



Knightly News

St. Bartholomew Council 9127



January 2012

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Chaplain's Message



Brothers all,

What a blessing the New Year always proves! Lasting Hope has come to us as Christ was born into time at Christmas, so we believers have an optimism that the world envies. For we always know the end of the story; We come from God and we go to God.

As Knights of Columbus we are under an obligation to live out our Catholic Faith in this challenging era. We are ever to be bearers of light in a darkling world. It's quite a calling! Standing together as brothers makes the task less daunting.

Let me begin the New Year of grace by thanking you for all you do and are. May God bless you and your families through these next 12 months!

*Fraternally,
Father Michael Roach*

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Grand Knights Message

Brothers All!

Brothers we forge ahead into 2012 bolstered by the Birth Of Our Savior—Jesus Christ and His message of Peace. We hope and pray His message and the feelings of good cheer, warm family gatherings and genuine caring for humanity with works of Charity continue throughout this New Year. We are grateful for our Catholic Heritage and the Blessing of knowing "The Way, The Truth and The Life".



As Knights of Columbus the Christmas Season extends even further to all of us through the Principles we espouse and what the order has been founded on: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. These principles are not just words to our members but a way of living. We have taken these founding principles and made them a part of who we are and humbly find strength in them by our unselfish actions.

If you stop and think what we so freely and willingly contribute as Knights to Church, Community and Council we have correctly taken the "I" out of our vocabulary. We are about service and salvation to one and all. So my New Year challenge to you is to be the best Knights we can be. We didn't pick any specific item but it all starts with involvement—attending as many monthly meetings as you can and choosing your area that you can contribute.

Thanks for a great 2011 and we are looking forward to 2012 with all it's potential!

Holy Family Be Our Guiding Light,

Vivat Jesus

Chris Walsh

Standing for Justice

This month we observe nearly four decades of pro-life activity in response to the infamous decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade*. I am proud that the commitment of the Knights of Columbus in building a culture of life has grown stronger each year.

Some say that *Roe v. Wade* should be accepted as “settled law” and that attempts to restrict or overturn it should end. This argument has appeal because there should be clarity and certainty in our laws. But it falls short because there is a principle more important than certainty in our legal system — justice.

Although there are many problems with the legal reasoning in the Supreme Court’s opinion in *Roe v. Wade*, the most fundamental is that the court’s decision rests upon a falsehood, which is expressed in Justice Blackmun’s statement, “We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins.”

Whatever Blackmun may have believed in 1973, it is simply untrue in 2012 to say that abortion does not take the life of an unborn human being. Because of this reality, abortion will never be settled law in the United States and must someday be overturned.

As I wrote in my first book, *A Civilization of Love*, our situation is similar to that faced by the civil rights movement after the Supreme Court ruled in the 1896 case of *Plessy v. Ferguson* that “separate but equal” laws were constitutional. That decision enshrined the hateful system of *de jure* segregation throughout much of the United States and took 58 years to overturn.

The Supreme Court’s decision in *Plessy v. Ferguson* was based upon an untruth — the court rejected the obvious fact that the legally enforced separation of the two races “stamped” African-Americans “with a badge of inferiority.” The court went on to say that if African-Americans thought “separate but equal” laws were demeaning and unfair, it was only because they chose “to put that construction on” such laws. In his dissent, Justice John Marshall Harlan contended that the court’s view was pure fiction and that people knew it to be so.

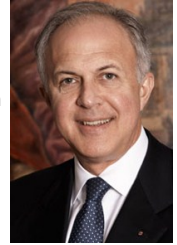
The same must be said of *Roe v. Wade*. If we remain determined and committed, it too will one day be brushed into the dustbin of history. *Roe v. Wade* will also one day be swept away for another reason: As I showed in my latest book, *Beyond a House Divided*, the decision has failed to gain the support of the American people after nearly four decades. Most Americans want legal restrictions on abortion that go far beyond what is permitted by the court’s ruling.

This presents another lesson that can be learned from the civil rights movement. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. never hesitated to remind the people of the United States of their Judeo-Christian values. In his famous 1963 *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, he even relied upon the Catholic natural law tradition. King wrote: “One may well ask, ‘How can you advocate breaking some laws and obeying others?’ The answer is found in the fact that there are two types of laws: there are just and there are unjust laws. I would agree with Saint Augustine that ‘An unjust law is no law at all.’”

He continued, “Now what is the difference between the two? How does one determine when a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of Saint Thomas Aquinas, an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal and natural law.”

A law “that is out of harmony with the moral law” can never be regarded as “settled” as long as there are men of conscience, men of determination and men who understand that our nation will be judged by the respect we give to every person — even to “the least among us.”

Vivat Jesus!



Mark your Calendar!

January

Business Meeting- Thursday January 5th at 7:55PM in the Parish Center

Social Meeting- Insurance Night! BRNG YOUR SPOUSE!!! Thursday January 19th at 7:55PM in the Parish Hall.

March For Life- Monday, January 23rd, Buss leaves from the parking lot at the new church. See Joe Chrest for details..

Officers Meeting- Thursday January 26th, 7PM Parish Center...

Roller Skate for Life- Youth Pro Life Program on Saturday January 28th from 1 to 5PM... at the MAGIC ELM .. See article inside.

February

Business Meeting- Thursday February 2nd at 7:55PM in the Parish Center

Super Bowl Chili and Wings Cook Off- Sunday, February 5th at 5PM in the Parish Hall...See the article inside for details

Catholic Bee- Sunday February 11th, at 10AM in the Historic Church. 4th and 5th grade students compete on their knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

Social Meeting- Thursday February 16th in the Parish Hall, 7:55PM.

Recruiting Blitz- Saturday and Sunday, February 18th and 19th, after every Mass

Pancake Supper- Tuesday, February 21st, at the Manchester Fire Hall.... Details TBA



Council Report

Knight of the Month:

Del Parks

Family of the Month:

Al and Dot Holden



Christmas Card Report

By Bill Morley, PGK

Each year our Council sells Catholic Christmas Cards . The 2011 campaign was successful again this year: 101 boxes of religious cards, 100 Advent Guides, 50 Roman Missal Companions, and 50 magnets were distributed to our parishioners. Net proceeds to the council was \$435.

Council Sick List

We ask all brothers to pray for the these people who are ill and in need of God's grace and mercy.



Sick:

Dave and Mary Bott

Fr. Tom Martin

Mike Gambrill

Fred Longhenry

Shelia Siford

Bill Ulrich

Deceased: Charles Lambert Jr. and Martin Denver

Light the Night For Christ

By Charlie Kohler, DGK

Rev. Michael J. Roach leads the St. Bartholomew congregation during the Light the Night celebration for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The program was conducted after the Holy Day Mass and culminated with the lighting of the Christmas tree outside our new church. St. Bartholomew Council 9127, Knights of Columbus, provided hot cider and ginger snaps to warm the parishioners on the chilly December night. It celebrates Christ as the "Light of the World". The Holy Day of Obligation honors "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin," proclaimed by Blessed Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854.



District Deputy's Report

Brother Knights and Families

It's been a very impressive 1st half of the year in District 21. Recordkeeping and reports have been outstanding. Council 1393 is leading the district in its membership recruitment drive. I thank everyone for all of their efforts. Membership and reporting are everyone's responsibilities. Your financial secretary need your input on the number of hours and charitable contributions made this year by the end of January. A new form 100 has been distributed by Supreme Council. Make sure you receive a copy and supporting membership documentation to keep you informed. Let's keep the ball moving by adding to the growth of the Order and of our councils.

As directed by Supreme Council, membership is a major focus during this time of year. Continued formation of our present membership must always be in focus. Our degrees play a vital part in strengthening our foundation. All knights are encouraged to complete their journey through all four degrees, and renew those lessons by attending these degrees as often as possible. Many degrees are scheduled in and near our district in the coming months:

January 11 - 1st degree at Council 7612 at 7:30 pm

January 17 - 2nd degree at Council 1393 at 7:30 pm

February 7 - 1st degree at Council 1393 at 7:30 pm

February 17 - 3rd degree at Council 12255 at 7:30 pm

March 3 - 4th degree at the Holiday Inn, Frederick, MD- registration deadline is February 10.

The March for Life will be held in Washington D.C. on January 23. Please consider supporting your council and the Order in this vital program. Join us by reserving your seats on the buses departing from the parishes in the district.. Our programs are vital to introduce new members and their families to the benefits and principles of our order. New members are vital to the continued support, growth, and administration of our programs and of our order. Ask a Catholic man to join our order today! Always carry a form 100.

Louis W. Stachowiak Jr.
District Deputy #21

Tom Greul
District Warden #21



Super Bowl Sunday!

Join us in the Parish center for our ANNUAL CHILI and WINGS COOK OFF and SUPER BOWL PARTY! Doors open at 5PM on Sunday February 5th. You will get in free if you **Bring your best Chili or Wings to be Judged by our expert panel (first prize is a gift card!)** If you have lost grandma's recipe and can't cook, that's OK! Admission is \$10 for Adults, \$5 for kids 5-12, and free for kids under 5. We will have drinks, snacks and other food available. Then watch the Super bowl on a large screen... Call Henry Ruhlman at 410-374-4221 for further info. **GO RAVENS!**

Roller Skate for Life!

Family fun on Saturday January 28th at the MAGIC ELM Roller Skating Rink just over the PA Line, in Hanover.

The cost is only \$8 per child. This annual youth and Pro Life event is scheduled from

1 to 4PM, with the party room scheduled from 3 to 4PM for our refreshments and program. It is always a lot of fun for the families of our council and parish.

Tom Cunningham and PGK Alex Fielding have put together a great event for the entire family, with a solid pro life message.



Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Each year we must report to the Supreme Council our cumulative **INDIVIDUAL** hours supporting charitable and fraternal activities. This report summarizes our collective hours spent supporting our council activities and even outside charitable works.

In your e-mail from us, Please open up the attached survey and jot down your best estimate of the time you have donated for all these types of activities... related and non related to the Knights of Columbus. I realize this is a bit of a homework assignment, but please view this as a self examination of all the good things that you have accomplished and participated in over the last year.

Please return the form to me. God Bless you for all that you do to serve our parish and community.

Lou Meli

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Please consider attending our Insurance Night on January 20th! BRING YOUR SPOUSE!!!

If you have insurance through the Knights of Columbus, you may want to hear about some new products and changes to our Annuity plans that became effective last November. There is also a new ten pay life insurance policy that Supreme is offering.

Long term care is an important element of your retirement planning that should be considered, as always, the Knights of Columbus has plans that can fulfill your need. No one wants their nest egg, carefully built up over time, to be wiped away by a serious illness that may require a long term care facility...

In these trying times of financial uncertainty, it is comforting to know that your Knights of Columbus Insurance program, with a triple AAA rating, is the most highly rated Insurance Company in the U.S.



“Keep Christ in Christmas” the nationwide campaign

By *Charlie Kohler, DGK*

Millions of people in North America were reminded thanks to the efforts of the Knights of Columbus. The campaign includes public service announcements that were aired in the United States during the Christmas season, as well as a variety of local programs in support of the campaign that include signs, billboards, Nativity scenes and Christmas cards.

Radio spots encouraging people to “Keep Christ in Christmas” in various ways – including by helping the less fortunate – were aired in English and Spanish. In addition, a television PSA has been sent to networks and hundreds of local broadcast stations and cable systems. The Knights have been producing “Keep Christ in Christmas” PSAs since the 1980s.

Last year, the Knights of Columbus Christmas PSAs reached more than 38 million television viewers and 34 million radio listeners. Billboards and signs with the same message have also been put up around the country by local Knights of Columbus councils, and many local councils also sponsor nativity displays or sell religiously themed Christmas cards.

“In a society where Christmas has often become shorthand for shopping, many who celebrate Christmas can lose sight of its true meaning. Those who celebrate Christmas give gifts to each other because it is the day on which we celebrate the greatest gift: God’s gift of his son to the world,” said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. “Christmas is about ‘peace on earth toward people of good will’ and we think that’s a message worth remembering.”

Why We Should Welcome the New Roman Missal (from World On Fire) A Catholic Evangelistic Group

By *Rev. Robert Barron*

Catholics in this country will notice a rather significant change when they come to Mass. Commencing the first Sunday of Advent, the Church will be using a new translation of the Roman Missal. I would like to emphasize, at the outset, that this in no way represents a return to “the old Mass,” for the Latin texts that provide the basis for the new translation were all approved after Vatican II. So why the change? What had come increasingly to bother a number of bishops, priests, and liturgists over the years was that the translation of the liturgical texts, which was made in some haste in the late sixties of the last century, was not sufficiently faithful to the Latin and was, at least in some instances, informed by questionable theological assumptions. And so, over the course of many years, two groups in particular—ICEL (the International Commission on English in the Liturgy) and Vox Clara (a committee of bishops, liturgical experts, and linguists from around the English-speaking world)—labored over a new translation. This work was approved by the United States Bishops’ Conference and finally by the Vatican, and Advent 2011 was determined to be the time to begin use of the new Missal.

What marks these new texts? They are, I would argue, more courtly, more theologically rich, and more Scripturally poetic than the current prayers—and this is all to the good. An unmistakable feature of the Latin liturgical texts is their nobility and stately seriousness. They were composed by people who clearly knew that liturgical prayer is a manner of addressing Almighty God, the Lord of heaven and earth. Accordingly, they utilized not the language of the street or of the market or political forum, but instead, the speech appropriate at the court of a King to whom supplication is being made. Or to situate things more in the context of our culture: they employ the kind of speech one might use in addressing the President in a formal letter or the recipient of an honorary degree at a university commencement exercise. Now when these texts were rendered into English in the late sixties of the last century, they were translated in accord with certain definite cultural tendencies of that time. Starting in the 1960’s, we began to prize speech that is blunt, clear, direct, casual, and unadorned. And we developed a prejudice against language that seems fussy or overly ornamental. To see a vivid illustration of this shift, compare the sermons of John Henry Newman or Fulton J. Sheen to almost any sermon delivered today.

But what this gave us, many came to see, was a certain flattening out of the language of the liturgy, a rendering pedestrian of that which ought to be elevated. I will give just one example from hundreds that I could have chosen. Here is the prayer that we currently offer as the opening collect for Tuesday of the first week of Advent: “God of mercy and consolation, help us in our weakness and free us from sin. Hear our prayers that we may rejoice at the coming of your Son.” Pretty clear, direct, straightforward. Now here is the new translation of the same Latin prayer: “Look with favor, Lord God, on our petitions, and in our trials grant us your compassionate help that, consoled by the presence of your Son, whose coming we now await, we may be tainted no longer by the corruption of former ways.” We notice first that a great deal of the Latin original was simply not translated in the earlier version, but we also remark that the formality and courtly elegance of the Latin is preserved in the new version.

Next, let us consider the increased theological density of the new translations. It appears to have been a conviction of the translators in the sixties that overly theological language would turn people off and make the liturgy less immediately appealing. A particularly clear example of the application of this principle is the old translation of the post-Communion prayer for the thirtieth Sunday of the year: “Lord, bring to perfection within us the communion we share in this sacrament. May our celebration have an effect in our lives.” That prayer, I think you’ll agree, is rather bland and inelegant, landing, as one wag put it, “with a thud in heaven.” But it is also remarkably lacking in theological density and precision. Effect? What kind of effect? Good, bad, sacred, secular, psychological? Now listen to the new translation of the same Latin prayer: “May your sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth.” In a rather pithy formula, we find both a subtle theology of grace as well as a presentation of the eschatological dimension of the sacraments. Now we know fairly precisely what the “effect” is that we’re praying for.

Finally, let us look at the richly poetic and Scriptural quality of the new translations. Once more, it seems to have been a conscious decision of the earlier translators that much of the poetic imagery of the Bible—so evident in the Latin originals—should be trimmed from the English versions. I will give one example of dozens I could have chosen. The older translation of the opening collect for the first Sunday of Advent runs, in part, as follows: “All powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming...” And here is the new version of the same prayer: “Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.” Our longing for Christ was pretty blandly communicated in the earlier version as “eager;” but in the new translation, it is given wonderfully rich expression as “running forth to meet” the Lord. If the new prayers sometimes won’t seem as immediately understandable as their predecessors, we should remember that poetry is generally harder to grasp than prose, but infinitely richer than prose in its evocative and descriptive power.

There has been, over the past several decades, an enormous debate concerning this process of translation. If you doubt me, dip into blogs written by liturgists—if you dare. But the Church has given us these new texts, and I think it is wise for us to accept them in a positive spirit. We will find in time, I believe, that they will deepen and enrich our prayer together.

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Return Service Requested

Please check out our Council events!

Reminder: Please send in your 2012 Dues!!!!

Insurance Night Thursday January 20th

March for Life to D.C. Monday January 23rd

Roller Skate for Life, Saturday January 28th

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