



The Voyager



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Grand Knight's Report

We are now in the home stretch of this council year. We have had a good year so far and we can finish strong with our remaining activities.

Our Knight of the month is Michael Warner for his dedicated service as the Easter Bunny at our Easter egg hunt. He has now served for two consecutive egg hunts and has done an outstanding job each time. As many of you know, Michael is in the Marines and has been deployed to Iraq. Please keep Michael and his family in your prayers.

The family of the month is the Topper family. Steve Topper once again chaired our council Easter egg hunt and his son A.J. is very involved in helping with this. Thank you to the Topper's for ordering and delivering the mass quantities of eggs that we scatter on the soccer fields each year.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 31. Thank you to all who helped with this and also to the Squires who once again assisted us with this event. Everyone had a great time and all of the kids received plenty of eggs.

An upcoming event on May 16 is a pro-life Rosary. We will be partnering with the pro-life ministries at Sacred

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Council Calendar

May	2	Business Meeting
	16	Pro-Life Rosary
	19	State Convention
	23, 24 & 25	Fulton Sheen Triple Header
	28	Memorial Day
June	6	Business Meeting
	20	Crab Feast - 7:00 pm

Chaplain's Report

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, we have a lot of readings from the *Acts of the Apostles*; and we see how the early church responded with great joy and enthusiasm to the resurrection of Jesus. They risked great danger from those who were persecuting them to spread the gospel message. As a result of their efforts, many believed in Jesus; and the Church was born.

We live in a world which is in desperate need of the faith which we have and sometimes take for granted. But where is our enthusiasm? What do we do both as individuals and as committed members of Christ's church to bring his message of love and the forgiveness of sin to the world around us?

As Catholic Christians and Knights, we are seen by others as modern representatives of that same gospel faith that motivated and inspired the early Christians. This is certainly true when we are gathered together as a group in church or for some activity or function. But it is also true of us as individuals when we go about the ordinary activities of our life. We should be more aware than we sometimes are of the power and importance of our witness at home, in the community, at work, and no matter where we are.

The Lord Jesus is counting on each of us to continue his work. As we look ahead to the feast of Pentecost on May 27, let us frequently pray to the Holy Spirit to renew His gifts within us. If we do this, we can certainly expect that He will strengthen our faith and increase our enthusiasm to share it with others.

Let us remember our motto as Knights: *Vivat Jesus!* Let Jesus live! May He live more fully in our hearts, and may our life be a more effective witness of His presence and His love – calling the world's attention to His availability and His longing to bring peace and justice and love to our world.

Fraternally,
Deacon Jim Ryan
Associate Chaplain

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Heart to pray the Rosary in the courtyard area next to the Little Church. I encourage everyone to attend this and to pray for the sanctity of life. This will follow a format somewhat similar to what we did last summer when we hosted the Living Rosary. Afterwards we are planning on having an ice cream social.

Fulton Sheen council will be hosting their annual degree triple header on May 23, 24 and 25, which consists of a first, second and third degree on consecutive nights. For all of our 1st and 2nd degree brothers, this is a great opportunity to get the additional degrees and achieve full Knighthood. Please let me know if you would like to attend any of these degrees.

Our golf tournament is in the planning stages and Tom O'Donnell is finalizing the location and date. It is very important to not only fill the course with golfers but also to get an ample number of sponsors to make our tournament a success. Please contact Tom to find out more on recruiting tournament sponsors.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 20. This is the date of our annual crab feast which will be held in the West Room at 7:00 pm. This is a great social event so please plan on attending to join in some food, drink and fellowship.

This could very well be the last time that I write a Grand Knight's report for the Voyager. Mickey Yachera has graciously published the Voyager for the past few years but he will no longer have the time to dedicate to being our council editor. We must have a new editor if the Voyager is going to continue. Please contact Mickey if you are interested in taking over these responsibilities.

We are still working on our slate of officers and chairmen for next council year. It is critical to get these positions filled in order to continue our council activities. Please consider accepting one of these open positions.

Rick Siebert
Grand Knight

Roster Update

New Members!

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Deadline is the 20th of the month
No exceptions

The Voyager reserves the right to edit all materials submitted for publication.

District Deputy's Report

Greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Edgar Haynes.

We had a great Spring Recruitment Drive. Now it's important to follow-up and insure that all men who have shown an interest in joining our Order are interviewed and scheduled for their 1st Degree.

1st Degree Dates

5/3/07 St. Bart's Council
5/23/07 Fulton Sheen Council

2nd Degree Dates

5/24/07 Fulton Sheen Council

3rd Degree Dates

5/25/07 Fulton Sheen Council

If you have recruited a new member be sure to accompany him to all THREE of his degrees.

You should have registered for the MD State Convention by now. I hope to see you there.

If you can't attend the Convention please consider participating in the 4th Degree service program at Pimlico Race Track for Preakness Day. This is the 4th Degree's only fundraiser.

The Exemplification of the 4th Degree occurred on Saturday, March 31, 2007 in Hagerstown. Cardinal Gibbons Assembly presented 12 candidates for induction into the 4th Degree.

As we near the end of the Fraternal Year don't forget to recognize all the special members of your Council at some end of year picnic or dinner. It's important to them and to you.

Maryland State Council 2007/2008 Trips

September 10 - 14, 2007: Niagara Falls/Canada

4 Night / 5 Day Bus Trip \$817.00 Per Person / double occupancy

Jan 7 - 18, 2008: 11 Night Ultimate Caribbean

Cruise on Celebrity's Constellation Per person rates from \$1690.71 double occupancy

Mar 15-19, 2008: 4 Night St. Patrick's Day Bus

Trip in Savannah, Ga. Price to be negotiated

For more tour information contact:

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Be sure that in everything we do we are "Living Our Faith".

Vivat Jesus,

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Pro- Life Report

Washington D.C.

On Wednesday April 18th the U.S. Supreme Court by a 5-4 decision ended an 8 year court battle finally putting into law a ban on partial birth abortion. Partial Birth Abortion is a cruel way of murdering our children. Just before the final stages of birth the baby's head is crushed and its brains are vacuumed out.

President Bush said "Today's decision affirms that the constitution does not stand in the way of the people's representatives enacting laws reflecting the compassion and humanity of America."

This is great news for all of us. Although it's a battle won there are many more battles to fight.

Annapolis

On March 16th 2007 the Senate Finance committee was scheduled to vote on the human Cloning Prohibition Act. As to date the Finance committee has yet to vote. We will keep you informed on any information available.

Local

The Knights will sponsor their annual pro-life Rosary here at Sacred Heart Parish during the month of May. I encourage all Knights to bring their families and participate in this beautiful prayer. Keep watch in the bulletin for more information.

Sacred Heart Parish Respect Life Committee is a great organization and is looking for new members. If you know of anyone who might be interested you can contact Sue Surine at 410-526-4593.

Pro-Life Vigils

All vigils are held monthly at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center, St Josephs Fullerton and in Owings Mills. For times in Owings Mills and Fullerton please contact Tim Murphy at 443-850-2458. For information about the GBMC vigils contact Stan Cochran at 410-833-4526.

Closing

Let us all pray for the victims in the terrible tragedy that has recently occurred at Virginia Tech, not only the victims but also for their families and everyone affected by this.

Tim Murphy

Low Expense Ratio Important for Mutual Funds & Life Insurance

You may know that a low expense ratio is important when choosing a mutual fund. An expense ratio is what a mutual fund charges a fund holder to invest in the fund. A higher expense ratio will reduce the overall return in any fund despite the rate of return. Most savvy investors will factor in the expense ratio when choosing the right fund for their investment goals.

Most people however are not aware that the expense an insurance organization incurs to obtain their business will have a large impact on the return a policyholder will receive. Expenses such as back office support, marketing, sales force and the taxes paid to the government all play a part in the eventual return a policyholder will receive. While these expenses are not exactly the same as an expense ratio in a mutual fund, they are similar.

The Knights of Columbus has one of the lowest expense ratios in the insurance industry. Because we are a non-profit mutual benefit society, we do not have the tax burden of other insurance companies. The K of C does not have the need for costly advertising and other marketing programs. And because our sales force is made up of Brother Knights, we have an extremely low cost distribution system.

All these elements allow the order to offer one of the highest dividend scales in the industry while simultaneously keeping low the costs of procuring and operating our insurance organization.

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May Anniversaries

2 Years

Charlie Hoppa
Andrew Noll
NGK Craig Roe

3 Years

Eric Bennett
Dan Forster
Tom Pfeffer
Mickey Yachera

8 Years

Ed Clarke

11 Years

Rich Lane

13 Years

Mo Gagnon

31 Years

PGK Stephen Bouchard

45 Years

Al Bradt
PGK Bob DePaola (39 years continuous)

48 Years

William Bond (11 years continuous)

Last Edition of The Voyager?

After 33 editions as editor of The Voyager, I need to discontinue my role as editor. My new job's time and travel requirements make it impractical for me to continue to spend the time it takes to do a good job editing a newsletter.

We have been unable to recruit a replacement editor. Without a replacement editor there will be no newsletter.

Unfortunately, it has not been unusual for the council to be unable to get any brother Knight to step up and take responsibility for many of the functions within the council. Our current dilemma of being unable to fill our slate of officers for next year is only the most recent example of this problem.

If you would consider taking over the editing of The Voyager, I will be happy to discuss my experiences editing the newsletter with you. Call me at (410) 239-6235. I will give the editor as much assistance as he feels he needs to get started.

If editing The Voyager is not your cup of tea, find something else to get involved with in the council. After all, **why did you become a Knight???**

Mickey Yachera

Catechism

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We were all recently shocked by the horrible display of evil at Virginia Tech where the senseless murder of 32 students and teachers was followed by the suicide of the murderer. Evil is sin, and it is hard for us to understand how something as horrid as this can happen. Where is God when this happens? God doesn't will this to happen, but He gives us all a free will along with a conscience and all His love and mercy. How individuals can be so evil is hard for us to understand. They separate themselves completely from God and immerse themselves in sin and follow the devil's temptations. We must pray for them.

Here are a few paragraphs from the Catechism addressing evil.

844 In their religious behavior, however, men also display the limits and errors that disfigure the image of God in them:

Very often, deceived by the Evil One, men have become vain in their reasoning, and have exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and served the creature rather than the Creator. Or else, living and dying in this world without God, they are exposed to ultimate despair.

403 Following St. Paul, the Church has always taught that the overwhelming misery which oppresses men and their inclination towards evil and death cannot be understood apart from their connection with Adam's sin and the fact that he has transmitted to us a sin with which we are all born afflicted, a sin which is the "death of the soul." Because of this certainty of faith, the Church baptizes for the remission of sins even tiny infants who have not committed personal sin.

310 But why did God not create a world so perfect that no evil could exist in it? With infinite power God could always create something better. But with infinite wisdom and goodness God freely willed to create a world "in a state of journeying" towards its ultimate perfection. In God's plan this process of becoming involves the appearance of certain beings and the disappearance of others, the existence of the more perfect alongside the less perfect, both constructive and destructive forces of nature. With physical good there exists also physical evil as long as creation has not reached perfection.

311 Angels and men, as intelligent and free creatures, have to journey toward their ultimate destinies by their free choice and preferential love. They can therefore go astray. Indeed, they have sinned. Thus has moral evil, incommensurably more harmful than physical evil, entered the world. God is in no way, directly or indirectly, the cause of moral evil. He permits it, however, because he respects the freedom of his creatures and, mysteriously, knows how to derive good from it:

For almighty God. . . , because he is supremely good, would never allow any evil whatsoever to exist in his works if he were not so all-powerful and good as to cause good to emerge from evil itself.

