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Children's Christmas Party, held on behalf of District 18, December 8

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

FR. MARK HUGHES

Brother Knights,

Writing this letter in the season of Advent gives me a chance to reflect on the start of 2 different years – church and calendar. On December 3, 2017 we began the new liturgical year for the Catholic Church. From the season of Advent until the Feast of Christ the King next November we go through the seasons of the Church calendar. In it we honor the Blessed Mother 15 different times. We celebrate 14 different Feast days concerning the events in the life of Jesus. We experience 5 distinct seasons. Advent and Lent involve waiting and repenting. Christmas and Easter involve joy and celebration. Ordinary time (34 of 52 Sunday's) takes two-thirds of the year to allow us to grow in hope and commitment. The result aims to help us maintain our level of faith in a very challenging environment and make progress in specific areas where we know we need to. It is a good system.

Likewise, it is also time to reflect on the start of a new cal-

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Fr. Mark Hughes

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

JAMES SCHNEIDER

Worthy Brothers,

Happy New Year to all and I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas holiday! The holidays provide a great atmosphere, everyone is happier, pockets seem to be a bit looser and it never seems too busy to lend a helping hand. Let's try to carry this onto 2018, not only as a Council, but as individuals.



Grand Knight Schneider

This past month the spirit of giving was within the Council, our Knight of the Month & Insurance Benefit Leader, Kevin Nolan, lead a great cause "Cup of Joe", where 1,500 meals were put together for the homeless. We are going to be doing this once again on February 3rd, in which we are going to look to provide over 2,000 meals! Please take an hour or two or three and come help out.

We also participated in the Coats for Kids drive, in which we donated 24 coats to Gaithersburg Elementary school. My wife, Jennifer, has taught there for almost 4 years and most of the children (98.6% to be exact) there are on a re-

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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duced lunch plan, due to low incomes. The kids were more than excited to get coats as some had been sharing with their parents, siblings or didn't really have coats at all. We are blessed to be able to use our resources to help such causes and going into 2018 let's look to do more.



Have you put together your goals for 2018? Are you looking to become a better husband, father and Catholic Gentleman? This year, besides business and monetary goals, I plan to spend less time on my phone, and spend more time at home. I plan to teach my kids about giving and how blessed they are compared to others.

I also want to make sure that, as a Council, we strive to become the best we can in 2018. If you haven't figured out your goals for 2018, write a couple things down and try to achieve them... make becoming more active within the Council one of them, the doors are always open!

Vivat Jesus!

James

Grand Knight

A Knight Remembered

Joseph P. Cantrel, who served as Grand Knight in 1954-55, passed away on December 21. He was a member of the council for over 75 years. His father, Joseph A., was the founding Grand Knight of Rock Creek Council, serving two terms in 1938-40. Joe and his twin brother Francis (GK in 1970-71) joined when they turned 18 in 1942. Joe served in many capacities in the council, including as a member of the 1st degree team for more than 40 years. He was preceded in death by Wilma, his wife of nearly 68 years, on December 14. Thanks for your contributions to the council, Joe. May you and Wilma rest in peace.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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endar year. As we do in the Church calendar, the year is divided into seasons. Each of these 4 periods bring a different set of emotions and desires. As the land sleeps in winter, we hold on until the cycle of life renews the earth and lifts our spirits. With the fresh energy of spring, we take on the challenges of life and work to accomplish our goals. We enjoy the summer months when pressure of life is less intense. All along we celebrate with family and friends and appreciate the great nation we live in. Autumn brings about the reality of time passing and where we are going and why. It is a good system.

When we combine these two good systems we really make progress for both ourselves and our world. We work at achieving goals and dreams that have God's influence and blessings. We have purpose to our actions and words. We aim for success in the world but with an understanding we are also achieving God's plan. Connecting these two-year long strategies gives us the satisfaction of using two good systems to make one great result.

Sincerely,

Fr. Hughes

Welcome to Our New Members

On December 19, the council held both an Admission (1st) Degree and a Formation (2nd) Degree ceremonies. We admitted five new members, two transfers, and had 12 advance through the Formation Degree.

Welcome to Nathaniel Barnor of Holy Redeemer; John Daria, Christopher Paslawski and Jason Wan of Our Lady of Lourdes; and James Manwaring and of St. Jane de Chantal. They were joined in the ceremony by a member of St. John the Baptist Council 11106 who took the Admissions Degree.

Two members transferred into our council: Jean-Patrick Thiellet and Roger Vales of St. Jane de Chantal.

The seven new members were joined by our members Chris Grant, Oliver Janey, Joseph Malone, Jared Oldroyd, and Mark Rouaet, as well as two members of St. Paul Council 11105 and three members of St. John the Baptist Council 11106 in taking the Formation Degree.

Congratulations to all. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings and events.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

Every Monday, from 9-11 am, a prayer vigil is held at Old Georgetown Road, north end of Wildwood Shopping Center, for the children being killed by late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart. Join the group, whenever you can, and pray to rid our area of this evil.



Club News



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

Trivia Night

Saturday January 27th

With moderator Lesley Stroot

Team competition / prizes

Competition starts at 7:00 pm

\$5 per team

Bring your smartest friends & potential members!

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

Lounge phone: 301-530-1628

Mike Horan: 240-793-1169

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

Brother Knights,

Consider joining the Fourth Degree, which is devoted to Patriotism. This is especially important in today's society, in which there is so much disrespect for the flag, national anthem, pledge of allegiance, and the history of our nation.



At the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly, we annually help clean the Vietnam Memorial, hold flag ceremonies, have donated flags to schools, honored the war dead, and provided coats to needy children, among other activities.

Rock Creek Council is served by the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly, which holds its meetings on the third Thursday of each month at Fr. Rosensteel Council. Virtually all of the Past Grand Knights of Rock Creek Council are Fourth Degree, as are many of our members.

The semi-annual exemplification ceremony for new members will be held on April 7.

If you have any questions regarding the degree, its activities and functions, contact me or speak to any of the many sir knights in our council.

Ngil Dorian, SK
Past Faithful Navigator

Cup of Joe



Joe Robert, Jr., a businessman and philanthropist, was committed to his community in Washington, DC – particularly to the less fortunate. He gave his time and treasure freely to numerous causes that uplifted children and adults in need.

After a three-year struggle with brain cancer, Joe passed away in December 2011.

As a legacy to his work, Msgr. John Enzler, president of Catholic Charities, launched **Cup of Joe** - a healthy breakfast program for five low-barrier emergency shelters, which host more than 1,000 men and women each night.

Cup of Joe, a new program, addresses a very real need for the women and men who stay in the shelters overnight, where they are provided protection from the weather and the streets, a bed, a shower, and a hot supper. Breakfast is not provided when the clients leave the shelter by 7 am.

Cup of Joe provides that breakfast, which Msgr. explained, "A healthy breakfast is just the start of ensuring that our clients have the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual sustenance to begin each day ready to improve their situation." The goal is to provide



Volunteers at the council packed 1,500 meals for the homeless

breakfast every morning, to each of the women and men staying in the low-barrier shelters. That's some 7,000 meals a week, 28,000 a month.

Essential to this initiative are volunteers to pack the bags with fresh fruit, juice boxes, instant coffee packets, granola bars and peanut butter crackers, and a reusable coffee mug. Volunteers whocame to Rock Creek Council on December 13 packed 1,500 meals. It will be repeated on February 3, where the goal is to pack 2,000 meals.

Can you join the group? For more information or to volunteer, contact Kevin Nolan at kevin.nolan@kofc.org or 703-906-2910.



CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES REPORT

Peter and Mary Ann Ferrigno, Culture of Life Chaircouple



It seems that our current government is taking steps to end the Obama Administration imposed-federal HHS mandates that employers must provide contraceptive and abortion coverage in their employee health plans. Obamacare may have offered some needed services, but the mandate went beyond

this by requiring coverage for “drugs and devices” that could end the life of an unborn child. While Obamacare has been retained, the mandate was removed with the recent tax revision signed by the president.

Clark Forsythe, the senior council for Americans United for Life, stated, “Given the medical protection that already exists for developing human beings from conception, given the legal protection from conception across the states, it’s appropriate for HHS to update its mission statement and understand that its scope of work extends to human beings, at the earliest stages of development. There seems to be no question that science is on the side of life.”

In contrast, Physicians for Reproductive Health is urging an increase in access to contraception and abortion.

Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood will do anything to retain her salary, which is almost a million dollars per year. Her efforts are now directed against

David Daleiden, who has exposed the illegal activities of the abortion industry with his undercover videos. Bringing Daleiden to court should backfire on Richards, for just by showing the videos the brutality that takes place in those clinics and the inhumane attitudes in selling baby parts is exposed.

President Trump is willing to support family planning as long as the services “do not perform or promote abortion as part of their family planning activities”. Placing Justice Neil Gorsuch on the Supreme Court should prove favorable. Time will tell.

It is pretty sad when a man such as Dr. Paul Ehrlich strongly believes that “sex-selective abortion” as well as mass forced sterilization are legitimate methods to curb population growth. The shame of it is that this man is thrilled with the direction Pope Francis is taking the Catholic Church. Erlich considers those bishops who are in opposition to the use of contraceptives, evil. Why has this man been invited not too long ago to speak at a Vatican conference?

With Pope Francis, one has to wonder how far he will attempt to make changes in the practice of the Catholic faith. He seems to believe that pastoral care should take precedence over doctrine. All I can wish for is that since Jesus founded this Church, He will not let anything happen to it.

God Bless.

Rental Corner

We are now in the engagement season and leads are pouring in for rental of the beautiful Rock Creek Mansion. Pass the word to relatives, neighbors, co-workers and friends. Share our facebook page. And keep us in mind for your own family engagement parties, anniversary celebrations and, of course, weddings. Remember, Rock Creek Council members get a 50% rental discount!

We are pleased to have the following wonderful review posted on our Wedding-Wire account:

We had an amazing experience with RCM for our October wedding. You get so much bang for your buck here and Julie and all of the staff are so kind, thoughtful, professional, knowledgeable, and responsive. Julie had so many ideas and connections to great vendors and other things that helped our day go so perfectly! Thank you!!!!

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

Julie Buckingham Carter

Event Coordinator

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Peter D. Ferrigno, PGK

Most recently, it has been said by Cardinal Gerhard Muller that our Holy Father has gone contrary to anyone receiving Communion in a state of mortal sin. He has said that our Holy Father agrees with the indissolubility of holy marriage.

Then there is a “but”, the pope goes on to say, that “a door should be opened for He also says that a priest should not publicly humiliate the sinner by rejecting Holy Communion. The pope stated that the priest must “warn everyone in general” of not approaching the table of the Lord without repenting and going to confession. I have yet to hear any priest inform the people of this. The pope has been criticizing what has been taking place in the confessional, and has asked priest to let up.

It has now been about a year and Cardinal Raymond Burke is still asking our Holy Father to clarify parts of his recent moral teachings both in “Christian morality and Church’s sacramental practice.” Almost a year has passed since he and three other Cardinals petitioned the pope about the ambiguity in *Amoris Laetitia*. There has been no reply.

Today, we have some bishops stating that “certain civilly-remarried divorcees can now receive the sacraments depending on their personal circumstances.” Basically, this comes down to how is it right to receive Communion with mortal sin on your soul?

With the walls of Catholic teaching crumbling, how much will this begin to alter Catholic Magisterium? It may lead us to thinking, as Protestants believe, that Christ is only represented and not truly present in the Eucharist. The pope has placed a lot of faith that some of these cohabi-

tors have the grace of real marriage.

The teaching of the Church has been that cohabitation is a sin, a state of fornication. Blurring the teaching may be a way that the Holy Father is attempting to bring Catholics and Protestants together. If such a change comes about, many Catholics, without even realizing it, accept the view that Jesus is truly present in the host.

This is obvious by the contrast between the small number of people going to Confession and the number of those attending Mass and receiving our Lord’s body and blood. Are we so sinless that we rarely have to go to Confession? It seems that as time passes, this will be the more common concept. I do believe that there should be sermons devoted to make sure that everyone has the facts.

Pope Francis and his close follower, Cardinal Kasper, both support that idea that divorced and remarried Catholics should receive Communion, even allowing them to become godparents, teach Sunday school and be able to serve as lay lectors and lay ministers of the Eucharist.

There are those who think that Pope Francis “will mark the start of the greatest revolution experience by the Church in 1,500 years.” He may believe that this will bring a great number of individuals back into the Church, and, if so, that these people should feel as living members in the Church.

I believe that the numbers will not be there — look at so many of the mainline Protestant sects that are losing members. Further, this will be a major shift in Catholic teaching.

God Bless.

ROSARY AT 7:30 P.M.

We pray the Rosary before our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 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 Victor Khayat, PGK Bill Morris, PGK Peter Ferrigno, Mike Nessel (friend of Terrence Ryan), Bill Kushmas (Past State Deputy), Brandon Waters (grandson of PGK Bob Waters), Thomas Lynch and those on the Seniors’ sick list (p. 11)

Deceased:

PGK Joseph P. Cantrel, Wilma Cantrel, and Tom Michalik

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





SUPER BOWL BASH

Sunday February 4, 2018

Doors open @ 5pm

Super bowl buffet
Pork bbq, roast beef, ham
sausages, Burgers,
Dogs, salads and more...

Limited open bar

Tickets:

Premium \$50 (square)

Each \$50 square is good for one person during the party

Adult \$25 (no square)

Kids 0-5 free, 5-14 \$10, 15-20 \$15 (no square)

Squares Pay:

All touches \$50 (32)

Standard 1 , 2 & 3 \$400

Final \$800

Picking party on Sunday January 21

Come to the picking party will be held during
the early championship game on Sunday January 21.

Numbers will be drawn at halftime.

The picking party will have:

Cash Bar / \$10.00 buffet / square holders free buffet





Would you like a free trip to Ireland?

In response to the Holy Father's exhortation to strengthen the Domestic Church and the Order's strong commitment to families, the Supreme Director of Membership Development announced that Supreme will give an all-expense paid trip for 10 couples to attend the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, August 22-26.

Here's how this lottery incentive works: beginning December 1st, 2017, every time that you recruit a member into the Order through June 30th, 2018, your name will go into a drawing and on July 1st, 2018, ten names will be drawn at random. If you are a winner, you and your wife be will notify immediately so you can plan this once in a lifetime opportunity to interact with families from all over the world. When you return, you can become a beacon of light for other families in your council, community, and state.

The more men that you recruit, the greater the probability you will have to win this trip. For more information on the World meeting of Families 2018, please visit: www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

"How marvelous would it be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: Today I have performed an act of charity toward others." — Pope Francis

Every year, the council submits a form to Supreme on the number of hours and dollars it expended on charitable activities. Will you help the council get a good estimate of what you and others are doing?

Last year Knights of Columbus at all levels donated more than \$177 million to charitable causes. Our members also performed over 75 million hours of volunteer service — both are all time records. By submitting the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity, you are helping to make known the overwhelming generosity for which the Knights are known.

Please help all Knights live up to the Pope's quote. Provide your estimates so that the council can provide a complete estimate of what we have done this past year.

Complete the following form and give it to the Grand Knight as input to the council report, which must be submitted by January 31: www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/individual_survey1728a_p.pdf

A Pastor's Modern Thank You

Rock Creek Council donated funds so that Fr. Robert Buchmeier, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, could provide every family in the parish with the book *Rediscover Jesus* for Christmas. Father posted a thank you on the parish's Facebook page., saying

"Through the kind assistance of the Knights of Columbus, Holy Cross excited to give every family attending our Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Masses a copy of the book 'Rediscover Jesus.' We encourage you to read the book and consider joining fellow parishioners at small group discussions to share your thoughts and reactions."

The posting includes a video of Father, which you may view at: <https://vimeo.com/246605979>

Fraternal Benefits Advice Through Social Media

Brother Knights -

I invite you to follow the Knights of Columbus on social media. I especially invite you to "like" my Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SteveUptonKofC/> to where I post stories of special interest regarding the Knights of Columbus and our Fraternal benefits. The Callaway Agency also has its own Facebook page that you are encouraged to "like" <https://www.facebook.com/KofCCallawayAgency/>.

Please also consider connecting with me on LinkedIn by searching my name.

Please check the Knights of Columbus web site www.kofc.org for the latest news from New Haven. The Callaway Agency also has a web site that we invite you to visit: <https://www.callawayagency.com>.

I am thankful for the privilege to represent the Knights of Columbus as a Field Agent and to offer the superior insurance products we have to you. Social media is another avenue available for you to be aware of the latest news from the Knights and what benefits are available to you as a Knight.

Please never hesitate to call, text, message, or email me anytime you have any questions about your membership and our insurance products.

Fraternally,

Steve Upton





Seniors' Luncheon and Election Meeting

Monday, January 22, Noon

Oakville Grill and Wine Bar
Wildwood Italian Cuisine Bar



Wildwood Shopping Center
10257 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda
301-897-9100

\$22 per person (including tax and tip)

Cash bar

Reservations must be received by Saturday, January 18

Make checks to Rock Creek Seniors and send to:

Jean Gordon

10013 Sinnott Court, Bethesda, MD 20817

301-530-4926

Provide a choice of entrée:

- 1) Chicken Piccata; 2) Grilled Atlantic Salmon;
- 3) Beef Tenderloin; or 4) Shrimp Scampi

NOTE: 2018 dues are \$15. They may be sent in with your reservation.

Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month is Kevin Nolan, who helped lead the 'Cup of Joe' Campaign for December. This turned out to be a great event for a worthy cause. As previously mentioned, we will be looking to do this again in February and hopefully continue to do so moving forward. It would be hard pressed to find anyone more involved right now than Kevin. Thank you for your hard work Kevin!

James Schneider
Grand Knight

Come to a Fun Evening

After the social meeting on January 16th, brother Knights, Ken Meringolo (McNamara '94), Kevin Ricca (St. John's '94) and Tim Strachan (DeMatha '94) will be doing their weekly podcast, "The Audible", which is everything Redskins and Local Sports Teams that evening starting at 9:00 pm. The program is as much about present-day school coverage as it is about stories from the fields they all played on in the greatest high school conference in the nation, Washington Catholic Athletic Conference." Food and beverage will be served. That evening, there will be a rosary at 7:30 pm, followed by the social meeting upstairs at 8:00 pm, and then "The Audible" in the lounge. Join us for a great night.



REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson, FDD, PGK, PFN

Creating a Robust Pro-Life Public Voice

For 45 years, ever since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion, Catholics and people of other religious persuasions have tried to stir the conscience of the country about the consequences of this ruling. Since the decision in *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, over 60 million children in the United States have been killed in the womb. What a tragedy of epic proportions – sixty million children destined to be born in the image and likeness of God destroyed by acts of their mothers' free will and abetted by an industry of death.

Despite almost half a century of opposition, there remains a determined offensive against life at every stage. As a society, we prevent its beginning, manipulate the elements of conception, create life in a laboratory and extinguish it in the name of research, destroy the child in the womb from the moment of conception through the point of (and occasionally after) birth, condone the taking of one's own life, and assist others to exterminate themselves. These acts are justified with terms like mercy, choice, tolerance, medical progress, and personal rights, which mask the selfishness, materialism, callousness and disdain for others that actually exist. This acceptance brings the nation closer to being permeated by and accepting of a "culture of death."

While abortion is the most heinous attack on life, it is not the only one. A reverence for life is assaulted through euthanasia, suicide, sterilization, homosexual acts, *in vitro* fertilization, embryonic stem cell research, and contraception. Each is an affront to man's role as God's partner in the fulfillment of creation through "pro-creating" in marriage other humans to "know, love, and serve God in this life, and to be happy with him in the next." When spiritual concerns are disregarded, decisions about life and death rest on social, economic and similar temporal factors, which can always be judged significant enough to allow the termination of a life.

To willfully destroy life, the most fundamental of all human rights, is an intrinsic moral evil. For too long, Catholics in significant numbers have been silent on anti-life issues. Often they are quieted by a fear of causing dissension, by political correctness, by the argument of a woman's choice. Tolerance of life-destroying practices is not a virtue. Not repudiating these acts implicitly acknowledges that they are socially acceptable and thus encourages their proliferation.

As Archbishop Charles Chaput reminds us: "Pluralism in a democracy doesn't mean shutting up on inconvenient issues. It means speaking up -- respectfully, in a spirit of justice and charity, but also vigorously and without apologies." There are many effective national pro-life organizations, each addressing specific needs. The existence of multiple organizations is healthy for it allows actions to be taken by those closest to and most focused on specific

problems. But this also leads to multiple speakers competing for attention in the national arena.

Can it be said that pro-life concerns are heard when Catholic politicians continue to support legislation and provide funding for abortion services? When in the presidential elections of 2008 and 2012 a majority of Catholics voted for a candidate who strongly supported abortion? When Planned Parenthood, the largest provider of abortions in the nation, has been receiving over \$500,000,000 per year from the federal government? When more than 2,500 unborn children are destroyed in the womb each day?

A strong, coordinated, consistent national voice is needed. There must be a balance between the solidarity of everyone working toward a common end, and subsidiarity with each organization addressing its specific concerns. While clergy are necessary to provide moral clarity to the pro-life message, it is the laity who must counter the immoral practices daily in the community, the workplace, the schools, among friends, acquaintances and the public-at-large.

One organization that is well positioned to provide lay leadership is the Knights of Columbus. With two million members, an international presence, a local community structure and extensive resources, it can deal with strategic and policy issues at the national and state levels, while addressing and meeting communal concerns. The Order is unabashedly pro-life, fully in line with the Magisterium, and stands in solidarity with the Pope, bishops and priests. It donates millions of dollars to pro-life causes, has given more than 500 ultrasound-imaging machines to pregnancy care centers, provides pro-life literature, files and supports friend-of-the-court briefs on pro-life issues that have come before the Supreme Court, erected hundreds of memorials to the unborn, takes a primary role in the annual March for Life, and has passed resolutions supporting the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

The many initiatives of the Knights of Columbus are laudable, but as a response from the largest Catholic, fraternal organization in the world, it is less than robust. Its outcry should be loud and booming. In addition to what it is doing, the Order could:

- Have every council encourage its members to join with the public witnesses already praying before abortion centers nationwide.
- Follow the lead of those bishops who occasionally pray at abortion clinics and offer Masses for the unborn, and request that all council chaplains do the same.

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Insurance Check-Up for 2018



Kevin Nolan, FIC

Brothers,
Where did 2017 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Thanksgiving was only last week.
I hope you and your family had an amazing 2017 filled with all the love and joy Christ can bring to our lives. Thank you all for the warm and friendly welcome you have shown my fellow Field Agent Steve Upton

and myself. So many of you have welcomed us in to your homes and lives. It is truly a privilege. We both look forward to working alongside so many of you in all the worthy projects in events sponsored by Rock Creek Council in support of Church, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism in 2018.

Hopefully, you've also established a few goals for this year. I've learned something regarding resolutions. First commit your goals to paper and post them someplace prominent in your daily life. It may not make sense at first but I'm sure you've heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second resolve to have an expert look at your finances. If you do not already have a team of experts help you

keep things simple and in your control. Steve or I would love to be the first to sit with you and show you how Father McGivney's little idea of a widow's fund now helps millions of families worldwide stay in charge no matter what else happens. Let's schedule some time? As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agents Steve and I will evaluate any gaps in your family's life, paycheck and retirement protection plans. Now is always a better time to address any gaps since life can and will turn on a dime.

Did I mention a check-up is free? (Coffee is on me!) When was the last time you received something completely free that will provide such value to you and your family for generations? Call us today. If your name ends with the letters A-L, I am your Field Agent. M-Z is my Brother Field Agent Steve Upton.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Kevin Nolan

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REFLECTIONS

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- Replicate the Order's participation in the national March for Life in January at the state marches for life, such as in Maryland each March.
- Create state initiatives to link local councils with pro-life centers and other organizations that assist women with unplanned pregnancies to provide assistance on a continuing basis.

More vigorously implement the Order's long-standing policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event or bestowing honors or privileges on persons, especially

public officials or candidates for public office, who support abortion or who advocate the legalization of assisted suicide, euthanasia and other violations of the right to life.

The Knights of Columbus working with the many pro-life organizations at the national, state and local levels can create a resounding voice throughout the land and make respecting life a national norm. There is no need, however, to wait for direction from Supreme. Developing that voice can begin now, with your council, with you. To start, join the March for Life on January 19.





SENIORS' CLUB REPORT

By PGK Bob Waters, President

We all had a great time at our annual Christmas Party and Meeting. We had a our guests Fr. John McKay, Fr. Ryan Pineda, Br. Ed Adams and Deacon Bob Hubbard (our bartender).

In our special prayers, we remembered Greg Curtin, Bill Morris, Peter Ferrigno, Hilda Arachio, my grandson Brandon Waters, and Tom Miichalik (who died).

Many thanks to Helen Brennan, the "Fab 5", and our VP Neil Dorian. We all enjoyed the food prepared by PGK Mike Horan. And we can't forget Santa Lou Greta, a good friend and the chaplain at American Legion Post 41 in Silver Spring.

Our January Meeting will be held at The Oakville Grill and Wine Bar on Old Georgetown Road (Wildwood Shopping Center). A flyer is being sent to our members with the meal choices. We will also hold elections for officers at this meeting. All three positions (president, vice president, and treasurer) are open and any member can run.

We are looking for a date for the St. Valentine's Party and Meeting, as well as for the March St. Pat's Party and Meeting. The



PGK Bob Waters

January elections will be a factor in deciding when, where (and if) we have these events as I will be in Florida for February and March for the spring training baseball games.

We need to update the Chatter Sick List. Please call me with the names of anyone who should be removed — or added.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR MILITARY!

PRAYER CORNER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  Mother of God	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Rosary 7:30 PM Business Meeting 8:00 PM	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 K-C Club 7:00 PM	18	19	20
21 Picking Party in Lounge	22 Seniors Meeting and Elections Noon	23 Rosary 7:30 PM Social Meeting 8:00 PM	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	January		