



Knights of Columbus Newsletter Council #15373



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From the Chaplain - Fr. John Harrold

Our Parish Patron Saints

St. Ambrose

*Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Feast Day - December 7th*

Born to the Roman nobility. Educated in the classics, Greek, and philosophy at Rome, Italy. Poet & noted orator. Convert to Christianity. Governor of Milan, Italy.

When the bishop of Milan died, a dispute over his replacement led to violence. Ambrose intervened to calm both sides; he impressed everyone involved so much that though he was still an unbaptized catechumen, he was chosen as the new bishop. He resisted, claiming that he was not worthy, but to prevent further violence, he assented, and on the 7th of December 374. He was baptized, ordained as a priest, and consecrated as bishop. He immediately gave away his wealth to the Church and the poor, both for the good it did and as an example to his flock.

Patron Saint of bee keepers, bees, bishops, candle makers, domestic animals, learning, livestock, police officers, schoolchildren, security personnel, students and wax refiners.

St. Matthew

*Apostle and Evangelist
Feast Day - September 21st*

Son of Alphaeus, he lived at Capernaum on Lake Genesareth. He was a Roman tax collector, a position equated with collaboration with the enemy by those from whom he collected taxes. Jesus' contemporaries were surprised to see the Christ with a traitor, but Jesus explained that he had come "not to call the just, but sinners." Matthew's Gospel is given pride of place in the canon of the New Testament, and was written to convince Jewish readers that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus. He preached among the Jews for 15 years.

Patron Saint of accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, customs officers, financial officers, guards, money managers, security forces, security guards, stock brokers & tax collectors.

St. Sylvester

Pope

Feast Day - December 31st

Son of Rufinus. Pope in the reign of Emperor Constantine I. Built the Basilica of Saint John Lateran and other churches. Sent legates to the First Council of Nicaea, and was involved in the controversy over Arianism.

Patron Saint of animals & stone masons. Invoked for good harvests

***St. Ambrose, St. Matthew and St. Sylvester,
pray for us.***

From the Grand Knights Table - David Swierkosz

Brothers and parishioners, thanks to all who made our Baby Bottle Campaign a success. We will let you know what our total collection was once we count the coins. On Nov. 2, three of our members attended a fundraiser banquet for Lifeway Pregnancy at the Rustic Lodge in Indiana. Thanks to the generosity of our parishes, we were able to donate \$1000 to help them with their pro-life efforts. The monies collected by the Knights during the Baby Bottle Campaign will be used strictly for pro-life projects. We will also be helping fund a new ultrasound machine for the New Kensington area. Thanks again for your continued support.

From Field Agent - Michael Steele

November is Long Term Care Awareness Month

Long-term care insurance should be an important part of every family's planning. While we'd like to think that we will never need long-term care, or that we could easily afford it, the statistics suggest otherwise:

Three years is the average duration of long-term care needed per individual (Cfr. US Depart. of Health and

Human Services Clearinghouse for LTC information).

Contact me today for a free consultation and more information.

Contact Michael at 951-901-0803 or by email at Michael.Steele@KofC.org

Did You Know - Calvin Kulik

DID YOU KNOW... that Knights of Columbus CEO and former member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Carl Anderson, co-published an article for **Time** magazine on October 18, 2017? Anderson teamed up with Eugene F. Rivers, III, founder and president of the Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies, to write an article entitled “*MLK’s Example Holds the Answer to both Racism and Political Violence.*” In the article, the authors cited King’s 1957 essay “*Nonviolence and Racial Justice*” in which he stated:

At the center of nonviolence stands the principle of love. In struggling for human dignity, the oppressed people of the world must not allow themselves to become bitter or indulge in hate campaigns. To retaliate with hate and bitterness would do nothing but intensify the hate in the world. Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate. This can be done only by projecting the ethics of love to the center of our lives.”

They emphasized that if King were alive today he would have condemned in the most explicit terms any form of violent political protest such as acts occurring today by groups like the neo-Nazis, white supremacists, antifa, and any other racist hate groups. To read the complete article, go to either www.kofc.com or www.timemagazine.com.

From the Newsletter Editor and P.R. Chairman - Ken Nath

-As we approach the holidays, I would encourage all of you to remember what is really important and what is just a distraction to the true meaning of these important days!

-In order to continue to grow our organization and to expand on our good works, we all have a responsibility to cultivate new members.

-All of the proceeds from our Christmas Candy Sale will go to the Bishop to promote vocations to the priesthood.

-We are looking for people to sponsor a Clelian Height’s student for their dinner at the annual Christmas Party. Cost \$20, see Dave for the details. All of the proceeds from this event benefit Clelian Heights.

Upcoming events:

- **Monday, Nov. 20 - at 7:15 PM** - Chapter meeting, Annual Memorial Mass at Clelian Heights.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 29** - All candy orders must be turned in.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 PM** - Officers meeting.
- **Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 PM** - General meeting at St. Sylvester’s.
- **Monday, Mar. 19** - Chapter meeting, hosted by us.

Current Officers:

- Chaplain.....Fr. John Harrold
- Grand Knight..... David Swierkosz
- Deputy Grand Knight.....Paul Ukish
- Prog. Dir./Lecturer.....Brad Ronian
- Recorder.....J R Martin
- Membership Director.....Calvin Kulik
- Financial Secretary.....Ralph Sabedra
- Treasurer.....Steve Rado
- Advocate.....Charlie Angell
- Chancellor.....Chuck Colton
- Warden.....James Baker
- Inside Guard.....Andrew Cup
- Outside Guard.....Andrew Hill
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- Trustee (2 year).....Stan Kanick
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- Insurance Field Agent..... Michael Steele