



NEWSLETTER

Knights of Columbus
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October 2012

Upcoming Events

- Pancake Breakfast @ Risen Savior, 10/21 930am-1230pm. Contact Jim Sowada, 952-432-9378 jsowada@charter.net
- KC Family Mass, 10/28 @Risen Savior 900 am. Contact BJ Bertram 952-435-8461 bertram60@msn.com
- Turkey Bingo @ Risen Savior, 11/10 6pm. Contact Bob Hansen 952-892-5231 rshansen@frontiernet.net

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Grand Knight Report – by Bob Brotzel

Brother Knights!

Autumn is here and our monthly meetings are still the second Tuesday of the month which makes our next meeting October 9th. The guest speaker at this upcoming meeting is a member of Risen Savior's Sister Parish Committee, who will give a 15-minute presentation on the progress made at Gris Gris, Haiti. The speaker will begin at 7:15 and our regular meeting will begin after the speaker.

I would like to welcome our new District Deputy, Michael Schmid.

Our KC Family Picnic on September 11th at Lac Lavon Park was a big success. I enjoyed serving the hot dogs and brats!

Our KC Supreme Council and the Minnesota State Council, along with many more throughout the country support the traditional Marriage between one man and one woman. The vote in our state for an amendment is coming up Tuesday, November 6th. Please talk about the Marriage Amendment with others and vote this upcoming election. Keep in mind there are a lot of reasons to vote YES for the marriage amendment besides religious

There are two other initiatives you should be aware of: if you haven't talked, emailed or written your Representatives in Congress on matters involving our Religious Freedoms please do so. Also, support the Life of Conception Act which will be coming up soon. Let your Representatives know you are watching how they vote. If you do not know much about the Life of Conception Act, please Google it for more information.

Please read this KC Newsletter completely and pass on the important message to others.

Also, in this upcoming election, help those who need your assistance in getting to the voting booth or registering to vote. The Secretary of State's website has electronic forms available for voter registration or to get an absentee ballot: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=4>

To locate the proper polling place please visit:
<http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

I hope this finds you all in good health and spirits. See you soon at a meeting or function.

Grand Knight

Bob Brotzel
Council 9096

Notes from the September 11, 2012, meeting—

The September meeting was replaced by our picnic at Lac Lavon Park

KC Family Picnic Night Acknowledgment

On a warm beautiful September 11 evening, ninety people consisting of KC members and their families enjoyed a picnic at the Burnsville Lac Lavon Park Shelter. The Hot Dogs, Brats, and Refreshments were provided by our council. The organizers, Steve Dahl and B. J. Bertram, would like to thank all the people who brought a wide variety of the delicious food to share.

The following are excerpts from recent articles published in **KC Council 1600's Newsletter** (Hastings):

Non-religious reasons for support of man/woman marriage (taken from a brochure published by the Ruth Institute, "77 Non-Religious Reasons to Support Man/Woman Marriage." Of those 77 reasons, there are 6 reasons pertinent to K of C members:

1. Mothers and fathers each make unique contributions to the child's development.
2. Teenage girls without fathers are at risk for early sexual activity, multiple sex partners, out of wedlock pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases. Teenage boys without fathers are at risk for juvenile delinquency, violence, criminal activity, gang membership and incarceration.
3. Countries with same sex marriage symbolically diminish fatherhood. British Columbia changed its birth certificates to have a place for the mother's name and a check-off box for the "other parent/father."
4. Same-sex marriage will redefine marriage for everyone and change the culture of family life for everyone, not just the gay community. There is an interesting opinion piece in the 9/28/12 Star Tribune:
<http://www.startribune.com/opinion/commentaries/171613511.html>
5. Gay marriage separates children from at least one of their parents, not due to extraordinary circumstances, as arise in adoption, but as a routine procedure.
6. Religious organizations of all kinds, including schools, adoption agencies and marriage prep programs, can be subject to government regulation. Catholic adoption agencies have closed in Massachusetts and the District of Columbia. The Catholic Archdiocese of the District of Columbia stopped providing health insurance to all spouses, once "same sex Marriage" was created by the city council.

RELIGIOUS REASONS FOR SUPPORT OF TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church both explain that marriage should be between a man and a woman:

Gen 1:27 "God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

Gen 2:24 "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body." Jesus also speaks of marriage of men and women.

Matt 19:4-6 "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

Sacred Scripture condemns homosexual acts:

In Gen 19:4-7 we see that the men of Sodom and Gomorrah wanted to perform homosexual acts. This was called wicked and the cities were destroyed.

Lev 18:22 "You shall not lay with a male as with a woman; such a thing is an abomination."

Some ask why Jesus is not more obvious in condemning homosexual acts. It was because in the Jewish faith it was considered so terrible that no one even would think of doing it, and it was punishable by death. When St. Paul came along, he was preaching to the Gentiles, some of whom were practicing it. So he condemned it forcefully. He speaks against homosexual activity in various letters, e.g.

1 Tim 1:8-10 "We know that the law is good, provided that one uses it as law, with the understanding that law is meant not for a righteous person but for the lawless and unruly, the godless and sinful, the unholy and profane, those who kill their fathers or mothers, murderers, the unchaste, sodomites, kidnapers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is opposed to sound teaching."

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the Church's position on homosexuality and on homosexual acts. It's too long for this space, but look up Nos. 2357-2359. But remember, there is no room for hatred. We should love the sinner, but hate the sin. (St. Augustine's Letter 211 (c. 424) contains the phrase *Cum dilectione hominum et odio vitiorum*, which translates roughly to "With love for mankind and hatred of sins." The phrase has become more famous as "love the sinner but hate the sin" or "hate the sin and not the sinner" (the latter form appearing in Mohandas Gandhi's 1929 autobiography).

Four parts of retirement: Phase Two

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Thank you to all who I've had the opportunity to meet with during my first few months as your Insurance Advisor. As your Field Agent, I am required to visit with you briefly to complete a fraternal survey and to review and update your family service record. If you haven't yet heard from me...expect a phone call. If you need my assistance before that, please either call me at 651-434-2460 or email at daniel.thompson@kofc.org

My thought for this month:

In a previous article, I discussed protection and how Knights of Columbus products can provide it for you and your wife in your retirement years. The next phase of retirement is accumulation of cash.

Those life insurance policies you purchased, if they are permanent plans, carry a savings element that helps with accumulation of wealth. Another good option is a Knights of Columbus retirement plan or annuity with a guaranteed interest rate. After basic protection, you spend your

working life preparing not to work...for the day the paychecks stop. Factor in here also your pensions, government benefits and other savings you've acquired over the years.

Some experts will tell you that you should prepare for retirement with a plan that calls for 70% of the income you had pre-retirement. I think that falls woefully short. Plan on the 90% range. Consider this: what are you giving up that translates to 30% of your income? You still have to eat, you will travel more (going to see the grandchildren), taxes need to be paid, and on and on. Be careful of that 70% arbitrary rule.

I can help you build a plan to reach your goals. Contact me today to learn more. Call me today to set up a time to meet. You'll only regret that you didn't call sooner. All the good that the Knights of Columbus has done, is doing and will do, is a direct result of the vision of our Society's Founder: "Knights of Columbus...an organization where brothers care for brothers."

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Thompson
Field Agent
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delivery.*

Our KC Council is hosting a Brat & Hot Dog Dinner @ Risen Savior after the 5pm mass on Sat. 9/29. Following the dinner, our guest speaker from The Minnesota Catholic Conference will explain the Church's teaching on marriage and answer questions regarding the Nov. 6th Vote to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. A free-will offering will be donated to The Minnesota Catholic Conference.

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