

THE KNIGHT NEWS
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CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

I love the Spring. Partly because it means that Summer is just around the corner, but also because of the display of nature. I enjoy looking at the flowers, the grass growing, and beautiful gardens. Every year, there is a magnificent flowering cherry tree right outside our rectory office. For a few weeks, it is a stunning sight, worthy of a picture or painting. Unfortunately, its' beauty is short lived. In a matter of weeks, the pink blossoms fall to the ground and are replaced by green leaves. For that tree, this is simply part of the cycle of life. I am reminded that there are many people that are like the flowering tree. They blossom perhaps once a year, or have a sudden burst of energy and commitment, only to fade into a complacency and non-action that is draining to all around. There are spouses, workers, Catholics, and even Knights who are like that tree. The real beauty of life is commitment and consistency. The Knights remain strong because of those who display these qualities and are always in bloom, always there, always doing. An evergreen remains the same all year long. While a dramatic and sudden display is enjoyable for a short time, it lacks what is really needed in life.

Don't be a flowering cherry tree. Thank you to all those evergreens that are part of our council. Happy Spring!

Father Ken, Chaplain

MESSAGE FROM YOUR GRAND KNIGHT

So many Americans are ignoring this escalating culture war. Yes the Catholic Church does fight for the protection of life, and yes the church also fights for traditional marriage (one woman, one man). But countries like Spain, France, and Italy, once devoutly catholic, have moved away from organized religion. The percentage of people attending weekly church service in those countries has plummeted to single digits. To replace the loss of spirituality millions of Europeans have embraced "relativism". What's wrong in my eyes, may not be wrong in your eyes. This acceptance of relativism has rendered Europeans weak. Many Europeans live entirely within themselves. When that happens to a person, it's hard to rally him or her to a greater cause, thus nothing is worth fighting for outside of one's immediate well being, the only belief is one's own gratification. If you read the papers and watch most network news channels, late night with Letterman, or Bill Mahars, to name a few, you get the message that Mr. Bush is the terrorist, not Saddam, or Osama. Europe is falling, and if we don't watch out we will also. We have learned nothing from history. If the Roman Empire can fall, what makes us think we can't. Rome started as a small empire, took over most of the known world, became very industrious, and powerful, then got complacent; sex, drugs, & rock n roll,..... then collapsed. Well, does this sound familiar? So much so, it's eerie.... Pray for us, pray for our leaders, we need it.....

Vivat Jesus

Al Del Tufo G.K.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 7th --OFFICERS MEETING 7:30 PM

June 12th --REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 7:30

INCLUDING ELECTION OF OFFICERS

--COLUMBIAN CLUB MEETING FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL MEETING

INSURANCE MATTERS

The Knights of Columbus policy on replacing existing life insurance is as follows: *“The Order does not condone the practice of soliciting replacement insurance or using cash values or dividends of existing policies to finance new business. In most cases, replacement is not to the policyholder’s advantage.”*

The reasons for this are many. First, premiums usually increase on a new policy because it is issued at an older age. The older you are, the more expensive life insurance is.

Many times, options available under the older policy are lost and sometimes not offered under the new policy. In addition, a new “incontestability” period begins with the new contract. The Order, for example, maintains the right to contest a claim up to two years from the issue date of the policy. A new policy brings with it a new issue date, and a new “incontestability” period.

You purchased the life insurance you have for a reason – probably a very good reason. It is a good idea to hold onto that coverage. That doesn’t mean you have all the coverage you need or will ever need.

I’ll be happy to meet with you at your convenience and perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis for you and your family. My job is to determine any gaps in your existing coverage, and to help you to fill those gaps. It’s not to replace your existing coverage. Give me a call.

Bob Dodds (609) 978-6396

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING SICK MEMBERS OF OUR COUNCIL, AND THEIR FAMILIES, IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deacon James Dougherty Jr., Susan Accommodo, George Blaner, Ronald Gee, Eugene Levers, Marie Schwind, Charles Giles, Peter Ryan, Bob O’Keefe, Frank Friedhoff, Ed Hogan Sr., Sharon (Dodds) Roskaft, Susan Dodds, Tanya (Dodds) Warnock, John Donato, Frances Diovanni, Helen Ronan, Elena Porsch, Tom Ronan, Ed Hogan, Gail Cassidy, George Agin Sr., John Pescatore and Father John Ullrich of Saint Francis.

Deceased: Phil Anderson and Henry Drappi. ALL NAMES WILL REMAIN ON OUR PRAYER LIST UNTIL IT IS REQUESTED THAT THEY BE REMOVED

INSURANCE MATTERS

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the beneficiary originally designated to receive the proceeds from that policy needs to be updated. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse, and even your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary – an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

When I call to arrange your annual “insurance check-up,” one of the matters that we can discuss is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can usually complete the paperwork during the appointment.

I look forward to meeting with you to review all your life insurance policies.

Bob Dodds (609) 978-6396

2007 FUNDRAISING TRIPS

Bermuda & Bahamas Cruise

On The Norwegian Dawn

May 19, 2007 – May 26, 2007 ---- freestyle Cruising at its best. Revel in less structure and fewer restrictions. Dine when, where and with whom you want. It's total freedom at sea!

For Information and Reservations Contact Jenny at Sunrise Travel (732) 350-9292

A DAY AT THE RACES

Monday, September 24, 2007

PACKAGE INCLUDES

Bus Transportation, Harness Horse Racing, Admission To Race Track

Buffet, Casino, Glass Of Wine Or Beer

Bus Leaves St. Mary's Church 7:30 AM and Returns Approx. 7:30 PM

\$40.00 Per Person

For Reservations Contact Charles Serwin at 609-0970

PEDDLER'S VILLAGE

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 5, 2007 Bucks County's Premier Shopping.

PLUS: Passport to Values..

\$25.00 Per Person

THE CROONERS

**A TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF FRANK SINATRA, TONY BENNETT, PAUL ANKA,
ELVIS, TOM JONES & ENGLEBERT**

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 6, 2007

\$20.00 PER PERSON

**TRIP INCLUDES: ROUNDTRIP BUS TRANSPORTATION
SHOW TICKETS TO THE "CROONERS"
\$10 CASINO BONUS
DRIVER GRATUITY INCLUDED
(CASINO PACKAGE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

THE BEST OF NASHVILLE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

December 5-9, 2007

5 Days/4 Nights

\$1059 Per Person Double Occupancy

\$270 Single Occupancy

Package Includes:

Roundtrip Air via Continental Airways From Newark

Four Nights Hotel Accommodations

Breakfast Each Morning-Dinner Each Night

Nashville Airport Transfers-Baggage Handling at Hotel

Luxury Motor coach Transportation for entire Tour

Friendly & Knowledgeable Tour Guide For entire Nashville Tour

Reserved Seating For All Shows-Nashville Area Sightseeing

Reserved Seating at the Grand Ole Opry

Radio City Hall Rockettes Christmas Spectacular

Show, Dinner & Cruise Onboard the "General Jackson"

Live Entertainment, Food & Line Dancing at the Wildhorse Saloon

The Partheon & The Awesome Statue of Athena

Tour Belmont Mansion & Historic Ryman Auditorium

The Incredible 37 Million Dollar Country Music Hall Of Fame

See the Memorabilia at the Grand Ole Opry Museum-Visit Opryland Hotel

Tour Famous "Studio B" Where Elvis Recorded-Opry Mills "shoppertainment"

View Over 30 Fountains & The Carillons at Bi-Centennial Park

For All Trip Reservations Contact Charles Serwin at 609-0970

The Lord's Prayer by Kids

Children are often very excited to learn the prayers of the Church. With pride, they carefully enunciated each word. Listen carefully... some of their mispronunciations are quite hilarious.

"Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

"And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some email