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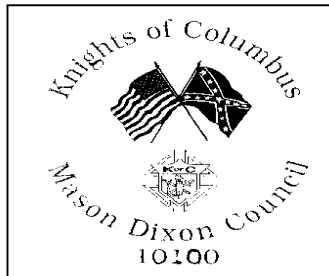
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By: Fr. Donald Grzymiski, OFM Conv.

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In my homily at the Mass at Grand Knights' College I urged those present to see their efforts in this new fraternal year from a faith perspective. "We are called to serve," and if we serve others as Knights—in our councils or through various programs—we also do so as disciples of Jesus.

Let us carry out our roles conscious that we are people of faith.

There are certainly times in our K of C routine when we focus on the spiritual: opening and closing meetings with prayer; the chaplain's message; the Masses throughout the year. Our charity can be all the more grace-filled when we remind ourselves of the Christian's call to love our neighbor. In the course of the year Knights will stand in all sorts of weather with tootsie rolls or marching for life. Knights give up afternoons or evenings to run benefit wheels or to visit veterans or the elderly. Knights will do all sorts of things because we belong to an Order that celebrates we are Catholic gentlemen. Our Church and Order activities constantly blend.

We should also take our involvement in these activities, and the challenges we may face as an officer, chairman or participant, to our personal prayer. It is in prayer that we seek guidance, a clarification of our motives, strength to carry out what we committed to do, and good humor.

Going before God with our plans reminds us to ask if these mesh with God's plan. Prayer keeps us humble, before God and with one another.

The point is: it will be a shame if we reach the end of the fraternal year, even if we have garnered many awards and compliments along the way, and we have not grown spiritually.

Yes, the Knights were founded to assure fraternal support and security. But I believe all those efforts of Fr. McGivney and the first members indicate they also wanted to see us grow in our faith.

May this year be blessed in every sense of that word.
Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight's

September/October 2009

Brother Knights, Ladies, and Friends,

First of all, I want to thank all of you who attended our Installation of Officers in July. We thank you for your show of support in making it such a well attended event. The District Deputy, Brian O'Connor and his District Warden, Norm Yost did an exemplary job of installing the officers, and we thank them both, as well as the State Deputy, Dick Siejack's representative, Paul Weber who gave an inspiring talk, and his wife, Mary.

The Council has many activities now under way or about to start, and we need your help to make them successful. We don't expect you to join in every activity, but please choose the one or two of your choice and call the Chairman of that activity to volunteer. As you know, the parish Jousting Tournament and Chicken Dinner will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12th. You may have signed up at church for a job, but besides that, the Knights have been asked to help on Sept. 3, 4, and 5th to clean out the stored items from the kitchen, then to help get the hall ready on Sept. 8th and 9th from 6 to 9 PM. We will also help with the setup (tents and such) on Thursday, Sept. 10th and the take down and clean up on Monday, the 14th from 6 to 9 PM both days. Scott Kidd will have hotdogs and hamburgers on the grill both of those nights for the volunteers. The Council meeting of the 14th will be cancelled.

The Car Raffle is now started. Len Windsor has mailed letters to everyone with 12 tickets enclosed. Please buy or sell them as soon as possible to help make this our council's biggest fund-raiser. It is the easiest way for us to raise operating funds for the council. If you can sell more, there are plenty we can supply you with. Len will be selling them at the Jousting Tournament too, and can use some help with that.

Stan Markowski has arranged dates with several businesses in the area for handing out Tootsie Rolls. The schedule is listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Helping out with this activity can be fun. Call Stan or Scott to volunteer for one or more of the times.

Don't forget the Living Rosary on October 5th and the Road Cleanup on Oct. 17th.

May God Bless you and your family.

Jack Smith, GK

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

COUNCIL CALENDAR

September

- 10 Set up for Jousting Tournament 6 – 9 PM
- 12 St. Mary's Jousting Tournament
- 14 Tournament Cleanup 6 – 9 PM No meeting
- 26 Knights Out – Enotria's Rest. 5:30 PM
- 28 Council Meeting – 7:30 PM – *Whiteford VFC*

October

- 4 Life Prayer Chain – Jarrettsville – 2 PM
- 5 The Living Rosary – 7:30 St. Mary's
- 12 Council Meeting – 7:30 PM – *Whiteford VFC*
- 17 Road Cleanup – 9 AM St. Mary's
- 26 Council Meeting – 7:30 PM – *Whiteford VFC*
- 31 Halloween, Trunk or Treat – St. Mary's

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Sandy Weiss	Sep. 6
Sue Muller	Sep. 9
Pat Saffran	Sep. 12
Mike Groves	Sep. 13
Macinia Altenburg	Sep. 14
Stan Markowski	Sep. 23, 1930
Janice Mikolinis	Sep. 28
Anna Hevesy	Oct. 8
Juanita Bochniak	Oct. 10
Janis S. Murray	Oct. 12
Margaret A. Bosse	Oct. 13
Lorraine Hebert	Oct. 16
Linda Stark	Oct. 16
Roger Oursler	Oct. 19
Bob Farrell, Sr.	Oct. 19
Bobbie Kucharek	Oct. 26
George D. Colletta	Oct. 30

Happy Anniversary to:

Jim & Joyce Gosnell	Sep. 1, 1962
Joe & Sandy Weiss	Sep. 2, 1961
Bob & Nora Farrell	Sep. 4, 1977
Charles & Janis Murray	Sep. 5, 1970
Walt & Nancy Novicki	Sep. 12, 1964
Len & Joyce Windsor	Sep. 14, 1978
Larry & Linda Windon	Sep. 15, 1978
Andy & Charlotte Trageser	Sep. 16, 1950
Don & Betty Kloch	Sep. 17, 1976
Bob & Denise Reavis	Sep. 19, 1976
Jim & Regina Schuch	Sep. 19, 1970
Jack & Darlene Walther	Oct. 3, 1970
Jim & Sandra Janiski	Oct. 10, 1980
Tom & Janice Mikolinis	Oct. 10

John & Mary Puskar	Oct. 14, 1967
Tom & Sue Muller	Oct. 19, 1963
Charles & Peg Era	Oct. 24, 1992

Warden's Drawings

. After the July 27th meeting **Jerry Grim** won \$30.00 on the 50/50 drawing. **Howard Eakes** would've won the Warden's Drawing, but he was not present. The winner of the August 10th 50/50 was **Walt Novicki** for \$36.00, and **Bob Farrell's** number was drawn in the Warden's Drawing, but he was not present. At the August 24th meeting, **Joe Siegmund** won \$33 in the 50/50, and **David Hudson** missed \$110 in the Warden's Drawing by not being present. Attend Council meetings, you might find it worthwhile!

CAR RAFFLE – Len Windsor

This year the car to be raffled is a 2010 Mustang V6 Coupe. We are mailing 12 tickets for \$10 to each family in the parish. We will also be selling tickets after the Masses on the weekends and at the Jousting Tournament. Please do what you can for this raffle, since it can be a major fund-raiser for our council. As you know, 60% of what we sell, stays in the council and the other 40% goes to the state council for the scholarship fund. If Len calls on you to help him with the sales of these tickets, please do what you can for him and the council.

FAMILY

KNIGHTS OUT – Joe Healy

The next Knights Out will be Saturday, September 26th at Enotria's. I have reserved a table of 20 for 5:30 PM and arranged for separate checks for each family. We look forward to enjoying your company then. If you think of it, let me know if you are coming, and how many you will be.

Joe Healy 410-692-5359

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Since the newsletter is only published every other month, we have two families to recognize in this issue as Family of the Month – one for the month of July and the other for the month of August.

The Family of the Month for **July** is the **family of Marty & Christy Miller**. Although Marty hasn't joined the Knights yet, (we hope to have him soon) he is very helpful in church activities, being a big help in repairing windows and doors throughout the church buildings, and helping us whenever asked. His wife, Christy cleans the church every week and is a member of the Altar Society of St. Mary's. She works at all of the parish dinners. Michael (16) is a Sacristan and helps set up for our Chicken Dinners with his Dad. Marilyn (13) is an Altar Server, and Ltesl (3) is a wonderful little girl who helps her Mom clean the church. This is a very strong and close-knit family that works together to support all types of activities at St. Mary's. We are pleased to recognize the **Miller Family as our July Family of the Month**.

For **August**, we would like to recognize the **Ron and Diane Plummer family as the Family of the Month**. Ron works at the parish Chicken Dinners, and is a great helper to the Knights. Diane is a Cantor and a Catechist, sings in the church choir, and takes care of Fr. Kunkel's house, cleaning and doing his laundry every week. Their daughter Mary (13) is a Sacristan, sings in the choir, and is a Cantor. Another daughter, Sarah (12) is an Altar Server, and Julia (8) is a wonderful daughter who helps Mom work at the Rectory. The Plummer family is fine example of an active Catholic family. Because of their total family involvement with their parish, we are happy to name **the Plummer Family as the August Family of the Month**.

**CHURCH
ACTIVITIES**

MEDJUGORJE MESSAGE

Message of August 25, 2009

"Dear children!

Today I call you anew to conversion. Little children, you are not holy enough and you do not radiate holiness to others, therefore pray, pray, pray and work on your personal conversion, so that you may be a sign of God's love to others. I am with you and am leading you towards eternity, for which every heart must yearn. Thank you for having responded to my call."

THE LIVING ROSARY – Stan Markowski

On October 5th, at 7:30 PM we will have our semi-annual Living Rosary at St. Mary's. Although we are seeing better turnouts for this beautiful service, we still need more participants so no one will have to double up on a bead. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us this time. You will be happy you did.

COMMUNITY

ROAD CLEANUP – Marty Rudell

The next Road cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th, with a rain date for the following Saturday. As you know, the more who come, the quicker we will finish. Come help us if you can.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE – Scott Kidd & Stan Markowski

Dates and locations have been arranged for our Tootsie Roll Drive (and also our Car Raffle on the first weekend), now all we need are volunteers to work there. Stan has broken the times down to about 4 hours each. The list follows. Pick the times you can make it and call Stan (717-382-9069) to put you down for them.

- Giant at Tollgate: Sept. 26, 27th 9:30AM to 4:00PM
 - Giant at Rock Spring: Oct. 10, 11th 9:30 to 4:00PM
 - Redner's Hickory: Oct. 17, 18th 9:30 to 4:00PM
 - Saubel's Whiteford: Oct. 24, 25th 9:30 to 4:00PM
 - Saubel's Stewartstown Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 9:30 to 4PM
 - WalMart Abingdon: Nov. 3, 4th 10 AM to 2 PM
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YOUTH

SOCCER SHOOTOUT – Neil Bittner

I'm tentatively scheduling the Council Soccer Shoot Out for **Saturday, Sept. 26** at **Beakes Fields** off of Lay Road in Delta. Competition will start at **10:30 AM**. This competition is for all youth ages 10 - 14.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please keep Lynette Rudell, Nick Mikolinas, Tony Ventura, Jerry Grim, Sr., Jerry Grim, Jr., Si Driesen, Paul Goedecke, Brian Heath, John Puskar, Len Windsor, Joyce Windsor, Dan Owens, and all our Servicemen & women in your prayers.

BELLES OF ST.

BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE

For the past two years the Belles of St. Marys and the Knights of Columbus have held a Dinner/Bingo to raise money to help the children who go to the work camp. With the hall under construction we can not hold the Dinner/Bingo. Therefore the Belles will have a Bake Sale and Raffle on Oct 4th. after the 11:15 Mass. We will be raffling off a choice of an Afghan/w a stand (the afghan won 1st Place in the Harford County Fair this year) and a Stained Glass Picture and a large Basket filled with Kitchen items. The Belles will be outside each Mass on each weekend in September. We will also be selling the Investment Club tickets. The purpose of this fundraising activity is to obtain funds to purchase materials to make cushions for the pews in church.

RESPECT LIFE

LIFE PRAYER CHAIN – Joe Healy

Respect Life Activities could easily fall under the headings of Council, Church, Family, Community, and Youth. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we should all be doing something besides praying for an end to abortion and the

prevention of euthanasia – in short, respect for life at all stages.

There are numerous activities during the year when we ask for your support for this endeavor; for example: Collections after the Masses on one weekend in October for the Respect Life Committee to pass on to Birthright and the Gabriel Project, putting up the crosses during Lent on the church lawn and taking them down later, the March For Life in Washington, and the Vigil for it in January, and the Life Prayer Chain in Jarrettsville in October.

Which leads me into the purpose of this article. On **Sunday, October 4th, at 2:00 PM**, the Respect Life Committee of St. Mary's will organize the annual Life Prayer Chain in Jarrettsville. This is just one hour of praying while holding a sign asking for an end to abortion. This is such an easy thing to do for the cause, but can bring great results. As Knights of Columbus, please join us in Jarrettsville at the **Seven/Eleven** at 2 PM on Sunday, October 4th. We hope we can count on you. Please mark the date on your calendar now so you won't forget it.

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S

September 2009

Greetings Brothers,

I wish to begin by thanking all those councils Anne and I have had to visit during their installations. Your hospitality was wonderful and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at each and every one

I just received the membership report for July, 2008 and I wish to congratulate Long Green Valley Council for recruiting 3 new members and Fr. Maurice Wolfe Council for recruiting 1 new member and obtaining 1 new insurance member.

All the councils should be well underway selling car raffle tickets and are gearing up for the Tootsie Roll program. This is the one time of the year you get a chance to meet other Catholics one on one and using this opportunity to ask them to join the Knights of Columbus. There should be form 100's available for the sellers, both men and ladies, to use when selling tickets or giving out Tootsie Rolls. This should be true at any event where Catholic men will be available such as parish picnics, youth events such as soccer shootouts or fishing tournaments

(parents are prime candidates), Sunday donuts etc.. Don't let an opportunity pass by and get to the end of the year searching for that 1 or 2 new members you need for Star Council

While the councils in our District do a good job at telling ourselves what a good job we do; we still don't publicize it well in our parishes and the community. There are many Catholic families in our parishes looking for an oasis where they can share the values of faith and family, as well as a place where they can socialize with other people with common interests. **Our organization is that oasis.** All you need to do is to help them see and understand that this is true and ask them to join

Brian O'Connor
District Deputy

FOURTH DEGREE

Faithful Navigators Message

Brother Knights,

School will soon be back in session. With that we will be looking out for the children who are walking, being driven, or taking a bus to school. These children have a lot of people watching out for them. Giving those children a hug or little kiss on the cheek before they leave for their classes. They go to school in the latest fashions so they blend in with all the others in school.

What about our military? Who watches out for them? They are still some one's son or daughter. They travel to classes also. Not only do they walk, drive, or take a bus, but they also fly. But they go without a hug or kiss from a parent. They must wear their uniform and stand out in the crowd. Making them easy targets for anyone looking to do them or our country harm.

So as we look out for our younger future, let us watch out for our now future. Those soldiers protecting all our freedoms that we share right now. When you see them please let them know that you are watching out for them as they travel and thank them for defending not only our country but all the freedoms we have.

Leonard Wm. Windsor Sr. FN

RELAX AND REST EASY

by Thomas P. Smith, Jr., Executive Vice President, Agencies and Marketing

Sometimes I sit at my desk and just wonder about things. What is it about market downturns that cause people to suddenly think that they need a position that includes a stable GUARANTEED product like a K of C retirement annuity? Doesn't the market always turn down sooner or later? So why not establish a GUARANTEED alternative to balance those swings?

As I pondered, I enlisted the help of my friend and co-worker Tony Minopoli, who is our senior vice president of investments. Here is the scenario I asked him to help me with. Two 55-year-old men in the United States on January 1, 1999. Both have \$50,000, and are looking for a place to put it for ten years.

- One decides to invest it in the S and P 500 and leave it there for ten years (ten years!), paying taxes on dividends as they are paid.

- The other guy puts his \$50,000 in a tax deferred retirement annuity with the Knights of Columbus, with all the guarantees that come with it.

Ten years later and its December 31, 2008 (notice that to be fair I am using a date before the most recent market madness). Both men are now 65-years-old and starting to consider retirement. They check on the \$50,000.

- Our S and P fellow would have an account value of **\$43,494.17**, an annual compounded return of **-1.38% per year**. And he paid taxes along the way on those dividends.

- Our K of C tax-deferred annuity fellow would find a balance that has swelled to **\$78,152.41**, for an annual compounded return of **4.57%** -- and the power of deferring taxes has not been factored in.

I have nothing against money in the market – some of mine is there. Or it used to be there. But I do wonder why more of our members and their families don't take advantage of our guaranteed retirement annuity product. You get a great return, defer taxes, prepare for retirement and get to sleep at night. Not a bad deal.

So, regardless of where you think the market is headed right now, why not prepare yourself for the inevitable downturn, and build yourself something guaranteed. Call your agent. Establishing an annuity is a simple, quick, easy process. Then relax and rest easy.

We'll do the rest.

Jeff Roemer

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PRO-LIFE NEWS

House Bill 3200 (an editorial)

By Barbara Mank

“Man has the right to live. He has the right to bodily integrity and to the means necessary for the proper development of life, particularly food, clothing, shelter, medical care...” (Pacem in Terris, no. 11, Pope John XXIII)

Richard Doerflinger, Director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities for the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) published an 8/24/09 piece regarding H.B. 3200 entitled “Health Care Reform and a Dispute About Dying” which was distributed to Respect Life Coordinators and parish pastors by the Archdiocese’s Respect Life Office which says in part “The Church insists that reform is too important and legitimate a goal to be hijacked by destructive agendas such as government-mandated abortion coverage. But concerns have also been raised about the way health care reform may treat people at the other end of life, specifically through Section 1233 of the current House bill on ‘advance care planning consultation’....Patients may not realize that signing some forms could prompt the denial of even ordinary care like nutrition and hydration during a chronic, non-terminal illness.”

You may have seen one or more of the informational St. Mary’s bulletin announcements published during August discussing three of the anti-Life implications of H.B. 3200, the “Affordable Health Choices Act”. I confess to not having read all 1018 pages of H.B. 3200 but I did read pertinent sections dealing with anti-Life aspects of the bill. Note that while there are five or more bills/amendments in Congress there is only this one that has been given a numerical designation in the official Congressional record and therefore bears serious consideration at the present time.

Don’t let anyone tell you that all critics of H.B. 3200 are Right Wing fanatics assembling misinformation to defeat a worthwhile bill. Many critics of the bill – Mr. Doerflinger and I included – agree with Pope John XXIII (whose 46-year-old quote begins this editorial) that basic, affordable health care is an imperative human right for all. The United States, as the wealthiest Country on earth, is certainly remiss in having delayed addressing for so long this human right for its own citizens.

But like the “Blue Dog Democrats”, the 40 well-publicized members of the Congressional Caucus withholding support of the severely-flawed H.B. 3200, I fail to see abortion paid for by my tax dollars as a basic human right. Nor do I wish a Medicare-paid doctor counseling me to draft a Living Will refusing basic nutrition, hydration, or antibiotics if I reach an advanced age and enter the hospital for a severe illness (Section 1233). Nor do I wish to be refused hip-replacement surgery if a Federal committee applies a formula to my age and determines that I am too old to merit the surgery (Section 1162). Nor do I want moral health care professionals – Catholic and non-Catholic alike – to turn from the healing professions because their consciences are compromised by the types of health “care” in which they are required by this law to engage.

The USCCB has collected its materials on this issue on a special web page, www.usccb.org/healthcare/. The primary anti-Life item addressed on the web page is the provision within H.B. 3200 for taxpayer dollars for abortions. The Archdiocese of Baltimore distributed not only a link to this web page to all Respect Life Coordinators and pastors but also a list of Congressional representatives to be contacted to urge them to vote to remove all abortion coverage from any health care bill.

Secular media admit that abortion would be covered:

- The University of Pennsylvania-run website FactCheck.org says: “Though we of course take no position on whether the legislation should allow or not allow coverage for abortions, the House bill does just that.”
- Reporter Ricardo Alonzoaldivar of the Associated Press (AP) writes (8/5/09): “Health care legislation before Congress would allow a new government-sponsored insurance plan to cover abortions, a decision that would affect millions of women and recast federal policy on the divisive issue.”

- Reporter Michael Scherer in the 8/24/09 issue of *Time* magazine addressed abortion coverage in H.B. 3200: “The health-care-reform bill proposed by House Democrats...does find a way for the Federal Government to expand the coverage of abortion services through a government-run program – the so-called public option...so in effect, anyone who wanted to sign up for the public option, a federally funded and administered program, would find themselves paying for abortion coverage.”

If you still doubt that abortion would be covered by H.B. 3200 as currently written, here are some quotes from Congressional supporters of the bill:

- When asked by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) if the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee would be willing to put language in the bill excluding abortion coverage, Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), the Chairperson of the Committee responded: “No, I would not be willing to do that at this time.”
- The 7/28/09 *L. A. Times* quoted a spokesman for Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY), head of the House Rules Committee: “The starting point for Rep. Slaughter on the health care debate was protecting abortion rights.”
- At an 8/12/09, San Jose CA Townhall meeting, Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) stated “Abortion will be covered as a benefit by one or more of the health care plans available to Americans, and I think it should be.”

If you go to the previously-mentioned USCCB web page, www.usccb.org/healthcare/, you will find the articles by Mr. Doerflinger, letters penned on the subject by a number of the Catholic bishops, commentary by Catholic officials and health care providers, and Action Alerts for parishes in the United States about the current health care bill. You might also want to consult the following documents from the Family Research Council: “Seven Reasons Abortion Is In The Health Care Overhaul” (<http://downloads.frcaction.org/EF/EF09H03.pdf>) and “10 Reasons Rationing Is In The Health Care Overhaul” (<http://downloads.frcaction.org/EF/EF09H01.pdf>).

Affordable health care is a human right. But abortion of the pre-born, rationing of services for the elderly and/or the disabled, the potential for the door being opened to euthanasia, and the disregard for the conscience rights of health care professionals are not aspects of legitimate health care.



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