



# Knight Times

ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS S.J. COUNCIL 7914 • KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS • HOLLYWOOD, MD  
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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Brothers All, February is behind us and the ground hog may have been right for once. This month we had a great

turn out for our pan cake breakfast and the donut social. We also removed the Cemetery of Innocence and transported to storage. The American Heritage Girls and our council held the Annual Care Net Baby Shower and luncheon the food was great and attendance was good. The girls did a great job decorating and there was King Cake for all. The Father-Daughter dance was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the young ladies were all dressed so beautifully, and their dates were sharp. While this is not a Knights function, we do participate with man power. I want to thank all of those who help with the many functions we do and invite all knights to attend and lend a hand when you can. Thank you. Until next time...

Fraternally yours,  
Grand Knight Dan Greenwell

## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT REPORT



Our Parish breakfast will be March 03 and our donut social will be on Saint

Patrick's Day (March 17). On March 02, the 4th Degree will be hosting a Mardi Gras social/mixer at

## Protecting Your Family... Business?

You already know that the Knight of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

Business insurance is the term used in the insurance industry to describe the use of life insurance and disability income insurance to solve certain financial needs of businesses and their owners. The products offered through the Order can cover many needs, such as:

- Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies
- Disposition of a business owner's interest upon death or other separation from the business

If you've worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer. With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term care and disability coverage, the Knight of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life.

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Monsignor Harris Center. On March 05, it's Shrove Tuesday, please consider assisting at any of these events.

In Jesus' name we pray,  
Dorian A. Tavarez

## DISTRICT DEPUTY REMARKS

### My Brothers –

Spring is in the air, March Madness is around the corner and we are in the Lenten Season. Lent is a time for true sacrifice and spiritual development. As we go through the Lenten season strive to make a difference, use this opportunity to make sacrifices that can benefit others: donate your time, talents and treasure to those in need.

March is also recruitment month. Make a personal pledge this Lenten Season to extend an invitation to join your council, to an eligible Catholic Man. Every council needs a continuous stream of new and younger members to stay fresh, to grow and to be productive. Share your experiences and make it

personal. Once you have this new member, attend the degrees with them. You may be reinvigorated by attending each of the degrees yourself by being reminded of our core principles and lessons. You may even hear or learn something new since you last attended a Degree.

Each and every member of the Knights of Columbus is important to his council and to the order and every knight has something to contribute.

Every knight should look back on the first eight months of this fraternal year and ask yourself "how have I contributed to the good of my council and the order" and "how have I made a difference in the life of my neighbors". Weigh that answer honestly and carefully.

If you have not yet made a contribution, Lent is a perfect time to resolve to make a difference and then act on that resolution. Look for opportunities to assist at your church, in your council, or in your community. Look at your own family and see where you can make a

difference. The important thing is to contribute! For those of you who are active, keep up the good work.

I want to thank all of the Knights in our district for the great job they did with the Free Throw competitions and the District Competition, the final results had a large number of competitors and some pretty impressive basketball shooters! Thanks to all five of our councils for hosting a competition, and thanks to the representatives that came out and helped with the Council and District competitions. Thanks for all you do!

**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 March and April 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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March 2019						
<a href="#">◀ Feb 2019</a>						<a href="#">Apr 2019 ▶</a>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Father Andrew White Assembly 7 <sup>th</sup> annual Mardi Gras party 6:00 pm
3 Pancake Breakfast	4	5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake and sausage Dinner 5:00 pm	6 Business meeting 7:30 pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Donut Social	18	19	20 Planning meeting 7:30 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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April 2019						
<a href="#">◀ March</a>						<a href="#">May ▶</a>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Business Meeting Begins at 7:30 pm	4	5	6
7 Pancake Breakfast		9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Planning Meeting Begins at 7:30 pm	18	19	20 Adopt a Highway
21 Donut Social	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## If Catholics Were Faithful

"All the evils of the world are due to lukewarm Catholics," said Pope St. Pius V. While the events of the past several weeks demonstrate the truth of this statement, it may be more accurate to say they are due to apostatizing Catholics, that is, to those who abandon, reject or stray from the tenets of their faith.

With actions in several states to legalize late-term abortion, the *Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act* was recently introduced in the U.S. Congress. The bill would not restrict a woman's ability to have an abortion nor affect any health care she may require. Rather, it states that if a child is born alive following an abortion – and is now an independent human being outside of its mother's womb -- that it be given the same degree of medical care to preserve its life and health as would be given to any other newborn.

The bill faced severe opposition. First, Patty Murray, a Catholic, blocked a vote in the Senate. Then, under the leadership of Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a Catholic, a vote on the measure was blocked seven times in the House of Representatives. When a vote finally was taken in the Senate on February 25 to break a filibuster, it was defeated with 10 Catholics voting against the bill.

One of those Catholics was Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia, who was quickly criticized by Bishop Barry C. Knestout of the Diocese of Richmond and Arlington Bishop Michael F. Burbidge. They said that the outcome was "appalling and beyond comprehension," and that they were "outraged" that the state's two senators "voted against this critical lifesaving legislation."

These are not the only high-profile political office holders who profess to be Catholic, while opposing the Church's teachings. They are only the latest ones who have taken prominent action.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, a professed Catholic, recently signed *The Reproductive Health Act* into law, which allows abortions to be performed throughout a woman's entire pregnancy, permits non-physicians to perform them, and removes all criminal penalties for the procedure. In a display of arrogance, Cuomo signed the act on January 22, the anniversary of the enactment of *Roe v. Wade*, and celebrated by having the World Trade Center bathed in pink lights.

Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo, who identifies as Catholic, is supporting an abortion bill similar to that of New York, which recently was introduced into the state's House of Delegates.

In Maryland, where abortion is already legal throughout a woman's pregnancy, the speaker of the state's House of Delegates, Michael Busch, introduced a bill to enshrine abortion as a woman's right in the state constitution, which would preclude any laws to restrict abortion from being passed in the future. Busch is a cradle Catholic who left the faith a few years ago. With strong public opposition, Busch withdrew the bill on February 23, but said he would reintroduce it next year when the reaction to the New York law diminishes.

In Virginia, Delegate Kathy Tran, a proclaimed Catholic, introduced a bill to allow abortion, even, she said, when a woman is in labor and about to give birth. The state governor, a non-Catholic and pediatric neurologist, commenting on the bill, said that if a "severely deformed or otherwise non-viable" child was delivered "a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother" to consider possible termination options. Hence, even infanticide would be allowed as a medical option under a bill proposed by a Catholic.

But this is no less draconian than a child who survives a failed abortion, is not given medical care and allowed to die. Abortion is a violent and brutal act, conducted by people who are willing to kill children, not only in the womb, but increasingly after being delivered alive.

Pope Francis recently said, "Last century, the whole world was scandalized by what the Nazis did to purify the race. Today, we do the same thing but with white gloves." How has humanity become so degraded that children in the womb are routinely killed and treated as disposable? How can physicians who have taken the Hippocratic Oath to do no harm ignore the cries of a newborn infant who needs their attention? How have mothers gotten to the point where the quality of their lives is more important than life itself for their children?

Nancy Pelosi typifies the attitude of too many Catholic politicians. In an interview a few years ago, she stated: "I grant the Church where they are on abortion. That's where they are, that's where they have to be. But my faith isn't about what their position is."

Sen. Tim Kaine expressed a similar view, stating: "I've taken a position which is quite common among Catholics. I've got a personal feeling about abortion, but the right role for government is to let women make their own decisions." This attitude of misguided toleration that too many Catholic politicians express is embraced because it imposes no obligation on them to publicly live the faith, and does not interfere with their drive for political success.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson recently wrote, "I do not see how it is possible to build a culture of life in America as long as our elected officials harden their hearts to the cries of unborn children." The way forward is clear.

Pope Francis in his exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, stated, "Our defense of the innocent unborn needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred."

Responding to that call, Carl Anderson declared: "You will not see a reed bending here...On this issue [of life] we will not yield. We will never give in. The Knights of Columbus will never abandon the field." Neither should any faithful Catholic.

## *Knights In Action Photographs*



Mickey Dillow speaking to the crowd that attended the CareNet Luncheon on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February in the Monsignor Harris Center. He informed the crowd that Council # 7914 and Supreme had funded another portable Sonogram to be donated to the Leonardtown office of CareNet.



Some of the Brothers who set up, prepped, cooked, served, washed, and broke down for the CareNet Luncheon on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February.



The food line, just before Fr. Ray led everyone in the Blessing.



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