



# Knight Times

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Brothers All,  
I am reposting this information because I feel it is important for all to have a voice.

Gentlemen, at our November Business meeting we will be discussing a donation that is to be made to an endowment set up for Saint John's School. This endowment is for the school only and monies spent will be decided by the school board. Our Trustees have recommended that we approve this request. I would like to give all our members an opportunity to voice their opinion on this subject as we will be voting on the measure soon. So, if you have questions please come to the meeting and voice them. We began are Intellectual Disabilities Program this month over several weekends and locations. Thanks to the volunteers and a Fine Chairman I can say it was a success. Thank you, Jim Hollis, for your hard work, in setting this up and working with the business community and wrangling the volunteers.

Our council retrieved and installed the Cemetery of Life on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. There was a great turn out of Knights for this and a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea stopped in to give us a hand; very nice lady.

On Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> there was a Rosary for Life said at the intersection of St. Johns road and rte. 235 - good attendance. High visibility! Later that evening the procession for the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the appearance of the Lady of Fatima was celebrated at the 5:00

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Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus "A++, Superior" for 40 consecutive years. It's a testament to our track record for excellence and security.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

Let's talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

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pm Service with the procession circling the Church and School.

We hosted the Silver Rose and Lady of Fatima Icon and service on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>. These are beautiful reminders of Our Lady that travel from Canada through the United States to Mexico to celebrate Her appearance.

And of course, we held the World-Famous Pancake Breakfast and Donut Social.

Until next month,

Fraternally yours,  
Grand Knight Dan Greenwell

## Deputy Grand Knight Report



We will be having our in Memoriam mass on November 17. The Parish

breakfast is November 04 and the donut social is Nov 18.

The chair cleaning party on October 27 cleaned and repaired an estimated 180 chairs. Please keep an eye on your emails for our next announcement.

In Jesus' name we pray,  
Dorian A. Tavarez

## Mickey Dillow Remarks

Brothers,

As many of you are aware of, the Care-Net Pregnancy Center in Leonardtown has recently renovated their facility and is in need of a sonogram machine for this location. Under the Sonogram Initiative Program the Supreme council will fund 50% of the cost of a sonogram machine for Care-Net with the remainder coming from funds raised by councils. We have started a fund raising drive to obtain funds for a new machine for the Leonardtown office. I am currently soliciting contributions from councils in St. Mary's and Calvert County which are in the area served by Care-Net.

To date I have received donations from several councils and the FAW Assembly #377. I have also received a few individual donations. A new sonogram machine costs between \$28 and \$30k so we will need about \$15k in donations with Supreme also contributing \$15k. As many of you know, our own council donated \$2500 to this cause. As of today about \$6000 has been collected so there is a long way to go.

Individual contributions would be greatly appreciated so, If you would like to contribute, you can do so by making a check payable to **K of C Council 1470** and in the memo line indicate **Care-Net Sonogram Fund**. Mail the check to **Mickey Dillow, 45191 Nats Creek Rd. Hollywood, Md. 20636**. I will record the contribution and forward the check to Council 1470 for deposit into a qualified 501C-3 account. If you indicate you would like a tax receipt for a charitable deduction one will be mailed to you. If you want additional info please contact me at (h) 301 373-4507, (c) 240 496-8800, or e mail at [tmdillow91@aol.com](mailto:tmdillow91@aol.com). Thanks for your help toward this most worthy cause.

Vivat Jesus,  
Mickey Dillow

## District Deputy Remarks

**My Brothers** – This November, be thankful for what you have, then brighten someone's day. **Charity** is the principle of the First Degree. Thanks for your support of our charitable programs, namely Special Olympics Week, the Car Raffle, and the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll), now in progress. All of the money collected will stay right here in our county to help our less fortunate neighbors. Without your help we could not accomplish our mission to help those less fortunate than ourselves. The Maryland State Council charity fund provides financial assistance to individuals in temporary urgent need. It is recognized by the IRS as a section 501 c (3) entity so ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Ask your Grand Knight or Financial Secretary for an envelope to make you own personal donation. If every Knight of Columbus in Maryland gave \$5.00, the fund would have over \$100K. This fund has made a difference to individuals in our county.

Again, I thank you for your support and request that you finish strong in the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities. You are making a difference by helping those among us most in need.

November is also Remembrance Month, make sure you have scheduled your Memorial masses and read the Necrology for your council. November is also the time we thank our Veterans. November 11 There will be a Parade in Leonardtown at 10 AM and a celebration at 2PM in Helen. Remember this is the 100 Anniversary of the Armistice WWI.

As a district we really need to step up our efforts in membership. Ask a fellow catholic male over 18 to join. Use your programs, especially like those mentioned above, to demonstrate to eligible men what we're all about. Don't be afraid to ask someone who is not a knight to assist with an activity. Tell eligible men what your council is all about; tell them your personal story, why

you joined the knights; and then ask if they would like to become part of an organization that gives back to the church and community. Now more than ever, as Catholics who have to face the shame of these scandals and witness doubt and perplexity among our family and friends must keep in mind the Priests who have sought to live a joyful and faithful life are now facing the challenges of distrust and need the support of the Knights of Columbus. Our church is beginning to focus on healing and the future with these issues and as Catholic men we must support these efforts.

And always

**"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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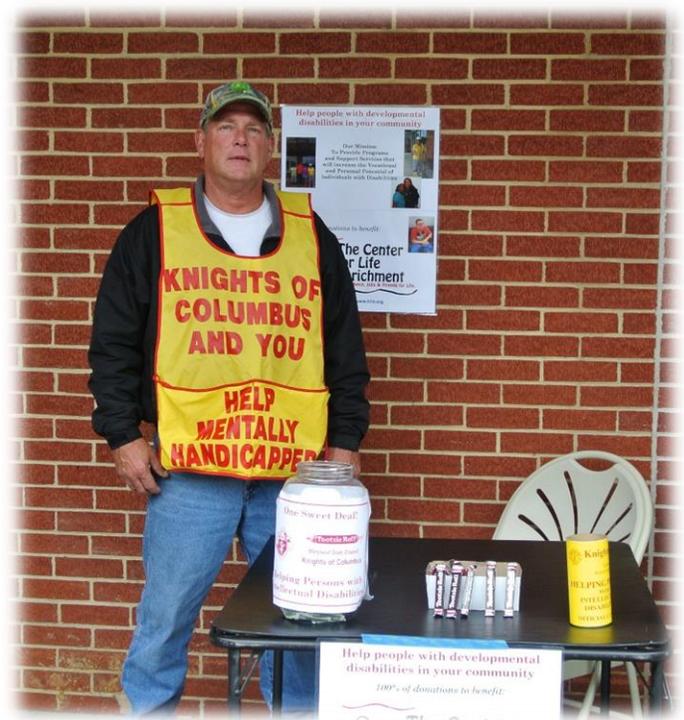
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Tootsie Roll Drive Volunteers Jeffrey Frantz and Dale Tarleton



◀ October		November 2018					December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3	
4 Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am -11:30 am	5	6	7 Business Meeting In council hall 7:30 pm start time	8	9	10 Memorial Mass for our departed Brothers at 5:00 pm mass	
11 Church Drive after all masses	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18 Donut Social after the 9:00 am Mass	19	20	21 Planning Meeting in Council Hall Starts at 7:30 pm	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		

◀ November		December 2018					January ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2 Pancake Breakfast With Santa	3	4	5 Business Meeting 7:30 at the council hall	6	7	8 Parish pot luck Christmas party	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16 Donut Social after 9:00 am mass	17	18	19 Planning Meeting 7:30 at the council hall	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31						

# *Reflections*

Lawrence P. Grayson

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## Conflicting Rights in a Divided Nation

The recent Senate Judiciary hearings to confirm Brett Kavanaugh as an associate justice of the Supreme Court were brutal to his personal reputation, devastating to the comity of the congressional body, and inflammatory in an already divided nation. Protesters shouted in the hearing room, had sit-ins in the hall, accosted a senator in an elevator and another while with his wife in a restaurant, put legislators' personal information on the internet, and later assaulted congressional candidates, while receiving encouragement from legislators who opposed the appointment.

The arguments against confirmation centered on an uncorroborated allegation of sexual misconduct when Kavanaugh was a 17-year-old high school student, and whether the unsupported assertion should outweigh his denial and three decades of exemplary, unblemished conduct as a lawyer, judge and public servant.

The stated concerns, however, masked the root reason behind them – maintaining the legality of abortion and the fear that a Justice Kavanaugh might cast the deciding vote to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. The abusive attacks were not tempered, even though just prior to the hearings Judge Kavanaugh said that he regarded the decision as “settled law.”

But what is settled? When *Roe v. Wade* was decided in 1973, Justice Harry Blackman, writing the majority opinion, based a woman's right to abortion on a penumbra of privacy rights which though unstated in the Constitution were deemed implicit in the liberty guarantees of the due process clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. That right to abortion, the opinion continued, must be balanced by protection of the “potentiality of human life” of the fetus.

The Court in its ruling left one key point undecided. It stated: “We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins. The judiciary at this point in the development of man's knowledge is not in a position to speculate as to the answer.” Further, if the personhood of a child in the womb is established, the right to abort “collapses, for the fetus' right to life is guaranteed specifically by the [14<sup>th</sup>] Amendment.” *Roe v. Wade* may be settled law and not be overturned, but it could be nullified.

Law and science are not yet in synchronization. With recent advances in obstetrics and neonatology, coupled with the increasing availability of ultrasound images, more and more people recognize that the fetus is an early stage of a preborn, developing person. Children now can survive outside of the womb at 24 weeks of gestation and less. An unborn child is known to feel pain at 20 weeks. Fetal surgery is performed at 18 weeks and earlier. People can see a human form emerging at eight weeks. And, the developing child has a DNA distinct from that of its mother from the moment of conception. The science of embryology views life to begin the instant the male's sperm unites with the female's egg.

In order to bring law and science into harmony, the Life at Conception Act was introduced into both Houses of Congress in 2017. While it is unlikely to pass in this session of Congress, it may very well be reintroduced in the next. If enacted, it would define a person as existing from the moment of conception, thus providing a Constitutional safeguard for the life of the unborn child. A woman may then have a right to an abortion, but only if from the instant of its creation her child is not harmed.

That is the fear of those obsessed with sexual freedom, who do not want consequences for their actions. They claim complete autonomy over their bodies, even to the point of destroying a distinct being within them. They rebel at the threat to their independence and irresponsibility. In contrast, those who truly believe that everyone has a right to life, that people are created by God in His image and imbued with a soul can never condone abortion.

Compromise between such resolute, incompatible views can only be a temporary measure to gain a partial advance. The right to life from the moment of conception and the right to abortion cannot exist simultaneously. Passionate disagreements will continue, with one side or another having a legal edge depending on the current governmental leadership.

Fortunately, President Trump recognizes the importance of safeguarding human life from its earliest stages. In a letter to the National Right to Life Committee on June 28, 2018, he stated: “We all have a duty to defend the most fundamental and basic human right – the right to life. As President, I am dedicated to protecting the lives of every American, including the unborn.”

He is taking steps to support his belief. Shortly after his inauguration, the President reinstated the Mexico City policy to ensure that federal dollars are not used to fund non-governmental organizations that perform or actively promote abortions in other countries. The policy which was established by executive order is a political bellwether of the Administration's support for life at conception or abortion. First established by President Ronald Reagan in 1984, it was rescinded by President Bill Clinton in January 1993, reinstated by President George W. Bush in January 2001, rescinded by President Barack Obama in January 2009, and again reinstated by President Trump in January 2017.

The Trump Administration has also proposed regulatory changes to the Title X program, which supports family planning services for low-income women. These actions would block the availability of federal funds to family planning providers like Planned Parenthood that offer abortion services.

Further, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its 2018-2020 Strategic Plan states: “HHS accomplishes its mission through programs and initiatives that cover a wide spectrum of activities, serving and protecting Americans at every stage of life, from conception.” Undoubtedly, as these plans are implemented through regulations, the Supreme

Court will be presented with a case to resolve the conflict between the implied right to abortion and a definition of when life begins. Justice Kavanaugh, as a presumed swing vote, will once again be in the midst of turmoil. The remaining two years of President Trump's term will be tumultuous. If adamant abortion supporters cannot win through legislative action, executive control or judicial decisions, they will do all they can to maintain the status quo through social disruption, intimidation and personal vilification. History has shown that to be true.



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