Level of Church

Fri March 9 – 5:00 pm
Fish Fry in Miller Hall

Fri March 16 – 5:00 pm
Fish Fry in Miller Hall

Sun March 18
Breakfast after Masses
Miller Hall

Wed March 21 - 7:00 PM
Officers Meeting
St. Peter Room

Fri March 23 – 5:00 pm
Fish Fry in Miller Hall

Fri March 30 – 5:00 pm
Fish Fry in Miller Hall





Carl and Tricia Haaser being served during the St Valentine's Dinner at Carfagna's Kitchen



Dino Carfagna and Bruce Jackson overseeing the St Valentine's Dinner at Carfagna's Kitchen



Al Mansour receiving the Shining Armor Award for outstanding service to the Council



1st Degree Team members and participants socializing after the ceremony at St Paul's Church



Dave Blankartz, Carl Haaser, and Don Coffey concentrating on the action during the Council Bowling Challenge



Prime mover Shawn Minke watching his ball during the Council Bowling Challenge



Ron Folian, Marty Luxeder, Rob Weimer, Scott Leithauser, Tomy Rhymnd, and Austin Leclider became our newest 3rd Degree members on Feb 26



Tom Crotty watching over the Blood Drive which was another success



Free Throw Contest Champions Dylan Edens, Michael Chellis, William LeCorgne, George Javitch, and Ben Coffey



Free Throw Contest Champions Maria Chellis, Julia Bosco, Ema Pusecker, and Sarah Gellner



Carl Haaser preparing for another Super Sub sale before the Super Bowl



Tony and Alison Lloyd, Deacon Mickey and Patty Hawkins, Fr. Charlie, Bruce and Marilyn Jackson, and Deacon Charlie at the Clergy Appreciation Dinner



The first Fish Fry of the Lenten Season was well attended



Joe Ditmar, Ted Markovich, Sebastian Mauricio, Tony Lloyd, and Scott Leithauser getting the food served

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FROM THE HELM

**Special Issue...Health & Human Services (HHS) Response - Ohio State Council K of C
Gary Anderson, Pro-Life Director**

Brother Knights,

Since the January 20th announcement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) of the upcoming enforcement of regulations requiring mandatory coverage of contraceptives, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs with no conscience protection, State Deputy Dave Helmstetter and the Ohio State Council have received numerous requests for advice and guidance from councils across the state on how to respond to this alarming issue.

As State Pro Life Director, the State Deputy asked me to provide guidance for members and local councils. With this in mind, I would first like to address what the edict means for Catholics and Catholic institutions, then provide resources to help guide your response to this edict in the hopes of overturning it.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has written an article entitled, "Six Things Everyone Should Know About The HHS Mandate" View it here: <http://www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-021.cfm>. In summary:

- ◆ The mandate does not exempt Catholic charities, schools, universities, or hospitals.
- ◆ The mandate forces these institutions and others, against their conscience, to pay for things they consider immoral.
- ◆ The mandate forces coverage of sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs and devices as well as contraception.
- ◆ Catholics of all political persuasions are unified in their opposition to the mandate.
- ◆ Many other religious and secular people and groups have spoken out strongly against the mandate.
- ◆ The federal mandate is much stricter than existing state mandates.

So how do we, as loyal members of the Knights of Columbus, respond to this organized attack on our religious liberties? First of all, become informed, and then take action! Consider the following:

1. Learn how the USCCB has vowed to fight this coercive HHS mandate. Visit the Conscience Protection page at:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/index.cfm>

There, you will also be able to view a short video of USCCB. President Cardinal Timothy Dolan where he responds to a misleading February 1st blog post by the White House.

2. Hear an incredibly powerful homily given on February 5 by Fr. Sammie L. Maletta, Jr., pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in St. John, Indiana. Fr. Sammie's thoughts cut right to the heart of the current crisis of religious liberty. This is one item you will definitely want to pass on to everyone you know! Hear it here:

<http://youtu.be/ItTd81XpDnc>

3. Watch an insightful video of Fr. Robert Barron as he comments on how anti-Catholic and un-American the HHS tactics are:

<http://www.wordonfire.org/WOF-TV/Commentaries-New/Fr-Barron-comments-on-the-HHS-Mandate.aspx>.

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4. Visit the Supreme Council website:

www.kofc.org

You will find some very informative articles and videos, e.g., an article by Supreme Chaplain Bishop William E. Lori entitled, *Envisioning Religious Liberty*. In it, Bishop Lori outlines how our U.S. bishops, assisted by the faithful, will work to combat current and future threats to religious freedom. You'll also find Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's February 15 op-ed piece in *National Review Magazine* entitled, *The HHS Mandate: One Battle in a Two-Front War*.

5. Obtain a PDF copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* from the USCCB. at:

www.faithfulcitizenship.org

It is chock full of ideas and suggestions, including how to contact your legislators in Washington in several different ways from writing letters to phone calls and even personal visits.

6. Support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act via an Action Alert from the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA). You can send an email to Congress here:

<http://www.nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=292>

7. Sign up for future Action Alerts from the USCCB:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/capwiz/capwiz-signup.cfm>

8. Pass on the above information to all Catholics and members of other Christian denominations.

And finally, please pray the following prayer for our elected officials and those affected by their work:

Gracious and loving God, let your Spirit be with us (me) today. Hear our (my) prayers, and increase in us (me) the will to follow your Son Jesus.

Help us (me) to draw on the resources of our (my) faith as we (I) use the opportunities of our democracy to shape a society more respectful of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person, especially the poor and vulnerable.

We (I) ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

Respectfully submitted,
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The administration's underlying philosophy of government intervention at the expense of freedom of conscience reflects a willingness toward further unconstitutional interference with internal church matters. Such policies — and their public defense — seem to show a government intent on breaching religious protections and entangling government in religious decision making.

— Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus

The HHS Mandate: One Battle in a Two-Front War

National Review Online, February 15, 2012