



*From the
Chaplain*

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM SCHEDULED FOR LATE JUNE

Religious liberty is under attack. With recent decisions and mandates by both the federal, state, and local government agencies, there is grave concern over the erosion or loss of religious freedoms in our country. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Knights of Columbus have objected vigorously, as have other religious groups and those who wish to uphold constitutional rights regarding the free exercise of religion.

A special prayer vigil for religious freedom is scheduled for the two weeks prior to Independence Day called the "Fortnight for Freedom."

The May issue of *Columbia* magazine (see pages 25 and 26) lists a number of religious liberties that are under attack: the HHS mandate for contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs, in which the government forces employers and insurance programs to provide "services" even if they violate a person's conscience; state immigration laws which prohibit churches from "harboring" undocumented persons, and in the State of Alabama, goes so far as to make it illegal for the Church to baptize or administer the other sacraments to illegal immigrants; attempts to force Catholic parishes to adopt a congregational model of governance in which the parish council would no longer be advisory to the pastor but have the power to enact binding decisions; the denial of organizational status to a college Catholic student group because it required its leaders to be Christian and abstain from sexual activity; stipulations on foster care and adoption that violate Church teaching and have forced Catholic Charities to discontinue these services in a number of locations; and restrictions that prevent the rental of public schools by church groups for worship services.



*Grand
Knight's
Message*



Greetings Brother Knights:

I want to wish a Happy Father's Day to all the dads. I hope you all have a great day.

It is hard to believe that I have been the Grand Knight for almost a year. I want to thank all of my brother Knights for this honor. I am nominated to be your Grand Knight for another year and I hope you will continue to support me. I have learned so much about the Knights of Columbus and I am proud that I became a Knight. I believe the past year has helped me become a better Catholic man and I am looking forward to another year of growing in my faith. Thank you all.

I would like to welcome Thomas McGovern to our Council. Thomas went through the third degree in May. Also we had a couple of gentlemen transfer into our council. Welcome to Jim Gavlas and Ralph Wernimont. Please introduce yourself and extend a warm welcome to them.

I want to thank Jim Masteller for a great job with the Awards Banquet this year. We all had a good time. I would like to thank all the people that helped with Mother's Day Corsages. A big thank you goes to Joe Adler and Jim Van Horrick again for coordinating this event. Thank you, Al Nathe for coordinating the Memorial Day Mass this year. Your leadership for this event is always appreciated.

I would like to thank my Brother Knights that stepped forward to be nominated for the open positions in our Council. We will hold our election at the June general meeting. Please help me support our new officers. We still have two openings for Trustees. They are the 3-year term and the 1-year term. The trustees must be a third degree member. The trustee positions have minimal duties which include reviewing the monthly bills and semi-annual audits. If you are interested in any of these two positions please contact me. Enjoy your summer.

Peace,
Vern Rausch
Grand Knight

The Fortnight of Freedom will be for fourteen days. It will commence on June 21 and conclude on July 4. It will be a time to pray for our country and the protection of our first freedom as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

During these fourteen days, "our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power: St. John Fischer and St. Thomas More (June 22), St. John the Baptist (June 24), Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29), and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome (June 30). Culminating on Independence Day, this special period of prayer, study, catechesis and public action would emphasize both our Christian and American heritage of liberty" (Our First, Most Cherished Liberty," *Columbia*, May, 2012, 29).
Fr. Mike Van Sloun



Prayer List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

Leo Kimmel (son of former brother knight Richard Kimmel); Ruth Lovsted; Jim Lovsted; Patrick O'Gorman; John Patchen; Blake Wahlberg; Ralph Smithers; Michael Lehn; John Gobernatz; Robert Nichols; Leon Barnier; PGK John Johanson; Brian Hoffman; Bob Belousek; Benno Barthel; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaust; Jim Meyer; John & Theresa Downing; Michael Abbott.

If you wish to add a name to the list, please contact Shield Editor Mike Petsch at 763-421-7926 or mickeyp1543@gmail.com.

History 2018 1901

The New York Stock Exchange exceeded 2 million shares for the first time on January 7th. Have you ever noticed that when the stock market goes crazy and money is flowing freely, the rug gets pulled out from underneath in a few years?

Clark Gable was born on February 1st. He died November 16, 1960, at the age of 59. And Carrie Nation took Topeka, Kansas, by storm in February clobbering liquor establishments all over town in her crusade to close every one of them.

President McKinley started his 2nd term on March 4th with Theodore Roosevelt as vice-president .

I love these next two! During an across the state automobile race on May 11th, four men were cited for exceeding the 8mph speed limit in Morristown, New Jersey, at speeds up to 30mph. They promptly paid the \$10 fine. But beware golfers! A man was arrested on June 2nd in New York for playing golf on Sunday.

In auto news, the Oldsmobile was being touted as affordable for middle class families at a sticker price of \$650 and the Cadillac Co. was founded August 22nd.

Theodore Roosevelt ascended to the presidency when President McKinley was shot on September 9th and died five days later on the 14th in Buffalo, New York. The first oil well in Louisiana opened for business in the ninth month also, but this one was on dry land, not in the Gulf.

As for President Roosevelt, he created a major controversy in October by inviting black leader Booker T. Washington to the White House, fueling racial riots in New Orleans where 34 people were killed. Eastman Kodak was incorporated in October in Trenton, New Jersey. Didn't they just fold up shop this year?

Two things for December: the Gillette safety razor hit the market (no more excuses for being scruffy); and Walt Disney was born on the 5th. He died December 15, 1966, at the age of 65.

And here's a little extra before I depart. Have you ever wondered where the term 'charley horse' came from? Well, I did and what I got was this profound reasoning. It was a baseball term from way back, probably inspired by a lame horse named 'Charley'. The whole thing sounds lame to me, so I'm outta' here, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl
historian

Leaving a TAX FREE INHERITANCE to Your Children or Grandchildren

Brother Knights and families,

I'm often asked what the most effective way is to leave an inheritance, or a *legacy* to survivors. The answer is *single premium life insurance*, of course! Let's "think outside the box" for a moment!

Life insurance is the most effective and efficient way of leaving a legacy to those you love. Why? Because life insurance automatically *leverages* the amount of money that you will leave your loved ones. his legacy is *tax free while bypassing probate, too!* Let's explore the two types of life insurance policies that will accomplish this:

1. Single Premium Whole Life: a policy funded by one premium only. This type of policy *multiplies the tax free benefit* payable to your loved ones. Another benefit is that you still have access to your original outlay (cash value)! In fact, your cash value is *guaranteed to make you a profit* if you choose to access it while you're still alive. It may very well provide you with a higher interest rate than CD's and other savings vehicles.

2. Survivorship Life: another type of policy funded by one premium only. This policy is designed to provide a *maximum tax free benefit* to your loved ones. It's great for those people who know that they have no need for access to the policy cash value in their later years. This policy actually insures a husband and wife together and pays out on the second death.

What do you think your children would prefer? A nominal amount of money or a *leveraged tax free benefit?* Contact me to see if a Knights of Columbus life insurance legacy plan will work for you (maximum age: 80 years old. Underwriting is required).

God bless,
Dale Robinson

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Membership Update

We have added several members to our council in recent months. On May 12, 2012 Tom McGovern joined as a new member by taking the First, Second, and Third Degree at Epiphany Church in Coon Rapids. George Kusterman and Stephen Rothstein joined Tom in taking the Second and Third Degree. We have also received transfer applications from several members that are interested in joining our council. They are Jacob Peterson, Nicholas Johnson, Curtis Miller, Ralph Wernimont, and Jim Gavlas. A reapplication from Douglas Schneyman is also being processed. Please welcome them to our council when you see them.

Al Kempf
Membership Chairman

Some good one-liners

The first four come from Will Rogers and the last one is a wise Irish saying.

Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke.

Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save.

A fool and his money are soon elected.

Ancient Rome declined because it had a Senate, now what's going to happen to us with both a House and a Senate?

Here's the big one:
May you be half an hour in Heaven
Before the devil knows you're dead.



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Planning Meeting every 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting every 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 5 Planning Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- June 12 Business Meeting, 7:30PM
KC Hall
- June 17 Father's Day
- June 23 Summerfest, St Stephen's
- June 27 Officer Installation, TBA
St. Katherine Drexel

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Officers Nominations 2012-13

Here is an updated list of the nominees. Nominations will remain open until the election at the business meeting on June 12th.

Grand Knight - Vern Rausch

Deputy Grand Knight - David Hudoba

Chancellor - John Kinnick

Recorder - Gary Kempf

Treasurer - Jim Masteller

Warden - Brian Hoffman

Advocate - Phil Harter

Inside Guard - Joe Soler

Outside Guard - Jim Gavlas

3 Year Trustee -

2 Year Trustee - Jim Meyer

1 Year Trustee -



News From Nicollet Assembly and the Fourth Degree

Renewal.....The Minnesota District of the Fourth Degree just completed the 2012 Spring Exemplification last weekend, with our statewide meeting at the St. Cloud Civic Center. Sir Knights from every corner of Minnesota donned their tuxedos for the ceremony itself, and 70 of us added our regalia (capoes, chapeaus, swords, and service baldrics) for the Mass, following the Exemplification ceremony. With 127 candidates for the Fourth Degree, which included 5 ordained priests, and 6 young men from the St. Paul Seminary who are on their journey to ordination, it was a day of renewal for those of us

who proudly don our Fourth Degree apparel. We were reminded of the motto of the Fourth Degree, which is Patriotism, as enlightened and informed by our Catholicism, and as opposed to those practices in today's society which are at variance with our conceptions of human liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Colors of the Fourth Degree....Light Blue, Gold, Green, White, and Red could be seen in the corridors of a public venue, in wide contrast to the pervasive informal wear, now in everyday practice. Are you ready to dress up? Exhibit your faith in a public forum? Contact a Sir Knight in your Council, and step up to the fourth degree!

STEP UP TO FOURTH DEGREE
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