

# St. Peter and Paul Knights of Columbus News & Information

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#### **Grand Knight Report**

Brother Knights,

The St. Cloud men's conference is February  $3^{\rm rd}$ . The talk this year is about "Men of integrity: A call to responsibility" the keynote speaker is Damo Owens. Please sign up in the church entrance if you are interested in going.

Thank you to all who have helped make this past year a success. Through your hard work this council has made a difference not only in our community but globally. I look forward to and pray that we continue to have a strong council.

Is having fellowship with your brothers in Christ and having a vote on what is going on in your council worth one hour a month? Please come to our Knights meetings. They are regularly scheduled on the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm in Zimmer hall (basement of the church)

Please remember that rosary is offered before each mass on Saturday and Sunday. It would be great to have a strong showing of Knights and their families saying this wonderful prayer to our Lord and our Blessed Mother Mary.

I have been sending out text messages to try and let everyone know when and where your help is needed. If you have not been receiving any texts or would like to be included or removed from the message list, please let me know.

Yours in Christ,

James Moore Grand Knight 612-390-0166

## **Message from the District Deputy**

As we begin this season of Advent my hope is that we don't get completely caught up in the hustle and bustle, trying to find that perfect gift for everyone on our list and forgetting why we are preparing. We're really preparing to celebrate the birth of our savior. We, as Knights of Columbus, have a unique responsibility to help our Priests remind the general public of this fact. Leading by our example, we can bring everyone back into the real meaning of Christmas.

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#### We wish Happy Birthday to:

Terry Bodeen, Dean Shinler

### **Upcoming events:**

January 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

January 7 The Epiphany Of the Lord

January 8 The Baptism of the Lord

<u>January 22</u> Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

February 3 Valentine Dinner and Dance

February 5 Regular Meeting-Zimmer Hall

February 14 Ash Wednesday

#### **Catholic Men's Conference 2018 (February 3rd)**

This is an excellent opportunity for men of faith to gather together to learn, experience fellowship, and grow and strengthen their relationships with their families, their Church, and their communities. In its fifteenth year, the Catholic Men's Conference has found that the thousands of men who have attended have benefited from this daylong retreat. Opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation and time for workshops will also be available. (From St. Cloud Diocese website). For more information see website below.

http://omf.stcdio.org/th\_event/catholic-mens-conference-2018/

#### **Message From The Chaplain**

#### Dear Brother Knight,

A cartoon in the <u>New Yorker</u> magazine says it all. In the middle of the floor is a dried up Christmas tree. The calendar on the wall reads December 26. Dad is sitting in his chair with an ice pack on his head. Mom is in a bathrobe and her hair is in rollers. The floor is a virtual mountain of torn wrappings, boxes, and bows. Junior is reaching in his stocking to be sure there is no more candy. In the background we see a table with a thoroughly picked turkey still sitting there. The caption reads, *The morning after*.

Well, perhaps we feel a little that way. Perhaps we feel somewhat let down. If you feel that way it is quite understandable. Over the past weeks our emotions have been wound tight. Our festivities have led to near fever pitch. And then, suddenly it is all over. Is it any wonder that it is somewhat of a letdown? Psychiatrists actually have a word for it. The call it "Christmas-slump."

Is it possible to lose the spirit of Christmas that quickly? Let's be open as we take down the decorations for another year. There is a letdown because the festivities are over – but the reason for the season – is alive and well in our midst. Jesus Christ came to this earth to bring us the good news of salvation. Jesus gave us his words, his instructions in the Scriptures and in oral tradition. Jesus gave us his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. So rather than being let down, let us rejoice during 2018 and spend time reading the Scriptures and listening and learning in other ways. Let us share in Eucharist at least every weekend so that we can continue to grow in our faith and love of God.

Let 2018 be a time of personal growth in our relationship with God.

Fr. Virg

## **Insurance Corner:** Larry Callahan

#### We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies. At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards. More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it. "We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life." In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come. But don't just take our word for it. In 2017 the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute for the fourth year in a row. "Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values." Contact me today to learn more about our products.

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