



The Voyager Immaculate Lady Newsletter



August - September Edition 2018

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers All,

It is with great pleasure that I offer you greetings and hope you are all enjoying your summer. I wish everyone a Good Labor day and with that school will be starting back up in just a day or two.

The Council Business Meeting will be on Wednesday September 5 in the West Room at 7:30 pm. Your presence is important because we will be voting on the Proposed Budget. Candidates are needed for the Columbian Club to fill positions that have been vacant for some time. **Please note that our Council is adhering to the Knights of Columbus dress code and protocols as specified by the Maryland State Council. Dress will be KofC Casual:** Immaculate Lady Council Shirt *or* a collared shirt with your Council Name Badge; and Long pants (Dress, khakis or chinos OK, but **NO T-SHIRTS, NO SHORTS and NO JEANS**). **This is an Official Business Meeting.** I want to **THANK EVERYONE** that had dressed last meeting according to protocol.

This month our Social Meeting will be a presentation on the Power and Friendship of Angels, Wednesday September 19 in the West Room at 7:00 pm. Please volunteer to help with this and other EVENTS to help the Council this year. Our July and August meetings were nicely attended for the summer months and for being scheduled so last minute. I wish to thank all that came out.

Our second Wednesday meetings are being scheduled as social events this year. The Officers have also decided to invite the Parish to them for recruiting, recognition of the Knights at the parish and for the new "Faith in Action" Supreme Program which replaces "Surge". We came up with some new fundraisers & socials that are not hard to do and do not compete against the Parish, School or other Fellowship Organizations at SHG. This can be a comeback year for the Knights if YOU volunteer to HELP. The Council is only asking **24 Hours** out of a whole year of your time. When we joined the Knights we pledged to help one another (brotherhood) and the community. Put "Faith in Action" in your own life. Your help in any event is important whether you help plan it, advise it, work the event or help clean up after. **24 Hours out of a Year** will make a difference.

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Spohn Grand Knight, Immaculate Lady Council #5208

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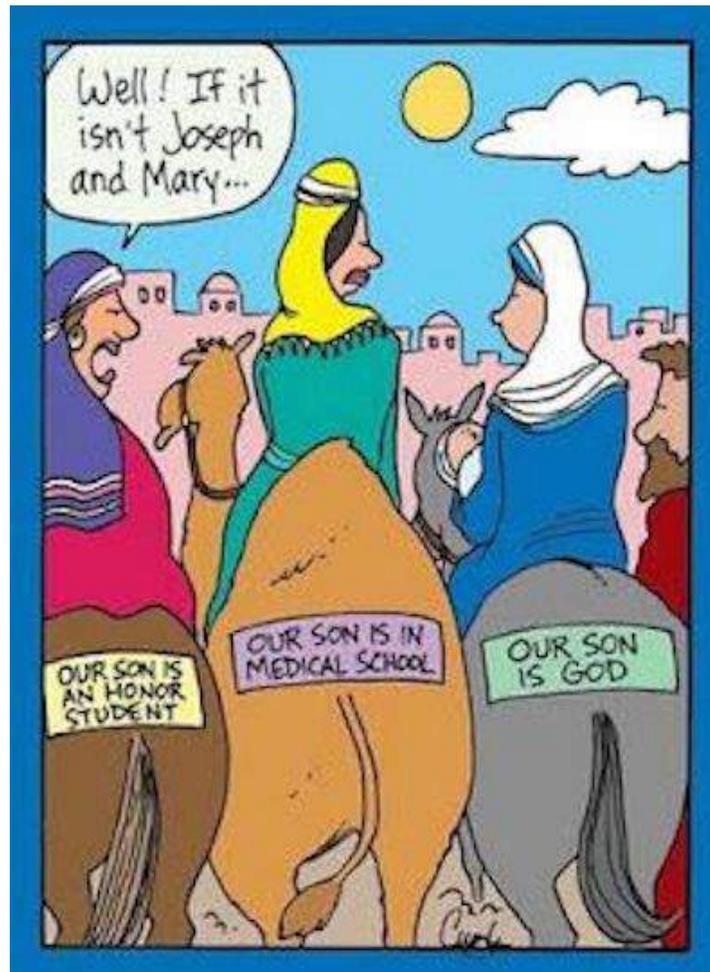


If you need a replacement name badge, please contact Sam Collins (call or text 443-690-4537; email SamuelCollins12341@comcast.net)

If you would like to buy a new Council shirt, please contact Ron Spohn (call or text 443-629-0777; email suznron@aol.com).

Each shirt is personalized with your name – (not mine). The shirts are selling well.

With our current efforts to attract new members, showing your pride in becoming a Knight is especially important so that people will know our Council is an active organization, and who to talk to about joining. Please help this effort by coming out of the shadows!



*Installation of Officers at Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council #6793
And Westminster Council # 1393
By Ron Spohn*

Our Councils Grand Knight Ronald Spohn and Lady Suzanne Spohn were invited to the Installation of Officers at the Fr Peter Paul Maher Council at Leisure World in Silver Spring and Westminster Council at St Johns. It was quite an honor to be invited to the Grand Knights Installation and Suzanne and I were both treated as special guest. It showed us both how a well-organized Council Installation and Reception can be carried out. Well brothers let me say that our Council did not take a back seat to any of these Installation of Officers that we attended.



Above is L to R: Lady Elizabeth, GK Stephen Sutkowsky, GK Ron Spohn and Lady Suzanne at Fr Peter Paul Maher Council. GK Stephen Sutkowsky and I meet and hit it off at the Installation of State Officers and traded ideas as to what direction to help promote our Councils and to help each other.



Above L to R: GK Bill Schwenke of St Bartholomew, Manchester, DD Charles Kohler, GK Michael Johnson of St Johns, Westminster, DW David Love and GK Ron Spohn and Lady Suzanne . GK Michael Johnson and I meet at the State Convention 2018 and decided it would be best for us to stay in contact as Grand Knights to further promote our Councils activities and help each other.

August 9, First Raven Pre-Season Game

By Ron Spohn

The volunteers were not exactly knocking down my door to go to the Ravens game as Volunteers for the Concession Stand but we did meet our assigned GOAL of three members volunteering per game. Everyone was nervous - where do we go, what will we do, will we do a good job, will we fit in, will the regular volunteers from St Joseph's accept us and on and on it went. Well it was not as bad as we worried about. Yes we were tired at the end of the night but we all felt that we had accomplished something for Immaculate Lady Council and that we could have a good time at the same time. We looked at each other with pride at the end of the night because we had DONE IT, and SURVIVED. If you want to know more about the volunteer work and the concession stand just ask us and we can tell you stories if you have the time.



Pictured above Left to right; Suzanne Spohn, Brian Bogdanski and Ron Spohn behind the counter before the big game.



Above left to right; Suzanne Spohn and Brian Bogdanski taking a Food break. Did I mention food to eat is FREE when working the concession stand.

August 30, Second Raven Pre-Season Game

By Ron Spohn



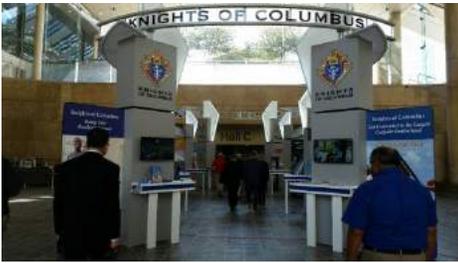
L to R: Tom Harwell, Ron and Suzanne Spohn.



Supreme Convention Baltimore 2018

By Ron Spohn

August 6, the KofC Supreme Convention came to Baltimore City and as promised by State Officials it was something to behold. The typical freebies at any Convention were there, Knights Gear was there and packed every day, the Maryland Country Store had unusual items for sale, the Priest, Bishops, Cardinals (you would have thought it was a Convention for them), hospitality rooms, the opening Mass and the list just keeps on playing. It was something to go to and I ran into some Brothers I have not seen in a while.



Entrance to the Convention.



L to R: GK Ron Spohn, My good friends GK Santo Grasso and DGK Tony Montcalmo.



Knights Gear first thing in the morning.



Maryland Country Store.



Maryland Color Corps leading the opening Mass.



The Philippine Hospitality Room.



The opening Mass with Archbishop William E. Lori



The Priest leaving the opening Mass.



Lady Suzanne at the Ladies Luncheon.



The State Hospitality Room.



Before the Opening Mass started.



Once the Convention got started.

Casserole Night August 21, 2018

By Rox Spahr

Emails were sent out to remind the Immaculate Lady Council Knights that Casserole Night was once again upon us. Will the email be read by any of the members in August and will they come. Then it hit me, yes I did say that there would be fellowship after the task at hand and I started to relax a little, but wait this is August and one last time for a Summer Vacation and cook outs and then worry set in again. However, the Council pulled thru again in the most difficult of times and a Casserole Team showed up.



Above Left to Right: Joe Sowinski (showing up more & more a soon to be regular?), Brian Bogdanski, Chris Kilgalen, Vic Lengrand and Tom Harwell. None of them are new to this task, all have volunteered and made Casseroles more than once or twice. [Thank you Brothers for coming out in August and HELPING.](#)



Above Left to Right: Sam Collins (Past Sir Knight of the YEAR, did you know that) and Chris Kilgalen explaining to Sam to be sure an mix the pasta and the meat sauce thoroughly. Taking the pictures tonight was Dave Clement and Bob Trout not shown was also there to help.

Thank you Brothers for taking your Tuesday night and joining us for this worthwhile endeavor. This Month we made about 57 Casseroles for Our Daily Bread.

Appreciation Luncheon August 25, 2018

By Ron Spohn

The Knights of Columbus Immaculate Lady Council *Appreciation Luncheon* was a long time coming and finally occurred. Everything was planned weeks ahead Food, Awards, getting the right room and trying to get the recipients there all at the same time (being Knights you know how hard that can be). The biggest challenge was yet to come, making the food and setting up the room. Once again the Holy Spirit sent us angels to help with this task and everything came together like clockwork. Helpers were there to help set up the room and helped cook the meal and some even brought extra food and desert. Those in attendance had a VERY GOOD MEAL , GREAT FELLOWSHIP and enjoyed seeing Members and non-Members receive Awards.



Above: The Mother Seton Room after it was set up by 3 volunteers, top of photo Lucille Spohn and not shown here were Nick St Amant and Joe Sowinski.



Above L to R: Lucille Spohn, Nick and Bunnie St Amant who put the finishing touches to the Mother Seton Room.



Above: The Guests that attended the Appreciation Luncheon enjoying the Chicken Cordon Bleu that was served and prepared by the Knights Family Members.



Above L to R: Lucille and Suzanne Spohn working in the Kitchen preparing the meal and drinks. Thank you both for your unselfish dedication of time.



Above on this page are some of the Members that came out to celebrate and congratulate the Honorees of our Luncheon. Thank you.

The Honorees at the Appreciation Luncheon on August 25 are as follows and in NO particular order.



Jim Nuzzo accepting the award on behalf of his family for their donation made for Our Daily Bread.



Sam Collins accepting his Past Grand Knight Award signed by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson



Don White accepting his Appreciation Award for his donation to help the Knights with Our Daily Bread Casseroles.



John Kmiecik accepting for himself and his wife Ellen's donation to help the Knights Last Year continue making Casseroles for Our Daily Bread.



Chris Kilgalen accepting an Appreciation Award for taking over the lead for Casserole night, and training the new members.



Bunny St. Amant being recognized for her years as "the Official Calligrapher of Immaculate Lady Council. She graciously wrote some of the certificates given out at the luncheon.

District Deputy Message for District 21

My Brothers all,

I bring you greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Dale Trott whose motto is "Serving Christ by serving others".

Summer is turning to fall and just as the season change so must we. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacation and you are ready for back to school time of year and the cool weather. This is the traditional time of year when people change their focus. Many are focused on their work and school and hopefully the church. This is a good time of year for membership drives. Membership is the life blood of our councils. New members bring new ideas and energy so we can sustain the good work that we do.

Sheen Council is hosting an Admission Degree on September 13th, the show time is at 7p.m. with the degree starting at 7:30 p.m. We have a Formation Degree scheduled for October 11th, at Immaculate Lady in Glyndon with the show time at 7p.m. All are welcome to attend the State Family Picnic being held at North Point Park on Saturday, September 8th.

As Knights we are getting ready to celebrate Columbus Day. I hope everyone can join me at the State's Columbus Day Ball. The ball is on October 6th at the BWI Marriott. This is the biggest State function each year and a good time will be had by all. Please consider doing something in honor of our patron Christopher Columbus. Sheen Council has their golf outing on October 8th, Columbus Day and that is a great way to show your support. We have the State Fall meeting at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine on October 27th. Many councils will be hosting their soccer shoots in the next few weeks. The District soccer shoot out is on October 28th at Dutter Park in Westminster from noon to 3 p.m. Our Worthy District Warden is hosting the shootout and you need to let him know if you have players that would like to compete. The State soccer shoot out is the following weekend, November 3rd, at Archbishop Spaulding HS. Players must compete and win at the District to compete at State.

I hope that everyone had a chance to read the message from the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson about the recent scandal in our Church. In summary, we need to support our church now more than ever. As Knights we are looked to as examples in our church communities. People's faith may be shaken but as Knights, we must stand in solidarity with our Priest.

Please remember your promise from the first degree to carry your rosary and pray it often, a let all you meet know you are a Catholic Gentleman and member of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus

Charlie Kohler

District Deputy, District 21

Catechism Corner

By Robert Wagner

Lord God, we humbly ask you to shower us with your grace to help us live our lives according to your will, so we can spend eternity with You.

I think we do not take eternal life seriously. We are all so wrapped up in our worldly activities - financial, political, family, health, etc... that we don't think about God until we pray, or perhaps until we go to Church on Sunday. Yet, our soul will live forever and where we spend our eternal life depends on how we live this life. This is a very serious matter, not to be laughed at, shrugged off or ignored. We will all die and be judged, this is the Particular Judgement, and our soul will go to Heaven, Hell or Purgatory. At the end of the world there will be a Final Judgement where we will be reunited with our bodies and again return to Heaven or Hell where we will be through eternity, which means forever and ever and ever.

Here are a few paragraphs from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, that hopefully you all have, regarding eternal life.

1021 Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul--a destiny which can be different for some and for others.

1022 Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven--through a purification or immediately,-- or immediate and everlasting damnation.

At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love.

1023 Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they "see him as he is," face to face:

By virtue of our apostolic authority, we define the following: According to the general disposition of God, the souls of all the saints . . . and other faithful who died after receiving Christ's holy Baptism (provided they were not in need of purification when they died, . . . or, if they then did need or will need some purification, when they have been purified after death, . . .) already before they take up their bodies again and before the general judgment - and this since the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into heaven - have been, are and will be in heaven, in the heavenly Kingdom and celestial paradise with Christ, joined to the company of the holy angels. Since the Passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, these souls have seen and do see the divine essence with an intuitive vision, and even face to face, without the mediation of any creature.

678 Following in the steps of the prophets and John the Baptist, Jesus announced the judgment of the Last Day in His preaching. Then will the conduct of each one and the secrets of hearts be brought to light. Then will the culpable unbelief that counted the offer of God's grace as nothing be condemned. Our attitude to our

neighbor will disclose acceptance or refusal of grace and divine love. On the Last Day Jesus will say: "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

679 Christ is Lord of eternal life. Full right to pass definitive judgment on the works and hearts of men belongs to Him as Redeemer of the world. He "acquired" this right by his cross. The Father has given "all judgment to the Son". Yet the Son did not come to judge, but to save and to give the life He has in Himself. By rejecting grace in this life, one already judges oneself, receives according to one's works, and can even condemn oneself for all eternity by rejecting the Spirit of love.

A GOOD CATHOLIC MUST BE PRO LIFE

By Robert Wagner

Lord God, please help us to love and respect life from womb to tomb through out the entire world especially in those countries in most need of Your mercy and protection.

Here is another update on the Dave Deleiden trial in San Francisco. On August 15th the Center for Medical Progress {which Dave Deleiden is the director of} and Dave Deleiden filed a motion in Federal Court to dismiss the lawsuit and dissolve the gag order that prevents CMP from releasing the videos which show Planned Parenthood leaders negotiating sale of the aborted baby body parts. This was done because 2 Congressional investigations of Planned Parenthood have finished since this trial began and have confirmed serious wrongdoing and systemic violations by selling aborted baby body parts. Please keep praying for Dave Deleiden and his legal team.

In Argentina the Congressional Senators voted on August 9 against making abortion on demand legal. Abortion advocates pushed very hard to introduce a "right to abortion" which would deny medical professionals to right to conscientiously object to participating in abortions. This was good news because abortion is being pushed around the world and must be resisted. Pray, pray, pray.

Once again our US Senate defeated an amendment sponsored by Rand Paul that would have revoked federal funding to Planned Parenthood. Every republican voted to revoke the amendment except Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkoski of Alaska. Despite this loss another piece of legislation is also in the works to defund Planned Parenthood. Even though it is very difficult to do, \$100M of tax money has already been taken away from Planned Parenthood.

As always I ask you to pray for our country and the world for contraception and abortion to be eliminated.

We can always use another voice to help us pray at the abortion facility in Owings Mills every Saturday morning at at 7:15 AM. We are at the second traffic light from Reisterstown Rd. ata 100 Painters Mill Rd.

Fellowship Opportunities Open to All Knights and Their Families

By Ron Spohn

Follow the Immaculate Lady Calendar at <<http://www.shgparish.org/koc.aspx>> for Immaculate Lady Council Events and Activities that the Knights and Families can attend.

Fridays in September, “Knights Out Inn”, Patapsco Council # 1960, continues their **Weekly Friday Night Dinner** from **5:30 pm to 7:30 pm** at 1010 Frederick Road in Catonsville. Menu prices range from **\$6 up to \$12**, including shrimp salad, crab cakes, fish and chips, ribeye steak and more. Weekly specials are usually **\$9**. A very friendly crowd, great table service, delicious food, cash bar and very reasonable prices. For more information, phone Debbie at 410-744-8754, between 9 am and 1 pm Monday thru Friday.

Wednesday, September 5, **Immaculate Lady Council #5208** is **Praying a Patriotic Rosary** in the **Little Church at 7pm**. The Parish has been invited to pray with us and to add their intentions as we pray the Rosary. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, September 5, **Immaculate Lady Council #5208** will have our **Monthly Business Meeting** and it will start at **7:30 pm in the WEST ROOM**. At this meeting we will be discussing this fraternal Years Fundraisers. Your participation is critical to the success of our programs. **Please note that our Council is adhering to the Knights of Columbus dress code and protocols as specified by the Maryland State Council. Dress will be KofC Casual:** Immaculate Lady Council Shirt or a collared shirt with your Council Name Badge; and Long pants (Dress, khakis or chinos OK, but **NO T-SHIRTS, NO SHORTS and NO JEANS**). **This is an Official Business Meeting.** Fellowship to follow with lite fare and beverages.

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Wednesday, September 19, **Immaculate Lady Council #5208** Social Evening with the Parish invited will have a guest Speaker Deacon Mark Ripper gives a talk on “The Power and Friendship of Angels”. **The Council will need volunteers** to set up the room before the talk and to help in the kitchen with the lite fare that will be offered to the Guest. All food offered will be priced at \$1.00 per item. The doors open at 7 pm and the talk will begin at 7:30 pm. There is no admission charge for this Talk. **Council Members are asked to wear Immaculate Lady Council Shirt or a dress shirt with your Council Name Badge.**

Sunday, September 23, **Immaculate Lady Council #5208** will have its volunteers participate in the Ravens Home Game against the Broncos at 1pm. Parking is Free, Admission to the Game is Free, receive a Free Ravens Hat, Eat Free food and the most important making money for the Council. If you would like to join us please **contact GK Ron Spohn**.

Monday, September 24, **Cardinal Gibbons Assembly Meeting** will be held from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at the Portico in St Johns Church in Westminster. (For those in the Color Corps, practice begins at 6:30 pm.) All 4th Degree Knights are encouraged and invited to attend. Fellowship to follow with lite fare and beverages.

Tuesday, September 25, **Immaculate Lady Council #5208** members will be meeting in the Sacred Heart School Kitchen to make 50 **Casseroles for "Our Daily Bread"**. Doors open at **6:30 pm**. Fellowship to follow directly after with lite fare and drinks. All Knights are invited to help.

Sunday, September 30, **St Joseph Monastery Parish at Patapsco Council #1960** at 1010 Frederick Road in Catonsville is having their **15th Annual Crab Feast**. Time is 12:30 to 5pm and the tickets are \$50pp. Tickets available August 6, for more information call Michael Doetzer 410-242-6130.

Wednesday, October 3, **Immaculate Lady Council #5208** is **Praying a Patriotic Rosary** in the **Little Church at 7pm**. The Parish has been invited to pray with us and to add their intentions as we pray the Rosary. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

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Saturday, October 13, **Immaculate Lady Council #5208** will be sponsoring **Shredding Day** at SHG in the **Church Parking Lot at 10 am to 12 noon**. If you have any unwanted documents, or clutter that has personal information that you do not want to share with hackers, drop it off to our Professionally Sponsored Shredding Company with no more worries. The **cost is FREE** but Knights will be standing by for any donations that you would like to give for us to continue our generous works. We will need Knights to **VOLUNTEER** to help make this work smoothly, **if you can help please contact GK Ron Spohn.**

Saturday, October 13, **Immaculate Lady Council #5208** will be sponsoring **"Family Night Out with Walt" or better known as "Spaghetti and a Movie"**. In the West Room of SHG School at 6:00 to 7:00 pm a Spaghetti Dinner with salad and bread will be served to the Parish for **\$3.00/person, \$12/family**. Please bring a desert to share. After the Dinner a Movie starting at 8:00 pm can be watched by all in attendance with free Popcorn served. Children are invited to attend and bring their sleeping bags and pillows or blankets so they can watch the movie from the front row. **Knights are asked to please sign up to help with this Social Event. Please contact GK Ron Spohn.**

Sunday, October 21, **Sacred Heart Parish** is celebrating **Multicultural Day** (Parish Picnic) starting at the 12 noon Mass then going to the school parking lot for food and entertainment. The KofC will be making the Hamburgers and Hot Dogs on the grill and supplying games and prizes for those Parishioners that take a chance. **Our Council will need VOLUNTEERS for this to happen.** Weather permitting this will be held outside otherwise it will be brought into the school Gym. Knights are asked to wear their Council shirts if the weather is warm enough so our Council gets recognized.

Sunday, October 21, **Immaculate Lady Council #5208** will have its volunteers participate in the Ravens Home Game against the Saints at 4:05 pm. Parking is Free, Admission to the Game is Free, receive a Free Ravens Hat, Eat Free food and the most important making money for the Council. If you would like to join us please **contact GK Ron Spohn.**

Message from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

August 21, 2018

Worthy Chaplains and Dear Brother Knights,

The issues that have come to light concerning sexual abuse by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report are cause for grave concern among Catholics and Brother Knights. Many feel deeply betrayed by those whom they long held in high regard. Such concerns are shared not just in the United States, but in Europe, Latin America and elsewhere.

These sins of commission and omission have sent the Church we love, the Church we serve and the Church that Jesus Christ established into convulsions. Sadly, the disgrace not only is borne by the perpetrators, it hurts us all, as does the silence of shepherds who have ignored the cries of their flocks.

There are many wonderful and faithful laborers in the vineyard of the Lord among our priests and bishops. However, it is clear that in addition to devastating criminal acts, we have seen many other moral failings by clergy that represent a crisis of commitment to the Gospel.

Too often the needs of victims have been subordinated to a distorted sense of mercy toward the perpetrators or an instinct for clerical self-preservation. The sexual acts - both criminal and non-criminal - highlight the need to recover a respect for and a renewed commitment to the priestly promises of celibacy.

The Knights of Columbus has supported the pastoral and charitable work of our bishops and priests since our founding by the Venerable Father Michael McGivney. We understand that the priest should lead the parish and the bishop should be the center of unity in a diocese. But we - like all Catholics - are painfully aware of the wreckage that ensues when elements of this leadership are abdicated by evil actions whether directly perpetrated or covered up.

Now, the Knights of Columbus - laymen, priests and chaplains together - will have an important role to play in rebuilding the Church. We must commit the Knights of Columbus to work for repentance, reform and rebuilding of the Church.

Repentance should include a full accounting of the misdeeds by those who have committed them. Archbishop McCarrick and others at fault owe us a full account of their actions, motivations and cover-ups. After years of having us confess to them, it is now time for them to come clean about what they have done and what they have failed to do.

This will also help increase the recognition that clerical sexual abuse is a global problem that must be addressed at the highest levels of the Catholic Church. Moreover, priests and bishops who refuse to live according to their promises of celibacy should be removed from public ministry, not out of retribution, but for the protection of the faithful and to prevent future variations of the scandal we now suffer.

Reform must include many good ideas that have been proposed, such as a full and complete investigation of sexual abuse led by an independent commission that includes laity; complete transparency by the Catholic hierarchy into all matters of criminal sexual misconduct past or future; an expansion of the zero tolerance policy to include sexual activity or misconduct by clerics including bishops, and by seminarians; and a call for faithfulness by all members of the clergy, including bishops. There must also be an independent ethics hotline for reporting of criminal and other conduct at odds with Catholic teaching on the clerical state of life; and there must be protections against retaliation.

Such reforms will be difficult for a Church largely unused to them, and we must support our bishops and our priests in embracing these reforms in order to rebuild.

We can help to rebuild our Church in several ways. Above all else, Knights - and our chaplains - must embrace love of God and love of neighbor. This is Christ's great commandment and the founding mission of our Order. It is also exactly the opposite of the rejection of God and exploitation of neighbor that our Church has witnessed in these scandals.

Shortly before becoming Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger decried the "filth" in the Church "even among those, who in the priesthood, ought to belong totally" to Christ. He also provided the antidote, stating at other times that what the Church needs now more than anything else is "saints." Pope Francis reiterated Pope Benedict's sentiments in his letter on Aug. 20.

In the days ahead, the Knights of Columbus will help renew our Church on a national level through a Novena of Masses in reparation for these sins that have so grievously wounded the Body of Christ. I take this opportunity to ask that you offer this Novena of Masses for our Church at your earliest opportunity.

Beginning in November, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor, in cooperation with the Shrine of St. Jean Vianney in Ars, France, a national tour of the relic of the heart of this great patron saint of priests. In the coming weeks, I will share more details with you about this initiative.

We will also continue to strengthen and rebuild our Church at the level of our families and parishes through our Building the Domestic Church program. Its twin elements of imbuing families with faith and strengthening parish life are critical to providing a Catholic Church that rebuilds based on the Gospel principles of love of God and love of neighbor. Together with our recently announced "Faith In Action" initiative, we will strive to make our parishes truly become, in the words of Pope Francis, "a family of families."

Now is the time for all brother Knights to stand steadfast in faith, as Catholics and as gentlemen. We will assist priests, bishops and our fellow Catholics in helping the Church chart a course for the future that puts Christ at the center, so that truly we may say, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

This is the moment in which Knights - including in a special way our priest members - can be part of a great renewal for good in our Church. And as we strive to follow the Lord more closely in the days ahead, may he deliver us from every evil and in his mercy graciously grant his Church peace and unity.

In closing, know that your faithful witness and sacrifice can bring inspiration and hope to millions of your fellow Catholics. It will be needed in the days ahead more than ever before. And to every priest and bishop whose commitment and dedication to our Order and to our Church has been faithful and exemplary, please accept my gratitude in both a personal way and on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.

Let each one of us prayerfully invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, so that in the words of St. Maximilian Kolbe, our hearts would be cleansed and themselves become immaculate, similar and like unto her own heart.

Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

KofC Financial Advisors Message

By Michael Hurley

I recommend that you go to: <https://straphaelcrystal.org/homily/august-19-2018/> for the clearest description of the history and scope of the century long assault on The Church and its priesthood by the forces of evil.

In the meantime, here are 10 questions that all Catholics should ask about their insurance company. Does the company that I have insurance/retirement savings with promote Catholic values? Does it protect the unborn? Does it work to combat human cloning and embryonic stem cell research? Does it provide funds to build schools for orphans with AIDS? Does it pay for clean drinking water wells in Africa? Does it distribute warm winter coats for children in need? Does it partner with Special Olympics International? Does it promote and support vocations for priests and religious life? Does it annually support Catholic media like EWTN and Relevant Radio? Does it support the Holy Father's charities? Does it do all of this while offering the highest quality insurance and financial products and service to protect Catholic families?

If items like these are important to you and your family, now is the time to acquire insurance from a company that feels the same way: Knights of Columbus Insurance. Call/text my cell # 410-913-7835 or email me at michael.hurley@kofc.org.