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Next business meeting is Wednesday, January 8 @ 6:45 - Please plan to attend

Grand Knight, SK Timothy Rushenberg



Duck Dynasty and Intolerance

For those who watch the A&E television show *Duck Dynasty*, I'm sure you have been as frustrated as I am with the reaction by those guardians of "tolerance" to comments made in *GQ* by family patriarch Phil Robertson about his views on sin, in particular, homosexuality. For those who have not followed the story, Mr. Robertson said "Everything is blurred on what's right and what's wrong... Sin becomes fine," he said. "Start with homosexual behavior and just morph out from there. Bestiality, sleeping around with this woman and that woman and that woman and those men."

The homosexual rights group GLAAD was quick to criticize Robertson for his comments and called on A&E to take action, which A&E did on December 18, by placing him on indefinite suspension. <http://www.foxnews.com/entertainment/2013/12/18/phil-robertson-suspended-after-comments-about-homosexuality/>.

I support Phil Robertson's right to express his Christian faith as I suspect those who call Phil Robertson's remarks "intolerant," "vile," and "hate" would feel the same way about Catholic Church teaching on the subject. Below is just one excerpt from the Catechism:

2357 Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved. <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/epub/index.cfm#>.

Family Director, Joseph LeMark



The Family Committee has the honor this quarter of giving the Family of the Quarter award to The Reese Family, Brother Luke Reese. Thank you for your ongoing support to our Parish, its mission and the wonderful Music; to the council and to your family. When you see either Luke or Gina, please congratulate them.



This Quarter we had a Great Surprise visit from St. Nicolas himself. Spreading the Advent message for our Families at Holy Rosary. Much fun was had by all, adult and young ones.

A thank you to all who helped with the Youth Group breakfast that day as well. With plenty of food, music, games and fun, it sure made for a nice Advent Sunday in Indiana.

Please take sometime this month to spread “Keep Christ in Christmas” to your community, whether at work or in your neighborhood. Remember to pray the rosary as a Family together every day (at least one decade). Please support Café Rosario either by donating you time to assist with the distribution of food and clean up, spending time down meeting and greeting families you have never meet before. With this style of commuter parish it is a blessing to have a nice place to socialize and eat treats together with friends.

God bless.



Church Director, Brad Williams



On Saturday, December 7, fifty men and women of the parish attended the Council's Advent Knight of Reflection. The evening opened with a meal and social hour in Priori Hall. The group next moved upstairs to the sanctuary for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a sermon by Father McCarthy. A recitation of the Holy Rosary was led by Frank Oliver, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy sung by Jay Stanley, and the Litany of the Saints sung by Luke Reese. Father McCarthy, Father Kappes, and Father John Hollowell were in attendance and heard confessions.

Special thanks go to Ed and Melanie Barron, and Angel Lorenz, for preparing a wonderful dinner, and as well to our priests and to everyone who donated time and talent. The Lenten Knight of Reflection, for men, will take place March 29.

We are in the early planning stages for a May 17 one-day bus "pilgrimage" to a religious site or shrine to be determined. Details will appear in our next newsletter.

SK Don R. Murphy, FICF Field Agent



Think you are too old for coverage? Maybe not

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need. When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older. If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. This change came in response to a question I've heard before: "My wife and I are almost 80, do the Knights offer anything to take care of our final expenses?" And it can also help the members who thought they were "too old" to attain our coverage. This extension of our coverage ages allows me to help members I couldn't help before. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

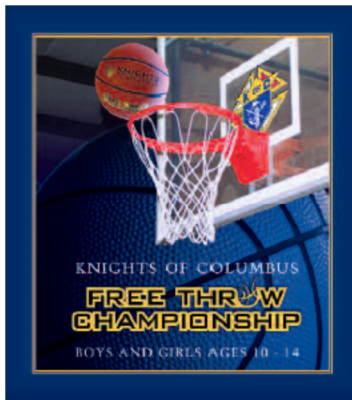
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Youth Director, Bob Evanich



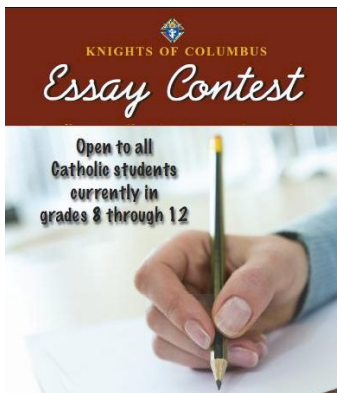
Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

We will conduct our Free Throw Championship competition on Friday, January 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the CYO Gymnasium. Participants may come at 6:30 PM to warm up. Like last year, we will hold a competition for Lumen Christi students right after school, about 2:30 PM. Judges and ball retrievers are needed to help our competition run smoothly. Please let Bob Evanich know if you can help out at either or both of the competitions. The competition is open to boys and girls ages 10-14 as of January 1, 2014. A friendly pick-up game of basketball may occur after the evening competition, so bring your gym shoes!



Columbian Squires®

At the December business meeting, we had several brothers express an interest in our council sponsoring a Squires Circle. After the January business meeting, we will have a meeting to start planning a “call out” event for Squires.



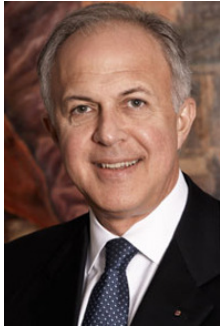
Essay Contest

Winners of the 2013-2014 Essay Contest are:

- 8th Grade: Jessalyn Friederick
- 10th Grade: Grace Melinosky
- 12th Grade: Rebecca Friederick

Their essays will be forwarded on for the District competition.

Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson



On Oct. 10, our supreme directors were privileged to be received by Pope Francis in a private audience. On this occasion, he expressed his gratitude to our Order for our “unfailing support” of the Holy See, and he especially thanked us for “the daily prayers, sacrifices and apostolic works of so many Knights in their local councils, their parishes and their communities.”

Then, the Holy Father made an extraordinary statement. He praised us for the “virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men.”

The full text of Pope Francis’ address is reprinted on page 16 of this issue of *Columbia*, and I urge every brother Knight to read and reflect upon it. Meditate especially on the pope’s observation that “quiet strength, integrity and fidelity” are hallmarks of the Knights of Columbus.

Each of us should ask how well our councils and our own lives reflect these virtues of a manly Catholic life. Strength, integrity, fidelity: new watchwords for the Order given to us by our pope.

Pope Francis also commended our Order to the intercession of St. Joseph, who is an exemplar without equal of “quiet strength, integrity and fidelity.”

The attention that Pope Francis has shown us in the first year of his pontificate expresses in a remarkable way what Blessed John Paul II observed in his 1999 apostolic exhortation on the Church in the Western Hemisphere, *Ecclesia in America*, when he wrote: “The renewal of the Church in America will not be possible without the active presence of the laity. Therefore, they are largely responsible for the future of the Church” (44).

This statement should give all of us great pause. Are we doing enough as individuals, as councils and as an Order in regard to this great responsibility?

John Paul II went on to describe the witness needed from lay Catholics today: “On a continent marked by competition and aggressiveness, unbridled consumerism and corruption, lay people are called to embody deeply evangelical values such as mercy, forgiveness, honesty, transparency of heart, and patience in difficult situations” (*Ecclesia in America*, 44). This great pope had traveled tirelessly throughout the Western Hemisphere and knew as few others did the sacrifice and courage required for a new evangelization of America.

Our new pope is from this hemisphere. Throughout his priestly ministry, he has lived the challenge of the Church in America and has seen others live it as well. He has demonstrated in numerous ways that he knows the people of God are called to a witness of mercy, forgiveness and what John Paul II called “transparency of heart.” These are the evangelical values that thousands of brother Knights live out every day through so many works of charity.

Ecclesia in America further challenged the laity in two other ways that have special importance for the Knights of Columbus. First, the document stated, “What is expected from the laity is a

great creative effort in activities and works demonstrating a life in harmony with the Gospel.” And second, “America needs lay Christians able to assume roles of leadership in society.”

Here we see the special genius of Venerable Michael McGivney, who anticipated the vision of *Ecclesia in America* by nearly a century when he founded the Knights of Columbus.

Each year, thousands of our local councils exemplify “a great creative effort” in responding to the needs of their communities. In doing so, they provide countless opportunities for brother Knights “to assume roles of leadership.”

The recent words of Pope Francis need to become embedded in the life of the Knights of Columbus. We must see in them a new call to work to realize the message of *Ecclesia in America*. And we must do so with that “transparency of heart” which we see so brightly in the life of our first pope from America and which will truly make of our good works “a charity that evangelizes.”

Vivat Jesus!

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