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*A Message from the Grand Knight...*

**Hello Brother Knights,**

As we move into May and the month of Mary, our order has a special devotion to our Blessed Mother. If you remember back to your first degree (and I realize that may be way back for some of us), you received a rosary and the instruction to keep it with you always and pray it as often as you can. I have gone through many rosaries since that time, but my devotion to our Blessed Mother has never changed. She is our intercessor before her Son, and she asks Jesus to give us graces that nourish us spiritually, just as she herself is full of grace. What does that mean exactly? The best and simplest way I have heard grace described is in two words: unmerited favor. Mary was given unmerited, or undeserved, favor by God who looked upon her and chose her to be the mother of his Son. When we ask for her intercession, we are asking that she ask Jesus to give us what we need to live good Christian lives. May we always be thankful to Jesus for everything that He provides to us everyday, especially those things that the Blessed Virgin Mary asks Jesus to give us.



**Gerry Riendeau**

At our April membership meeting, our Of the Year Award winners were announced, and I would like to recognize those individuals. **See Page 5.** Congratulations to all of our Of the Year Awards winners, and thank you to all those Brother Knights who submitted nominations for the awards.

Finally, we have wrapped up our program year for the State Council Knights of Columbus and have submitted the required reports, but the fraternal year for the Supreme Knights of Columbus does not end until June 30th. We still have 3 more projects that we are planning for (one in May and two in June), and we need Brother Knights to step up and support these projects. More information will be made available through the Sunday updates and special e-mails, so be on the look out for these items. These projects only require 1 1/2 to 2 hours of your time, but will make a big difference in the lives of those individuals that we are supporting.

**Salve Regina!**

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## Chaplain's Corner

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### Fr. Ed Shikina

As I write this, today is Divine Mercy Sunday. This day was instituted by Pope John Paul II 19 years ago. The Divine Mercy message was given by Jesus to a Polish nun, and now Saint, Faustina Kowalska. JPII canonized her in 2000, the same year that he declared the second Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. The message of Jesus to St. Faustina was that "mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy." That is why the inscription at the bottom of the Divine Mercy image is "Jesus, I Trust in You" (we have a big image of it in the gathering space and the confessional). So much conflict in the world is due to peoples' lack of trust in God. We fight because we think we need to force our way upon others. We don't trust that God will work His way in His own time. Or the conflict is due to lack of peace in our hearts, again, not trusting that God will take care of things. So, in our age, Jesus is asking us to trust in Him and in His mercy.

Deacon Jim Morris preached at Mass today and his theme was that of God's mercy. He gave a great analogy for one aspect of God's mercy. He spoke of how he travelled with his family in Arizona years ago and was using a GPS device. At one point, he ignored the GPS voice and turned left instead of right. Instead of the voice saying, "Hey stupid, you should have turned right!" it simply said, "Recalculating" and then told him new directions for how to get to their destination. He said that God's mercy works in the same way. God does not lambast us for going off track in our lives. Instead, in His mercy, He simply says, "Recalculating" and then calmly tells us how to get back on track. This analogy shows us that God is merciful with us, that He is patient with us, and that He loves us. This aspect of God is what the Divine Mercy message tries to get us to see so that we can trust Him and have peace in our hearts. Yes, we do still need to turn around if that's what God says. Otherwise, we will end up in the wrong place no matter how merciful God is. The God we serve is not a God that we should stay away from but rather a personal God who desires good things for us if we but listen to His voice. There are many ways to learn of God's mercy. The Divine Mercy chaplet is a big one.

One thing that I would ask you brother Knights to do is to learn and pray the Divine Mercy chaplet every day. It only takes about 10 minutes, but it will be a source of comfort and peace for you. It will change you. Then each of us, changed for the better, bring God's peace and mercy to the world. That's how we, together with God, change the world for the better.

**God bless you!**

**Fr Ed**

# New York Times Covers "Unplanned"

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## Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on a story in the New York Times on "Unplanned":

In the April 9 edition of the New York Times, there was a news story about the pro-life movie "Unplanned." Of course, the term "pro-life" never appears—such persons are described as "being against abortion rights." The words are chosen carefully: those who defend human rights in utero are against human rights. The story starts with an observation about suburban theatergoers who saw the film last week. "A few—a gaggle of nuns in their habits, at least one collared priest—wore their dispositions on their sleeves. Others communicated in muted gestures, dabbed at tears, or lingered for long stretches in the popcorn-strewn vestibule at the AMC multiplex here, as if still processing the deliberately provocative movie they had just seen."



The Cambridge English Dictionary defines "gaggle" as "a group of geese" or "a group of noisy or silly people." We can assume that the reporter, Reggie Ugwu, was not referring to the nuns as "a group of geese." That would make them "a group of noisy or silly people." The silly nuns were in habit. That makes sense given that pro-abortion nuns—I have met more than a few of them—tend to dress like social workers. The priest with a collar (note: even liberal priests wear a collar when they go on TV) was, like the silly nuns, making a statement with his garb, clearly wearing his "dispositions on his sleeve."

It is true that when people witness a movie about the wanton destruction of babies they tend to well up. Either that or they are sociopaths. And yes, there is much to process about a movie that is "deliberately provocative." Films that honestly depict bodily invasions tend to be that way. "Unplanned," as many know, has been subject to considerable Hollywood censorship. Ugwu accurately recounts how requests for songs to be used in the movie were denied, as were most TV interviews. The film was slapped with an "R" rating, a deliberate act, and the movie's Twitter account was temporarily disabled. When it comes to explaining why these things happened, Ugwu wears his dispositions on his sleeve.

"Of course, no film is entitled to media exposure." That's true. The same could be said about the failure of the New York Times to review the movie—like virtually every other major newspaper in the nation (the Washington Post being the lone exception)—but that doesn't empty the discussion. Why the blackout? Ugwu anticipates this question and has a ready answer. He opines that "the belief among anti-abortion communities that powerful forces have arrayed against the film has kindled long-smoldering claims of liberal and anti-religious bias in the media and Silicon Valley."

That Hollywood and the Silicon Valley are liberal and anti-religious is about as controversial as saying the Bible Belt is conservative and religious. Only liars or the ignorant would deny it. They are also intolerant and censorial. Ugwu notes in a parenthetical remark that Planned Parenthood released a statement saying the movie "promotes many falsehoods." I checked the full statement, which is three sentences long, and it does not provide a single example of a falsehood. Surely they could cite one.

In the movie, there is an ultrasound picture of the baby flinching when pierced by the abortionist. This scene has upset a lot of people: some are upset at the violence and others are upset because their argument implodes.

Ugwu says that this scene "shows a fetus with a discernible head, torso and limbs frantically squirming away from a doctor's probe...before being liquefied by suction." So there is a body other than that of the mother's. And it moves. Temporarily that is. He asked a doctor at the "nonpartisan American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists" about this scene and she said that the notion that the baby is "fighting for its life" is misleading; babies at 13 weeks cannot feel pain, she said. There are two problems here. First of all, there is nothing "nonpartisan" about this woman—she performs abortions. Second, according to a study published in 2013 in the Journal of Maternal-Fetal Neonatal Medicine, "As early as 8 weeks the baby exhibits reflex movement during invasive procedures."

So the question I have for Mr. Ugwu and his "nonpartisan" abortionist friend is, "If the baby cannot feel pain, why does he or she recoil when pierced?" Don't adults recoil when pierced by a dentist? I could not help but notice that in the same edition of the newspaper there is an article about a change of leadership at The Nation magazine. It noted that the far-left publication was founded by abolitionists in 1865. What it didn't mention is that it strongly defended, and lied about, the mass murders committed by Stalin and Mao. If a magazine defended, and lied about, Hitler, it would surely be noted. Abortion and communism have much in common: both are stories about the killing of innocents. And in both stories, the paper covered them up. This is what makes the New York Times tick.



## 1st Degree Report

Our next 1st Degree has not been scheduled yet as we will be beginning a new fiscal year in July. 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](mailto:reggeric@columbus.rr.com) or phone 614-771-9624.

## 4TH Degree Report

Our next Assembly 2727 meeting will be Wednesday, May 1, 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](mailto:reggeric@columbus.rr.com) or phone 614-771-9624.



## Respect LIFE

### Respect Life Event Coming in June

Mark your calendars! On Monday, June 10, 2019 Greater

An Evening with

**The Pro + Life Doc**  
**Monday, June 10, 2019 | Villa Milano**

*a benefit supporting the work of Greater Columbus Right to Life*

**Dr. William Lile**

Columbus Right to Life is hosting their annual banquet at Villa Milano beginning at 6:30pm. There is no cost to attend this banquet, although guests will have an opportunity to make

a donation to support the activities of Greater Columbus Right to Life. Our Council hosts a table at the banquet and welcome you to join us. **Contact Roger File ([rfile@columbus.rr.com](mailto:rfile@columbus.rr.com)) or Jerry Abraham ([jabraham67@gmail.com](mailto:jabraham67@gmail.com)) for more information to register or you can register on line at [www.gcrtl.org/banquet](http://www.gcrtl.org/banquet).**



Here is a special announcement from the chairs of the Measure Up campaign, in which we collect funds to help support Ohio Special Olympics.

We are still in need of help for our Measure Up street collection on Saturday, May 4th. Thanks to those who have responded so far and/or signed up at the meeting. However, we have far less than half the 33 shift positions filled. We are planning to collect in Hilliard at Cemetery and Leap Rds and in Mill Run between the Shell Station and CVS. Shifts are typically 90 minutes in length beginning at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12 noon. Partial shifts and/or multiple shifts accepted. **If you can help out, please email Jim at [-jim.cogan71@gmail.com](mailto:-jim.cogan71@gmail.com) or call 614-557-7804 with your desired shift and location. Thank you from Jim Cogan and Jerry Price and from Special Olympics.**

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. **Please call Mark Mandel at 614-308-2294.**

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The Knights of Columbus held a family breakfast on Sunday, April 7, after the 7:30 AM, 8:45 AM, and 10:30 AM masses in the school cafeteria. The menu consisted of scrambled eggs, sausage, tater tots, and pastries. Over 400 people were served a delicious meal and drinks.

The proceeds of \$1071, from the breakfast will be given to the Greater Columbus Chapter of the Knights of Columbus' Ultrasound Fund, which will be used for the purchase of an ultrasound machine for Women's Care Center, a provider of free, confidential counseling, support and education to women facing unplanned pregnancies. <https://columbuswomenscare.com/>

Thanks to the following Knights who provided help and support to this worthy event: Buzzy Zorich, Mike Gagel, Bob Eggerichs, Steve Maziarz, Frank Colette, Jim Cogan, Fred Kerner, Steve Sinay, Tim Reno, John Ryan, Gary Zapf, Roger File, Bill Saliga, Jeff Reed (newest Knight), Mike Kizer, Dan Pugh, and our Grand Knight - Gerry Riendeau. Thanks to any others that helped as well. **Buzzy Zorich**





# Of The Year Award Winners



*Knight of the Year*

*Bob Eggerichs*

*Religious of the Year*

*Fr. Ed Shikina*

*Volunteer of the Year*

*Dean Ashbrook*

*Family of the Year*

*Larry & Cindy Hanchin*

*Lady of the Year*

*Mary Anderson*

*Youth of the Year*

*Donovan Schneider*

# Congratulations!



# To our Brother Knights in May

William Brake Brian Noble Brian O'mara John Ryan Jr  
 David Mowery Donald Davis Barry Young Stephen Bennison  
 Mark Hogan Michael Anderson Joseph Rielly Anthony Cable  
 Todd Kelleher Joseph Rieman Eric Halbisen Ben Wolfingbarger Jr

## Upcoming Council & Church Events



### American Red Cross

St Brendan Knights of Columbus will be Sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, May 17 at 2 – 8 PM in Wellnitz Hall

Please give the gift of life by scheduling an appointment by accessing the website at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or call 1-800-RED-CROSS, or donate as a walk-in.

For questions, email Jeff Lehr or call 614.315.7466.

## Special Olympics

Ohio

June 29



## Men's Club STEAK and ALE

Saturday June 8



August 9-10



### Membership Meeting

May 22

### Planning Meeting

May 29

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