



# Council Crier

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**Next meeting is Wednesday, April 8, at 6:45 p.m. — Please plan to attend!**

## Seeking guidance from above

At our March business meeting, Santo Rosario Council No. 14449 adopted a resolution urging the State and Supreme councils of the Knights of Columbus to:

- clearly and publicly declare support for the teachings of the Catholic Church on marriage as described in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*;
- adopt and administer a policy consistent with the teachings of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to provide Councils with guidance as regards the rental of or use of halls and other facilities owned by or affiliated with the Knights of Columbus; and
- take all necessary legal steps to defend these policies in accordance with the free exercise of religion clause of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The resolution has been submitted for consideration at the Indiana State Council Annual Meeting, April 24-26. We have also sent the resolution to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

The resolution reflects our council's concern about a same-sex



### THE GRAND OPENING

**Bob Collins**  
Grand Knight

wedding event hosted recently at the facility of a K of C council in Southern Indiana, an event that gained national attention. Our intention is not to judge the action of our brother Knights — indeed, we make no reference to the specific event in our resolution — but to urge the Supreme and State councils to step forward with much-needed guidance and leadership on this issue.

Neither is the resolution an attack on those — including our friends and family members — with same-sex attraction. As we quote from the *Catechism*, “They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided.”

One purpose of this resolution, in my view, is to support fellow Catholics who deal with same-sex attraction and are striving to lead

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a chaste life in accordance with the teaching of the Church. Knights of Columbus must not cause confusion and discouragement for them by creating the appearance of approval for same-sex marriage.

One of the most important things we can do as Catholics and as Knights is to support the family as ordained by God, so essential to the protection of children and flourishing of all its members. The full resolution is available on our website, [kofcsantorosario.org](http://kofcsantorosario.org).

*With great sadness, we have learned that our Brother Knight Fred Feld died Sunday, March 22. Please join us in praying for the repose of his soul. Funeral arrangements were pending as this issue went to press.*



**Brian Murrey**  
**Program Director**

## *Many opportunities for good works*

Once again I am happy to report the Council has been busy serving the parish, helping our local charities, and exhibiting our Pro-Life stance in the community during this third fraternal quarter.

The Church Committee is getting ready for Easter and has been working during Lent. We currently have three of four activities registered with the State Council. If you can help with any of the upcoming events, please contact Bradley 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. We still have some openings on the HFS calendar. Contact Frank Oliver if you can help out with this worthy cause.

The Family Committee did a great job with the Parish Breakfast in February. The Family Committee also provides manpower for the weekly Café Rosario coffee and doughnuts after each Sunday Mass. As usual, 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 has been successful in running another free-throw competition, essay contest and Soccer Challenge this year. They also visited Spring Mill State Park for a weekend getaway in their annual Father/Son camping trip. 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.

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 more of our members 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!*



**Men's Holy Hour: First Wednesday every month @ 9 p.m.**



**Charles Stevens**  
**Culture of Life Director**

## *Two movies, many prayers and some dinners*

**T**he first three months of this year have been a very busy time for Pro-Life activities, especially as Lent began in March. The future, too, promises to see plenty of initiatives and programs designed to build awareness and to continue combating the Culture of Death in our world.

In February, St. John the Evangelist Parish hosted the film “Blood Money.” This was a great eye-opener exposing abortion as a business rather than a women’s health issue. Holy Rosary Parish was well represented at the showing.

Another movie, “The Drop Box,” was shown at different cinemas throughout the city. Although I didn’t get a chance to see it, a number of Pro-Life advocates have given the movie great reviews. It chronicles the efforts of a pastor in Seoul, South Korea, to address child abandonment through a “drop box” where mothers can leave unwanted infants. The Indiana State Legislature has been debating the implementation of a similar program here, which would make our state the first in the U.S. to offer this method of saving babies’ lives.

The Sanctity of Life dinner on March 11 gave us another informative program and enjoyable evening. Archbishop Tobin was the featured speaker. Parishioners from Holy Rosary nearly filled two tables.

Bobby Schindler offered a dynamic Pro-Life presentation during our parish’s annual Spaghetti & Spirituality Lenten Speaker Series. He gave us some insight on euthanasia. Bobby is the brother of Terri Schiavo, who was starved and dehydrated to death 10 years ago in a Florida hospital per her estranged husband’s wishes with court approval — even though, as Bobby demonstrated with video, Terri was responsive and not comatose.

Throughout Lent, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Saturday, Holy Rosary has participated in the 40 Days for Life. Participants gather at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 86th Street and Georgetown Road, and peacefully display Pro-Life sign. Our council has been designated to pray at this facility on Saturday, March 28, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Pro-Life Ministry at Holy Rosary met March 20. I will be updating the council on their plans.

### ***Events to consider***

There are two ongoing events for our Brother Knights and their families to consider:

- Every third Saturday at 8:30 a.m. is a Pro-Life Mass at St. Michael Catholic Church, 30th Street and Tibbs Avenue. After Mass, several people display signs at the abortion clinic on West 16th Street for one hour.
- Every fourth Saturday after the 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church downtown, the Faithful Citizens Rosary Procession marches from the church, past the Statehouse, continues to Monument Circle and then returns to the church. Marching behind the American and Vatican flags, the group recites the rosary, sings hymns and prays for our country.

**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!**



**Bradley Williams**  
**Church Committee Director**

*Your ideas needed  
as we move ahead*

**A**s we plan for the next fraternal year, the Church Committee is looking for ideas for new programs and ways to improve the programs we have. Suggestions so far include

- pilgrimages to nearby shrines;
- contests and events open to the parish;
- luncheons following major feast days falling on Sunday.

Please feel free to contact me at [blw9028@aol.com](mailto:blw9028@aol.com) with all ideas — good, bad or indifferent.

The committee concluded its activities for 2014-15 on March 21 with the annual Lenten Knight of Reflection. Thirty Knights, parishioners and guests attended the meal and social hour in Priori Hall. The group then went upstairs to the sanctuary for a homily, recitation of the Holy Rosary, the singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Litany of the Saints, and individual confessions.

A big thank you goes out to Brother Lee Ashton who generously gave us his time on a busy weekend to cook a fabulous Mexican chicken noodle soup for our dinner before the Reflection. As soon as he had it prepared, he put on his tuxedo and went to his Fourth Degree Exemplification. We also thank our chaplain, Father McCarthy, for delivering the homily on short notice. The priest who had been scheduled to be with us was ill, and Father McCarthy filled in for him.

***K of C named 'most ethical business'***

For the second consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus has been recognized as the "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute, the global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices.

The full list of their 2015 honorees can be found at <http://ethisphere.com/worlds-most-ethical/wme-honorees/>.



**SK Don R. Murphy, FIC, FICF**  
**Field Agent**

*Ask eligible men  
to join our Order*

**T**oday, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works in the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members.

We also recognize that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join our ranks and bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Chances are that the only reason he hasn't joined already is because no one asked him.

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often an interesting "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members come into the Knighthood simply to be able to buy coverage for their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

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**The Rev. C. Ryan McCarthy**  
**Chaplain**

## *The 7 Deadly Sins: an Examination of Conscience*

As a means of regaining grace and justice, penance was at all times necessary for those who had defiled their souls with any mortal sin. ... Before the coming of Christ, penance was not a sacrament, nor is it since His coming a sacrament for those who are not baptized. But the Lord then principally instituted the Sacrament of Penance, when, being raised from the dead, He breathed upon His disciples saying: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained" (John 20:22-23). By which action so signal and words so clear the consent of all the Fathers has ever understood that the power of forgiving and retaining sins was communicated to the Apostles and to their lawful successors, for the reconciling of the faithful who have fallen after Baptism.

— Council of Trent, Sess. XIV, c. i

**P**enance then provides both the forgiveness of sins and the grace we need to grow in virtue. In order to help us to grow in virtue it can be helpful to look at our sins under the context of the seven deadly sins and the virtues one might foster to counter the vices which the seven deadly sins represent:

### **Superbia — Pride**

#### **Contrary Virtue: Humility**

- Do I put God above myself and above everything else in my life?
- Do I put the good and welfare of others above my own?
- Did I refuse to believe what God reveals through the Church or want any such thing to change according to my preferences and opinions?
- Do I adhere to man-made beliefs in the face of Divinely revealed truths? Do I spread such man-made beliefs?
- Do I try to impose the practices of other religions (Protestants count as other religions) on the Catholic religion or mix such practices? Or even go as far as practicing another religion?
- Do I misread or distort Bible passages or Church documents with the intention of defending sins or opinions contrary to the Church's teachings/historical practices?
- If I am a priest or help organize liturgies, have I willfully changed prayers or rubrics in the Church's liturgical books in places where the books don't give me the explicit permission to do so? Have I made liturgies more about the people and less about God?
- Did I blaspheme God or take God's name in vain, curse or break an oath or vow?
- Do I mock or look down on people when they are faithful to Church teaching and practices (considering them too rigid, extreme or elitist)?
- Did I use horoscopes, fortune telling, magic, the occult, Ouija boards, etc., to gain information or power God does not will to give to me?
- Did I disobey, disrespect or deceive my parents or other legitimate superiors?
- Did I give scandal by what I said or did, especially to the young and impressionable?

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- Did I tell lies to deceive, injure others or escape punishment?
- Did I gossip or reveal other's faults and sins? Fail to protect the privacy of others?
- Have I cheated on schoolwork or at games or plagiarized anyone's work in any way?
- Do I make promises I do not intend to keep or cannot keep?
- Have I refused to apologize when hurting another unjustly?
- Do I refuse to help the needy when I have the ability to do so?

### **Avaritia — Greed**

#### **Contrary Virtue: Generosity**

- Did I give a fair wage to my employees?
- Have I given a full day's work for a full day's pay?
- Did I steal, cheat, help or encourage others to steal, or keep stolen goods? Have I made restitution for stolen goods?
- Have I acquired or used pirated materials from the Internet or anywhere else?
- Did I fail to fulfill my contracts, give or accept bribes, or rashly gamble?
- Have I been fraudulent in paying taxes or in paying for goods and services?
- Do I obsess about possessions I do not own?
- Do I have strong desires for things that do not help me get to Heaven or for things that even get in the way and prevent me from getting to Heaven?
- Do I keep excess wealth and possessions beyond what I (and my family) need when such wealth and possessions (or money from selling such possessions) would be of more use to the Church and the poor?

### **Ira — Anger**

#### **Contrary Virtue: Meekness**

- Do I become angry with God when things in life do not go my way?
- Did I fight or quarrel?
- Did I physically injure or kill anyone?
- Did I desire or hasten the death of anyone?
- Did I have or advise anyone to have an abortion? (*Involvement in an abortion incurs automatic excommunication; check with the priest to see if you were excommunicated by being involved in an abortion.*)
- Did I participate in or approve of mercy killing/euthanasia?
- Did I attempt suicide?
- Have I borne hatred or desired revenge?
- Did I refuse to forgive someone who was honestly sorry for what they did?
- Did I threaten anyone?
- Am I reckless when driving?
- Do I hold grudges when I should be praying for the conversion of people who offend me?

### **Luxuria - Lust**

#### **Contrary Virtue: Chastity**

*Note: All sexual sins are mortal if there is sufficient knowledge of their sinfulness and a deliberate act of the will.*

- Did I willfully entertain sexually impure thoughts and desires?

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- Do I treat the human body as something to be used for sexual pleasure instead of respecting it as the masterpiece of the Divine Artist?
- Do I work to develop self-control over my sexual passions?
- Did I dress immodestly?
- Did I behave in a manner that promotes lust, such as by using impure or suggestive words or telling impure stories or jokes? Did I willfully listen to such things?
- Did I deliberately watch TV shows, plays, pictures, movies, websites, read material, or listen to songs that promote lust?
- Did I perform any sexual acts by myself or with someone who is not my validly wedded spouse? Which ones?
- Did I perform homosexual acts or foster homosexual desires?
- If I am married, did I perform any sexual acts with my spouse that were meant to use him/her for pleasure instead of expressing my love for him/her?
- If I am married, did I perform any sexual acts with my spouse that cannot cause pregnancy? *(All completed sexual acts must be open to life, i.e. the act itself must be capable of causing pregnancy, even if the wife can't get pregnant because there is no egg at the time.)*
- Did I practice artificial birth control or was I or my spouse sterilized?
- Did I disobey Church marriage laws or encourage others to do so?
- Did I marry or advise another to marry outside the Church?
- If I made a promise of celibacy or vow of chastity, have I been faithful to that promise/vow?

### **Gula — Gluttony**

#### **Contrary Virtue: Temperance**

- Did I abuse drugs or drink alcohol to excess?
- Do I eat beyond what my body requires to stay healthy?
- Do I regularly eat foods that are bad for my health?
- Do I eat for the sake of pleasure alone?
- Do I pursue recreation and entertainment to excess, even neglecting duties to family, work or school as a result?
- Do I work to develop self-control over my passions?
- Did I abuse tobacco or foster an addiction to nicotine?

### **Invidia — Jealousy**

#### **Contrary Virtue: Brotherly Love**

- Do I desire anything belonging to another?
- Do I become angry or upset when I see another having something better than myself?
- Do I foster a spirit and attitude of gratitude for the good things I have been given by God and man?

### **Pigritia — Sloth**

#### **Contrary Virtue: Diligence**

- Have I been faithful to developing an intimate relationship with God in prayer and the sacraments?
- Do I go to Mass for reasons other than being intimate with God in prayer?
- Am I always reverent in the presence of the most Blessed Sacrament, mindful that the Blessed Sacrament is

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God Himself (disguised as food) deserving of the highest respect and the place of highest honor?

- Do I give up on things in practicing the faith because it's "too hard"?

- Did I deny that I was a Catholic? Did I leave the Catholic faith?

- Did I despair of God's mercy, since He wants to forgive me and always wants me back?

- Did I presume God's mercy, since He only forgives those who honestly regret their sins?

- Did I miss Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation through my own fault?

- Was I inattentive at Mass? Did I come to Mass late? How late? Did I leave Mass early?

- Did I do unnecessary work on Sunday?

- Have I failed to educate myself on the true teachings of the Church, for my own good and to be able to explain and defend what the Church teaches?

- Did I eat meat on days of abstinence? Did I fast on days when it is required?

- Did I fail to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season? Fail to confess at least once a year?

- Did I go to Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin?

- Did I go to Holy Communion without fasting from food and drink (water and medicine permitted) for at least one hour (preferably 3 hours)?

- Did I deliberately hold back sins in confession?

- Did I fail to contribute to the support of the Church?

- If I have any children, did I fail to actively take an interest in their religious education and formation?

- If I am a husband, do I respect my wife as my queen and best friend? Do I strive to provide for her, protect her, help her and make her feel cherished and needed? Do I use my headship as an excuse for laziness, cruelty or arrogance?

- If I am a wife, do I respect my husband as my king and best friend? Do I strive to obey him, nurture him, help him and make him feel cherished and needed? Do I nag or provoke him?

- Did I deprive my family of necessities of life?



## Catechism of the Catholic Church:

### *'Interior penance' necessary for true conversion of heart*

**1430** Jesus' call to conversion and penance, like that of the prophets before him, does not aim first at outward works, "sackcloth and ashes," fasting and mortification, but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion. Without this, such penances remain sterile and false; however, interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works of penance.

**1431** Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace. This conversion of heart is accompanied by a salutary pain and sadness which the Fathers called *animi cruciatus* (affliction of spirit) and *compunctio cordis* (repentance of heart).

**1432** The human heart is heavy and hardened. God must give man a new heart. Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who makes our hearts return to him: "Restore us to thyself, O LORD, that we may be restored!" (Lam 5:21). God gives us the strength to begin anew. It is in discovering the greatness of God's love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from him. The human heart is converted by looking upon him whom our sins have pierced:

Let us fix our eyes on Christ's blood and understand how precious it is to his Father, for, poured out for our salvation it has brought to the whole world the grace of repentance (St. Clement of Rome).

**1433** Since Easter, the Holy Spirit has proved "the world wrong about sin" (Jn 16:8-9), i.e., proved that the world has not believed in him whom the Father has sent. But this same Spirit who brings sin to light is also the Consoler who gives the human heart grace for repentance and conversion.



## *Santo Rosario Council Officers*

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### *Willing to put your foot forward?*



Holy Rosary Church usually needs men to volunteer for the foot-washing ceremony at Holy Thursday Mass. Call the parish office or talk to Father McCarthy to see if help is needed this year.

Also, the church often needs volunteers to carry the canopy for the Eucharistic processions on Holy Thursday evening and Corpus Christi Sunday (June 7). Call the parish office or talk to Gary Willen.



## **CALENDAR**

**April — June 2015**

- Wednesday **APR 1** **Men's Holy Hour**  
Holy Rosary Church  
9 p.m. to 10 p.m.
  
- Wednesday **APR 8** **Business Meeting**  
Priori Hall  
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  
- Wednesday **APR 29** **Officer Meeting**  
Priori Hall  
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  
- Friday-Saturday **MAY 1-2** **First Friday Adoration**  
Holy Rosary Church  
7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
  
- Wednesday **MAY 6** **Business Meeting**  
Priori Hall  
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  
- Wednesday **MAY 6** **Men's Holy Hour**  
Holy Rosary Church  
9 p.m. to 10 p.m.
  
- Wednesday **MAY 27** **Officer Meeting**  
Priori Hall  
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  
- Wednesday **JUN 3** **Business Meeting**  
Priori Hall  
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  
- Wednesday **JUN 3** **Men's Holy Hour**  
Holy Rosary Church  
9 p.m. to 10 p.m.
  
- Friday-Saturday **JUN 5-6** **First Friday Adoration**  
Holy Rosary Church  
7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
  
- Sunday **JUN 7** **Corpus Christi Procession**  
Holy Rosary Church  
Time to be determined
  
- Friday-Saturday **JUN 12-13** **Italian Street Festival**  
Holy Rosary Church  
5 p.m. to 11 p.m., each night
  
- Wednesday **JUN 17** **Officer Installation & Cookout**  
Holy Rosary Church  
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!*



**Carl A. Anderson**  
**Supreme Knight**

## *Fraternity and Economy*

Last August, the 132nd Supreme Convention took place in Orlando, Fla., under the theme “You Will All Be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity.” Our theme was inspired by Pope Francis’ message for the 2014 World Day of Peace, which was titled “Fraternity, the Foundation and Pathway to Peace.”

In that message, the Holy Father addresses many different aspects of how the Christian concept of “fraternity” can renew society. The pope states that the key to true economic reform is to see each person “not just as some kind of instrument, with a work capacity and physical strength to be exploited at low cost and then discarded when no longer useful, but as our ‘neighbor.’” He continues, “Christian solidarity presumes that our neighbor is loved ... as another brother or sister.” In other words, he is calling on us to build a nation of neighbors who treat each other as true brothers and sisters.

This, of course, is not a new concept to the Knights of Columbus. More than a century ago, our founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, proposed a vision of Catholic brotherhood for the men of his time. This vision not only strengthened Catholic family and parish life during the 19th century, but it has also continued to offer an attractive avenue for men to live out their vocations.

Father McGivney understood that the “key” to a Catholic way of life was precisely to see society through the fraternal lens of charity and unity. In other words, the vocation of a true Catholic “knight” is to love his neighbor as another brother or sister.

In his World Day of Peace message, Pope Francis goes on to insist that contemporary society is in need of a “rediscovery of fraternity in the economy.” He also calls for society to “rediscover the virtues of prudence, temperance, justice and strength.” These virtues, he says, “can help us to overcome difficult moments and to recover the fraternal bonds which join us one to another.”

The Knights of Columbus can make an important contribution here as well. For decades, we have operated a top-rated insurance program for our members using the motto: “Insurance by brother Knights, for brother Knights.” Fraternity has been the foundation for what has become one of the most sustainable and successful business enterprises in the Catholic world.

Whether we consider the development of our insurance products, the investment strategies that support them, or the outstanding agents who make them available to our brother Knights, our Catholic fraternal “business” model is truly unique in today’s marketplace. We do not divide the world among consumers and customers, shareholders and stakeholders, union members and management. Instead, our business decisions are measured by a fraternal calculus: What is best for our brother Knights and their families?

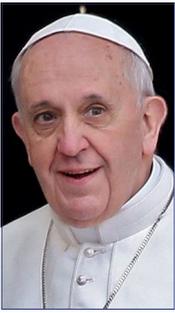
Some may say that this is a kind of idealism that cannot compete in the real world of business. On the contrary, the tremendous success we have achieved in recent years demonstrates that our approach is the height of what I would describe as Catholic realism. We deal with real persons, not with economic abstractions. Our focus is on the person who is always worthy of respect and who always should take precedence over profit.

Admittedly, a business is not a charity. Profit is absolutely necessary to the strength and sustainability of any business venture and especially for an insurance program that depends on its ability to keep a financial promise many decades into the future. But as I have said, profit is not the first or most important value — it does not define our mission.

In the March 2015 issue of *Columbia* you can read about a new and important initiative: **Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors**. This initiative will make available to Catholic institutions across the United States the same Catholic fraternal business perspective that has become the hallmark of our Order.

In so doing, we believe that it will offer new opportunities for a sustainable, Catholic approach to financial decision-making that will greatly benefit the entire Catholic community. It may even inspire a paradigm shift in economic thinking that can, in the words of Pope Francis, make us a nation of true neighbors.

*Vivat Jesus!*



**Pope Francis  
Supreme Pontiff**

*This is an excerpt from the Holy Father's message at his weekly General Audience in St. Peter's Square on February 8, 2015.*

## ***No family is complete without a good father***

**E**very family needs a father. Today we shall reflect on the value of his role, and I would like to begin with a few expressions that we find in the Book of Proverbs, words that a father addresses to his own son ... "My son, if your heart is wise, my heart too will be glad. My soul will rejoice when your lips speak what is right." Nothing could better express the pride and emotion a father feels when he understands that he has handed down to his child what really matters in life, that is, a wise heart. This father does not say: "I am proud of you because you are the same as me, because you repeat the things I say and do." No, he does not say anything so simple to him. He says something much more important, which we can understand in this way: "I will be happy every time I see you act with wisdom, and I will be moved every time that I hear you speak with rectitude. This is what I wanted to leave to you, that this one thing become yours: the attitude to feel and act, to speak and judge with wisdom and rectitude. And that you might be like this, I taught you the things you didn't know, I corrected the errors you didn't see. I made you feel a profound and at the same time discrete affection, which maybe you did not fully recognize when you were young and unsure. I gave you a testimony of rigor and steadfastness that perhaps you didn't understand, when you would have liked only complicity and protection. I had first to test myself in the wisdom of my heart, be vigilant of my excesses of sentiment and resentment, in order to carry the weight of the inevitable misunderstandings, to find the right words to make myself understood." Now, continues the father, "I see that you strive to be this way with your own children, and with everyone, and it moves me. I am happy to be your father." This is what a wise father, a mature father, says. A father knows all too well what it costs to hand down this heritage: how close, how gentle and how firm to be. But what consolation and what recompense he receives when the children honor this legacy! It is a joy that rewards all the toil, that overcomes every misunderstanding and heals every wound.

The first need, then, is precisely this: that a father be *present* in the family. That he be close to his wife, to share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And that he be close to his children as they grow: when they play and when they strive, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they take a wrong step and when they find their path again; a father who is always present. To say "present" is not to say "controlling"! Fathers who are too controlling cancel out their children, they don't let them develop.

The Gospel speaks to us about the exemplarity of the Father who is in Heaven — who alone, Jesus says, can be truly called the "good Father" (cf. Mk 10:18). Everyone knows that extraordinary parable of the "prodigal son," or better yet of the "merciful father," which we find in the Gospel of Luke in chapter 15. What dignity and what tenderness there is in the expectation of that father, who stands at the door of the house waiting for his son to return! Fathers must be patient. Often there is nothing else to do but wait; pray and wait with patience, gentleness, magnanimity and mercy.

A good father *knows how to wait and knows how to forgive* from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who *knows how to correct without humiliating* is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself. Once I heard a father at a meeting on marriage say: "Sometimes I have to strike the children lightly ... but never in the face so as not to humiliate them." How beautiful! He has a sense of dignity. He must punish, but he does it in a just way, and moves on.

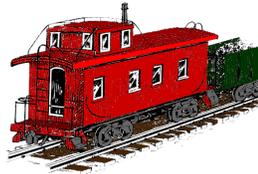
If, then, there is someone who can fully explain the prayer of the "Our Father" taught by Jesus, it is the one who lives out paternity in the first person. Without the grace that comes from the Father who is in Heaven, fathers lose courage, and abandon camp. But children need to find a father waiting for them when they come home after failing. They will do everything not to admit it, not to show it, but they need it; and not to find it opens wounds in them that are difficult to heal.

The Church, our mother, is committed to supporting with all her strength the good and generous presence of fathers in families, for they are the irreplaceable guardians and mediators of faith in goodness, of faith in justice and in God's protection, like St Joseph.



## THE EDITOR'S CABOOSE

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### *Remembering Brother Fred Feld*

In my 17 years working at Holy Rosary Church, no one has called the parish office more often than Brother Knight Fred Feld. I'm certain I've spent more time on the telephone with him than I have with my wife. Nearly 90 percent of those calls began in one of three ways:

1. Me: "This is David, may I help you?" Fred: "Loan me a hundred thousand dollars."
2. Me: "Holy Rosary." Fred: "This must be Bernie Greene" (even long after Bernie had retired). Me: "No, it's David; how are you, Fred?" Fred: "I had three heart attacks and two strokes this morning."
3. Me: "Holy Rosary." Fred: "What are you up to?" Me: "About five-foot-seven." Fred: "No comment."

It was an act straight out of vaudeville, and Fred never tired of delivering his lines. I can't say that I never tired of hearing them. Likewise, I can't say that I always welcomed Fred's many phone calls. Fact is, I didn't. He called too often, and he had a knack of calling when I was at my busiest. It's no news to anyone who knew Fred that he mumbled and was very difficult to understand. Sometimes an entire conversation passed without my knowing what he had talked about.

But now that Fred can never call again, I'm genuinely saddened and realize that I will miss him and, yes, even his phone calls.

By now my readers have heard that Fred passed into eternal life on Sunday, March 22. I'm told he died in the morning hours at the hospital. This must have been much to Fred's dismay. As he struggled with his health this past month, he would call Father McCarthy or me and — frantically and far more unintelligibly than usual — beg us to help him get out of the hospital because he didn't want to die there.

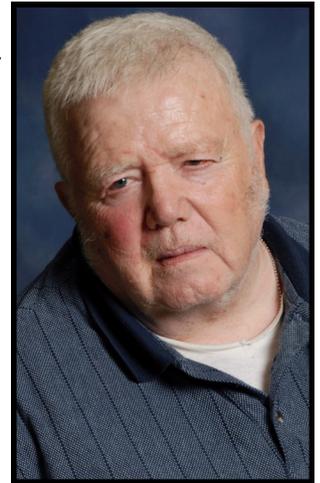
In those final weeks, Fred became increasingly forgetful. Sometimes he couldn't remember my name. Sometimes he called the church because he had forgotten his brother's or some other friend's phone number. But the one thing he never forgot was the church's phone number. He loved Holy Rosary. He was baptized here, went to grade school here, and spent much of his life sitting in our pews, our classrooms and Priori Hall. Aside from his military service time in Korea, I'm pretty sure he never strayed far from our parish. It hurt him terribly in recent years that he was unable to drive himself here, and too often was unable to find other transportation.

Equal in his heart to Holy Rosary was the Knights of Columbus. Many of his phone calls to the parish office were made to inquire about the next K of C business or officers meeting. He regaled me time and again with memories of his singing with a K of C choral group. In recent years, I saw many of us smile as we realized an aging Fred had dozed off during a business meeting. Until his health failed, he was faithful in his current capacity as warden of the council.

Fred had a temper — it was directed toward me a time or two — but more than that I'll remember his big heart and quickness to offer a kind word. He loved children and, although he never had a wife or kids, he bragged that he had been "the family babysitter" for many years. He frequently asked about my children, and once gave some prized half-dollar coins to my son. He offered many ideas for fun places to take my kids: Indians games (he loved going to Victory Field), railroad excursions, daytrips to state parks, etc. He also offered several times to take me to St. Elmo's for a steak — his treat for my birthday. I never was able to accept his offer, but I appreciated the gesture just the same.

Holy Rosary Church and Santo Rosario Council will rightfully mourn Fred's passing. May he rest in peace.

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Fred Feld, R.I.P.