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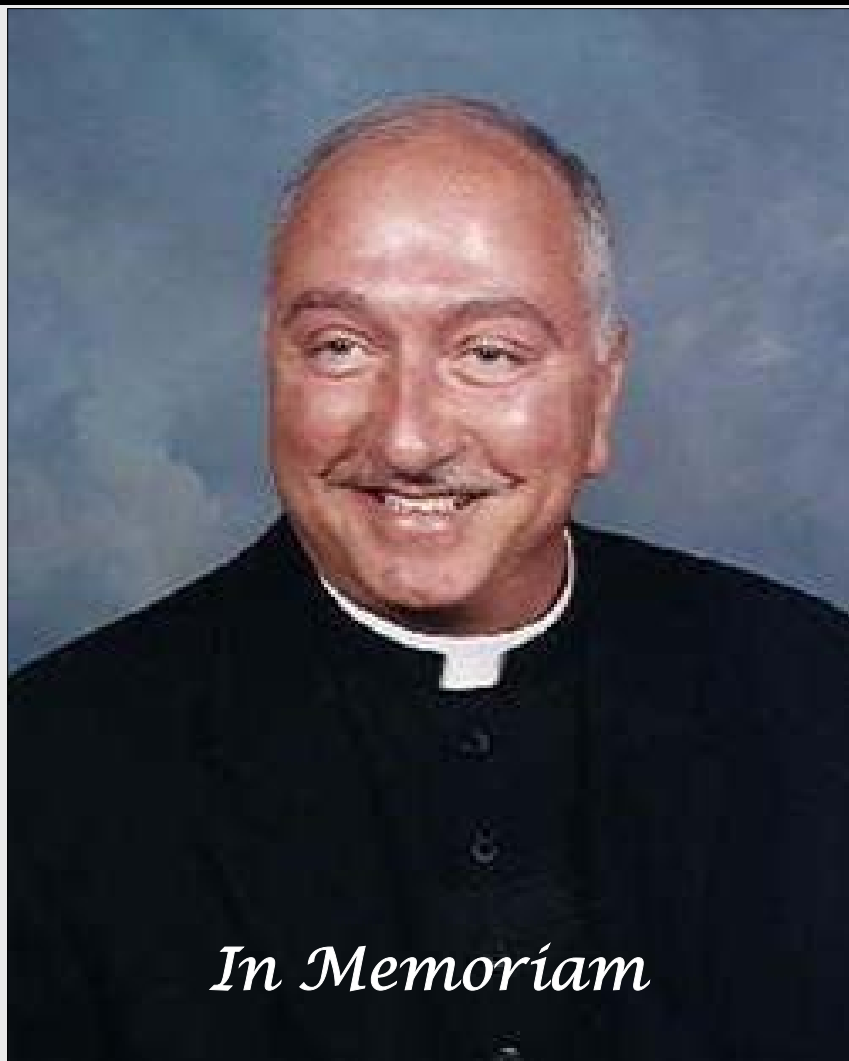
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In Memoriam

Fr. Rodric DiPietro 1950-2011

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Frank Collette
Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

As I thought writing the Grand Knight letter is the most difficult of all the duties of the office. I don't have a lot of experience writing for publications and I didn't have to do much writing while in college. Most of the writing I do is for work, and involves sending emails and writing basic instructions for performing a task. I made some grammatical errors in the last newsletter as I hadn't let my editor (my wonderful wife) read it before sending it and she found the

errors after it was published. I will always let her read the future letters before submitting them.

I think this may be the most difficult Grand Knight letter I will have to write as I reflect on the passing of our beloved pastor, Father Rod. The news of his passing was a shock felt by his family, his parish and the Columbus Diocese. Father Rod was loved and respected by his parish family and the community. The number of people that came to the calling hours is surely proof of how much he was loved. His funeral mass was attended by many priests, deacons and parishioners. Father Fabian came from Africa to bid farewell to his friend. Father Hendricks' homily was testament of the man and priest that Father Rod was and of their friendship. He always seemed to be happy and would typically greet me with a hand shake and say "Frank, my friend, how are you". I believe he considered all of us his friends and we have lost a wonderful priest, a Knight and a good friend.

My wife Georgine was at the calling hours for a friend's son that had died recently and she brought home a memorial card. In the card, from an unknown author was the following passage:

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took his hand when I heard his call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or pray.

Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.

Perhaps my time has seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts, and share with me. God wanted me now,

He set me free.

So let us not grieve but remember the good things Father Rod gave to us. We are blessed. Take count of all the good people, good things and good times of your life. Some day we too will be set free.

Financial Secretary Report

As of September 1, 2011, we have 205 total members in our council: 124 associate, 78 insurance, and 6 inactive members. Included in these totals are 3 honorary and 6 honorary life members. We still have 20 members who have not paid their dues for 2011, and members of the retention committee will be contacting these individuals shortly to remind them about their dues obligations.

For our membership year which began July 1 and ends June 30th, our goal is to get 14 new members and 5 insurance members. With everyone's assistance, we hope to be able to achieve our goal for this year.

Gerry Riendeau
Financial Secretary

College Football Frenzy

Football season has begun, and once again the Ohio K of C State Council is sponsoring a football sweepstakes. This year, it will involve college teams instead of pro teams, and the frenzy runs for 8 weeks beginning October 8 to November 26. The total cash prizes are \$10,000, with \$1,250 being given away every week. Cost of a sweepstakes ticket is \$10.00, with a portion of every ticket sale being refunded back to our council at the end of the sweepstakes. Tickets must be purchased by October 1 in order to be eligible for sweepstakes. Please contact Gerry Riendeau at 946-8117 or gerryliz@columbus.rr.com if you would like to purchase tickets.

CHURCH

Brother Knights...Another year and the need for each of you to stand near an exit after each Mass this Sunday as we begin another year of collecting "Pennies for Heaven."

That sounds easy...

After communion, take a collection basket and a sign that says "Vocations."

Please let me know which Mass you will be attending this weekend so that you can assist our council in this worthy cause for not only the future of our Parish and Diocese, but for the future of the Catholic Church.

Ed Olenhouse

OSU FOOTBALL CONCESSION STAND

The Men's club operate a concession stand at all the home football games. They are looking for volunteers to work at the stand at any OSU home football game. For your time you will receive FREE PARKING—FREE FOOD—FREE OSU HAT—GREAT OSU ATMOSPHERE—SERVICE TO OTHERS—GREAT FUN.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and do not have to be members of St. Brendan Church. Bring your neighbor, co-worker, your wife or anyone else you think would enjoy OSU football. If you would be interested in volunteering, please give Joe Martin (850-9095) a call and let him know. This is a fun event and provides you the excitement of OSU football plus it helps the Men's Club support St. Brendan Parish.

WE ARE IN DESPARATE NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!!!

40 Days for Life

Again this fall, St. Brendan's Knights of Columbus and the St. Brendan Parish community will join in the nationwide 40 Days for Life campaign. This peaceful prayer vigil is held in over 200 cities in 40 states and locally the vigil is held at Complete Health Care for Women at 5888 Cleveland Avenue in North Columbus. St. Brendan's has adopted Friday October 14th as our day to pray for the unborn that are being taken from the safety of their Mothers at this facility. The vigil is held from 6:00 AM through 6:00 PM and is a peaceful, non-confrontational prayer vigil. Posters with positive messages will be available stating we are Pro-Life and we support life. For additional information please visit 40daysforlife.com and/or youtube videos or contact Roger File rfile@columbus.rr.com to volunteer for a one hour – more or less – time to hold vigil.

Controversial test reveals Baby's sex as early as 7 weeks

Blood drawn from an expectant Mother could offer an earlier sneak peak at the Baby's sex than methods currently used. This test may be particularly valuable for families that harbor sex linked genetic disorders such as hemophilia. This test may reduce the number of invasive procedures that are being performed for specific genetic conditions, this test, one would think, is extremely valuable. However, as with many things can be misused and be used to terminate the baby if the baby is not of the desired sex or faces probable health issues. This is infanticide. Selective termination.

This horrific "Choice" can be used to bring only the perfect to term. If the unborn is not a boy, or girl, that is preferred, if the unborn has the probability of health issues, try, try again. In several countries, the one child rule applies and the parents will often abort the unborn girls and try again for the preferred boy. Long term affects of these policies are now being felt where young men have no available women partners, the family unit is collapsing.

HOW CAN THERE BE TOO MANY CHILDREN?

By Chelsea Zimmerman

"That is like saying there are too many flowers" (Mother Teresa). Nowadays the use of contraception is quite accepted and even encouraged and couples frequently aren't encouraged to ever actually have children. And when they do, it seems that it is frowned upon for them to have more than one or two. Even in the Catholic Church, over 90 percent of couples use some form of artificial contraception (including sterility) despite the Church's teaching against it.

Why all this opposition to having children and embracing God's gift of life?

Mark Pickup at Human Life Matters offers a wonderful reflection on his unwillingness to be open to life as a young man and what he might have done differently if he knew then what he knows now.

For many, like Pickup, the decision not to have "too many" children is financial. A large family would get in the way of advancing one's career and hinder the expansion of one's savings account. The expense of feeding all those hungry mouths would supersede the ability to acquire greater material possessions to ensure a more comfortable living situation.

As a young man with a career ahead of me, I did not have time for a large family. There were places to go and people to see. I can't remember the places or the people anymore—but they were so very important at the time. I was convinced of it. I wanted more money and more status. I can't remember why, or what I needed to buy, and the professional accolades have long since died away. In short, my career was calling me to bigger and better things.

The idea of modest homes filled with children was passé: Anybody who was anybody used birth control and limited their families to two kids. They warehoused them in daycares because both parents "had to work" to pay their large mortgages on big new houses in well-tailored cul-de-sacs, in just the right neighborhoods. There were, after all, appearances of success to maintain.

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True, having more children sometimes requires greater financial sacrifices and to this Pope John Paul II noted that “it is certainly less serious [for parents] to deny their children certain comforts or material advantages than to deprive them of the presence of brothers and sisters, who could help them to grow in humanity and to realize the beauty of life at all its ages and in all its variety.” In her book, *Life-Giving Love*, Kimberly Hahn points out many times that “siblings are the greatest physical gift, apart from the love you give your spouse, that you can possibly give your children.” We want to be able to provide well, financially, for our children, but we also have to remember to provide well for them spiritually and emotionally. In *Life-Giving Love*, a woman who is one of 13 children says of her parents:

I can never thank them enough for all they have provided me: food, shelter, clothing, a two-parent household... a great faith, and twelve best friends that will be there for me the rest of my life. The best gifts my parents could give us children, besides our faith, were siblings. For when the entire world is against you, your family will always be there to support, help, guide, protect, and love you.

Being open to life not only benefits the other children in the family, but can be a great benefit to parents as well. Another anecdote in Hahn’s book is from a woman who wasn’t sure, at 10 children, whether she could be open to number 11, when a friend mentioned that number 11 could be her special companion in old age: “She was right. My husband passed away recently, and this special son, number eleven, is my heart and a dear friend.”

It is rather unheard of that someone, later in life, wishes that they had had one less child. Instead, like Mark, they have been known to wish they had been open to at least one more:

If I could go back and do it again, I think I would have more children—lots of them. Yes! I would fill the rooms of my little house with the joie de vivre of children’s perpetual laughter, the hum of play, and then I’d revel in the offence it caused the population control fanatics. I’d attach a swing to the maple trees in my backyard and have a fire-pit to roast marshmallows on warm summer nights. We would have hours of fun doing nothing in particular.

So many people mistakenly think that espousing the Church’s teaching on contraception and openness to life means that you have to have as many children as humanly possible, or that you will have a baby every year. To this, Kimberly points out that, “God doesn’t ask us, ‘Are you willing to have a certain number of children?’ Rather, he says, ‘Will you be open to the next one?’” Yes, we may sometimes have legitimate, serious reasons for declining the gift of life at one moment or another and we recognize this by examining our motivation (is it faith or fear) and praying for the gift of wisdom. Entrusting our family size to God does not mean that we will have many children (it is possible that we may not have any), but simply that we are open to doing God’s will. If we do that, God will never fail us; He always provides.

For additional information on the Catholic Church teaching on Pro-Life issues; US Congress of Catholic Bishops www.usccb.org/prolife.

Please consider being an organ, eye and tissue donor as you renew your Driver’s License or sign up at www.donatelifeoio.org.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is Saturday, October 1st, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Wellnitz Hall and we will be having sign ups after all the Masses on the weekends of September 11th and 18th (an e-poster for the drive is attached). It would be nice for any Knights attending masses for those two weekends to man the signup sheet after Mass. **The biggest thing that Knights can do to help is to sign up to donate!** The Red Cross has an urgent need for Type O blood and asks that all Type O donors sign up to give! Donors will be entered to win a pair of OSU home football game tickets and OSU-Michigan game tickets! Also, enter to win a weekend getaway to Hocking Hills with a zip line tour! Thanks as always for your help. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mark Ogden - 771-4294

INSURANCE

Think of retirement as a three legged stool. In order to maintain balance, you need all three legs...or there is a real possibility of a crash!

One leg consists of the benefits the government offers you. **Debate rages about the viability of future benefits, and my best advice is to stay tuned to** the discussion and make sure you are aware of what is planned for those benefits. Any change in future promises should be accounted for when we get to the third leg.

The second leg is your company's pension plan, either defined benefit (such as a traditional pension: you work so many years and the company provides you with so much monthly benefit) or defined contribution (such as the popular 401K plans). Again, some of these plans, particularly traditional, are under stress. Learn how yours works; read the plan description; stay on top of the news coming from the company. On the 401K side, become a good investor. Teach yourself the fundamentals of good diversification and know how much you have and when you will need it.

Finally - the third leg - the one that you can exercise the most control over. The saving you do yourself.

Everyone – everyone – needs this third leg. It consists of the money you yourself set aside on a disciplined basis to help in retirement. You don't directly control government benefits and you don't directly manage your company's pension plan. But you do manage your own life.

Establish a retirement plan of your own. Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income that you cannot outlive at retirement. That's right – guarantee you an income you cannot outlive. That really will provide you with piece of mind.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you can do to help yourself. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust: you!

I'm Mark Mandel call me at 614-308-2294 or e-mail me at markmandel @wowway.com. Call me – let's talk

FAMILY



Brother Knights, I just wanted to remind you of the 1st annual Ice Cream Social which will be held at Graeter's Ice Cream Factory Store on Bethel Rd (across from Carriage Place) on September 11th from 3:00-4:30. It is Grandparent's day and as a special treat we will be having a barbershop quartet playing from 3:30-4:00 so come and enjoy ice cream and singing with the Knights and their families! The knights will be providing the room and entertainment, but not the purchasing of ice cream. Larry Elkin who is also known as Shadpoke T. Klown will be per-

forming with balloons for the children the ENTIRE time so make sure you bring the kids, and grandkids. It will be a fun family event.

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Happy Birthday to all of our Knights in September



EDWIN D SOUZA 09/02
STEVE MAZIARZ 09/02
STEPHEN SWEENEY 09/02
SCOTT TORBERT 09/03
RICHARD ROTH 09/05
KIM FRILOUX 09/06
CHRIS HARTLE 09/07
JAMES JANIK 09/08
JAMES RILEY 09/11
DANIEL BRYAN 09/12
THOMAS BRITT 09/13
TIMOTHY RENO 09/15
DOUGLAS MAAG 09/20
TERRENCE HENKEL 09/22
JAMES COGAN 09/23
JUDE CUDDY 09/26

September Calendar Items

Wed 21 - Membership Meeting
Wed 28 - Program Meeting

**Tune in and
be
inspired.**



Do you have any inputs for our monthly newsletter? You can submit stories and pictures of interest to our Knights members. Please submit your inputs no later than the first day of each calendar month to Fred Kerner at joc93@yahoo.com.



BLUE MASS

Friday, September 9th at 5:00 p.m.
St. Timothy Church, Columbus



Fr. Timothy M. Hayes, Pastor of St. Timothy Church, Columbus, and St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council 14345 invite all to the Blue Mass which honors and recognizes the sacrifice of police, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical crews, all members of the public safety community and those who have served or given their lives in service to their communities.



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