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Next meeting is Wednesday, January 7, at 6:45 p.m. — Please plan to attend!

Ordinary men seeking holiness

Brother Knights:

Thanks to all those who worked so hard to make our annual pro-life dinner, A Knight in Paris, a big success. You can read more about this great occasion in this newsletter. I'd like to acknowledge Jay Stanley for organizing the event again this year, as well as Charlie Stevens, Brad Williams, Joe Lehner and David Walden for their exceptional efforts. Thanks, too, to all the Knights who attended. Let's do it again next year!

As we approach 2015, I'd like to suggest that a good New Year's resolution is to get involved in our Knights of Columbus council at Holy Rosary.

The Knights of Columbus is all about ordinary men seeking holiness. If that sounds prideful, it's because we sometimes confuse real holiness with being "holier than thou." Or we accept the world's view that people who are holy are boring and unlikable, and cut off from others.

But we know that it's just the opposite. Real holiness is attractive, and holy people bring energy and good spirits to those around them.

So, while we shouldn't go around thinking we're holy, we have to try to become holy. We have to be saints. We surely don't want the alternative. And the world really needs saints.



THE GRAND OPENING

Bob Collins
Grand Knight

We don't get a lot of help or support in the world to be holy. That's why a big reason to get involved in the K of C is the chance to be around other men who are trying to be good. We can get away from the TV and Internet and spend time – face-to-face – with guys who share our faith.

Each of us has to decide what time he should spend in K of C activities, in light of his commitments to his family, job and other volunteer activities. There are lots of different ways to get involved, and it's not a package deal. You can choose the opportunities to participate that best fit your schedule, interests and talents.

There are opportunities to be of service to others – helping with the parish picnic and breakfasts, the annual dinner to support pro-life activities, Café Rosario and other occasions the parish calls upon us.

There are opportunities to do better at prayer – praying the rosary together before our business meetings or attending the men's

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holy hour afterwards, or committing to a vigil hour at First Friday Adoration.

We can also help each other. It's good to know there are guys who will pray for us when we're in trouble, and help us out when we need a hand or financial support.

Ordinary men can do a lot of good, especially when they work together. Our council and our parish need more of the Knights to get involved. Guys who are active will tell you that they enjoy the time spent with their fellow Knights. And it's good for the soul, too.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the Knights of Santo Rosario Council #14449 and your families.



Brian Murrey
Program Director

There's a lot going on – please lend a hand

I cannot believe how fast this year has gone. Here we are at the end of the second fraternal quarter, and I am once again very happy to report the council has been very busy.

The Church Committee is getting fired up for a busy Advent, Christmas and upcoming Lenten season. On December 6th we had a very nice “Advent Knight of Reflection.” Soon thereafter we were decorating the church for Christmas, and we have another “Knight of Reflection” planned for the upcoming Lenten season. If you can help coordinate the Knight of Reflection, please contact Brad Williams, Church Committee Chairman.

The Community Committee has been doing great work at the Holy Family Shelter for a number of years and they continue to carry on this worthy tradition. Volunteering at the shelter one Saturday night a month, the Knights and their family members cook and serve dinner to many families who live at the shelter. In many cases, your Catholic high school students can use this toward their required community service hours at school. Contact Frank Oliver if you can help out with this worthy cause.

The Family Committee did a great job with the Parish Fellowship Breakfast in October. The Family Committee also provides manpower for the weekly Café Rosario coffee and doughnuts after each Sunday Mass. We are always in need of a few volunteers for Café Rosario; if you are interested in serving the parish as a volunteer at the café, please contact Grand Knight Bob Collins.

The Youth Committee just finished its third Father/Son campout in October. They visited Spring Mill State Park for the weekend and then all came back to Holy Rosary for Sunday Mass. Jerry Friederick and Bob Evanich do a great job with our parish youth, and we have plenty of room if you would be interested in volunteering to help with this committee. Please contact Jerry or Bob if you are interested in helping out with the Youth Committee.

Our Pro-Life Committee continues with First Friday Adoration and praying for an end to abortion. If you are able to take a one-hour slot during the parish’s overnight First Friday Adoration, please contact me. We need at least one Knight to be there every hour for adoration, as we don’t ever want to leave the Eucharist alone and exposed in an empty church. We can certainly have more than one Knight per hour, so please sign up for this important event if you can. The presence of a Knight in the church during the overnight hours also provides a sense of security for other faithful Catholics and encourages them to pray with us. We also hosted the “Knight in Paris” dinner on November 15th and about 200 people came and had some great food and a great time.

Coming up we have a lot of activity in store for the parish, as well as efforts supporting pro-life efforts in the parish and diocese. Don’t miss out on the fun and the good works opportunities our council supports. If you are a practical Catholic man, at least 18 years of age, you can be a Knight. Why not join us?

We would also love to see you at the monthly business meetings. Remember, you don’t have to volunteer for every single event. Please, take a look at what is coming up and pick one or two events for the year. Every bit helps.

Vivat Jesus!

A Knights of Columbus council can work wonders; in fact, with its many programs, it can help change the community, town, city or neighborhood in which you live. However, a successful Knights of Columbus program depends on people taking the initial idea, modifying it to suit specific situations and local needs, then implementing the program in the way it works.

No one member can do it all by himself. Bring your ideas and a volunteer spirit to our business meetings, the first Wednesday of every month, 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Priori Hall. See you there!



Jay Stanley
Financial Secretary

How was a Knight in Paris? *Ca était magnifique!*

Experienced a little France lately? *Vous êtes-vous bien amusés?* If you attended the Knight in Paris dinner, then I'm guessing you had a wonderful time. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year; it goes a long way toward funding some of our most important charities.

This year we chose a new theme, leaving the New Orleans Cajun/Creole experience behind and moving on to Paris. The hall was superbly decorated and it was well received. Our chef for the evening was Lucas Webber, the executive chef at SoBro Café. He certainly brought his expertise to the party. We served dinner a bit differently this year, taking our guests' orders at the door and serving their food directly to their tables. Each guest had his or her choice of three main courses. Overall, this enhanced the experience and the food was outstanding!

Our feature speaker was Mr. James Bopp Jr. He has crisscrossed the nation working on more than 150 cases in state and federal courts. He has earned a reputation for knocking down laws which he believes inhibit the expression of free speech in political campaigns by citizens, candidates, issue-advocacy groups and corporations. His talk was informative and enlightening.

The bar was well stocked, and our silent auction was once again very successful. Although we had a few tickets remaining, the event was a financial success. This year we netted almost \$6,400. This was our fifth dinner. In case you don't remember, the second year we cleared only \$1,800. We as a council do a nice job with this, and I'm sure the Office of Pro-Life and Family Life, the Women's Care Center and our own Holy Rosary Pro-Life Ministry appreciate the sacrifices you all made to further their cause through this event.





Bradley Williams
Church Committee Director

Recapping the Knight of Reflection

On Saturday, December 6, our council conducted its annual Advent “Knight of Reflection” for the men and women of Holy Rosary Parish. The evening began with a meal and social hour in Priori Hall. We then moved to the sanctuary for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a sermon delivered by Father Tim Wyciskalla of St. Malachy Parish, recitation of the Holy Rosary led by Frank Oliver, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by Jay Stanley, the Litany of the Saints led by Luke Reese, and the opportunity for individual confession from Father Wyciskalla and Father Dave Marcotte of Saints Frances and Clare Parish. Free-will donations received from participants once again went to the Bishop Bruté College Seminary.

Special thanks go to all of our priests and leaders, to our aptly-named Angel Lorenz who again prepared the evening meal, to Father McCarthy for coordinating our priest participants, and to David Walden for preparing the poster announcing the event.

Our next Knight of Reflection will be conducted during Lent. Watch future editions of this column for details.



Charles Stevens
Culture of Life Director

Advances on the Pro-Life front

Our largest fundraiser of the year, “A Knight in Paris” dinner, sold 156 tickets — 14 short of a sellout. I want to thank each and every one of you who helped sell tickets; we couldn’t have done this without you. We had a successful dinner, as some of you experienced. Around 35 Knights were among those purchasing tickets.

The parish’s Pro-Life Ministry met Dec. 14 to set its agenda for 2015; I also presented to them a check for \$1,000 from the proceeds of “A Knight in Paris.”

The Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life ended with approximately 410 babies saved nationally, including 10 in Indiana. Let’s keep praying for an end to abortion.

The Indiana State Knights of Columbus Council is seeking individuals to attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20-23. The cost is around \$280 dollars, including round-trip bus fare, motel accommodations for two nights, two breakfasts, a box lunch, and an evening banquet and celebration on Thursday, Jan. 22.

I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Knights of Columbus gives Holy Father silver rose, \$2 million for his charities

At a private meeting with Pope Francis at the Vatican on Dec. 12, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson presented him with \$1.6 million for his charities.

In addition to giving the Holy Father the \$1.6 million contribution from the Vicarius Christi Fund, the Supreme Knight also discussed the Order’s Christian Refugee Relief Fund, from which he presented a contribution of \$400,000 to supplement the relief efforts of the Holy See in the Middle East.

The Supreme Knight also attended the pope’s special Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica to mark the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. At the conclusion of the Papal Mass, Msgr. Eduardo Chavez, postulator of the cause of St. Juan Diego, and co-author with the Supreme Knight of a book on Our Lady of Guadalupe, a Canon of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and brother Knight, presented the Holy Father with a silver rose.

Over the past few months, this silver rose was hand-carried by Knights of Columbus from Canada, through the United States, to Mexico City as a symbol of unity in the continent of America. For more than 50 years, the Order has sponsored the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of America.



SK Don R. Murphy, FIC, FICF
Field Agent

Here's how you can be an insured member without buying the Order's life insurance

Gentlemen, how can you become an insured member with the Knights? Or maybe the better question is, why should you do so?

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus have been doing the mission Father McGivney began way back in 1882: protecting our family's financial wellbeing and assisting those most in need of our help.

It is the professional insurance member benefit program that enables all that to happen. Last year the Knights donated more than \$170 million to charitable causes. Because we are a non-profit fraternal benefit society, the Knights, after paying all claims and expenses, return all profits to our insured members and charity. It is truly the engine that keeps everything going.

I am sometimes told, "I don't need any more insurance as I have plenty, so I don't need the insurance benefit."

My response is that you do not need to purchase life insurance to become an insured member and help protect your family as well as enable the Knights accomplish the mission.

Every one of us needs to save for the future, and you can become an insured member by simply starting a tax sheltered annuity savings account. There is no underwriting for this product, and the minimum contribution to start your account is \$300. There are no federal restrictions as to how much you may contribute, nor are there restrictions to participate based on your income like an IRA. Your contributions may be made at any time, in any amount and at any age. You also have a minimum interest guarantee and tax sheltered growth. Where else can you save with guaranteed growth and at the same time help the Knights help the less fortunate?

Please contact me to learn more at:

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Supreme Knight quotes FDR as new council begins at Naval Air Station

Shortly after the close of World War I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, then-acting secretary of the Navy, sent a message from his department stating, "The Knights of Columbus should be just as active and continue as it did in the war. If its work should stop it would be a national calamity." Last month, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson shared this message with the members of newly chartered John Cardinal O'Connor Council 16080 at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla.

Supreme Knight Anderson further quoted President Roosevelt, saying: "The Department [of the Navy] desires to express the gratitude of the officers and men of the United States Navy for all the many good things the Knights of Columbus have done for them during the World War. The efficiency of your organization has been well matched by the constant desire of the individual worker to serve the men to the best of his ability. This helpfulness and efficiency has proven a powerful aid to the fighting spirit of the Navy. The Department is desirous that your excellent work be continued and that the Naval Service, whether the country be in peace or at war, have the benefit of your splendid co-operation. There is a very constant need for your services." And that, Supreme Knight Anderson added, is a mission Knights have lived up to since that time.

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Indoor Cornhole Tournament



Wednesday
January 14

6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Priori Hall

*Watch the parish bulletin and
your e-mail inbox for details*

CALENDAR

October — December 2014



Wednesday
JAN 7
Officer Meeting
Priori Hall
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday
JAN 7
Business Meeting
Priori Hall
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday
JAN 14
Indoor Cornhole Tournament
Priori Hall
6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday
JAN 28
Officer Meeting
Priori Hall
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday
FEB 4
Business Meeting
Priori Hall
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday
FEB 8
Parish Breakfast
Priori Hall
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday
FEB 25

Officer Meeting
Priori Hall
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday
MAR 4

Business Meeting
Priori Hall
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday
MAR 21
Lenten Knight of Reflection
Priori Hall, church
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday
MAR 25

Officer Meeting
Priori Hall
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*** All meetings in Lent subject to change

**Lenten
Knight of
Reflection**

**Saturday
March 21
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Holy Rosary Church





Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

Loving concern for the family

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the International Year of the Family and St. John Paul II's great document on the pastoral care of families. In that document, titled *Letter to Families*, John Paul II wrote that "the family is the first and the most important" way of the Church. This is so, he said, because Christ has united himself "to every particular family in every part of the world," especially to those who are in "difficulty or danger, lacking confidence or experiencing division."

He also said, "The Church draws near with loving concern to all" families. And he prayed that all families would "feel the loving and caring embrace of their brothers and sisters!" We can be grateful that Pope Francis, like John Paul II, has the courage to face the hard realities confronting our families.

The topic of civilly divorced and remarried Catholics has recently gotten most of the attention. But the frequency of divorce among Catholics raises more fundamental questions:

How are so many Catholics capable of inflicting great suffering on the one person they have promised the Lord that they will always love and protect? How are they capable of inflicting enormous suffering on the children whom the Lord has entrusted to them because of that promise? And why are increasing numbers of Catholic couples not capable of loving with "the love with which Christ loved each and every one 'to the end'" (Jn 13:1)?

Moreover, there is yet another hard reality we must face: many vulnerable marriages will end in divorce unless they receive help.

There simply must be greater pastoral care for families at the parish level. We must pray that this is one of the fruits of next year's Synod on the Family and World Meeting of Families.

We have often heard that the family is at the center of the new evangelization. Our families need an evangelization that is new in its ardor, method and expression. Twenty years ago, John Paul II, the Pope of the Family, presented us with a pastoral approach to these issues. He said that we needed to return to the early Church's vision of the Christian family as a "domestic church" in order to "discover anew" the Church's "love and concern for the family." This is the reason why the Knights of Columbus recently began our new program called "Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive."

At the center of this initiative is family prayer and sacred Scripture. In this way, families — especially those who may be vulnerable or suffering — may experience the truth of what John Paul II wrote in his *Letter to Families*: "Prayer increases the strength and spiritual unity of the family, helping the family to partake of God's own strength." Thirteen years earlier, John Paul II wrote in *Familiaris Consortio* that Christian families have the "mission to guard, reveal and communicate love" (17). This mission comes first within the family itself.

Keenly aware of the evangelizing role of the family, John Paul II said the Christian family has a missionary character. The family is not only a subject *for* evangelization. It must also be an active agent *of* evangelization.

Christian married couples are called to a missionary witness, to show each other and their children that it is possible to live in a way that is joyful and life giving. But the missionary role of Christian families in the new evangelization requires a commitment to accompany each other, especially families that are vulnerable or suffering.

This is also a goal of Building the Domestic Church.

Discussing our program recently with a friend, I received this reaction: "Strengthening Catholic families, helping those who are hurting, reducing the potential of divorce and transmitting the faith to our children — how like the Knights of Columbus."

How like indeed!

Vivat Jesus!



**Pope Francis
Supreme Pontiff**

3 steps to a joyful Christmas

This is an excerpt from a homily the Holy Father delivered Dec. 14, 2014, at the Roman parish of San Giuseppe all'Aurelio.

The joy of Christmas is a special joy; but it is a joy that isn't just for the day of Christmas, it is for the entire life of a Christian. It is a serene and tranquil joy, a joy that forever accompanies the Christian. Even in difficult moments, in moments of difficulty, this joy becomes peace. When he is a true Christian, the Christian never loses his peace, even in suffering. That peace is a gift from the Lord. Christian joy is a gift from the Lord. *"Ah, Father, we'll have a nice big luncheon, everybody will be happy."* This is lovely, a nice luncheon is good; but this isn't the Christian joy we are talking about today. Christian joy is something else. It brings us together to celebrate, it's true. Thus the Church wants you to understand what Christian joy is.

The Apostle St Paul says to the Thessalonians: "Brothers, rejoice always." And how can I rejoice? He says: "pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances." We find our Christian joy in prayer, it comes from prayer and from giving thanks to God: *"Thank you, Lord, for so many beautiful things!"* But there are those who don't know how to give thanks to God; they are always looking for something to lament about. I knew a sister — far from here! — this sister was a good woman, she worked ... but her life was about lamenting, complaining about so many things that happened. ... You see, in the convent they called her "Sister Lamenta." But a Christian cannot live like this, always looking for something to complain about: *"That person has something I don't have. ... Did you see what just happened?..."* This is not Christian! And it is harmful to find Christians with embittered faces, with a face wry with bitterness, not in peace. Never, never was there a saint with a mournful face, never! Saints always have joy in their faces. Or at least, amid suffering, a face of peace. The greatest suffering, the martyrdom of Jesus: He always had peace in His face and was concerned about others: His mother, John, the thief ... His concern was for others.

To have this Christian joy, first, is prayer; second, to give thanks. And what do I do to give thanks? Reflect on your life and think of the many good things that life has given you: so many. *"But, Father, it's true, but I have also received so many bad things!"* — Yes, it's true, it happens to us all. But think of the good things — *"I have a Christian family, Christian parents, thank God I have a job, my family is not suffering of hunger, we are all healthy ..."* I don't know, so many things, and give thanks to the Lord for this. This accustoms us to joy. Pray, give thanks. ...

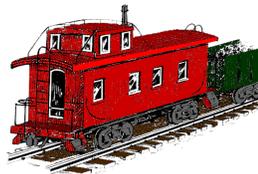
And then ... another dimension that will help us to have joy. It is to bring others the Good News: We are Christians. "Christian" comes from "Christ," and "Christ" means "anointed." And we, too, are "anointed." The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord consecrated me with unction. We are anointed: Christians mean "anointed ones." And why are we anointed? To do what? *"He sent me to bring the good news"* to whom? *"To the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor"* (cf. Is 61:1-2). This is the vocation of Christ and the vocation of Christians as well. To go to others, to those in need, whether their needs be material or spiritual. ... Many people who suffer anxiety because of family problems. ... To bring peace there, to bring the unction of Jesus, the oil of Jesus which does so much good and consoles souls.

Therefore, in order to have this joy ... for Christmas, first, pray: "Lord, let me live this Christmas with true joy." Not with the joy of consumerism that leads me to 24 December with anxiety, because *"ah, I'm missing this, I'm missing that ..."* No, this is not the joy of God. Prayer. Second: give thanks to the Lord for the good things He has given us. Third, think of how we can go to others, to those in difficulty and with problems — let us think of the sick, of so many problems — to bring a little unction, peace, joy. This is the joy of the Christian.



THE EDITOR'S CABOOSE

David Walden
Editor



Hearing the call to 'become as little children'

The Gospel readings of the Christmas liturgy naturally pertain to the Birth of Christ and the Incarnation. Yet at some point every year during this festive season, an unrelated Gospel passage comes to my mind. The Apostles — in my imagination, they've been bickering among themselves — go to Our Lord and ask Him, "Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Perhaps they expect the answer to be Abraham or Moses or Elijah. Whatever their expectations, Our Lord throws them a curve: "Amen, I say to you, unless you be converted, and become as little children you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3).

It's pretty easy to connect with our so-called "inner child" this time of year. The brilliant lights and decorations, the familiar carols and holiday tunes, the hustle and bustle all combine to bring back childhood memories. We remember what it's like to be children, to be innocent, full of hope, trusting, waiting for the promise of Good Things to come.

This is especially true whenever I look at a Christmas tree, most of all the tree in my own home. Suddenly I'm once again a small child and in absolute awe that my parents, solidly grounded in routine, are upsetting the entire household to erect a tree in the living room, string it up with lights and brightly colored ornaments, and decorate the entire house with baubles of red, green, silver and gold. How exciting! How bewildering! The young mind craves to know why it is happening ... and soon the young mind discovers the Reason for the Season: Christ Our Lord.

This is why it's important for Christians to decorate their homes at Christmas. It's a powerful witness to what we believe, and a powerful incentive for the nonbeliever to wonder what he's missing. This is also why it's hopeful that our cities and towns by and large continue to decorate their downtowns this time of year. As long as there are lights and holiday sights, the Lord cannot be kept away. Try as some might to bill it "Winter Celebration" or point toward New Year's festivities, even a cursory study of why the traditions exist leads one directly to the manger in Bethlehem and the Child therein.

I love to see the wonder and delight on the face of a child as he or she takes in the spectacle of lights. Such pure joy the eye seldom sees elsewhere. It's the same wonder and delight I pray to experience upon admission to the Beatific Vision.

As a young man I wandered — at times with great speed — away from the kind of life my parents and the Church would have wanted me to lead. Yet no matter how deeply into the darkness I roamed, every Christmas I would see the lights and thus be drawn toward the Light Himself. It was no coincidence that the late Monsignor John Ryan, God rest his soul, received me back into the Church on December 26, 1996. The Christmas decorations themselves didn't bring me the grace necessary to "come home" that day, but they did help me discover a childlike trust in God and to accept the grace that brought me back to Him.

Having absolved me of my sins in St. Anthony's rectory that day, Monsignor Ryan let me into his church to do my penance and spend some time before the Tabernacle. In my thanksgiving, I joyfully reflected upon the beautiful Christmas decorations around me, and I eventually focused upon the crèche. The Holy Infant looked up at me; in my mind's eye I saw Him smile.

Yes, God became a Child for us.

He asks that we "become as little children" for Him.

As we go forward into the new year, let us retain the childlike enthusiasm Christmas inspires, and let us always be innocent, full of hope, trusting, waiting for the promise of Good Things to come.

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Santo Rosario Council 14449 wishes all a
Merry Christmas
and **Happy New Year!**

