



Knight Times

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Chaplain: Father Ray Schmidt, Associate Chaplain: Deacon Ammon Ripple

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Brothers All,
The St. John's 8th grade graduating class breakfast

was another success due to our fabulous kitchen crew followed by our delicious luncheon; aka barbeque and Ice cream Social for all the kids and teachers and staff. The young ones know what's coming when they see Brother Bruce Newell prowling the hallways; he is known as the Ice Cream man and they love seeing him. We elected our officers for the 2019-2020 fraternal year, and the list will be available after the Installation. Gentlemen the month of July is a busy one; check your calendar and pick an event to lend a hand. Thank you in advance.

Until next time.....

Fraternally yours,
Grand Knight Dan Greenwell

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT REPORT



July will be a busy month; the first activity is the Altar Server Pool

Party on July 10th. Our annual Car Show will happen on July 20th. The final major activity is the Parish Picnic, which will be held on May 28th. Each of these activities will require help setting up and cleaning up.

Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can — properly structured — guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember — absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

Gavin Arvizo, 240-298-3873 (cell) and gavin.arvizo@kofc.org.

In Jesus' name we pray,
Dorian A. Tavarez

DISTRICT DEPUTY REMARKS

My Brothers

I thank you all for what you have achieved in this past fraternal year. A special thanks to the Grand Knights and their officers for a job well done. There were some hurdles to overcome but, through it all, you prevailed; and finished well, although our membership was way down. That being said, a brand-new fraternal year is upon us. Yes, it starts all over again!

I welcome the incoming Grand Knights and their officers as we begin the journey anew. I ask each and every member of every council to put forth the effort to recruit at least one

new member during the 2019 / 2020 fraternal year. Start now. We have a First Degree scheduled every month during the year and, if a special need arises, we'll add a Degree. Please continue the great job you do with your council programs. Take an active part in your program activities. As all of you know, your programs are the visibility factor for your council and the key to getting new members to join. Finally, we are into summer, take time to enjoy your family in the coming weeks. Remember to be a practicing catholic every Sunday and an active Knight. Those who need our help do not get a vacation from their troubles. Knights of Columbus lead by example. People are watching you, "make us always aware, that as your knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged and our order

appreciated.”

Thanks for all you do and keep up the good work!

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 July and August 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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Trustees

1-year: Craig Judd
2-year: Charles E. Widmayer

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3-year: George M.

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Lecturer: Mickey Dillow

Membership Director: TBD

◀ Jun 2019		July 2019					Aug 2019 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3 Business Meeting at 7:30 pm Practice for installation	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17 Planning Meeting at 7:30 pm Installation of officers	18	19	20 Annual Car Show	
21 Donut Social after 9:00 am Mass	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28 Parish Picnic	29	30	31				

◀ July		August 2019					September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3	
4	5	6	7 Business meeting Begins at 7:30	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
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REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

The Continuing Struggle for Souls

In January 1947, then-Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen, a professor of philosophy at The Catholic University of America, delivered a radio address titled, "Signs of Our Times," in which he issued a warning about the battle for souls and provided advice on how to respond. His commentary, a brief excerpt of which follows, is even more relevant to the highly secularized culture of today than it was to the society of seven decades ago.

"Why is it that so few realize the seriousness of our present crisis? Partly because men do not want to believe their own times are wicked, partly because it involves too much self-accusation and principally because they have no standards outside of themselves by which to measure their times. If there is no fixed concept of justice how shall men know it is violated? Only those who live by faith really know what is happening in the world. The great masses without faith are unconscious of the destructive processes going on..."

The battle lines are already being clearly drawn and the basic issues are no longer in doubt. From now on men will divide themselves into two religions — understood again as surrender to an absolute. The conflict of the future is between the absolute who is the God-man and the absolute which is the man-God; the God Who became man and the man who makes himself God; brothers in Christ and comrades in anti-Christ.

The anti-Christ will not be so called, otherwise he would have no followers. He will wear no red tights, nor vomit sulphur, nor carry a trident nor wave an arrow tail as the Mephistophiles in Faust. This masquerade has helped the devil convince men that he does not exist, for he knows that he is never so strong as when men believe that he does not exist. When no man recognizes, the more power he exercises. God has defined Himself as "I am Who am" and the Devil as "I am who am not"...

His logic is simple: if there is no heaven there is no hell; if there is no hell, then there is no sin; if there is no sin, then there is no judge, and if there is no judgement then evil is good and good is evil...

How will he come in this new age to win followers to his religion? He will come disguised as the Great Humanitarian; he will talk peace, prosperity and plenty not as means to lead us to God, but as ends in themselves...[H]e will explain Guilt away psychologically as inhibited eroticism, make men shrink in shame if their fellowmen say they are not broadminded and liberal; he will be so broadminded as to identify tolerance with indifference to right and wrong, truth and error; he will spread the lie that men will never be better until they make society better and thus have selfishness to provide fuel for the next revolution; he will foster science but only to have armament makers use one marvel of science to destroy another; he will foster more divorces under the disguise that another partner is "vital"; he will increase love for love and decrease love for person; he will invoke religion to destroy religion; he will ... tell people who they should and should not marry and unmarried ...he will tempt Christians ...to sell freedom for security ... to desert the lofty pinnacles of truth where faith and reason reign, for those lower depths where the masses live on slogans and propaganda...Opinions not truths, commentators not teachers, Gallup polls not principles, nature not grace — and...to have a new religion without a Cross, a liturgy without a world to come, a city of man without a city of God, a religion to invoke a religion, or a politics which is a religion-one that renders unto Caesar even the things that are God's...

Because the signs of our times point to a struggle between absolutes we may expect the future to be a time of trials for two reasons: Firstly, to stop disintegration. Godlessness would go on and on if there were no catastrophes. ...Moral truth is vindicated by the ruin that follows when it has been repudiated. The chaos of our times is the strongest negative argument that could ever be advanced for Christianity.

The second reason why a crisis must come is in order to prevent a false identification of the Church and the world. Our Lord intended that those who are His followers should be different in spirit from those who were not. ... Mediocrity and compromise characterize the lives of many Christians. Many read the same novels as modern pagans, educate their children in the same godless way, listen to the same commentators who have no other standard than judging today by yesterday, and tomorrow by today, allow pagan practices such as divorce and remarriage to creep into the family...There is no longer the conflict and opposition which is supposed to characterize us. We are influencing the world less than the world influences us...

The Church has survived other great crises in her nineteen centuries of existence and she will live to sing a requiem over the evils of the present. The Church may have its Good Fridays but these are only preludes to its Easter Sundays, for the Divine Promise shall never be made void: ". . . and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." ...

As Christians we must realize that a moment of crisis is not a time of despair, but of opportunity. The more we can anticipate the doom, the more we can avoid it. Once we recognize we are under Divine Wrath, we become eligible for Divine Mercy... Catholics ought to stir up their faith, hang a crucifix in their homes to remind them that we too have to carry a cross, gather the family together every night to recite the rosary that through corporate prayer there might be intercession for the world; go to daily Mass that the spirit of love and sacrifice might be sprinkled in our business, our social life and our duties. More heroic souls might undertake the Holy Hour daily, particularly in parishes conscious of the needs of prayers of reparation as well as petition, conducting such devotions in their churches...

[I]n the coming age there will be only one way to stop your trembling knees, and that will be to get down on them and pray. The most important problem in the world today is your soul, for that is what the struggle is about."

What would our world be like if every Catholic followed his pastoral advice? It is not too late to do so. And do so we should, for as Msgr. Sheen said, *"The time is nearer than you think."*

Action Photographs



Charlie Widmayer, Bob Russell, GK Dan Greenwell on Highway clean-up duty!



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