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

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Brothers All,
This month we had a great turn out for our pancake breakfast. Thanks to all who came out and gave

a hand. We also cleaned our section of the road with the adopt a highway crew.

We also assisted the Fiat ladies with the RCIA reception for the new Catholic's. Thanks to everyone who brought the food and helped serve and cleanup it was a late night for all. On April 24th an Admission and Formation ceremony was held with two new knights and a total of five taking the formation. Remember to ask your friends and family who are practicing Catholic men 18 and older to join our council. We are not about attending meetings all the time. We like to serve our church, school and community and new and fresh help is appreciated . Until next time.....

Fraternally yours,
Grand Knight Dan Greenwell

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT REPORT



Parish breakfast will be May 5th and our donut social will be on May 19th. After

the Mother's Day masses (May 12th) the Knights/Ushers will pass out Roses to Mothers. The 1st Annual St John's School Golf Tournament will

Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

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take place on May 9th at Breton Bay Golf Club. The Marian Icon will arrive on May 27th, a prayer service will be conducted.

In Jesus' name we pray,
Dorian A. Tavarez

DISTRICT DEPUTY REMARKS

My Brothers -This month will be busy. May is convention month in the State of Maryland. Our State Officers will convene in Ocean City the first weekend of the month. Similarly, your council will be generating its slate of officers for the upcoming fraternal year. Please consider taking a position if asked. More importantly, support those in your council that will take on the responsibilities of running

your council for the coming year. Help is always needed to do all of the wonderful things your council has become known for. Be there to support your officers and council.

Our District hosts the Holy Family Icon from May 5 through June 1, which is an opportunity to pray as a family. Shortly thereafter is Mother's Day.

Spring is also about renewal. Recall the reason you joined the Knights. Try to share that reasoning with a fellow parishioner or co-worker, and invite them to join our order. I ask for your help in the final push towards the end of this fraternal year with recruiting a Member. There is so much more we can accomplish with newer ideas from new members.

Finally, the month wraps up with Memorial Day and the unofficial start to summer. Looking forward to doing great things with this District's Knights during the Spring!
Thanks again 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 May and June 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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Membership Director: TBD

May 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Business Meeting 7:30 pm at council hall	2 State Convention Golf Tournament	3 Convention	4 Convention
5 Pancake Breakfast At St Johns Convention ends	6	7	8	9 St. Johns 1 st annual Golf Tournament at Breton Bay Course	10	11
12 Mother's Day Flower delivery help needed at all masses contact Mickey Dillow	13	14	15 Planning Meeting 7:30 pm at council hall	16	17	18
19 Donut Social	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day Marion Icon	28	29	30	31	

June 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Pancake Breakfast Begins after 7:00am mass	3 Breakfast for the graduating class and family	4	5 Business Meeting 7:30 pm Council Hall	6 Ice Cream Social for the Kids and faculty also we server a BBQ lunch to the kids and faculty	7	8
9	10	11	12 Planning Meeting 7:30 pm Council Hall	13	14	15
16 Donut Social after 9:00 am mass	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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The States Battle for Life

Life in the womb is the most polarized issue in our nation today. There are profound ideological differences in how the pros and cons -- those who believe in the unborn child's right to life and those who are committed to a woman's right to abortion -- view the matter. Presently, 18 states have laws to limit abortion, while 10 states have laws to protect the right to abortion. Not since slavery was debated and fought over has there been such a stark contrast in the beliefs of the opposing sides and in the state laws they are enacting.

Kentucky, with a pro-life governor and a pro-abortion attorney general, looks like a border state for the conflicting positions. After a U.S. District Court judge, last September, ruled that a 1998 state law requiring abortion clinics to have signed agreements with an ambulance service and a hospital was unconstitutional, the matter was raised to the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. Briefs were soon filed by 16 attorneys general from politically-red states arguing that the 1998 law should be upheld, while attorneys general from 20 politically-blue states and the District of Columbia filed in support of the ruling. No date has yet been set for the hearing.

With a strongly pro-life president, a presumably more constitutionally-conservative Supreme Court, and the success of the abortion-revealing films *Gosnell* and *Unplanned*, pro-life advocates hope that *Roe v. Wade* may be overturned and the regulation of abortion returned to the states. Pro-life legislators have been energized, introducing over 250 pro-life bills in 41 states since the beginning of this year.

There are "trigger bans" that will automatically prohibit abortion if and when *Roe v. Wade* is repealed; "fetal development bans" that make abortions illegal after a certain point in a pregnancy, such as when an unborn child can feel pain or its heartbeat can be detected; "method bans" that bar dismemberment and other specific procedures; and "fetal characteristic bans" that prohibit abortion based on race, sex or disability.

Statutes banning abortions after a heartbeat is detected could protect almost all unborn children. With a vaginal ultrasound, detection can occur at about six weeks of gestation, a time when many women do not even know they are pregnant. Arkansas, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia and Ohio have enacted heartbeat laws, while Missouri, Tennessee, Florida, Texas, South Carolina and Oklahoma are advancing similar measures.

Alabama voters approved a state constitutional amendment last November that affirms the right to life for unborn children. Another bill was recently introduced that would make abortion at any stage of pregnancy a felony, except if the mother's life is at risk.

The Tennessee legislature is considering a bill that would prohibit abortion completely once *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. Trigger laws banning abortion have already been passed in Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Utah and Kentucky recently enacted laws to protect unborn children diagnosed with a disability such as Down syndrome. The Texas legislature is considering a bill to remove fetal anomaly as an exception to an existing ban on abortions after 20 weeks gestation, forbid all abortions motivated by the unborn child's sex, race or disability, and expand perinatal palliative care for families whose children-in-the-womb are determined to have life-limiting disabilities.

Utah passed a law to ban abortions after 18 weeks gestation. The Arkansas House recently passed a similar bill.

North Carolina and Texas are debating bills to require appropriate medical care for newborns who survive abortions. The bills are similar to *The Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act* that pro-abortion legislators are blocking in the U.S. Congress.

North Dakota enacted a law to prohibit dismemberment abortions, a brutal procedure typically used in the second trimester, in which a living unborn child is torn apart in the womb and removed in pieces. Indiana is advancing a similar measure.

South Dakota recently passed several laws that require abortionists to give women the chance to see a sonogram of their baby and listen to its heartbeat, inform women about abortion pill reversal, ban abortions on pain-capable children, and make the sale of aborted baby parts a felony.

In contrast to the pro-life efforts, abortion advocates have been working to expand access, remove restrictions and codify abortion rights, as well as challenge the new pro-life state laws. New York, New Mexico, Maryland, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia have passed or are trying to pass bills that allow abortion up to the moment of birth or even after a child is delivered.

New York recently expanded access to third-trimester abortion in cases where a woman's health is in danger or where a fetus is not viable, permit non-physicians to perform abortions, and remove all criminal penalties for the procedure.

The Vermont Senate overwhelmingly approved an amendment to the State Constitution that would legalize abortions up to birth and deny legal rights to children-in-the-womb. The amendment must be approved by Vermont voters if it clears several more legislative hurdles.

The governor of Illinois has pledged to make that state "the most progressive state in the nation for access to reproductive health care." Two bills currently being debated would allow abortion for any reason up to birth, remove the ban on partial-

birth abortion, permit non-doctors to perform the procedure, and strip away conscience protections for medical professionals who oppose abortion.

California, is arguably the most extreme supporter of abortion, permitting late-term procedures and allowing girls as young as 12 to obtain abortions without parental knowledge or consent. A bill is now advancing that would direct all public colleges and universities to provide abortion drugs to students on campus for free. A second bill would require every student identification card issued by public schools at all levels and religious colleges and universities to include the telephone number of a reproductive health hotline, e.g., Planned Parenthood.

With legislative victories on each side, the pro-life/pro-abortion divide grows deeper and the opposing factions more combative. The future, both politically and culturally, will continue to be contentious.

America survived the battle over slavery -- though at a significant cost with the fallout still being debated today. The nation will survive the decades-long conflict between an unborn child's life and a mother's choice. If you believe that life beginning at conception is a gift from God, there is only one side you can support. If you believe that God will prevail, you know the eventual outcome.

Knights In Action Photographs



Chris Crowley, took Admission and Formation Degrees, Jason Gousy, Aubrey Posey and Benjamin Young all took the Formation Degree at St. John Francis Council #7914 on 4/24/2019. Welcome all.



Bill Morris took his Admission and Formation Degrees on 4/24/2019 at Council # 7914.
Bill is from St. Cecilia's in St. Mary's City. Welcome to the KofC.



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