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A Message from the Grand Knight...

We are more than half way into Lent, and with warming weather coming Holy Week will be here shortly. One of the newest initiatives from the Knights of Columbus is encouraging individuals in their parish to participate in Good Friday services. It appears that attendance at these services has been decreasing in recent years, and the reasons behind it are many. Years ago, it was not unusual for individuals to have Good Friday off from work, but unfortunately that practice has pretty much gone to the wayside in our current culture.



Gerry Riendeau

There are still some companies that grant Good Friday off as a paid holiday, but they are few and far between. If you happen to work at such a company, I would suggest that you thank your company leadership for giving you the opportunity to attend services and give this day the proper reverence that it deserves.

It is easy to sometimes lose focus and turn our thoughts to the Resurrection and Easter Sunday, but without Good Friday and the death of our savior Jesus Christ on the cross, there would be no Resurrection. I highly encourage all knights and their families to attend a Good Friday service, even if you are traveling and are out of town for that day. The services are powerful reminder to all of us of what Jesus did to save us from our sins, and we should be ever thankful that we are able to share in His resurrection through His death.

Turning our thoughts to Council activities, the Of the Year nominations to both state and chapter have been submitted, and we will be announcing the winners at our membership meeting on April 24th. I will also publish the winners' names in the May newsletter. There were a lot of worthy recipients this year, which made for some difficult decisions. I wish we could have had co-winners for certain categories, but alas we had to select a single winner. Thank you to all those individuals that submitted nominations so that we are able to recognize individuals for their contributions to our church, council, and community.

Finally, we are in the process of finalizing our slate of officers for the 2019-2020 fraternal year. Thank you to those individuals who submitted their names for consideration as officers and committee chairs / members. It is only with your stepping up that we are able to do all the programs and activities that our council has planned for the coming year. We have a good council with much support, and I am always grateful for everything that you do for our council.

Vivat Jesus!

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Chaplain's Corner Fr. Ed Shikina

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CS Lewis said there are 3 Transcendental properties of God – Beauty, Truth, and Goodness (it is also stated in the Catechism paragraph 41). Since we are all made in the image and likeness of God, we have this desire for beauty, truth, and goodness. We are never fully satisfied with these 3 properties in this life because the fullness of them will only come in the beatific vision when we see God face-to-face. Only then will we find our ultimate fulfillment and happiness. That is why we constantly hunger for them and seek them out in this life. Our daily experiences in life tell us this is true. We are bombarded with images of beauty in our world, with the culture and social media making us think that what seems beautiful is always good.

Beauty does hold value but it can be distorted by the devil. Not everything that is beautiful is automatically good. In the garden of Eden, the fruit was beautiful, it looked pleasing to the eyes, but it was off-limits to Adam and Eve according to God. The devil made Adam and Eve think that because it was beautiful, it must've been good to eat.

However, we can quickly see the problem of this when we see the scourge of pornography. What attracts people to pornography is their hunger for what they think is beautiful and good. But people who have become addicted to pornography are ravaged by its effects and desire to be freed from their slavery to it. They can testify first-hand that it is not good. It has negative effects on their marriages, their relationships with their children, and their self-confidence. It darkens their mind and makes them angry.

Being freed from the enslavement to sin, pornography or otherwise, might take frequent confession and perhaps even professional counseling. In the meantime, pray to Jesus for freedom and the Holy Spirit for the strength to fight against those temptations by the devil. It is good to remind ourselves that forbidden fruit is never good, so don't bother even entertaining those thoughts. True beauty is what is truly good. What is truly good is the Truth Himself. Seek God's will to know what to do. Then seek the Holy Spirit to help you follow God's will. Say 3 simple words, "Come, Holy Spirit!" throughout the day for help. The Holy Spirit will enlighten your mind, give you peace, and will empower you to live the Christian way of life.

God bless!

Fr Ed

Fr Steve's Liturgy drew one of the largest crowds at 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 17, that many St. Brendan parishioners said they have ever seen. It rivaled any Christmas or Easter Liturgy in attendance. For the homily Fr Steve had an estimated 50 kids surround him around the altar as he introduced them and the congregation to his puppets. He easily wove the readings into a homily enjoyed by both the kids and adults with humor and thoughtful intelligence. After the Liturgy our Knights council provided coffee and doughnuts. We actually ran out of doughnuts due to the overflow crowd. And there was a long line in the parking lot to get in! Both adults and children really enjoyed Fr. Steve's message. Fr Steve was a blessing to the community of St Brendan's.

Ray Hinkelman





1st Degree Report

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Our next 1st Degree is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019 in Wellnitz Hall, starting with the 6:00 PM room setup, 6:30 PM candidate call and 7:00 PM degree.. 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 previously. 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, April 3, 2019 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, meal at 7:00 PM and 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

Respect Life – From Conception to Natural Death

GCRTL 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil continues at Founder's Clinic 1243 E Broad ending on April 17. St Brendan Day of prayer at the Clinic is Saturday, April 6 from 8a – 6p. Plan to join other parishioners and brother Knights in prayer for the unborn and to end abortion. **You can sign up for an hour of prayer on the Gathering space poster or**

with Jerry Abraham at jabraham.alt@gmail.com.



This is the true story of Abby Johnson who was once a director of a Planned Parenthood facility. What she saw when she witnessed an abortion procedure changed her life. Unplanned is showing in several local theaters including Easton, Polaris, and Dublin. Please make an effort to see this movie.

St. Brendan's Parish "Support Our Seminarians" recent collection once again shows the generosity of our Parishioners. Although the total continues to rise as additional envelopes arrive, we have in hand \$5,388.00. This is not the grand total for the Fiscal Year. We will publish that amount in May's newsletter. God Bless our Parishioners and our Seminarians.

Ed Olenhouse



Introducing Accelerator Term Insurance

When Father McGivney founded our beloved Order more than 137 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 39 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.

Call or email Mark Mandel at 614-308-2294 or email me at mark.mandel@kofc.org.



To our Brother Knights in April

Dean Ashbrook James Colvin David Holscher
Raymond Norris William West Bruce Cosgray
Rodney Anderson Marc Honigford Terry Killen
Joy Chemmalakuzhy

Upcoming Council & Church Events


**40 DAYS
FOR LIFE™**
St. Brendan Prayer
Vigil Day
Saturday April 6

Knights Family Breakfast



Sunday April 7

Men's Club
**STEAK
and ALE™**



More info on these events TBA



Planning Meeting
April 8 (Conference call)
Membership meeting
April 24

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AM 820

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