



# Knigh<sup>t</sup>Line

Newsletter of the Msgr. Henry J. Watterson, Council 1711 of the Knights of Columbus, Westfield, New Jersey

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

### What Makes a Knight?

By Ed Dickert, GK



Periodically I ask myself, "What makes a Knight of Columbus?" I've concluded that there are many attributes: dedication, involvement, volunteerism, loyalty. I believe that all of our members possess these qualities and the desire to act on them. There are many different levels of involvement of this great Catholic organization. We're an organization which dedicates itself to assisting other Catholic and non-Catholic charities, the less fortunate, and our parishes.

We have members who have at one time given a good part of their lives to the Knights of Columbus. For any number of reasons, maybe age, health, or economic, they are not as active as they had once been. There are members who presently give a good part of their time being involved in the Council, and Club officer corps or who may chair and/or plan an event or fundraiser. But then there are the men who are always there to assist with collections outside a church or on the street.

They are the ones who consistently respond to the mailings they receive from the Council; they are the ones who sell the raffle chances, tickets, or journal ads we ask them to help with; they are the ones who support and help promote the events we hold; they are the ones who are the life and blood of the Knights of Columbus. This last group of men is you! Don't ever underestimate any contribution you may make to help continue to make Council # 1711 the

great Council it has become.

If every member were to give but a few hours of their time each year, whether chairing or assisting with fundraisers, helping with collections, promoting involvement or membership among their family and friends, assisting with Council and Club activities, or by showing up to our monthly meetings, collectively we can continue to sustain the Council and Club as we know it today. Please take a few hours of your time each year and contribute them to our Council. Help keep our activities alive and help make them stronger.

#### RECENT FUND RAISERS

This past October's Respect Life "Rose" Sunday collection was a success. We collected a total of \$2,300.00 to benefit some local charities that support those young mothers who choose life over abortion. Thanks to all who took the time to assist with our collection. Let's make it a bigger success next year by getting more of us out to help so we can surpass this year's total.

I would like to thank PGK George Russo for the great job he did in planning and chairing our recent Wine Tasting fundraiser. Also, I'd like to thank all the members who took time to promote the affair by purchasing and selling tickets. Many thanks to Christine O'Brien and our Brother Knights John Cuzzo, Ken Kimbel, Nick Archambault, Anthony Durante, and Sam Perl whose effort on the night of the event, made this an excellent and enjoyable event for those who attended.

This year's Columbian Club Tailgate Event was another success. The food, drink, and camaraderie were great. Especially the food! Where else can \$25.00 get the kind of great barbecue food (all you can eat)

and drink which was served up that day? Keep up the good work Columbian Club.

Below I've listed some of the charities parishes who have benefited over the last month from our efforts.

#### FROM THE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES FUND

\$1000.00 to Union County ARC, who provide education, services and support for intellectually disabled people and their families.

\$1000.00 to the McAuley School in North Plainfield. They provide grades 1-12 education for children with Down Syndrome, and is run by the Sisters of Mercy. 95% of its graduates go on to hold jobs as productive citizens, which is the highest success rate in NJ for a school of its kind.

\$500.00 to L'Arche of Syracuse – They provide Christian based adult living communities for people with intellectual disabilities. This chapter is closest to us, is based in Syracuse, NY.

\$400.00 for Cerebral Palsy League of Cranford – Assists individuals and the families of those with intellectual disabilities.

#### FROM THE MEMORIAL DAY BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

\$2500.00 to Liam's Room – This wonderful

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### Upcoming Events

- ✠ **December 11** – Children's Christmas Party (details next Knightline)
- ✠ **Every Sunday** – Patient transport at Sunday Mass, Runnells Hospital

# KnightLine

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## THE PERPETUAL PILGRIM WHY DO WE HAVE A RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY?

*By Luke Amoroso*

Why not? It is fitting and proper to respect life on a Respect Life Sunday and also to do so on every other day of the year. Since 1972, a year before abortion was legalized in our nation, the Church designated the first Sunday in October as Respect Life Sunday. So for some 40 years now, the Catholic Church has dedicated the month of October as a Respect Life Month by exhorting her flock to spend extra time in prayer, activism, and education to

counter the lies and distortions promoted by the pro-abortion advocates.

How effective has this effort been for the past 40 years? You be the judge. Since the Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand with their 1973 ruling in the case of *Roe vs. Wade*, 54 million human lives have been extinguished in our land. Abortions continue unabated on a daily basis. How often is this grave subject mentioned from our Church's pulpits (including the Cathedral's pulpit), how many of the clergy lead their parishioners in prayer and activism against this blight on our once blessed nation? How many Catholic public figures continue to persist in supporting this grave sin without receiving serious consequences from our bishops, clergy or their fellow Catholics? Remarkably, virtually all Catholic politicians who have promoted and supported abortion throughout the past 40 years do so with impunity and are in fact rewarded by being re-elected time and time again usually by receiving the support of the Catholic "voting bloc." How do we reconcile what is going on in our country with the Church's teaching on abortion?

The New Catholic Catechism (CC), paragraph 2270, tells us that "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." This paragraph closes by quoting the following Scripture, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you." (Jeremiah 1:5)

In Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo's Statement for Respect Life Month, issued on September 26, 2011, he states that Catholics "will join together to witness to the inherent equality and transcendent value of every human being." He urges Catholics to voice their "opposition to the injustice and cruelty of abortion on behalf of those victims whose voices have been silenced." The Cardinal also reaches out

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## QUOD SCRIPSI SCRIPSI The 10th Commandment: Last But Not Least

By Mickey O'Brien, PGK, FIC

Moses had just led the Israelites to their liberty. Of course, it was God who had liberated them, and for a rare moment in salvation and world history, God made His presence known to the Israelites, to the point that He even eventually revealed His sacred name to them ("Yahweh", or the Hebrew letters "YHWH": "I Am Who Am"). The Israelites had been slaves to the Egyptians for so long that they needed guidelines for living as a liberated people. They still prayed the ancient shema prayer ("Hear O Israel ..."), which contained the Greatest Commandment: to love God with all their heart, all their soul and all their strength. But they still sought guidance for everyday living. Moses eventually went up Mount Sinai, sat in the presence of God for a long period of time, and ultimately came down with two tablets containing Ten Commandments, a code for daily living written by the finger of God. These Commandments in effect became the written contract for the Covenant between God and His Chosen People, and they would in time be placed in the Ark of the Covenant. Many centuries later these Ten Commandments would become the backbone of not only Judeo-Christian law, but also for European and American systems of justice.

The first three commandments better defined the Israelites' relationship with God, and the remaining seven provided guidelines for their relationship with one another. The last two dealt with wanting things that were not theirs or wanting to the point of excess: Covetousness. Covetousness would likewise be counted among the "Seven Deadly Sins", alternately referred to as "Avarice" or "Greed".

We are seeing Covetousness at its worst lately, not just in our country but worldwide. Covetousness has had a spotlight shone upon it by the Occupy



Wall Street demonstrators, and many did not realize that the spotlight shone upon themselves. Certainly, there is corporate greed, and this is playing a part in the current jobs situation. But corporate greed has always existed, and I daresay that in a capitalistic system, it will always be there. The unforgettable line from the 1987 drama Wall Street was uttered by Gordon Gekko, the antagonist of the film: "Greed is good." Hollywood portrayed the worst of greed on the silver screen, and yet twenty-four years later corporations are still finding that greed is indeed good: good for their businesses, and good for the wealth of key employees and a number of not-so-key employees. Communist China has likewise discovered how good greed is, and their dabbling in capitalism has resulted in them realizing their potential as a world power.

The point was and is, greed was NOT good, neither spiritually nor practically. Greed put people and corporations on an unsustainable path, widening the chasm between the rich and the poor to the point that the so-called middle class has far more in common with the poor than with the rich.

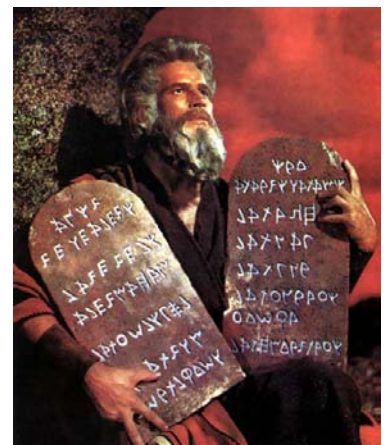
Completely unsaid is the timing of these demonstrations. There are those in the political system who do not agree with the Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court and are anxious (Anxiety is also a Deadly Sin) that corporations will have a heavy hand in the political process. Occupy Wall Street was contrived by those who have the most to lose were corporations to unduly influence the outcome of elections. And there is a string of "useful idiots" (Leninist term) that are only too willing to join the throng and spout illogical opinions once a camera appears and a mic is thrust in front of them.

Then there is the list of demands that was initially put onto the website OccupyWallSt.org, then hastily removed and revamped with a focus on corporate governance. The original list was a repulsive display of covetousness at its very worst, with a common thread of "they have money, we don't and we want

their money". It was not only anti-American, it ran counter to the most basic of Judeo-Christian beliefs.

The tenth Commandment is "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods." The jobless situation in our country has brought to the fore some of the ugliest of human concupiscence, in particular an envious and covetous stare at those who have accumulated wealth. In fairness, Covetousness in this case is indeed a two-way street, giving rise to Gluttony among those who have and Envy among those who don't (both of those likewise Deadly Sins). Society permitted Gluttony when everyone had jobs. There are many who deplored it, in particular Popes John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI and many in the Church hierarchy railing against the new god of materialism, but their voices were drowned out by the collective feel-good mentality when times were good as they sang and danced to the tune of Madonna's Material Girl. Now we face a global economic crisis. We can only pray that world leaders look to the Church for advice, but I expect that Pride (another Deadly Sin) will prevent that from happening, not to mention concerns about separation of Church and State. So the wisdom of thousands of years of experience with the human condition will not be sought out because of religious affiliation, thereby reducing the people in the Church hierarchy to non-persons and leaving the public to the whims of power-hungry leaders seeking to at least preserve their piece of the pie if not take a bigger piece.

And people have a problem calling them "deadly" sins?



**Respect Life.... (from p. 2)**

to the mothers and fathers who have chosen to abort their child exhorting them to seek God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Church's Project Rachel Ministry. Cardinal Di Nardo also notes that in today's culture "contraceptives are promoted even to young teens as though they were essential to women's well-being, and abortion defended as the "necessary" back up plan when contraceptives fail. And fail they do."

The source of the sin of abortion seems to be multi-faceted; that is, having sexual relations outside the bonds of matrimony, using contraceptives within and outside the bonds of marriage to avoid pregnancy, and using abortion as a back-up plan when contraceptives fail. While our relativistic, self-indulgent, materialistic culture has lost its moral compass, our Church on an official level condemns the sins of fornication, contraception, and abortion. Unfortunately, there is virtual silence from the pulpits regarding any of these sins except perhaps abortion being mentioned once a year on Respect Life Sunday. For example, about a mile from my parish there is an abortion clinic operating six days a week, extinguishing human lives day after day and year after year. The silence and lack of activism from my parish – and I suspect virtually from all Catholic parishes within close proximity to abortion mills – allows our nation to passively accept this "silent (invisible) holocaust."

It seems Catholic women have abortions at the second highest rate of the general population. "Women identifying themselves as Protestants obtain 37.4% of all abortions in the U.S.; Catholic women account for 31.3%, Jewish women account for 1.3%, and women with no religious affiliation obtain 23.7% of all abortions. 18% of all abortions are performed on women who identify themselves as Born-again/Evangelicals." It seems 93% of all abortions occur for social reasons, i.e. the child is unwanted or inconvenient. (Source: <http://www.abortionno.org/Resources/f>

[astfacts.html](#)). Similarly, among sexually active women, 68 percent of Catholic women use highly effective contraception, i.e., sterilization, the pill or another hormonal method, or the IUD as compared to 73 percent of mainline Protestants. (Source: <http://www.gutmacher.org/media/nr/2011/04/13/index.html>)

The Catholic Church on an official high level as exemplified by Church encyclicals, pronouncements, and the Catholic Catechism proclaims it is unconditionally against such serious sins as fornication, contraception and abortion. However, it is somewhat logical to conclude based on the lack of action and complacency which we seem to be witnessing that there is at best some low-keyed lip service given concerning these evils which continue to permeate our ailing nation. The question arises whether our Church leaders and the rank and file Catholics really take these issues seriously. Again it would seem our Church is conforming to the prevailing immoral culture, "going with the flow" rather than taking the uncomfortable position of attempting to have our immoral culture conform to the teachings of the Church. Bottom line, as a Church we do not seem to practice what we officially preach. Collectively, we are all responsible for this situation. We fall far short from what the Lord would have us do.

Again when it comes to voting for political candidates, the Pope and some of our other bishops may teach and preach that Catholics should not vote for candidates who are in favor of abortion, euthanasia, homosexual marriages, in vitro fertilization, and embryonic stem cell research. These are five "non-negotiable" life issues and Catholics must seriously consider not voting for candidates who favor any of them. Rarely if ever are these issues brought up at all at the parish level. The result is that Catholics continue to vote for candidates who are openly in favor of these "non-negotiable" life issues, thus perpetuating the "silent (invisible) holocaust" plaguing our once blessed land.

P.S.: I pray for my family, especially for my grandchildren and all other peoples of good will that by the next Respect Life Sunday scheduled to take place in October 2012 that our Holy Catholic Roman Church becomes more pro-active and outspoken on behalf of the pro-life cause. A glimmer of hope is arising as more and younger people are beginning to participate in demonstrations for life in many places and we pray that their numbers steadily increase in the foreseeable future.

The quote, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing," is usually attributed to Edmund Burke, an 18<sup>th</sup> century philosopher. It indicates that evil must be confronted and challenged by the good folks, and if not, God help us. The Respect Life issue is the most paramount issue of our times and the survival of our world truly hinges on whether it succeeds or not. Remember, time is running out for our land to repent of this evil. Our hope is in the promise of the Lord, "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear them from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7 NIV) Pray for the conversion of our nation.

**November 2011**  
**Holy Father's Prayer**  
**Intentions**  
**Offered in Solidarity with**  
**Pope Benedict XVI**

**General Intention: That the Eastern Catholic Churches and their venerable traditions may be known and esteemed as a spiritual treasure for the whole Church**

**Missionary Intention: Justice and Reconciliation in Africa. That the African continent may find strength in Christ to pursue justice and reconciliation as set forth by the second Synod of African Bishops.**

*Grand Knight's.... (from p. 1)*

charity was co-founded by one of 1711's members Peter McNamara and his wife Lisa, is named after their beautiful son, Liam Hayden McNamara. Liam's Room provides inpatient pediatric palliative care rooms and services for families whose children are suffering from chronic, potentially life-limiting, conditions. Please visit the Liam's Room website [www.Liamsroom.org](http://www.Liamsroom.org) to learn more of Liam's story.

\$1000.00 to the Megan Beck Scholarship fund – Provides scholarships to Theta Phi Alpha, Beta Omega members at Kean University. The sorority members of Theta Phi Alpha, Beta Omega have assisted our Council in past fundraisers.

\$500.00 to Sister Pat's Camp - Provides a week long camping program for children afflicted with cancer and other related blood disorders.

\$500.00 for the Life's Not Fair Club in Westfield – This club is founded by a Westfield youth in 2009 with the intention of making the community a better place to live, and also to make people of Westfield High School realize how lucky we have it, and that not everybody is a fortunate as us.

\$1000.00 to Saint Helen's Parish – One of the three parishes which Council # 1711 provides its support to. It's time for us to start giving back to our parishes.

\$1000.00 to Holy Trinity Parish – Another one of the three parishes which Council # 1711 provides its support to. Again it's time for us to start giving back to our parishes.

\$1000.00 to Holy Trinity Parish – The third of the three parishes which Council # 1711 provides its support to. Yet again, it's time for us to start giving back to our parishes.

Thank you for your attention. Be an active member, get involved and give your three hours. God bless your families and you.

## Adorers Wanted!



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## Oh Sweet Death

*By Miguel Perez-Santalla*

How little understood  
You are  
You bring peace and joy  
As you travel afar

Yet many fear you  
Because they know not  
The action of Christ  
That saved us from  
A bad lot

The quiet stillness  
Which you bring  
Is not the end  
But a new beginning

For those who  
Have led their lives  
Quite just  
Sharing, giving  
Loving as we must

We pray for those  
That may have been lost  
May the God of Mercy  
Not make them pay the cost

To those  
Who left in peace  
The heavenly reward  
Is a great feast

They will be in heaven  
On that day  
When you come to visit  
A greater reward  
Cannot be paid

Though those  
Who are left behind  
Feel a pain of loss  
What you've brought  
Is the gift of the Lord's light  
It's the greatest of all gifts  
Renewed and everlasting Life

## Chapter 1 Mailing / Charity Ball

Recently, Deputy Grand Knight, Rick Weber sent out mailings to all members for our annual NJ Chapter 1 Charity Ball Fundraiser. NJ Chapter #1 is comprised of 14 affiliated councils throughout Morris, Essex and Union counties representing four thousand Knights.

NJ Chapter #1 maintains a scholarship fund which annually distributes two four year \$2000.00 Catholic college scholarships. They also maintain a welfare fund which assists member Knights who have fallen upon difficult economical times. Past and present members of Council 1711 have benefited from these funds.

**Please consider attending the Charity Ball on Friday, November 18, to be held at Essex Manor, Bloomfield, NJ. Please take time to read the material included in the mailings and sell the enclosed raffles, patron, and journal ads to your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. This fundraiser is the Chapter's one and only fundraiser each year.**

### **Wrong For Over One Thousand Years.....**

A young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand.

He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk goes to the head abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up! In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk, says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son."

He goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held as archives in a locked vault that hasn't been opened for hundreds of years.

Hours go by and nobody sees the old abbot ...

So, the young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him. He sees him banging his head against the wall and wailing.

"We missed the R!  
We missed the R!  
We missed the R!"

His forehead is all bloody and bruised and he is crying uncontrollably.

The young monk asks the old abbot, "What's wrong, father?"

With a choking voice, the old abbot replies, "The word was..."

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**PRAY TO END ABORTION**

