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Awardees at the Council's Annual Teacher Appreciation Night: (l-r) Mary D'Antonio, Elizabeth Hamilton, Lisa Capobianca, Colleen Wilkerson, Pamela Hurley, Mary Crane, and Michelle Tehan; ; see story and photos on pages 6 and 7

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

FR. MARK HUGHES

Brother Knights,

In October, I plan to take a trip to Rome., I have been two times already, but really did not get a chance to celebrate the Church as I would have liked to. The first time I was just out of college and thinking about going into the seminary. I did not know a lot about the church compared to today. So I missed a lot of the details I have since come to understand. The second trip was a parish pilgrimage. As the Spiritual guide you are so busy dealing with 46 pilgrims that there is no time for much beyond the tight schedule you are on.



Fr. Mark Hughes

This time, I hope to do the tourist things and see the Vatican at my leisure with a trained eye.

This past week, the readings at the daily Mass from the Acts of the Apostles told the story of how St. Paul was led to the city of Rome. The Church had discovered its universal call to take the Gospel to the "Ends of the Earth"! Es-

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

JAMES SCHNEIDER

Worthy Brothers,

We are strolling on into June, which marks the end of the Columbian Year and the end of my term as Grand Knight. To commemorate this, I figured I would get my *Chatter* article to Larry Grayson, who does all the editing, a week early!



Grand Knight Schneider

In all seriousness, it's been an eye-opening experience to truly see how many lives are affected by our efforts. From members, family members and to those in need... we are constantly giving. Even this month our fellow Knight passed, Charles Peterson (whose obituary is in this Chatter), had all donations in lieu of flowers made to our Council.... These funds are going to be passed on to charity. It is small acts like these that make our Council great!

There are a lot of moving pieces within the Council that are not always seen. The Kay-Cee Club does a great job of keeping the building up to par, and has helped build a great revenue stream for the Council. Mike Horan, Chris Horan

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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Establishing its headquarters in Rome, the capital of the Empire of the known world, was essential. St. Paul was just the man to lead the way. With his courage and experience, Paul would be able to survive (for two years) the great challenges ahead. The plan of the Holy Spirit worked.

The Church is still in Rome. The Vatican government has become a complex and intricate institution, which no one could have foreseen 20 centuries ago. The Church has grown to become the most visible and important religious community in the world.

Both these facts are necessary if the plan of Salvation History is to continue on Earth.

The Church as the visible body of Christ and its governing mechanism is the choice of the Holy Spirit, who is the energy behind the movement. It is very easy to be pleased to be a part of the Catholic faith, while at the same time be frustrated with the way the Church is governed. The Vatican at times seems far off and slow to respond to challenges that come from the secular age we live in. Decisions made sometimes seem as if compromise was the goal, rather than conviction. Ideals seem to fall prey to practical solutions.

The truth is that is how the Church had operated throughout the ages. Sometimes two steps forward and one-step back. Yet, we have made steady progress despite headwinds that would have destroyed any other organization.

The community of Catholic believers continues to build up the body of Christ and stand for what Jesus taught 20 centuries ago. We have a lot to be grateful for that God has called us to be a part of this Catholic tradition.

Sincerely,

Fr. Hughes

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

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and Mike Nass help keep the building clean and the Knights events a great time for members. The Elder statesmen of our Council provide guidance, and provide the core of our Catholicism. Terence Ryan and Charles Gormley helped keep our Financials in order, under the tutelage of Doug Yeatman. Kevin Nolan and Steve Upton have been a pivotal piece this year in the transition of our Insurance Benefits. Joe Stewart, was a huge benefit as DGK and District Deputy, whenever something was in question he was able to step in and answer. There are many more that help make this place run like clockwork. In the end, we are more than just a mansion on a hill!

This year, we won awards, donated thousands of dollars, helped feed the needy, got coats put together for dozens of children and provided support to our churches... none of this could be done without you, our members. We can always use more hands-on deck, more men willing to take an hour or two out of their year to help... it's easy to say you are Knight, but it feels good to help others like a Knight. Don't just aspire to make a living, aspire to make a difference!

Thanks for a great year and I look forward to seeing everyone around the Council as PGK!

James

Grand Knight

Knight of the Month

This month's Knight-of-the-Month is YOU — all of you! You, singly and together have made this a successful year around the Council!

Now, don't fight over the parking spot!

James Schneider, Grand Knight

Rental Corner

We are gearing up for a fun-filled summer of rentals, including birthday parties, anniversaries, family special occasions, weddings, mitzvahs, milestone events and celebrations of life. We are steadily booking in 2019! Folks have a ball and build memories at the Rock Creek Mansion. You can too!



Please continue to mention the Rock Creek Mansion to friends/family/associates.. Like and share us on Facebook. And keep us in mind for your own family celebrations. As always, Rock Creek Council members get a 50% rental discount!

Julie Buckingham Carter

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Nominees for Council Officers

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of nominees for council officers for the fraternal year beginning July 1. Two additional nominations were added at the meeting. Additional nominations can be made at the meeting on June 5, after which the slate will be closed and elections held. The nominees are:

- Grand Knight — Joe Doniger, Joe Stewart
- Deputy Grand Knight — Joe Stewart, Jon Schneider
- Chancellor — Jon Schneider
- Recorder — John Daria
- Treasurer — Charles Gormly
- Advocate — Joe Murphy
- Warde — Mike Houlihan
- Inside Guards (2) — Mike Nass, Ivan Galic
- Outside Guards (2) — Alex Lieb, open
- Trustee 3-year — James Schneider
- Convention Delegate — James Schneider
- 1st Alternate Delegate — Joe Stewart
- 2nd Alternate Delegate — Terence Ryan

Note: Persons who will serve due to prior-year elections or by position are:

- Trustee 2-year — Rich Heim
- Trustee 1-year — Jamie Caulfield
- Convention Delegate — James Schneider



Club News

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

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

Lounge phone: 301-530-1628
Mike Horan: 240-793-1169

Remember Our Sick and Deceased

Sick and Distressed:

Leslie Ibáñez (wife of PGK Tony Ibáñez), PGK Victor Khatyat, PGK Peter Ferrigno, Greg Curtin, Brandon Waters (grandson of PGK Bob Waters), and those on the Seniors' sick list (p. 11)

Deceased:

Charles Peterson

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



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

Brother Knights,

The Archdiocese of Washington District will conduct a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, June 16, at St. Mary of the Mills Parish Center in Laurel. All 3rd degree brother Knights are eligible to join this highest degree of the Order. Time is running out. If you have an interest in advancing to the 4th degree (the patriotic degree), or any questions regarding the Assembly, 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 Assembly is now on Facebook! Please **LIKE** and **FOLLOW** your assembly page and your assembly group to keep up to date and collaborate with your fellow members. It is being built to provide current information and promote collaboration among members.

Click each of the links below and like us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/880767532094024/>
<https://www.facebook.com/kofcassembly386/>

Neil Dorian, SK

Kay-Cee Club

We recently had the parking lot re-stripped and converted one spot for handicapped use.

Commencing on May 1, we entered into a contract with Turner Contracting Co. to lease most of our parking spaces for the next three years. Turner is the general contractor for a large, new building being constructed on the NIH campus. Currently, the lease is for 50 of our 71 spaces, but will increase to 65 spots as the project develops.

A new wall will soon be constructed in front of the flagpole on the front lawn. The words *Rock Creek Mansion* in wrought iron will be affixed to it.

In addition, two stone columns with lights will be erected at the foot of the driveway entrance to our property.

Special Note:

The Annual Meeting of the Kay-Cee Club Shareholders will be held immediately after the council's social meeting on Tuesday, June 19. All members of the council are shareholders in the Kay-Cee Club and are welcome to attend.

Tom Tappan

President



CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES REPORT

Peter and Mary Ann Ferrigno, Culture of Life Chaircouple



Planned Parenthood received \$57.3 million in 2015 through Title X and \$171 million from 2013 to 2015. President Trump has taken action to defund this organization. It is his intention to use this money for Woman's Qualified Health Centers that do not provide abortions. According to a January 2018 Marist

Institute poll commissioned by the Knights of Columbus, 60 % of Americans oppose tax payers funding of abortions.

Money is fungible, that is, it can be moved around to pay for different expenses. Thus, if only part of the income of the abortion organization comes from the government, those funds, for example, can be said to pay for rent and not abortion. In reality, this use frees up the money that would have paid the rent to be used for abortions. In a sense, it is strictly an accounting game. Government money whether said to go for rent or abortions, really pays for the abortions. According to the *Washington Examiner*, the Supreme Court Justices rejected clinic regulations that could interrupt legal access to abortions.

Just think where we would be if the courts reversed the partial-birth abortion ban, or where this would be taken if Hillary Clinton was our current president, or more of our justices were liberal. It seems that our current president will not be placing any liberal justices on the federal courts. Anyone that Clinton would name for the Supreme Court would not be supporting the pro-life agenda and the chance of reversing *Roe v. Wade* would be out of the picture. With President Trump at the helm, I wonder if we might see some favorable laws that might go against abortions. Having a more pro-life president in place should give us some hope.

It does come as a surprise; Georgetown University held a first *Respect Life Forum* and Cardinal Wuerl seemed so much in favor of the pro-life movement. Part of the

theme was that "once you accept that it is alright to kill human life before it is born, you are saying we have the whole say over all life. What is surprising to me is that Georgetown President John DeGioia stated that he and Georgetown should be considered so pro-life. Surprisingly, he went on to say that "every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart". As an alumnus, I wish that I could say he truly feels that way.

I was glad to hear the Patrick Reilly, president of the Cardinal Newman Society, an organization that promotes fidelity to the magisterium in Catholic education, told the *National Catholic Register* that it was "refreshing to find some university support for a pro-life event" at Georgetown. He agreed, if only it were true, noting the enormous damage that Georgetown University had done to the Church and to the pro-life cause for many decades by honoring, partnering and even hiring abortion advocates and giving free rein to the *H*yas for Choice* group on campus. If the school were ever to come back to the way I remembered it to be, I would be most thankful. If the Catholic University of America was able to do this, I cannot see why not Georgetown. This would mean a change not only in the student body, but most importantly in the administration and faculty. The fact that Georgetown held this event may have some importance.

What is happening at Georgetown in these many recent years seems to be facing their back to the true teaching of the Catholic faith. What we might be seeing is some changes in the interpretation of the truth. Even our Holy Father seems to be taking this path. It just seems strange to me that anyone can demand of a Catholic to believe a doctrine which is in obvious contradiction to the Holy Scripture. This goes to say at any level, priest, bishop, cardinal or even pope. We are seeing a lot of this lately and I am sure that many Catholics are becoming confused.

God Bless.

ROSARY AT 7:30 P.M.

We pray the Rosary before our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

The Rosary is a proven, effective prayer in meeting individual and national needs. Many miracles have been associated with it, and our Blessed Mother has specifically asked us to pray it for world peace..

Come and join us!





CHURCH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Peter D. Ferrigno, PGK

According to an article in the *National Catholic Register*, Mark Brumley states that the word, "Reformation" has truly been misused. The proper title should have been "Revolt" or "Revolution". His reason is that the word "Reformation" connotes a change for the better. So you can see why a Protestant may want to use that word, but not those in the Catholic faith. The Church has made favorable changes throughout the many years, but not like those of the Protestant faith, who gave up remaining Catholic. Our church has demonstrated that one can make changes, improvements, without a total break away.

The Church, without exception, has declared marriage within the Church is indissoluble. Jesus had made this statement when He was with us on earth. Should a couple dissolve their marriage, they may not remarry. This, for sure, may be one of the reasons, attendance at Mass has decreased. For those who have remarried, the Church flatly has stated that they are living in sin. The only exception would be if the marriage had not been consummated.

It may be some surprise that the Catholic Reformation was introduced prior to Martin Luther. Many years before 1517, the concept prior to this reformation was that "Man must be changed by religion, not religion by man." Although credit has been often given to Luther, the Church was going through some agitating years of unrest. After so many years, it seems strange that our current pope would have cause to agree with Martin Luther. When speaking about heresies, he spoke of the "Lutheran World Federation of pro-abortion, pro-contraception, pro-divorce, pro-homosexual, pro-gay marriage and pro-woman's ordination". As long as there are so many items on which these two faiths differ, there cannot be a full resolution. For this reason, one should not view the two faiths as similar. As long as we find some differences in the two faiths, I believe the union of the two faiths into one may never occur. This does not mean that our Pope is not attempting to make a number of changes in the coming months to promote unity. He has in many ways, opposed Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

God Bless.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

LeRoy Carhart, a late-term abortionist who kills babies in the womb up to the point of birth, is now located in the Medical Building at Wildwood Shopping Center on Old Georgetown Road.

On **Sunday, April 8**, the Archdiocese of Washington Department of Life Issues and St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church Pastoral Council are sponsoring a pro-life prayer event. Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church, after which people will process to Carhart's abortion mill while praying the rosary. Please join your fellow council members and their families in this witness to the dignity of life! For more information, contact brother Al Kish at albert20814@gmail.com.

There is a continuing prayer vigil and public education campaign held each Monday from 9 AM to 11 AM. For details, contact Dick Retta (dickretta61@verizon.net; 301 538 2500) or check PrayforBethesda.com.

Welcome to Our New Members

On Tuesday, May 15, the council held a Formation Degree, formerly called the 1st Degree. Three new members were brought into the council.

Welcome to Gonzalo Palacios of Holy Redeemer Parish, John Knab of St. Jane de Chantal Parish, and Jon DePersig of St. Patrick's Parish.

We are also pleased to welcome back Charles Marshall, whose membership had lapsed years ago, but was anxious to once again be an active knight. Charles is 92-years young, and shows that there is a place and role for all Catholic men in the Knights of Columbus.

We hope that each of you will come to meetings as often as you can, and will participate in the council in whatever way suits your interests and time.

The next degree ceremonies will be after the summer.

Last Chance to win a trip to Ireland

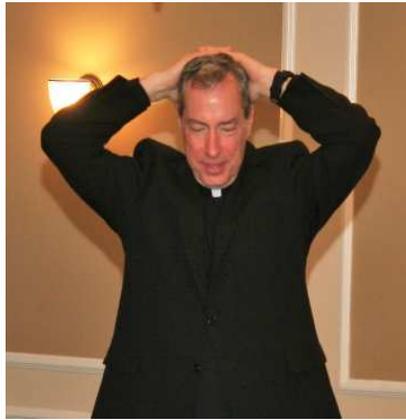
Supreme will award ten couples an all-expense paid trip to attend the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, August 22-26, 2018. For every member you recruit until June 30th, your name will go into a pool. On July 1st, ten names will be drawn at random. The more men that you recruit, the greater the probability you will have to win this once-in-a-lifetime trip. For more information about the World meeting of Families 2018, please visit: www.worldmeeting2018.ie.





Rock Creek Council Appreciates...

Over 100 teachers and staff, joined by several pastors and clergy, from five of the parish schools the council supports attended Rock Creek's 29th Annual Catholic School Teachers Appreciation and Awards Night, on May 11. It was an opportunity to recognize the outstanding service provided by our Catholic school teachers, not only with awards, but an evening of camaraderie, feasting and fun. Alex Vincent and Wes Chin served as the co-chairmen of this year's gala.





...Our Teachers

The event was the idea of our late chaplain, Msgr. William F. O'Donnell, who wanted to give teachers in Catholic schools the same public recognition as their public-school counterparts. The late PGK Dale J. Gordon did a great deal to make the idea into an annual reality.



AWARDEES

Teachers of the Year
 Holy Cross — **Colleen Wilkerson**
 Holy Redeemer — **Lisa Copabianca**
 Our Lady of Lourdes — **Mary Crane**
 St. Bartholomew — **Michelle Tehan**
 St. Jane de Chantal — **Mary D'Antonio**

Msgr. William F. O'Donnell Teacher of the Year — Mary D'Antonio

Distinguished Ministry — Pamela Hurley, Holy Redeemer

Dale J. Gordon Outstanding Service - Susan Shaffer, St. Jane de Chantal

Outstanding Lifetime Service — Patricia McGann, Holy Cross

Outstanding Lifetime Service — Elizabeth Hamilton, St. Jane de Chantal



Photos by Andrew McDonald



Memorial to the Unborn at Holy Redeemer Church

Lawrence P. Grayson

On May 12, a group from the Holy Redeemer Men's Group, which includes a number of Rock Creek Council members, removed much of the overgrown shrubbery that was concealing the Monument to the Unborn which is adjacent to the outer wall of the church. New low-lying shrubbery and flowers have been planted which over the course of the next month or so will provide an attractive place for meditation. Already groups have been seen praying the rosary in front of the monument.

The monument is a gift of the Council in conjunction with the Holy Redeemer Pro Life Committee. Seventeen years ago, on Sunday, June 10, 2001, the then-pastor, Fr. Walter Lawrence, blessed the memorial before a crowd of about 125 people. It is instructive to recall the remarks I made, as Grand Knight, on behalf of the council at the dedication ceremony, and to realize that the monument is as relevant and as necessary a reminder of the issue of life confronting our nation today as it was then.

"We gather today to dedicate a memorial that addresses one of the most important issues facing our nation. Every 24 seconds, another child is medically aborted in this country. In the short time for this dedication, about 50 children will lose their lives before ever seeing the light of day. As sobering as this fact is, we must remember that abortion is only a medical procedure. The issue underlying it is how we as a people view life. If we believe it is only a product of a biological procedure between two individuals, then life has no intrinsic value. But if we believe that life is a gift from a holy and almighty God, then life is sacred. And man does not have the right to take away what God has given.

If the former view predominates, abortion will be only the beginning. It will be followed by assisted suicide, euthanasia, infanticide, and eventually by the elimination of those who cannot contribute enough to society: the chronically ill, the very aged, the mentally infirmed. If you think this is an exaggeration, who in the 1950s who would have believed that, as we stand here today, for every 3 children who are born another is aborted? And of those who are born, fully a third are born to unwed women. Who would have thought that we would eliminate the mention of God from our public school classrooms, redefine who constitute a family, accept no fault divorces, protect pornography as freedom of speech and premarital sex under the guise of individual privacy, and tax married couples more than two people in cohabitation?

These issues can be addressed by a change in our laws and regulations. But they will not be altered until there is a change in the values of the American people. Values, however, are not the result of a government edict. They are instilled in the family, and strengthened by our churches, schools, communities, and by the relatives, friends, and peer we keep. So we each have a responsibility to develop an appreciation for life in all its stages in our children and grandchildren, and among those who come within our sphere of influence.

May this tablet that we are dedicating be a reminder, as the inscription to eloquently says, to prayerfully remember the victims of abortion and to commit ourselves to the gospel of life. The elimination of abortion and protection of life in all its stages are issues that the Knights of Columbus are fully committed to, and will remain fully committed to.

Thank you for allowing us to be participants in the creation of this monument."



(L) Fr. Lawrence addressing the crowd after blessing the monument, June 10, 2001. The Color Corps from the Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle Assembly stand guard. (R) The monument and surrounding area after replanting, on June 1, 2018.



REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson, FDD, PGK, PFN

Induced Death and the Right to Life

Life is being devalued in Western society and induced death becoming acceptable. The unborn, physically handicapped, seriously ill, elderly, and those incapable of leading economically-productive lives are at particular risk. While the abortion industry eliminates the “burdens” of unplanned pregnancies, there now is a movement to halt the continuing afflictions of old age and of persistent illness through euthanasia and assisted suicide.

A recent case of purposeful death that gained worldwide attention was that of Alfie Evans, a young child in England, who had a rare neurodegenerative disorder that put him in a continuing coma. The doctors could not treat it, but refused to allow him to be moved to Italy for therapy, despite a plea from the Pope. The hospital, claiming it was in the child’s best interest for him to die, removed his life-support on April 23, 2018, and he passed away five days later.

The case of Alfie Evans is not unique. A year earlier, infant Charlie Gard was diagnosed in a London hospital with a terminal, neurological condition. His parents wanted him moved to New York for a new, experimental procedure, but the hospital refused. After six months of litigation, Charlie died on July 28, 2017. In each of these cases, the courts overruled the parents and allowed the hospitals to decide what was in the best interest of the children.

As a result of a car accident ten years ago, Vincent Lambert is in a French hospital, a severely injured quadriplegic, but not in a coma or with a terminal illness. In April 2018, a doctor decided that because of “unreasonable obstinacy” in his persistent survival, Lambert should have his feeding tubes removed, which would starve him to death. A court has appointed a panel of medical experts to examine Lambert’s health and, based on its report, will either confirm or void the hospital’s decision.

Euthanasia currently may be more prevalent in Europe, but is increasing in the United States. In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court sided with the parents of Karen Quinlan, who was in a long-term coma, to have her life-sustaining equipment removed; although done, she remained alive for almost another decade. Then, in 2005, a

Florida court ruled in favor of her husband’s request that Terri Schiavo, who also was in a lengthy coma, have her feeding tubes disconnected; it was done and she starved to death over a two-week period.

Stephanie Packer, a California mother of four young children, was diagnosed in 2012 with an autoimmune disease and given three years to live. In June 2016, one week after the state legalized physician-assisted suicide, her health insurance company reversed its earlier decision and denied her doctor-recommended treatments. It would allow her, however, to obtain a lethal dose of suicide pills for a co-pay of \$1.20. After media attention, the insurance company relented and covered her treatments. On May 15, 2018, after testifying at a legislative hearing against physician assisted suicide, she posted a message on Facebook that she is “feeling fantastic.”

Today, seven U.S. states and the District of Columbia permit physicians to assist persons in committing suicide; attempts have been made to legalize it in many other states. This movement toward physician-sanctioned death has ominous implications. The medical community cannot predict with assurance or accuracy how soon a patient might die. Stephen Hawking was diagnosed with ALS at the age of 21 and given 2-3 years to live; although completely crippled, he lived until the age of 76, and when he died re-

cently he was renowned as a theoretical physicist and cosmologist. There are many cases in which patients declared terminally ill have lived well beyond a physician’s projected life span. Some have even recovered from years-long comas.

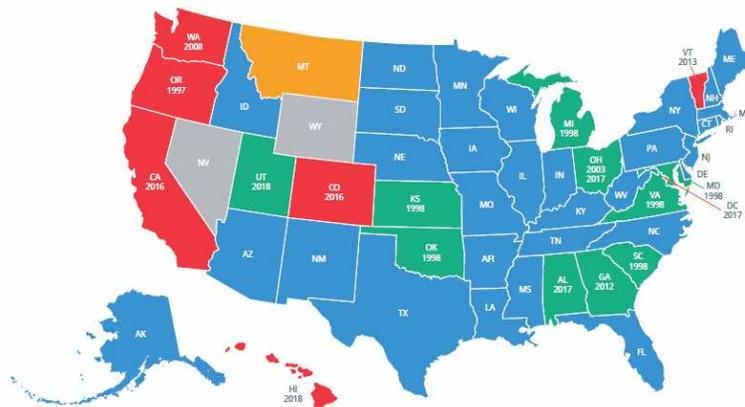
While conditions established for physician-assisted suicide may appear to be compassionate, experience shows that reasons for sanctioning procured death expand over time. In the Netherlands, where euthanasia has been legal since 2002, many of the reasons given for choosing to be euthanized are depression, dementia, old age, and loneliness, none of which qualify as a terminal illness, and there are movements to allow any person over 70, regardless of health, and terminally-ill children to request it.



Assisted Suicide in the States

STATE LAWS AND LEGAL POLICY AS OF MARCH 26, 2018

- 7 Laws allowing PAS to take effect since 1997
- 10 New laws against assisted suicide (including PAS) since 1997
- 31 Pre-1997 bans on assisted suicide still in effect
- 1 Court decision that may allow PAS in practice
- 2 No clear policy by statute or common law



Massachusetts, North Carolina, and West Virginia have no specific statute, but do have a common law tradition allowing prosecution for aiding a suicide. Montana: State Supreme Court ruling left older law in place, but said it does not apply to PAS when physician can show patient’s consent.



Is Your Paycheck Protected?



Steve Upton, PGK, FDD

Most people see work as something that will always be there. We live our lives expecting to wake up, go to work, and complete our tasks throughout the day to provide for our families. Work, and the financial stability that it provides, is often taken for granted. What if one day you wake up and you are no longer able to go to work, through no fault of your own? Accidents and illness can affect anyone, at

any stage in their career. How will you react to unforeseeable adversity? Do you have a plan in place if you are no longer able to perform your duty? The Knights of Columbus can help you put this plan in place and prepare for unexpected life events.

Retirement is often planned, but disability is not. Chance favors no man. Too often people say “that will never happen to me” or “I will cross that bridge if it comes.” There is no bridge that carries you over the void from gainful employment to disability unless you start planning today.

Disability insurance is often dismissed by working men and women because they think their jobs are fairly safe. Their lives are fairly healthy. Disability — they say — is simply something they will never experience. The statistics tell a different story.

A staggering 1 in 4 of today’s 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching the age of 67. The nature of the job is irrelevant. According to the Social Security Administration, 95 percent of all disabling illnesses and accidents happen outside of the workplace.

If this happens to you, not someone else, will you have a bridge to carry you and your family? If your illness or injury is among the 95 percent that happen outside of work, workers’ compensation will be of no assistance to

you. Seven in 10 employed Americans say they would feel the financial pinch in a month or less without their paycheck. What if your last paycheck really is your last paycheck?

There is a solution, however. Your membership in the Knights of Columbus gives you and your eligible family members’ exclusive access to disability income insurance that can help safeguard your paycheck. With Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance, you can ensure you and your family are provided for in the event of unexpected loss of work.

Our disability income insurance is designed to be flexible so that, working with your brother Knight Field Agent, you can customize it to fit your needs. You choose the monthly benefit amount that’s right for you, the elimination period that makes the most sense, and the maximum benefit period for your policy.

By purchasing a disability income insurance policy from the Knights of Columbus, you have the added security of knowing that you are doing business with a Catholic company that makes sure its investments do not violate Church teaching and which has been repeatedly recognized as a “World’s Most Ethical” company.

You owe it to yourself and to your family to make sure that your financial future is secure, regardless of what happens. Don’t be caught off guard by surprises. Be on guard and be prepared. Contact Kevin or me today to learn more about the coverage available to you.

Steve Upton

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REFLECTIONS

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Is a life not worth living if the individual is in a coma, significantly handicapped, has Alzheimer’s, severe autism, Down syndrome, cannot live without constant pain, or needs significant assistance for daily living? Stephanie Parker answered the question, when she recently wrote, “Though it is a struggle, so much joy and beauty is right in front of you if you are willing to open yourself up and see the possibilities.”

The position of the Catholic Church is clear: Life begins at conception and continues until natural death. Humans have spiritual souls as well as physical bodies, and their souls are created in the image and likeness of God. As such, they have inherent worth and dignity and an unalienable right to life, even if their quality of life is not up to

some social norm

When the quality of life is considered more important than life itself, when cost containment becomes a criterion for medical decisions, when euthanasia becomes a therapeutic option, life is no longer treated as a right endowed by the Creator. No person or government has the right to usurp a gift of God, no individual the right to throw it away.

Pope Francis has reminded us that: “All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are the masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”



SENIORS' CLUB REPORT

By PGK Neil Dorian, Vice President

As I mentioned in my last report, we did not have a meeting in May and will not have one in June. We need more volunteer if we are to run events. We can have a lot of fun, but everyone has to chip in with a little effort.

The "Fab 5" are doing a lot of traveling. I will be in Alaska from June 5 to 15.

We also are having a problem finding suitable dates, as the council parking lot is rented during the week and there are many weekend rentals.

Our annual July picnic will be on July 8th. A flyer is forthcoming — but we do need help.

I have received some questions about my picture on the Ocean City Boardwalk and about my military service. I joined the Navy after my high school graduation during the Korean War, and signed an 8-year obligation. I did "boot camp" at Bainbridge, MD, and later 16 weeks of electrician school at Great Lakes Naval Facility, IL. (I have never been as cold again in my life.)

I served on the destroyer escort USS Snyder DE745, which is now a reef between Maryland and Delaware. I also served on the aircraft carrier USS Forestal CVA-59 for two years, and now am one of her proud "Plankowners." I do have an Honorable Discharge from the Navy.



PGK Bob Waters

The flags on the O.C. Boardwalk this year honor Korea War Vets (I am one) from Worcester County and are on 40 flag poles. As I am a Montgomery County resident, I was separately honored for the 35-plus years supporting the elks and other organizations in Ocean City. I also am a charter member of the O.C. Hibernians. My

flag is on a separate pole near the fireman's memorial.

That's my story. God Bless!

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR MILITARY!

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In your prayers remember: Eureka and Elizabeth Arcand, Dorothy Bush, Lily Callowhill, Maureen Collins, Kevin Dyer, Helen Fincutter, Susan Gordon Garcia, Lois Gargano, Katharine Giodati, 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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10	11	12	13	14	15	16 4th Degree Exemplifica- tion
17	18	19 Rosary 7:30 PM Social Mtg 8 PM KC Club Share- holders Mtg	20	21 O'Boyle Assem. Rosary 7:30 PM Meeting 8:00 PM	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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