

Celebrating 25 Years 1993-2018

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St. Brendan's Council 11208



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A Message from the Grand Knight...

October – month of activities

Hello brother knights,

You can tell fall has arrived when you need to wear a light jacket to attend outside events in the evenings and your car has dew on it in the morning (assuming you parked it outside). Another way to tell that fall is here is our membership recruiting drive kicks into high gear as we begin our October membership blitz!

Our plans have been finalized for the October 13th and 14th blitz. We will have individuals speaking after communion at all the masses for two minutes about the Knights and why Catholic men should consider joining our organization. Steve Sinay, our membership chair, or other fellow knights will be manning a table after all masses in the church gathering space to speak to prospective new members. Our goal during this time is not to get men to sign a form 100, but instead to begin a dialogue with them and invite them to help out at some of our upcoming events, such as Trunk or Treat on October 23rd, 40 Days for Life prayer vigil on October 25th, Craft Show on November 3rd, Vets Reception on November 9th, or other activities we are working on. Once a man sees what our council does and how they can “fit in” with our council, it is much easier for them to want to join the Knights than doing it “cold turkey”, so to speak. There will be a first degree on Thursday, October 18th, and a prospective member we met earlier in the week is welcome to attend, but that degree will be for men that we have already been in contact with about the knights. Remember that the best way to get a man to join the knights is if he is asked directly about joining by another man. We now have business cards available that have our council’s general information on the front, along with contact information for both myself and Steve Sinay, our membership director, and the K of C Supreme “Join Us” web address on the back. Feel free to send me an e-mail if you would like to receive some cards, or attend one of our monthly meetings and I will be glad to give you some. You can also reach out to Steve at 614-638-4795 or ssinay@columbus.rr.com if you know a man but need some help to ask them to join. By the way, thanks to brother knight Mike Schramm for his help in designing the new cards – they look great!

Mark your calendars! We have finalized the date for our 25th anniversary celebration of the founding of our council. The event will be on Saturday, November 17th, and will begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m. then a reception thereafter in the school cafeteria with heavy hors d’oeuvres and beverages. Please make every effort to attend this unique event to celebrate what our council has accomplished in the past 25 years.

As you can tell from the previous paragraph, we are beginning to get into the busy time of our council’s activity calendar (October to April). If it has been awhile since you volunteered to help out with an activity, please consider joining us at one of our upcoming events – we would love to have you! If you can not attend an event, I ask that you say a quick prayer on the day of the event for its success. Prayer should be at the heart of all that we do as knights, and the power of intercessory prayer should never be underestimated.

Vivat Jesus!



Gerry Riendeau

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In chaos theory, the Butterfly Effect theorizes that when a butterfly flaps its wings, it can influence the winds halfway around the world, or that it can cause a tornado 6 days later. The theory states that the minimal effect of a butterfly flapping its wings can grow to maximum effect in time. In this past Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus seems to employ the Butterfly Effect theory when he states that nobody who performs a mighty deed in his name can be against him. As an example, he says that anybody who gives a cup of cold water to drink because they belong to Christ will surely not lose their reward. Come again? Is that a mighty deed? And the reward he speaks about seems to indicate heaven. So, giving a cup of cold water to a Christian disciple merits the reward of heaven? That seems to be an exaggeration! Then, Jesus speaks of evil deeds, saying that anybody who commits sin should cut off the cause of it, like their hand, or foot, or their eyeball. In fact, even causing another one to sin is so bad, it would be better to put a millstone around one's own neck and be thrown into the sea. Is Jesus exaggerating about the smallest of good deeds or evil acts becoming big over time to merit the reward of heaven or the punishment of hell? I don't think Jesus would exaggerate.

If our actions make that much of a difference, then maybe we better seriously consider how we act. In the moral life, 4 words can probably sum up how we should act – "Do good, avoid evil." We should never subscribe to the Machiavellian philosophy of "The end justifies the means." In other words, we should never directly do evil so that a good can come out of it. Jesus was speaking of an apparent spiritual reality that even the smallest of sins have a great negative effect and should never be done. And to directly commit an evil act is a sin. By contrast, to directly do good overcomes the evil that is already in the world.

We do not have the power on our own though to do good and avoid evil. That's a grace from God and those graces are best received from the Sacraments. The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to overcome the evil that we have committed, and to do better. The Sacrament of the Eucharist helps us to do good in the world, most especially to love God and our neighbor. The Sacrament of Baptism gets us all started on the way. Confirmation strengthens our faith begun at baptism and gives us greater gifts of the Holy Spirit and resolve to live with heroic sanctity. The Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders give us the fullness of grace to live out those states in life. Finally, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick brings God's healing power into our lives, bringing restoration of body and soul. This is the power of the Catholic Church that Christ has given us. The Sacraments give us real grace to do good and avoid evil. And that is no exaggeration!

God bless you!

Fr. Ed

Introducing Accelerator Term Insurance



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When Father McGivney founded our beloved Order more than 136 years ago, his goal was to protect Catholic families from financial devastation. But not all Catholic families have the same needs and goals.

That's why, as we carry on Father McGivney's vision, we are always looking for ways to introduce new products and new features that have the ability to most perfectly meet the needs of brother Knights and their families.

In 2014, the Knights of Columbus launched its newest product, the Accelerator Term Insurance Series.

Term Insurance is a valuable product for those Knights and their loved ones who need coverage, but have a limited budget.

There are many reasons to consider term insurance. Perhaps you have a new mortgage. Maybe you need to cover your children's college tuition. Perhaps you want to provide for income replacement while your children are still living at home. These relatively short-term needs are perfect for term coverage.

And now, with the introduction of the Accelerator Term Series, there are even more reasons to consider term insurance from the Knights of Columbus.

The Accelerator Series is a cutting-edge insurance product that allows members to maximize the benefit, minimize the cost, and accelerate their coverage.

Offered at 10, 15, and 20 year level term periods, the Accelerator has three unique features that make it special. The first is the coverage period. With the Accelerator Series, members and their loved ones can now have term insurance protection to age 85 – a 15-year extension from the previous limit.

The second is the acceleration feature. For each of the first five years of the life of your Accelerator Term Insurance policy, the death benefit amount will increase five percent, up to 125 percent of the initial contract amount. This exciting new feature allows you to maximize and accelerate your death benefit automatically, to increase the protection you are providing for your family.

The third is the conversion opportunity. As your short-term needs begin to expire, you have the option to convert your Accelerator Term policy into a permanent insurance policy at any point during the first six years of the contract, without having to go through medical underwriting or prove insurability. This is a great option to have in case your health should unexpectedly deteriorate over the course of your 10, 15 or 20 year term. If you elect to include a Full Conversion Rider with your Accelerator Term policy, you will be able to fully convert your policy until age 65.

The Accelerator Term Insurance series is a great addition to our top-rated portfolio. Backed by the financial strength of the Knights of Columbus, who has received the highest-possible ratings (A++, Superior) from A.M. Best for 42 consecutive years, you can be confident in the protection you purchase.

And, as a policy holder with the Knights of Columbus, you have the added comfort of knowing that your organization will give generously and invest ethically. We like to call it "The Catholic Difference."

So take time to meet with me, and I'll give you additional details on this exciting new product, and provide you with a complimentary, comprehensive analysis that will help identify your needs and goals, so that you and your family can determine the level of protection that best serves your situation. You won't regret that you did

Please give me a call. Mark Mandel 614-308-2294 or email me at mark.mandel@kofc.org



1st Degree Report

Our next 1st Degree will be on Thursday, October 18, 2018 in Wellnitz Hall. Room setup will start at 6:00 PM, Candidate Call will start at 6:30 PM and the Degree will start at 7:00 PM. Socialization and refreshments will follow the Degree.

Please remember, It's never too early to ask a friend, "Are you a Knight?" A personal invitation is the best form of recruitment. Use the new Council card that Gerry handed out at the September meeting. If you have any questions please contact Bob Eggerichs via email: reggeric@columbus.rr.com or phone 614-771-9624.

4th Degree Report

Our next Assembly 2727 meeting will be Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at Our Lady of Victory church, 1559 Roxbury Rd, Columbus, OH 43212. We will meet in lower level below the main church as usual. We will start with the Rosary at 6:30 PM, share a meal at 7:00 PM and start the business meeting at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you there. For further information please contact Bob Eggerichs via email: reggeric@columbus.rr.com or phone 614-771-9624.



Respect LIFE

Greater Columbus Right to Life (GCRTL) is sponsoring 40 Days for Life daily prayer vigils at Planned Parenthood, 3255 E Main Street, Columbus, 43213 from September 26 – November 4. Our Council members and parishioners are invited to pray for the end of abortion for one hour at the Planned Parenthood site on Thursday, October 25 from 8:00 – 5:00pm which has been designated St Brendan day of prayer at the Main Street location.

Please sign up for one hour of prayer on the 25th by contacting Jerry Abraham (jabraham.alt@gmail.com) or placing your name on the sign-up poster available soon in the gathering space. If you are unable to pray at Planned Parenthood, please consider praying for an hour in a church or wherever you can during the 40 Days for Life period. Your prayers to end abortion will make a difference! Let's fill every hour on October 25!

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Our Council is once again sponsoring a Parish breakfast. It will be on Sunday, October 14th in the School Cafeteria. Breakfast will be served after the 7:15, 8:45, and 10:30 a.m. masses. We are collecting goodwill donations for this year's charity which will benefit those victims of the recent Hurricane in North Carolina.



We will serve eggs, tater tots, and bacon along with pastries and or



donuts. OJ, Milk and Coffee will also be served.

Buzzy Zorich needs much help in preparing and serving the breakfast. If you have not volunteered already please email Buzzy and let him know if you can assist.

Pro-life momentum? 40 Days for Life campaign begins in over 400 cities



The 40 Days for Life 2018 fall campaign began in September, claiming groups in a record 415 cities are taking part.

“The momentum in the pro-life movement is ours to keep or lose,” Shawn Carney, president of 40 Days for Life, said Sept. 23. “We are going all in this fall.”

“We have received more media coverage, conducted more leader training, and offered more free materials to local campaigns than ever before,” he added.

The outreach campaign, launched in 2007, takes place in both the spring and the fall. It aims to use prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils to end abortion and to ask God to “turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion,” the campaign website says.

According to its own figures, 40 Days for Life outreach has helped save over 14,600 lives from abortion. Its volunteers have held over 5,600 campaigns in 769 cities in 50 countries, with about 750,000 total participants.

During these campaigns, 96 abortion facilities have closed and 178 abortion workers have quit their jobs, the group says.

One group in the eastern U.S. began the fall 2018 campaign a week and a half early, and learned that one abortion worker quit during their sidewalk witness.

The campaign explicitly encourages a “positive, prayerful presence” and participants avoid shouting, confrontations with patients and employees, and the use of graphic images of abortion.

In Birmingham, England the fall campaign began with 150 people at its launch event.

Speakers included a grandfather whose grandchild would have been aborted if the child’s pregnant mother hadn’t encountered participants in a 40 Days for Life vigil. Also speaking was a woman who had an abortion after she became pregnant through assault.

A couple whose baby was saved from abortion during a previous campaign appeared with their child. The campaign has been underway in Boston, Mass. for 10 years where Rita, a retired obstetrics nurse, is now a local leader. She told 40 Days for Life she is normally a homebody, but years ago she mentioned the possibility of leading the campaign to her husband.

“I wanted to run it by him because I knew he would tell me no, and then I’d be off the hook. Instead he said, ‘I think we should do it!’ We’ve been leading here ever since and have no plans to stop,” she said. 40 Days for Life is testing a billboard campaign near some abortion facilities. One Green Bay billboard next to a Planned Parenthood clinic bears a picture of a smiling woman. It says “Women deserve better than Planned Parenthood,” followed by a smaller tagline that reads: “the beginning of the end of abortion.”

Local campaign locations and more information is available at the 40 Days for Life website at

<https://40daysforlife.com>.

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Saturday

November 17

5:30 p.m. Mass

Reception to follow



To our Brother Knights in October

Michael Gillotti Michael Schlorman Richard Jones Daniel Houchins
 Donald York Paul Roginski Gerald Price David Cunningham
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Upcoming Council & Church Events



November 3



October 14



October 23



November 9

St. Brendan's Men's Retreat
January 25-27
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Membership meeting
October 17 - Wellnitz Hall

Planning meeting
October 31 - Wellnitz Hall



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