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Lent:

A time of reparation and preparation through Prayer, Fasting, and Charity. It begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and ends Holy Saturday, March 31



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Everyone between the ages of 14 and 60 is bound to:

- Abstain from meat (no meat allowed) on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
- Fasting -- one full, meatless meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Two other meatless meals may be taken, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.
- No one should dispense from these practices except for grave reasons, such as health, and some other penitential practice (such as praying a rosary, reading Scripture, or abstaining from television) should be substituted.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

F.R. MARK HUGHES

Brother Knights,

A first grader told me this joke: What do you call Batman and Robin after they have been run over by a steamroller? Flatman and Ribbon. Pretty good for a 6-year old. I just read Cardinal Wuerl's January letter to the Archdiocese. In it, he recited the different ministries that take place in the Church of Washington. My take: pretty good for an organization that has limited resources and a lot of opposition.

What do we do and why?

Why First: The Catholic Church's role is to foster spiritual growth and Catholic teaching in those who follow Jesus. A major result of this role is to bring healing and reconciliation to people hurt by the lack of faith in our world.

The range of ministries in which this takes place is impressive. We have Mass and offer the Sacraments in more than 20 languages in the Archdiocese. This is the beginning of what we do. We serve the needs of people who are struggling or whose lives



Fr. Mark Hughes

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

JAMES SCHNEIDER

Worthy Brothers,

The month of January is a relatively slow month within the Council as many are still rebounding from a hectic holiday season. Hopefully, you've been able to keep up with your New Year's Resolutions! With a month of little around the Council, it gave us time to get ready for the next few months as we jump right into Lenten Season.



Grand Knight Schneider

This does not mean that there wasn't a lot going on within the community. A Knighthood (i.e., Third) Degree was held at Fr. Rosensteel Council on Saturday the 13th, where we had several members from our Council move forward. The March for Life down in DC was the following weekend, in which fellow Catholics bore witness for the beauty of life and the dignity of each human person.

For the first time since 1945, Ash Wednesday ends up on Valentine's Day. Tell your wife and loved ones that you must go hide and can't do anything; it will go over well!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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promise. Just kidding! We are being encouraged to celebrate Valentine's Day on Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. This is a good option, since this the day when Mardi Gras is held. It also is known as Shrove Tuesday, which traditionally is a day for eating pancakes. Have fun this day, and then get into Lent. The good Lord, who suffered so much out of love for us, will surely reward our fidelity and sacrifice.

With the Lenten season upon us, the smell of Old Bay, shrimp, crab cakes and cream of crab soup waft through the Council every Friday starting on the 16th. These are some of the busiest nights that we hold, and a great chance for camaraderie. Please join us!

Sometimes the Lenten season isn't what you give up, it is what you do to focus on positive behavioral changes.

In saying this start with positive changes on Saturday February 3rd. *Cup of Joe*, will be returning at 8 AM at the Council. We will be bagging over 2,000 meals for the homeless and needy that morning.

February 23rd, we will be assisting Holy Redeemer's Soup and Stations event. There will be more information coming in the next week. Please keep an eye out.

There will be other events held throughout the season and beyond in which I encourage you to join in.

Vivat Jesus!

James

Grand Knight

Knight of the Month

I am pleased to announce that the Knight of the Month for January is **Tom Tappan**. Tom has been leading the Kay-Cee Club in its continuing efforts to upgrade and maintain Rock Creek Mansion, our council home. Most recently, when Suburban Hospital built a new parking garage on its property and no longer continued to lease our lot after 24 years, Tom was able to secure another organization to lease parking at the council, and thus continue with needed income. Well done, Tom!

James Schneider

Grand Knight

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

LeRoy Carhart, a late-term abortionist who kills babies in the womb up to the point of birth, has moved to Wildwood Shopping Center on Old Georgetown Road. The 40 Days for Life prayer vigil will be held outside his facility daily during Lent. Please join the group, and rid our area of this evil. For more information, contact Kevin Nolan at Kevin.nolan@kofc.org or 703-906-2910

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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are in turmoil. We do so because Jesus asked us to. Catholic Charities serves over 140,000 people a year. Our shelters provide 1,500 beds each night. St Ann's Infant Home makes a huge difference in the lives of both babies and their mothers. I did a funeral a few months back. The wife of the deceased lived at St. Ann's for more than 3 years back in the 1930's. She was adopted and had a large and happy family. One small example of the success of Catholic Ministry in Washington, D.C.

Victory Housing Inc., operated by the Archdiocese, provides beautiful apartments for low-income seniors at more than 20 sites around our region. Medical and legal services are provided for newly arrived immigrants. Pro-life efforts continue to challenge the culture of death. In January, more than 20,000 young Catholics went to a powerful and vibrant Mass at the Capital One center before the march on the Mall. 50,000 students attend our schools and CCD programs in 139 parishes. Thousands of sports teams are operated by our CYO and parish athletic committees. The Knights of Columbus are active in most of these ministries. Other independent groups work to build up the Church in Washington. The list of agencies and services is very long. The commitment to Jesus and our Church is very clear. The results are profound.

Again, pretty good for an organization with limited resources and constant opposition from the secular world.

Sincerely,

Fr. Hughes

Your Kay-Cee Club

Last year was a great year for rentals. Total rental revenue for calendar year 2017 exceeded \$154,000. And this year looks like it might even be better. So far, we have rentals of over \$70,000 signed up for 2018. There are even two events booked up for 2019. Thanks to our rental team, Jon Lowe and Julie Carter. These folks are doing an excellent job. Keep up the great work!

This past Fall, Suburban Hospital completed an 1100 space parking garage and terminated a 24-year lease of our Council's parking lot. They were fine tenants and we were sorry to see them go. We have, however, just closed a deal to lease 30 parking spaces beginning February 1, 2018, which will compensate for some of the lost income.

In January, we replaced the loose and wobbly wrought iron handrail on the stairs leading to the front door of our building. We certainly do not want anyone to fall. Hopefully, it will be good for years to come.

If you haven't been to the council recently, drop by. Remember, it is your council.

Tom Tappan

President



Club News

**Hours: Monday Thru Thursday 2-10
Friday 2-Midnight, Saturday 2-11, Sunday 2-8,**

Every Friday during Lent, there will be a full meatless menu for adults and children. It is available on site in the lounge or to take home. The very popular menu is a wonderful way to meet the abstinence Lenten obligations.

It's your lounge. Have fun — And don't forget to sign the BOOK!

Lounge phone: 301-530-1628

Mike Horan: 240-793-1169

Cardinal Patrick A. O'Boyle Assembly, No. 386

Brother Knights,

The Knights of Columbus Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly is bringing back "an oldie, but goodie", a dinner/dance fundraising gala. "Anthracite Night", which recognizes the many Pennsylvania coal country people who migrated to this area years ago, will be held on April 22 at Fr. Rosensteel Council. Everyone is welcome. The proceeds will help support the patriotic and charitable programs of the Assembly. In the past it has always been a sell out and we are hoping to pack the dance floor again. It will be a great social event, so please reserve you table or seats now!



The Archdiocese of Washington District is conducting the Fourth Degree Exemplification on April 7 at Good Council High School in Olney. There is plenty of time to get the paperwork completed in the required multi-step process. All 3rd degree brother Knights are eligible to join this highest degree of the Order. Candidates can begin the process by signing up now, and completing the other forms and payments as the Exemplification draws closer.

If you have any questions regarding the degree, its activities and functions, contact me at neildorian@yahoo.com or 301-237-0552, or speak to any of the many sir knights in our council.

The next business meeting is Thursday, February 15, and as always will be held in the Emerald Room of Rosensteel Council located off of Forest Glen Road in Silver Spring. Rosary begins at 7:30 pm, meeting at 8 pm, followed by social including free meal and drinks. This meeting will include the annual Renewal of Obligations to be conducted by AWD District officers.

Neil Dorian, SK

Past Faithful Navigator

Cup of Joe

Catholic Charities operates five low-barrier emergency shelters, which host more than 1,000 homeless men and women each night. These folks are provided protection from the weather and the streets, a bed, a shower, and a hot supper, but government regulations require them to be out by 7 am. Thus, they do not have breakfast before they leave.



Cup of Joe is a new program that provides a healthy take-out breakfast so that these people have the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual sustenance to begin each day ready to improve their situation. The goal is to provide some 7,000 meals a week, 28,000 a month. Volunteers are needed to pack the bags with



Volunteers at the council packing meals for the homeless

fresh fruit, juice boxes, instant coffee packets, granola bars and peanut butter crackers, and a reusable coffee mug.

On December 3, those who came to Rock Creek Council packed 1,500 meals. We will be doing this again on February 3, where our goal is to pack 2,500 meals. Please take some time and join us in this effort.

We also need assistance in getting the meals down to DC,. If you have a large SUV and are able to help get the meals downtown, please contact Kevin Nolan at kevin.nolan@kofc.org or 703-906-2910. This will be a tremendous help and a great way to do something charitable for Lent.



CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES REPORT

Peter and Mary Ann Ferrigno, Culture of Life Chaircouple



It seems that even in Ireland, a country long-known as a bastion of the Faith, pro-life is losing ground. The Irish archbishop, Eamon Martin, is fighting to support the country's Eighth Amendment to its Constitution, the protection of unborn babies. He is quoted of saying, "All human life is sacred and should be respected." Although the majority of citizens does not desire abortion, still, it is feared that the referendum will pass.

Thousands of youth and young adults arrived in Washington for the March for Life, January 19. It is said that they gave voice to the voiceless. It has been said that the Department of Justice will also be looking into "the sale of baby body parts." The pro-life group, Susan B. Anthony List, was most pleased to see this turn-about which could mean the saving of many children. Though this is not all on paper, I wonder how well it will be carried out. Time will tell. But, it should be obvious, that children, "born alive" should be given every chance of continuing so. According to Sen. Lindsey Graham, lead sponsor of the *Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act*, "the United States should be ashamed to be one of only seven nations, along with China and North Korea, to allow elective abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy."

President Trump had some favorable comments to say about the Pro-Life March. He stated that he is willing to sign the *Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act*, knowing that the bill will stop the killing of babies born alive during a failed abortion. Even the House of Repre-

sentatives has gone along with passing this bill. Time will tell whether some favorable changes will take place. The House has even gone so far as speaking of fines or imprisonment should the doctor not do what is needed to save the child. Everything should be attempted to ensure that "the child born alive [is] transported to a hospital." It will be interesting to see if the Act is passed and how the legislation will be carried out. Now, it is "save the child". One has to wonder how many children will be saved by this change. But, this is the third time that the House has brought this bill up and it has yet to be signed in as law.

One has to wonder why the Pope and the Vatican presented Lilianne Ploumen, an abortion activist, a papal honorary award. This person founded "She Decides", which provides money for abortion service globally, to the tune of \$400 million. It seems as if the Vatican administration is not being as careful as it should or that it is the pope who is at the bottom of this. We just should not award people who want to kill babies and violate the teachings of the church. To be sure, our Holy Father may be proving that he is not the right person for the job he has been assigned.

God Bless.



Rental Corner

We are now in the engagement season and leads are pouring in for rental of the beautiful Rock Creek Mansion. 2018 will be another strong year for rentals. Please continue to mention the Rock Creek Mansion to friends/family/associates who are planning weddings, mitzvahs, milestone events and celebrations of life. Like and share us on Facebook to see updated photos of our many events!

And keep us in mind for your own family engagement parties, anniversary celebrations and, of course, weddings. As always, Rock Creek Council members get a 50% rental discount!



Julie Buckingham Carter

Event Coordinator

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LIKE us on Facebook



CHURCH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Peter D. Ferrigno, PGK

Our Holy Father believes that there should be changes made for cases where divorced and remarried individuals are allowed to receive Communion and be able to stand up as godparents. Cardinal Kasper, a close friend of the pope, is in agreement with this, and even goes to the point of encouraging our Holy Father further. Where previous popes have felt that "we must restore all things in Christ," Pope Francis believes things should be changed. The pope has expressed his intention to allow divorced and remarried individuals to receive Communion. Taking this one step further, a number of cardinals are pushing for this acceptance of cohabitating couples receiving similar consideration. Not only would the door be open for them to receive Communion, but also to be able to act as godparents, distribute Communion and even be Sunday school teachers.

Some expressions of the faith recently have denied that a Catholic, living in mortal sin is not to be considered as a "dead member," as in excommunication. Pope Francis, it has been stated, may seem to consider that continuing "sins of the flesh" are not always mortal sins. Rather, it is

up to the pastor of any church to determine this. His public expressions on this subject, I am sure, will open a number of avenues for changes in thinking for many Catholics.

The recently deceased Cardinal Martini, a very close friend to our pope, stated that the Church was way behind times, as to opening Communion to divorced and remarried Catholics. Some cardinals even have gone in a different direction as to the sinfulness of such actions. History has shown how much the church has changed in its thinking or in its expression of thought. According to some writings, some of the teachers in the church have concern as to where our Holy Father will take us. A number of our church leaders suggest care so as not to have our pope alter Catholic doctrine. A number of bishops have shown concern for this, stating that this is in contradiction to God's expressed will and His commandment, thou shall not commit adultery. One has to wonder why there is so much confusion among our leading bishops and why they are not all putting forth the same message. God Bless.

Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly Anthracite Night Dinner/Dance

April 22, 2018

At Father Rosensteel Council #2169

9707 Rosensteel Ave, Silver Spring, MD

Appetizers and Cocktails 5:00PM

Dinner 6:00PM

Dancing 7PM-10PM

Live Music by TMT

**It's Back! Come join your friends for a lovely evening
for a fundraiser to support our Patriotic and
Charitable Programs**

**Everyone is welcome to one of the greatest social events in our
history! 4th Degree Membership is not required to attend**

\$40 per person

For Reservations Contact:

SK Dan Ward, FDD, PGK 301.873.4014

djw1952@verizon.net or

SK Jude Onwumelu, PFN 301.653.9286

sonwumelu@yahoo.com

It is anticipated to be a sell out as in years past so make your reservations now

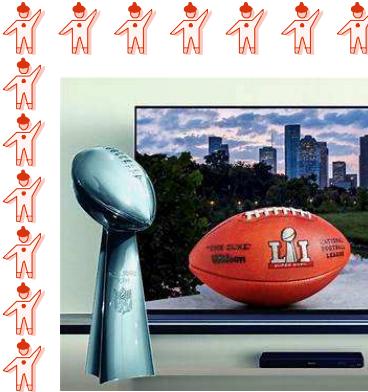
Friday Family Fish Fry

Fridays in the Lounge
during Lent 6 pm to 9ish
(closed Good Friday)

Homemade Cream of Crab Soup	\$4
Garden or Caesar Salad	\$5
Fish & Chips w/ fries & slaw	\$12
2 Crab Cake Platter w/ fries & slaw	\$17
Fish & Crab Combo	\$19
6 Fried Jumbo Shrimp w/ fries & slaw	\$15
Crab Cake sandwich w/ fries & slaw	\$9.50
Spiced Shrimp	½ Pound
	\$9.50
	1 Pound
	\$17
Basket of Fries	\$4
Basket of Hush Puppies	\$5
Garlic Bread Sticks	\$6
Cheese Pizza (12 inch)	\$8
For Those 13 & Below:	
Chicken Tenders w/ fries	\$6
Mac 'n' Cheese Cup	\$2

Note: Priests eat free

Items and prices subject to change



SUPER BOWL BASH

Sunday February 4, 2018

Doors open @ 5pm

Super bowl buffet
Pork bbq, roast beef, ham
sausages, Burgers,
Dogs, salads and more...
Limited open bar

Tickets:

Premium \$50 (square)

Each \$50 square is good for one person during the party

Adult \$25 (no square)

Kids 0-5 free, 5-14 \$10, 15-20 \$15 (no square)

Squares Pay:
All touches \$50 (32)
Standard 1 , 2 & 3 \$400
Final \$800



ROSARY AT 7:30 P.M.

We pray the Rosary
before our meetings on
the 1st and 3rd Tues-
days of each month

The Rosary is a
proven, effective
prayer in meeting indi-
vidual and national
needs

Come and join us!



Remember Our Sick and Deceased

Sick and Distressed:

PGK Victor Khayat, PGK Bill Morris, PGK Peter Ferrigno, Mike Nesselt (friend of Terrence Ryan), Bill Kushmas (Past State Deputy), Brandon Waters (grandson of PGK Bob Waters), Thomas Lynch, Leslie Ibáñez (wife of PGK Tony Ibáñez), and those on the Seniors' sick list (p. 11)



Deceased:

PGK Joseph P. Cantrel, Wilma Cantrel, and Tom Michalik

Pray for our ailing and deceased members, families and friends.



Rock Creek Council's Spring 2018 Charity Chess Tournament



Date: Sunday, March 4, 2018
 Location: Rock Creek Council Mansion
 Registration: 11:30 am to 12:00 pm
 Games: 12:15 pm to 2:45 pm
 Awards Ceremony: 2:45 pm to 3:00 pm

- ◊ Open Tournament format (non-rated play)
- ◊ Three Sections - Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8
- ◊ Participants play four 25-minute long games. Tournament judge will decide winners of unfinished games based on strength of position or/and points
 - ◊ Individual and Team trophies awarded in each section
- ◊ Kevin S. Nolan award for player who best demonstrates respect, spirit and fair play

Players in Chess Clubs from area schools and individual entries are welcome. Event is well suited for beginners and players without much tournament experience

\$10.00 Fee - All proceeds to a local charity; pay upon arrival for registration

Food and refreshments will be available.

To register or for more information, contact:

Mike Houlihan (mhoulihan.kocrockcreekchess@gmail.com or 410-707-8550)

maryland march for life

March 13, 2017



The Maryland March for Life is a family-friendly, peaceful and prayerful witness to life. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Alveda King, who is the Director for Civil Rights for the Unborn and the niece of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The schedule of the events is:

Location: St. Mary's Church, (Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis)

Schedule:

- 4:30 pm – Youth rally
- 5:15 pm - Catholic Mass and Non-denominational Worship Service
- 6:30 pm - March to Lawyer's Square
- 7:00 pm - Rally
- 8:00 pm - Chick-fil-A fellowship at St. Mary's

Win a trip to Ireland

Supreme has announced that it will give 10 couples an all-expense paid trip to attend the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, August 22-26, 2018.

For every member you recruit between December 1, 2017 and June 30th, 2018, your name will go into a pool. On July 1st, ten names will be drawn at random. If you are a winner, you will be notified immediately so you can plan this once in a lifetime opportunity to interact with families from all over the world. When you return, you can become a beacon of light for other families in your council, community, and state.

The more men that you recruit, the greater the probability you will have to win this trip. For more information on the World meeting of Families 2018, please visit: www.worldmeeting2018.ie.



Reflecting on the Dignity of Life

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

The spirit of the annual March for Life is extraordinary. It is full of hope and joy. Standing in the crowd, you are filled with the conviction that human life is God's precious gift and that each person, from the moment of conception, is endowed by the Creator with inviolable dignity and, indeed, "a right to life."

What draws so many people to this event? What makes them travel great distances, spend sleepless nights on buses, and stand for hours on cold, soggy ground? The answer, I think, is that the Lord is at work in their minds and hearts, converting them to the Gospel of Life. This process of conversion takes place on three levels — intellectual, moral and religious.

Intellectual conversion begins when we start asking questions and challenging assumptions. We begin to wonder whether what we had assumed to be true is in fact true. Many people who once were avidly "pro-choice" started asking questions about arguments for abortion, leading them to ultimately change their minds. For others, the breakthrough experience came when they actually saw an unborn child via an ultrasound machine.

It A change of mind often leads to moral conversion — to a change in one's understanding, judging and acting. They may arrive at a point when they become uncomfortable making decisions and acting solely on the basis of what they think is in their best interest, about their own problems, comfort or convenience. They start asking about what really matters, what is really important in life.

As individuals undergo intellectual and moral conversion, something deeper may be going on in the depths of their being — namely, a genuine religious conversion. Once life is understood as a precious gift, many are struck by the thought that God loves what he has made. From there, it is a short step to thank the Creator for the gift of life and, in so doing, to fall in love with him.

Thus, intellectual convictions and moral choices in favor of life transform us deeply and fill us with genuine love of God and neighbor. We then become not only advocates for life but also witnesses to the God of love who created and redeemed us.

[These shortened remarks were abridged by the editor.]

ROCK CREEK SENIORS

ST VALENTINE'S MEETING AND PARTY

Sunday, February 11

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Rock Creek Council



Catered Luncheon Buffet

Entertainment by Daytones Barbershop Quartet

BRING your Sweetheart!

\$20 per person \$2 cash bar

Reservations required



Make checks payable to "Rock Creek Seniors"

Send your name and check by Friday, February 9 to:

Dora & Ted McIntosh

11928A Darnestown Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878, 301-963-4742

\$15. Dues for 2017 are now due





REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson, FDD, PGK, PFN

Marching for a Pro-Life America

On January 19, some 20,000 students attended an early morning Mass and youth rally, and then joined several hundred thousand pro-life advocates on the National Mall in Washington, DC. After encouraging remarks by political and social leaders, the overwhelmingly young crowd from all over the country marched to the Supreme Court for the 45th annual time to bear witness for life at all stages.

Ever since *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion in 1973, the pro-life movement has peacefully prayed outside of abortion clinics, counseled pregnant women, shown them ultrasound images of their children, provided free housing for mothers-to-be, stressed the alternative of adoption, exposed the depraved techniques of abortion, filmed the illegal sale of baby parts, and lobbied for laws to protect both mother and child. The results are indisputable. The number of surgical abortions has decreased dramatically. Children are being saved.



In 1996, an estimated 1.36 million children were killed in the womb; by 2015, the number had dropped to 908,000. Last year, 27 surgical abortion centers closed or stopped doing abortions, continuing a long-term trend. In 1991, there were 2,176 surgical abortion clinics in the country; today, only 490 remain. As a result, over 90 percent of the counties in the United States no longer have an abortion provider.

And very encouraging, in the past year there have been a host of federal government actions to promote the sanctity of life. On January 23, 2017, the President reinstated the Mexico City Policy, which prevents U.S. foreign aid from going to non-governmental organizations that provide or promote abortion services abroad.

Then, on the morning of the 2018 March for Life, the President announced two major pro-life policy changes. First, the Department of Health and Human Services is

rescinding an Obama-era guideline that forced states to make Medicaid reimbursement payments to Planned Parenthood, rather than to local community health centers which do not perform abortions and serve more people with more health services.

Second, the Office for Civil Rights proposed a new policy to protect conscience rights and religious freedom of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals so that they would not be coerced into participating in medical procedures, such as abortion, sterilization, or assisted suicide, that violate their consciences.

That same morning, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the *Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act* (*H.R. 4712*), which requires, under penalty of possible criminal and civil actions, health care practitioners to provide the same standards of care, including admission to a hospital, to a child surviving an abortion as would be ex-

pected for infants who were not subjects of an abortion.

The President has called upon the Senate to pass that legislation, as well as the *Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act* (*H.R. 36*), which passed the House in October 2017, and he will sign both. The latter bill makes it a crime for any person to perform or attempt to perform an abortion on any unborn child 20 weeks or more after conception. These bills would virtually eliminate abortions nationwide after five months of pregnancy. Unfortunately, pro-abortion Senators filibustered the bill when it came to the floor, and a vote to end the debate fell short of the needed 60 votes. Pro-Life groups have promised to bring it back again.

The recent government actions are in-line with public opinion. A Knights of Columbus-Marist poll conducted in January 2018 found that 76 percent of American adults,

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Valentine's Day — Put Your Loved Ones First

**Steve Upton, PGK, FDD**

During the month of January, we spend a lot of time thinking about ourselves. What will our New Year's resolutions be? How will we change our lives? What will 2018 bring for us?

February and Valentine's Day remind you to think about the ones you love. Is protecting them part of your plan for 2018? Sure, there's a lot that you can and do to protect your loved ones. You make sure they're safe. You make sure they're taken care of. You do your best to make them happy. But what if you weren't there for them? What if you couldn't be?

Many are afraid to think about life insurance because they're afraid of their mortality. But life insurance isn't about dying, it's about helping your family to live if and when something should happen to you.

Life insurance allows you to continue providing for your family after you're gone, by seeing to it that they have the money they need to be as safe and secure as they have always been. It can provide mortgage protection, income replacement, retirement income, final expenses, and so much more.

And life insurance doesn't need to be a gift that you'll never see given. Your family can benefit from your policy while you're still here to see them enjoy it.

When structuring the best insurance plan for you and your family, there is a lot to consider, but keep two things in mind.

First and foremost, remember that you have a dedicated, professional Knights of Columbus agent whose job it is to help you consider your current situation, evaluate the options, and put a plan in place to help protect you and your family according to your terms and your budget.

Second, whenever you do business with the Knights of Columbus, you get the added benefit of knowing that you're not doing business with any old insurance company, you're doing business with *your* insurance company, a *Catholic* insurance company that is one of the most highly-rated life insurers in North America.

So this Valentine's Day, when you're out buying that box of chocolates or flowers for your wife to express your continued love for her, make a point to schedule time with Kevin or me to get your wife a special life-giving gift that will help you to protect her and your whole family for decades.

Steve Upton

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REFLECTIONS

including 60 percent of those who identify themselves as pro-choice, want abortions restricted to the first three months of pregnancy or limited to cases of rape or incest or to save the life of the mother. This confirms a Gallop survey released at the time of last year's March for Life, which found that although there is strong support for abortion in the first trimester majorities oppose it strongly in the second and third trimesters. The majority of Americans favor significant restrictions on abortion, such as waiting periods, spousal agreement, and the consent of one parent for a minor's abortion.

The March for Life is more than an annual symbolic demonstration. As Cardinal Timothy Dolan said at the youth Mass preceding this year March, "Our elected representatives, executive and legislative, and the judiciary they appoint, need to see and hear and feel the grassroots power and sincere voices of millions...we will not give up."

The National March in Washington, DC, has spawned more than 60 sister marches in communities and states across the nation, almost all held on or near January 22, the date when the Supreme Court legalized abortion. And other countries have followed the example. Marches for

life are being held in at least 20 nations on six continents, making this a global movement.

Although progress has been made in protecting the sanctity of life, there still is significant opposition from pro-abortion providers, the entertainment industry, and much of the main-stream media. Marching alone will not win the battle for life.

Lila Rose, founder of Live Action, when asked a few years ago to advise a first-time attendee at the March for Life, expressed the need for continuing involvement: "If you're here, that's fantastic — but we need you tomorrow; we need you the next day; we need you on Sundays at your church; we need you at your schools standing up for life; we need you voting for life; we need you encouraging and working with your friends to make sure they're not having abortions...We need you every day, not just today."

Action also must be coupled with prayer. As the President said in his remarks at the March, "this movement can only succeed with the heart and the soul and the prayer of the people." With prayer, fasting, wide-spread public involvement, and trust in God, America will be a land that protects life from conception until natural death

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SENIORS' CLUB REPORT

By PGK Bob Waters, President

We had 40 members and guests attend our annual election meeting. It was held at Oakville Grill and Wine Bar in Bethesda. Our guests were Fr. Joe Perkins, Fr. Ryan Pineda, Br. Ed Adams, and Deacon Bob Hubbard.

We said special prayers for Greg Curtin, Bill Morris, Peter Ferrigno, Hilda Arachio, my grandson Brandon, and Evelin Royal, widow of our long-time, late Financial Secretary Joe Royal.

Many thanks to Jean Gordon for chairing this function and all who helped her.

I was again elected president. Now, I have only two years more to reach 30 for retirement and that pension! Neil Dorian was elected vice president in absentia and Helen Brennan was voted in as secretary.

Our St. Pat's Party and Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 18. Unfortunately, I will miss it as I will be in Florida watching spring training baseball games — ☺!

Welcome to our members Tom Ryan and Deborah Allen!

We recently lost a longtime Senior member, Marie Louise "Weezie" Young. She was the wife of our vice president, Jim Young.



PGK Bob Waters

[On a personal note: This year, the town of Ocean City will be honoring Korean War Veterans. I have been selected to have my picture in navy uniform on a flag on the boardwalk. It will fly all summer. If you stroll the boardwalk this summer, see if you can identify that young, "handsome" seaman in uniform.]

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR MILITARY!

PRAYER CORNER

In your prayers remember: Eureka and Elizabeth Arcand, Dorothy Bush, Lily Callowhill, Maureen Collins, Kevin Dyer, Helen Fincutter, Susan Gordon Garcia, Lois Gargano, Katharine Giordati, Bill Gordon, Joselyn Walter Graham, PGK, Frank Hayden, Marie Horan, Saunders Jacobsen, Alex Lee, Julia Marcus, James Marketos, Joe Murphy, Eugene O'Neill, Ralph Oviedo, Sr. Maureen Patrice, Fr. David Pollak, Mary Rainey, Joan Reed, Anne Ryan, Bridget Shanahan, Midge Shanahan, Gloria Skapik, Pilar Stark, Estelle Stoltz, Stephanie Suff, Alex Swanke, Marge Swanke, Susan Tise, Regina Walter, Barbara Waters, Louise Young, and Fran and Frank Zello.



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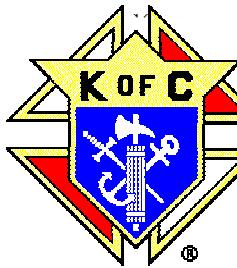
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February		Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, ends on Holy Saturday, March 31		1	2	3 Cup of Joe 8:00 AM
4 Super Bowl Party Lounge Opens at 5 PM	5	6 Rosary 7:30 PM Business Meet- ing 8:00 PM	7	8	9	10
11 Seniors Meet- ing and Valen- tine's Party 1-3PM	12	13	14 Holy Day Ash Wednesday	15 O'Boyle Assem. Rosary 7:30 PM Meeting 8:00 PM	16 Lenten Fish Dinner in Lounge	17
18	19 	20 Rosary 7:30 PM Social Meeting 8:00 PM	21 K-C Club 7:00 PM	22	23 Lenten Fish Dinner in Lounge	24
25	26	27	28		Fast and Abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday 	Abstinence on all Fridays of Lent