

THE VOCAL KNIGHT

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

Gentlemen – October is Respect Life Month. To that end, we will be selling roses after each Mass on Sundays through out the month. If you have some time after Mass to help out please see Robert Pyffereon to schedule some time.

The following is an excerpt from our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. Recently, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report showing that American taxpayers are subsidizing abortion coverage in more than 1,000 government-sponsored health care plans. In creating this report, the GAO also discovered that insurance companies providing coverage through plans established by ObamaCare are not billing the abortion coverage separately, as required.

The GAO report also confirmed that the information about abortion coverage in these insurance plans is not uniformly available to consumers. This has led many pro-life Americans and their families to inadvertently choose coverage with which they have a profound moral disagreement. Not only is this bad policy, but it is in direct opposition to the views of the majority of the American people. This year, our K of C-Marist poll found that by a 58 to 37 percent margin, Americans oppose the use of tax dollars to fund abortions.

An important piece of legislation, H.R. 7 the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, would address these issues by expanding the pro-life "Hyde Amendment" to permanently ban all public funding of abortion while also requiring every insurance plan established under ObamaCare to clearly indicate whether or not it covers abortion. While the U.S. House of Representatives has acted on this legislation, it is currently stalled in the U.S. Senate.

We encourage you to contact your Senators today and tell them to act now on H.R. 7 to ensure that all Americans have access to healthcare that is transparent and does not offer morally objectionable services subsidized by taxpayers.

Additionally, the full report from the GAO is <u>available online</u> and is important reading for all Knights and their families.

Thank you for all you do to promote a Culture of Life.

Michael W Wolter Grand Knight

2014-2015 Council Officers

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Fr. John Lasuba, 288-7372 **Grand Knight:** Mike Wolter, 280-0657 Deputy GK: vacant Chancellor: Richard Siglow, 288-1461 Financial Secretary: Mark Stadtherr Recorder: Don Bradley Treasurer: Tim Geisler, 281-5358. Advocate: Mike Kleinschmidt Warden: Brian Willaert **Inside Guard:** Francis Filzen

Outside Guard:

Matthew Siglow

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Calendar of Events

Respect for Life Rose Sale

Recorders Report

Calendar of Events for October - Fall 2014:

October 2 3rd Degree Business Meeting

October 5 Hospitality Sunday (Coffee/Donuts)

October 5 Officer Installation

October 5 Rose Sale

October 11 Roadside Cleanup (tentative)

October 12 Rose Sale

October 13 Columbus Day (Observed)

October 19 Rose Sale

October 20 Officers Planning Meeting

October 23 VK deadline October 30 VK published

November 2 Hospitality Sunday (Coffee/Donuts)

November 6 3rd Degree Business Meeting

Upcoming Degrees

First Degree

September St John's (date yet to be decided)

October 28 Resurrection
November 20 Holy Spirit
December 29 St Pius

Major Degree

October Rochester (date and place to be decided)

November 22 Owatonna

March 14, 2015 Rochester, Pax Christie

Fourth Degree

October 25 Shakopee

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "RESPECT FOR LIFE" ROSE SALE

\$12



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October is "Respect For Life" Month

KC members are asked to help the council with our fall Rose sale Tickets for the Rose bouquets are only \$12

Rose bouquets will be for sale at church for the weekends of Oct. 5, 12 & 19 after Sunday masses, also at the Oct. 2nd council meeting.

Full details on bouquet tickets.

Proceeds to help fund a local PRO-LIFE donation.

Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:30 PM Date: Thursday, September 4. 2014

Roll Call: Grand Knight Mike Wolter Present

Deputy Grand Knight Open

Chancellor Rich Siglow Absent Financial Secretary Mark Stadtherr Absent Treasurer Tim Geisler Present Recorder Don Bradley Absent Warden Brian Willaert Absent Advocate Mike Kleinschmidt Present Inside Guard Fran Filzen Absent Outside Guard Matthew Siglow Absent Chaplain Fr. John Lasuba Absent Trustee Steve Freese Present Trustee Rea Schmid Present Trustee Bob Pyffereon Present

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes for August 2014 were read and approved with the correction of a few typographical errors.

Financial Secretary Report: There was no activity to report for the month of August.

Treasurer's Report: There was no activity to report for the month of August.

Grand Knight's Report: Mike Wolter gave the report as follows: The main focus of this year will be membership, retention and a

more active membership.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report: None

District Deputy's Report: None.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: DGK position is currently open but had been filled the previous two years by Mike Wolter, prior to that it had been open for several years.

New Business: Citywide Soccer Challenge, Sept 14, 1:00 PM, Holy Spirit

First Degree – to be hosted by 1013 sometime in September, Rich Siglow to schedule. We have no new candidates but there may be one or two within the District.

Officer Installation Oct 5, at Holy Spirit, 6:00 PM Mass followed by installation and reception

Flower/Rose Sale – Respect Life Month is October. Rose sales will be after all the Masses on 10/5, 10/12, and 10/19. We will need some help following each mass – please contact Robert P or Mike W if you are available.

Financial Secretary position will be open as Mark Stadtherr has decided not to "run again". This is a three year commitment and a very vital position. I thank Mark for the great job he has done. If you are interested please see Mike W or one of the Trustees.

Fall Roadside Cleanup will happen in October, possibly 10/11 or 10/18, more will be forthcoming under a separate mailing as the time is getting close. Please consider volunteering, it only takes 2 hours if we have 6 people and even less with more volunteers.

Attendance/Activity Lottery: #42 – Donald Fenske, not in attendance.

Memorials/Prayers: Chris Nelson, Mike Wolter.

For the Good of the Order: None.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 2045 PM.

Faithfully submitted by Mike Wolter, GK

for Don Bradley, Recorder.



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