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Officers and officials of Rock Creek Council, with installing DD Joseph Stewart. For a description and photos of the Installation, see page 7.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

FR. MARK HUGHES

Brother Knights,

Summer is great. Warm weather, school is out, traffic is lighter, vacation happens. Families go to the beach. I remember when my nieces and nephews were small and loved riding on the carousel in Rehoboth Beach. Each time they came around they would joyfully wave to their grandparents and other family members. They were drawn to those they were bonded with. Looking outside of the Carousel was the natural thing to do.



Fr. Mark Hughes

Unfortunately, that is not the natural thing to do in Life if we follow our human nature. We look inside to our own needs and desires. We look to get ahead. We look to take care of ourselves first and maybe only ourselves.

Jesus says in the Gospel of Mark that the First Commandment is to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind. The second is to love our neighbor as ourselves. These two commandments are different sides of the same coin. To love God without putting it into practice is pointless,

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

RICHARD HEIM

Greetings

Worthy Brothers,

July is the start of a new Columbian Year and with that comes a new Grand Knight. I have the honor this year of being your 80th Grand Knight of the Rock Creek Council. I would like to thank our Past Grand Knight, Rich Heim, on his outstanding stewardship of the council for the past year. Rich's dedication was much-appreciated, and we cannot thank him enough. I would also like to thank the many Knights who have helped in the past year to support this council and all of our activities by volunteering their time and resources.



Grand Knight Schneider

This year, there is a game plan in place to open opportunities for more members to be more active. As you may have seen in the weekly emails, we are going to take advantage of the space and land that we own, filling the schedule with events for you and your families to take advantage of. There will of course be plenty of volunteer opportunities to help our parishes, causes, etc. Taking one hour out of your

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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year can make all the difference when it comes to volunteering.

In saying this, we will be having an End of Summer Picnic for all members and non-members on Sunday August 27th, as well as a Crab Feast on Saturday September 16th. Other events being discussed, Trunk or Treat, Turkey Bowl the weekend before Thanksgiving, and a post New Year's Day Beach Party.

On Thursday July 13th, we initiated 7 new members into our council. Please welcome them when you see them around: Guido Cilento, Thomas Flannery Jr., George Martin, Mark Roualet, Patrick Cuddy, Rick Goheen and Erik Oliver. All 7 were brought in by our Knight of the Month through September, Michael Widman!

In closing, while there is a great bar downstairs, and I know some/many/98% of our members first joined for the bar and cheap drinks, remember that as Catholic gentlemen we can strive to accomplish council goals, your own personal goals and make this year as successful as year's past. I look forward to this year and everyone's support. Please feel free to contact me at any point jschneider@eaglecrkmortgage.com. I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your 2017-2018 Grand Knight.

Vivat Jesus!

James
Grand Knight

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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even a contradiction. To love our neighbor is subjective to our own conditions if love of God is not the motivating factor. Love of God is not genuine if it is not expressed in love of neighbor.

Going through life looking inside of ourselves is the natural consequence of living without a relationship with God. It is easy and very tempting to just get by without sacrifice or suffering, with just keeping busy and enjoying the moment. But nothing important is accomplished and no lasting impact on the world happens if we choose this path. Eternal life is not the natural result of this lifestyle.

We are called to go through our lives, like children on a carousel, looking outside of ourselves, seeing a world in need of holiness and commitment to God. Our faith demands that we accept this challenging and sacrificial approach to life using the gospel of Jesus as our roadmap.

Practicing love of God by looking to the needs of others, controlling our desires and selfish instincts and giving time to God in prayer may take time, energy and sacrifice but it will produce a better world, full of healing and holiness. Finally it will bring us to a place where all souls, like joyful children waving to their parents, find truth and eternal satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Fr. Hughes

Rental Corner

We celebrate Rock Creek Council members who chose our Mansion for their wedding celebration!

Keep us in mind for your milestone events - weddings, anniversary and special birthday celebrations, family reunions, graduation parties... and pass the word to your family, friends, colleagues and neighbors. And remember, Rock Creek Council members get a rental discount!

Contact me for information and a tour . We are booking into 2019!



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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Worthy Brothers All,

I am proud to have been re-appointed as your District Deputy for District 18 and to be a member of Rock Creek Council, #2797, where I serve as Deputy Grand Knight. This will be my second (and last) year as District Deputy, and I look forward to a great year. My District Warden, Bill Newbrough, and I are excited as we prepare for this Columbian Year.

There are a lot of things going on in our District, so I will only highlight a few. Council Installations for our District have been scheduled as follows:

- July 9, 2:00 Installation - Rock Creek Council, #2797 at Holy Redeemer Parish
- July 22, 10:00 Mass - St. Manyanet Council, #5567 at Holy Family Seminary
- July 8, 5:00 Mass - Mater Dei Council, #9774 at St. Raphael Parish
- July 11, 8:00 Installation - St. Elizabeth Council, #12796 at St. Elizabeth Parish
- July 22, 5:00 Mass - Msgr. Wells Council, #13008 at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish

I encourage you to attend many J of these installations if you are interested.

For anyone involved in KofC programs, on July 24 at 7:30 pm, Maryland State Council will host their Program Seminar at Sacred Heart Council #2577 located at 6111 Columbian Way in Bowie, and if you can't make that one there will be another on August 7, 7:30 pm at Good Counsel High School in Olney.

We will also continue our District's tradition and hold our Fourth Annual District Christmas Party at Rock Creek Mansion on December 8th. Please mark your calendars.

I look forward to working with you all over the next year! Let me know if there is any way I can assist you or your Council.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Stewart

District Deputy No. 18

Knight of the Month

I am pleased to name Michael Widman, Knight of the Month for July-August. Michael brought in seven new members to our council at our June degree ceremony. Well done!

James Schneider, Grand Knight

Welcome to Our New Members

Welcome to the seven newest members, six of whom took their Entrance Degree into our council on July 13. They are: George C. Martin (Holy Cross Parish); Guido R. Cilentio (Our Lady of Lourdes Parish); Mark C. Roualet (St. Bartholomew Parish); Patrick Cuddy (Our Lady of Mercy Parish); Erik Oliver (St. Peter's Parish); and Rick Goheen.

We also are pleased to have Thomas A. Flannery, Jr. (Little Flower Parish) rejoin the Knights, this time as a member of Rock Creek.

May you all will enjoy and become active in this, your council.

Our Lady of Fatima

On May 13, 1917, Our Blessed Mother appeared to three young children at Fatima, Portugal. In five additional appearances, she showed them a vision of hell, asked that everyone say the rosary for the conversion of sinners, and have the Pope with the Bishops consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart. She also predicted a world war (WWII) if people did not pray. To demonstrate that she actually appeared, the sun "danced" on October 13, at the last of the apparitions.

To learn more about Our Lady's appearance and what it means to us today, read the brief booklet, "The Message of Fatima," at www.kfc.org; click on the link "Our Faith-CIS"



Club News

**Hours: Monday Thru Thursday 2-10
Friday 2-Midnight, Saturday 2-11, Sunday 2-8,**

We are in the midst of summer. It is a good time to stop by the Lounge with some friends for a game of shuffle board, shoot some pool, watch TV or just relax on the patio.

The baseball season is in the dog days of summer, and the Nationals are red hot with the best record in the majors. Watch the home team in action during this second half of the season. Bring a friend! It's a great recruiting opportunity. Watch all the big games on our great TVs.

Come and cheer the team on. On special dates, the lounge may open earlier to fit the baseball schedule.

Sign up for the listserve. Make sure you get the frequent emails about special events and food in the Lounge.

It's your lounge. Have fun — And don't forget to sign the BOOK!

Lounge phone: 301-530-1628

Mike Horan: 240-793-1169



CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES REPORT

Peter and Mary Ann Ferrigno, Culture of Life Chaircouple



According to Joshua Craddock, a Harvard Law student, the Fourteenth Amendment implies that preborn babies do fall under Constitutional protection. The use of the word “person” guarantees due process and equal protection to the “unborn”. Many states have not hesitated to consider this preborn as anything other than a person. *Roe v. Wade* was a Supreme Court flaw when they granted the right to an abortion.

President Trump is keeping his word that he will “protect and vigorously promote religious liberty”. Recently, he signed a bill to protect Christian organizations from having to pay for abortions. What I find unusual is how long it has taken for this to take place. Now the Little Sisters of the Poor will have the same benefits as Hobby Lobby.

A number of states have also eliminated abortions from taxpayer support. It may surprise us who are pro-lifers, when Plan Parenthood came out with this statement: “No one should fear that those entrusted to protect them, will harm them without accountability. Freedom from violence is reproductive justice.” I do not believe any prolife individual, could have said it any better.

Surely, we need to concede that defunding Planned Parenthood will not bring about the end of abortions. The U.S. House of Representatives recently voted 217 to 213 to bring about this defunding. This means that \$390 million of over \$500 million in annual federal funding will be denied them. This was really a close vote. To be sure, this money is to be redirected to community health centers, giving Planned Parenthood less chance to say that our country is not caring for the poor.

Recently, in April, President Trump and Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson, defunded the United Nations Population Fund of our tax dollars. This organization for a long time has supported China’s population control activities, including forced abortions.

Currently, the pro-life movement is not as bad as it could have been. Think what it could become if President Trump’s opponent had become our president. Think what type people would be appointed to the Supreme Court. For now we can hope that down the road, *Roe v. Wade* can be reversed. With Justice Kennedy planning to depart, another more conservative justice can be brought into the group. As you may remember, he has in the pass been less consistent on how he would vote. An abortionist recently claimed that restricting abortions is “like subjugating women to slaves, their freedom relies on the ability to destroy others, the lives of the unborn.”

Robert Cardinal Sarah stated that “the fight against abortion is part of the final battle between God and Satan. He stated that even worse than killing the preborn is that many people no longer view it as a crime. He went on to say, “When you have been taught to despise the child, there will be no Christianity in this country”. He continued, “an innocent and defenseless life must be protected if civilization is not to revert to barbarism”.

One may not realize that Pro-Life Marches are found in so many other areas of the world. One on May 20 of this year, occurred in Rome. At this march, Cardinal Burke stated that even though Pope John Paul II had consecrated the world, including Russia, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25, 1984, Our Lady of Fatima’s call for Russia to be consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart, after 100 years, is still called for.

Claire Chretien, writing about this March in Rome, mentions how under many circumstances, we need to fight against those who wish to end the life of their child. Those speaking at this March for Life are asking young Italian men and women to bring back the “large Italian family.” They are asking the Italians not to murder their children in order to keep their families small. They told the men, “And you are made in the image of God, just as women are. So standup and be who you’re born to be: protectors of women and children.” God Bless.

New Council Officers

On Thursday, May 26, the following persons were duly elected as officers of the council for the 2016-2017 Columbian Year:

Faithful Friar ----- Fr. Mark Hughes
 Grand Knight ----- James Schneider
 Deputy Grand Knight ----- Joseph Stewart
 Chancellor ----- John Schneider
 Warden ----- Michael Houlihan
 Treasurer ----- Chares Gormley
 Advocate ----- Joseph Murphy, PGK

Recorder ----- Peter D. Ferrigno, PGK
 Outside Guard ----- William R. Ruane
 Outside Guard ----- Von Gallic
 Inside Guard ----- Gregory P. Curtin
 Inner Guard ----- Thomas Lynch
 Trustee, 3 yr. ----- Richard Heim, PGK
 Trustee, 2 yr (carry over) ----- James Caulfield, PGK
 Trustee, 1 yr. ----- Thomas W. Tappan
 Delegate (to Convention, by office) - James Schneider, GK
 Delegate ----- Richard Heim, PGK
 Alternate Delegate ----- Bob Waters, PGK



CHURCH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Peter D. Ferrigno, PGK

I wonder why so many Catholic colleges and universities are choosing opponents to Catholic teachings for their speakers at commencements. What benefit is there in having someone speak in favor of same-sex marriage, dissenting priests, pro-abortion? Those administrators should be replaced with others who will adhere to Catholic teachings. By not doing so, the colleges should admit that they no longer are Catholic. Case in point. Cardinal Wuerl was the celebrant and homilist at Notre Dame University in May. Granted he will be awarded an honorary degree. He will be there the next day when Joe Biden, who claims to be Catholic while being a strong pro-abortion advocate, will be honored. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution tells us that Congress may not be able to take away our religious liberty nor interfere with our freedom of speech or press. There are those that would like to change this, however.

Once again we now find contradiction in what Cardinal Coccopalmerio has said. This man is a top canonical official at the Vatican. Speaking about homosexual priests, this cardinal stated that "the validity of an ordination depends on the attitude and/or merits of the individual. He stated this in respect to Anglican ordained priests being brought into the Catholic faith as priests, depending on their attitude. To me, the cardinal seems to be downplaying the laws of our Catholic faith. I bring all this up to explain how we can have two different interpretations of *Amoris Laetitia* which came out last year on divorce, remarriage and the Sacraments. If there is a lack of consistency within the Church, its followers may be in a quandary. The Church does welcome individuals who have divorced and remarried, it just asks them not to receive communion.

Should one ever hear our government attempting to minimize the Catholic faith by asking us to relinquish any part

of our faith, know that they wish to diminish God's Rights and are attempting to dethrone our Lord. As Catholics we have the obligation to "baptize our young and teach them the faith, bless marriages, administer the sacraments and attend to religious burial". Mankind today is diminishing God's authority, God's laws, and God's wishes. Too many are taking the path of diminishing the importance of God, whether it be the Father, Son or Holy Spirit. It seems that after 500 years, Pope Francis is attempting to get Catholics and Lutherans to forgive the errors of the past, in order to bring the two faiths together at the Eucharistic table. As you may remember, Luther got into trouble with the Church, in part, when he recognized its abuses in the selling of indulgences. Today, I am sure that our Church would not disagree with him on this issue. Pope Francis stated, "We have the opportunity to mend a critical moment of our history by moving beyond the controversies and disagreements that have often prevented us from understanding one another."

I recently was reading an article in *The Wanderer*, in which Oscar Cardinal Maradiage was criticizing Cardinal Burke, saying he was only attempting to seek power, not truth. Cardinal Maradiage does not feel that anyone should be questioning the Pope. The author of this article stated that Father Zuhlsdorf had reminded his readers that our Lady's message at Akita, Japan prophesied that the work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, bishops against bishops. Pope John Paul II, when still Karol Cardinal Wojtyla, dating back to 1976, stated that our Church will undergo great changes where politicians who voted for same-sex marriages will be welcomed at the Communion rail and also men and women who were married, divorced and remarried may receive communion. Is it not coming to pass? God Bless.

ROSARY AT 7:30 P.M.

We pray the Rosary before our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month

The Rosary is a proven, effective prayer in meeting individual and national needs

Come and join us!



Remember Our Sick and Deceased

Sick and Distressed:

PGK Vince and Glenda Bunag, PGK Bill Morris, GK Charles Hayes (DD II), Bill Kushmas (Past State Deputy), Bradon Waters (grandson of PGK Bob Waters), Meta Yee (sister of PGK Wes Chin), and those on the Seniors' sick list (p. 11)

Recently deceased: Kevin Hyland (friend of Horan family), Ben Filipczyk (PGK, Washington Council, transferred to Rock Creek), Charles Swanke (Cmdr, USN), William Schlesenger

Pray for our ailing and deceased members, families and friends.

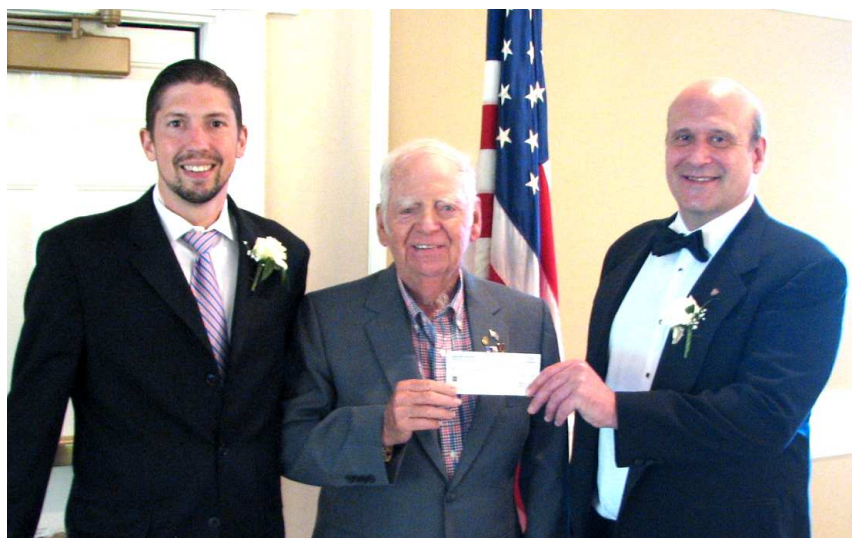




Educating Military Chaplains

Our nation's military services are in dire need of Catholic chaplains to serve the men and women in uniform who are protecting our freedom. About 275,000 active-duty Catholic military are stationed at more than 220 military installations in 29 countries. Their religious needs are being cared for by less than 250 military chaplains. Roughly one-quarter of those on active duty are Catholics, but Catholic priests constitute only 8% of current military chaplains. Many Catholics, especially those assigned to smaller bases and ships, rarely see a priest, and so their spiritual needs are served by non-Catholic chaplains.

To meet the need, the Archdiocese of Military Services is collaborating with local diocese to share the seminary costs of men who once ordained and have three years of service in a diocesan parish will serve in the military. To help with the educational costs, the Rock Creek Seniors Group recently donated \$1,000 – their second such donation – to the fund. To date, our council has made five \$1,000 donations.



Bob Waters presents a check for \$2,000 on behalf of the Seniors' Group to PGK Rich Heim, while GK James Schneider looks on. The donation is to be split with \$1,000 going to the Oder's Seminarian Fund and \$1,000 to support the education of military chaplains. Thanks, Bob!

O'Hara Scholarship Winners

We are please to announce that the winners of the Charles O'Hara High School Scholarships for the 2017-18 school year are Sallee D'Albora and Colby Roth.

Sallee is the daughter of William and Jacqueline D'Albora. A member of Holy Redeemer parish, she will be attending the Academy of the Holy Cross.

Colby is the daughter of Scott and Cami Roth. A member of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, she will be attending the Connely School of the Holy Child.

The scholarships, named in honor of Charles O'Hara, are awarded to students in the 8th grade in a Catholic elementary school for attendance at a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Washington. Each award is for \$1,500 annually, and renewable for up to four years based on satisfactory academic performance.

Applications are judged on the basis of academic achievement, personal qualifications, merit, and involvement in council, church and community activities. Their fathers must be or willing to become a 3rd degree insurance member of Rock Creek Council.

This year, there were 10 applicants. For information on future competitions, check the council website at <http://www.kofc2797.org/>

Congratulations to Sallee and Colby, and our wishes for every success in your high school careers.

Cardinal Patrick A. O'Boyle Assembly, No. 386

The new Assembly Officers for the coming Columbian Year are:

Faithful Friar - Rev. Ryan Pineda
 Faithful Navigator - Tom Devlin, III
 Faithful Captain - Russel Suton
 Faithful Pilot - Isidore Sobgo
 Faithful Comptroller - Ernest Harley
 Faithful Purser - John Fox
 Faithful Admiral - Stephen Holowenzak
 Faithful Scribe - Jude Onwumelu
 Faithful Inside Sentinel - Guy-Serge Vouffu
 Faithful Outside Sentinel - Euaristus Ojiaku
 Faithful Two-Year Trustee - Yen Le
 Faithful Three-Year Trustee - Marvin Schuttloffel

Monthly business meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, and begin with rosary at 7:30 pm, meeting at 8 pm, followed by social including free food and beverage. Speakers are occasionally scheduled.



For more information or to join the Fourth Degree, please contact SK Neil Dorian at 301-237-0552, neildorian@yahoo.com or SK Greg Curtin at 301-654-5543, curtin1016@hotmail.com.

Neil Dorian, SK
Past Faithful Navigator



Installing Our New Officers

On Sunday, July 8, the new officers of Rock Creek Council were installed at Holy Redeemer Church by DD Joseph Stewart and DW Bill Newbrough, with participation of the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly Color Corps. Fr. Mark Hughes, Faithful Chaplain, provided the blessings. A reception at Rock Creek Mansion followed. We wish our officers a very productive and enjoyable year ahead. *Vivat Jesus!*





REFLECTIONS – JULY

Lawrence P. Grayson, FDD, PGK, PFN

Dissonance, The New Normal

Almost daily, the media report on instances of radical dissonance in America. People are split on numerous political, social and religious issues, show no inclination to compromise, and increasingly rely on obstruction to pursue their positions. The result is discord, confusion, outrage, greater polarization, and violence. In the absence of national unity and civilized discourse, how long can America continue to prosper and progress? What kind of nation will our children and grandchildren inherit?

When political rhetoric is so inflamed that a supporter of one party's presidential candidate tries to kill members of Congress from the other party?

When the defeated candidate for president vows to "do everything I can" to defeat the elected president's agenda?

When the minority leader of the Senate says he will oppose the nominees for incoming Cabinet positions, even before they are officially nominated or a single hearing has been held?

When nearly 200 Democratic, but no Republican, members of Congress file a federal lawsuit accusing the president of violating the Constitution by profiting from the Trump global organization's business dealings with foreign governments.

When a comedienne poses for a photo holding a bloody, decapitated fake head of the president, and in response to a strong public backlash blames him for ruining her career?

When a theater company rewrites Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* to cast the Roman emperor as a president look-alike and have him stabbed to death in a production in New York's Central Park?

When there are intense conflicts within the Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist, and other Mainline Protestant religions on "hot-button" moral issues such as homosexual behavior, abortion, physician assisted suicide, and the death penalty.

When the Episcopal Church ordains women as bishops, blesses same-sex marriages, and allows cross-dressing clergy, and then spends \$18 million suing its own local parishes who wish to secede and join more orthodox congregations?

When the Archdiocese of Philadelphia holds that divorced and remarried Catholics cannot receive Communion, while the Archdiocese of Chicago allows it?

When the Catholic bishop of Springfield, Illinois, says

those in same-sex unions should not be admitted to Holy Communion and if they die unrepentant cannot receive a Catholic funeral; yet, there are at least 240 gay-friendly parishes in the country that affirm and celebrate the homosexuality of their parishioners.

When congressmen can kneel and pray in public before starting their annual baseball game, but high school players and coaches are disciplined for doing the same?

When certain Muslim communities in America are being governed by Islamic Sharia law, even when it conflicts with American civil law?

When the federal government can force organizations to provide abortifacients in their employee health plans, in violation of their religious beliefs?

When, according to a recent Pew Research report, 58% of Catholics support same-sex marriage, while 54% believe abortion should be legal in most or all cases, though both positions are against Church teaching?

When universities, which should pursue truth and promote an exchange of views, establish "trigger warnings" and "safe spaces" so that students do not have to be exposed to ideas that make them feel emotionally uncomfortable?

When, after some seven decades of contentious effort to eliminate racial discrimination in schools and universities, minority students are now demanding to be racially segregated rather than integrated into campus life?

America is a pluralistic society in which it is common to have divergent and often incompatible views on numerous issues. Throughout the country's history, however, it has been possible to have national unity based on common foundational beliefs. These have been strong enough to hold in check the centrifugal nature of the heterogeneous views, while broad enough to allow the differing groups to maintain their separate identities.

Religion has played a critical role in America, shaping the moral beliefs and values of the people, tempering man's self-interest, and providing a basis for national unity and a civilized community. By and large, people believed in the existence of a Supreme Being, the dignity of the human person, the existence of certain unalienable rights, freedom of conscience, and individual liberty. It is these beliefs that form the basis for America's social compact and



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REFLECTIONS – AUGUST

Lawrence P. Grayson, FDD, PGK, PFN

The Pro-Life Future is Bright

Sixty million abortions and counting! The number is staggering. Since *Roe v. Wade* legalized the willful termination of pregnancy, one of every four children conceived in the United States has been killed in the womb.

And what has been the response to combatting this barbarity? Encouraging, but not yet satisfactory!

The majority of adults in this nation still believe, as they did in the late 1970s, that most abortions should be legal, at least under certain circumstances. While seemingly little has changed in 44 years of pro-life effort, the breadth of the statement masks a notable shift in opinion by age group. In the 1970s, the 77 million Baby Boomers, born in the period 1946-1964, had come of age and were changing the nation's social values. Many of them became the revolutionaries of the 1960s and '70s, and the Yuppies of the 1970s and '80s. Self-centered and self-righteous, they engaged in free love, pursued radical feminism, considered marriage an option and made divorce socially acceptable. Children would not disrupt their life styles. Abortion was the answer.

In the succeeding years, their views on human life did not change significantly. They aged, however, so that as today's seniors they are much more supportive of abortion than the seniors of the 1970s.

Others raised in these years resisted the surrounding cultural pressures. They, and some of the "latch-key kids" they bore, became omnipresent parents who pushed their children to succeed, especially academically. Their children, born in the period 1981-2000, constitute the Millennial Generation. They are optimistic, focused, have strong views, and are much more pro-life than their earlier counterparts. In the early 1990s, only 14 percent of the 18-29 age group held that abortion should be illegal in all circumstances; 15 years later, 23 percent believed it should be illegal.

The latest cohort of children, born after 2000, appears to be equally committed to pro-life. Teenage pregnancy, birth and abortion rates are now at 40-year lows. Referred to as the iGeneration, they have been wedded to computers, cell phones and video games since their earliest years. For many, their first picture was taken via ultrasound in the womb, presenting them with the undeniable humanity of the unborn. They are flooded with digitally-delivered information and network and communicate almost constantly in "tweets" through social media. They

know what they want and how to get it.

The Millennials have already shown that they are a Pro-Life Generation. From among their ranks are many of today's pro-life activists, disturbing the consciences of their elders, bringing the atrocities of abortion into public view, and expanding their numbers through outreach efforts in schools, colleges and universities. Those who identify as pro-life are intense in their commitment. A NA-RAL survey in 2010 found that 51 percent of young people who identified as pro-life held that abortion was a very important voting issue. In contrast, among those who identified as pro-choice, the percentage plummeted to 26 percent.

What might this intensity gap among the young mean for society? Consider what a few passionate Millennials have and are doing.



Kristan Hawkins, as a sophomore in high school, volunteered at a pregnancy care center, then started a pro-life club at her school and did the same in college. In 2006, a year after graduating college, she was chosen to head Students for Life in America. In the past ten years, she has helped create 1,100 college and high school chapters, began Med Students for Life, Law

Students for Life, and Pregnant on Campus.

Shawn Carney was a college freshman in 2001 when he was asked by a co-ed to pray with her in front of a Planned Parenthood clinic. He did, and three years later the two of them joined with David Bereit to found 40 Days for Life. In the last decade, the organization has conducted almost 5,000 campaigns in 44 countries, drawn 750,000 participants and saved 13,305 babies.

Lila Rose, in 2004 at the age of 15, founded Live Action, an organization devoted to educating the public about the savagery of abortion. She began by conducting undercover work to expose the operations of the worst abortion facilities. Now, she has built the largest social media following in the pro-life movement, with her recent Internet video discussing abortion procedures being viewed by 80 million people.

David Daleiden, at age 18, headed a chapter of Live Action. In 2013, he founded The Center for Medical Progress to do covert investigative journalism on the abortion industry. In the past few years, the Center released a se-

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We Stand Strong on Ethical Grounds



Steve Upton, PGK, FDD
profits..

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that a company and its leaders must abandon morality to maximize

profits. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come. But don't just take our word for it. In 2017 the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute for the fourth year in a row. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

Kevin or I would be happy to meet with you and explain the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, annuity, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

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it is fidelity to them that has provided the country's binding force.

and values that have held America together is eroding. If this trend is not reversed, there may not be sufficient foundational beliefs to unify the nation.

But, these underlying beliefs, derived principally from Christian dogma, and adherence to the principles and values that flow from them have weakened. The overall culture of the country continues to become humanistic and secular. People increasingly lead their lives as if God does not exist. Reference to religious teachings is excluded from discussions of public issues. Christianity is becoming more of a cultural than a dogmatic consideration.

Several times in the past, when religious relevance seemed to be at its nadir, an eruption of spiritual fervor occurred, giving the nation a badly needed moral lift, which led to advances in freedom, civil rights and social conditions. Now, a similar religious awakening is needed to quell the radical national discord and allow the people to work in unity to advance the prosperity and prestige of the nation – to truly be "one Nation under God."

As a result, adherence to the shared moral principles

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ries of videos exposing Planned Parenthood's sale of body parts from aborted children. This has resulted in several Congressional investigations and a growing number of states eliminating funding for the abortion organization.

Stephanie Gray began giving pro-life talks at the age of 18 as a college freshman. Upon graduation, she co-founded the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform in 2001, and has given over 800 pro-life presentations, debated numerous abortion advocates throughout Canada, the United States and other countries, and been a frequent guest on radio and television.

Now, she has started a new ministry, Love Unleashes Life.

These and other committed individuals are changing society. Public attitudes are shifting. Pro-life advocacy is increasing. Pro-abortion support is declining. The annual number of abortions is now the lowest it has been since abortion was legalized in 1973. And, as a positive indicator of the future, the number of teenage pregnancies is at an all-time low and decreasing.

The signs are clear. Abortion in America will be outlawed, and it will occur within this generation – if we continue to work and pray for its demise.



SENIORS' CLUB REPORT

By PGK Bob Waters, President

There is much to report, including our June Spring Fling, the July Indoor Picnic, and the celebration of Helen Fincutter's 100th birthday.

First, a big thank you to Pupas Nisos for chairing the June event. We had 40 members and guests attend, when we voted to donate \$2,000 — \$1,000 to the Seminars Fund and another \$1,000 to the military chaplains education fund.

We were honored to have member Larry Stark attend. He had received a Purple Heart for his service as a civilian contractor and POW in Viet Nam. Congratulations, Larry, on a job well done!

On Sunday, July 23, we celebrated Helen Fincutter's 100th birthday with 60 members and guests. In addition to Helen and her family, guests included Fr. Samuel Giese, Fr. Joe Perkins, Fr. John McKay, Fr. Ryan Pineda, Br. Ed Adams, Sr. Mary Adams, Deacon Bob Hubbard, and PGK Larry Grayson.

In opening the meeting, we prayed for PGK Bill Morris, Charlie Swanke, Brando Waters (my grandson), Sen. John McCain, Hilda



PGK Bob Waters

Stufko, and our military.

Special guest Larry Grayson explained the need for military chaplains and our contribution to their education.

There were accolades, presents and robust singing to honor Helen on her centennial. My thanks to Darlene Coleman and her daughter Maryk for the pictures, to Helen Brennan,

Jean Gordon and the ladies who provided food, our bartenders Bob Hubbard and Neil Dorian, and Mike and Chris Horan who did the cooking and serving.

Our next meeting will be at Alfio's on Tuesday, August 29th, at noon. Watch for the flyer with luncheon selections.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR MILITARY!

PRAYER CORNER

In your prayers remember: Eureka and Elizabeth Arcand, Dorothy Bush, Lily Callowhill, Maureen Collins, Kevin Dyer, Helen Fincutter, Susan Gordon Garcia, Lois Gargano, Katharine Giodati, Bill Gordon, Joselyn Walter Graham, PGK, Frank Hayden, Marie Horan, Saunders Jacobsen, Alex Lee, Julia Marcus, James

Marketos, Joe Murphy, Rich Mylnarczyk, Eugene O'Neill, Ralph Oviedo, Sr. Maureen Patrice, Fr. David Pollak, Mary Rainey, Joan Reed, Anne Ryan, Bridget Shanahan, Midge Shanahan, Gloria Skapik, Pilar Stark, Estelle Stoltz, Stephanie Suff, Alex Swanke, Marge Swanke, Susan Tise, Regina Walter, Barbara Waters, Louise Young, and Fran and Frank Zello.



Helen Fincutter with members of her family, celebrating her 100th birthday! Helen is a former council first lady and widow of PGK Joe Fincutter. Many family members from California came to join in the festivities.

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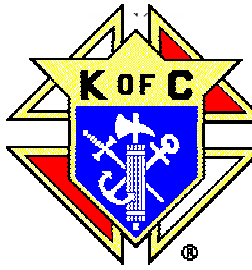
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August		1	2	3	4	5
6  Transfiguration	7	8 Executive Com- mittee Meeting 8:00 PM	9	10 Rosary 7:30 PM Business Meeting 8:00 PM	11	12
13	14	15 Holy Day of Obligation  Assumption of BVM	16 K-C Club 7:00 PM	17 O'Boyle Assem. Rosary 7:30 PM Meeting 8:00 PM	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 No Meeting Tonight	25	26
27 End of Sum- mer Picnic	28	29 Seniors Group Alfio's Noon	30	31		

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