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## Crowd looks at meaning of Old Glory

By RACHEL ADAMS, *The Daily News*, Reprinted with permission

To some, the flag is a rectangle of fabric, seen so many times it's become devoid of deeper meaning.

"But in detailed thought, it is our prize that American soldiers fought for," said 13-year-old Nina Wells. "Let freedom ring."

Nina was one of three rising eighth graders at St. Joseph Catholic School who read aloud their essays titled "What the American Flag Means to Me" at Thursday evening's annual Flag Day ceremony at the Knights of Columbus on Searcy Way. Along with Megan French and Bailey Cooley, both 13, Nina received a \$50 savings bond for her essay.

When Betsy Ross designed the flag so many years ago, Megan wondered, did she have any idea that one day there would be 50 stars sprinkling the blue background? For some, the flag means freedom from war, a chance for a new beginning, a fitting tribute to drape on a soldiers' casket; for Megan, it means safety and unity.

"I see our soldiers and sailors away from their families just so we can be safe here at home," she read. "When I see our flag, I feel confident that when I wake up tomorrow morning, we will still have a flag with 50 stars and 13 stripes, and the colors of red, white and blue."

Similarly, Bailey praised the flag for representing freedom and a country known as a melting pot of cultures and ethnicities. The 50 stars on a field of blue "symbolizes unity - there is no state more important than another," she said.

The flag holds this country's past as well as its future, Bailey said.

"When I look at the flag, I think about all of our ancestors that fought for the freedoms we have today," she said.

After reading a monologue on the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance penned by comedian Red Skelton in 1969, Knights of Columbus Faithful Navigator John Knepler gave a brief history of Flag Day. In 1952, the Knights of Columbus petitioned Congress to add the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance, a move approved by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on Flag Day - June 14, 1954.

As 6 p.m. neared, the audience turned its attention to the flag hanging high above the Knights of Columbus building as trumpeter and Army veteran Tom Wimsatt of Smiths Grove played taps. Knepler then led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Knights of Columbus groups across the country pause at 6 p.m. on Flag Day to do so.

In the military, the flag is raised every day at sunrise as reveille is played, Wimsatt said. It is lowered again in the evening to taps.

"The flag has a very symbolic meaning to me because it's treated with much reverence in the military," he said, adding that he continues to give it the same respect even now, nearly 40 years after his release from the Army.



Photo Submitted. Nina Wells, 13, daughter of Scott and Danissa Lewis, reads her essay on "What the American Flag Means to Me" at the Knights of Columbus Hall on June 14. Nina's essay was one of three selected to be read. Others pictured are Jim Bailey (Left) and Dick Jackel (Right).

## July Anniversaries

01	.....	Tony & Debra Fuqua
01	.....	Paul & Donna Roche
02	.....	Gary & Stephanie Browning
02	.....	Estill & Jeanne Lamastus
06	.....	Thomas & Rhonda Kelly
10	.....	Thomas & Patty Wimsatt
11	.....	Tim & Sylvia Risher
12	.....	Scott & Danissa Lewis
12	.....	Joseph & Mary Osterman
13	.....	Gary & Bonnie Broenneke
13	.....	Scott & Karen Stringer
15	.....	Joseph & Jodie Fulkerson
17	.....	John & Nidia Riley
19	.....	Leonard & Annette Kogut
19	.....	Robert & Carole Lastufka
19	.....	Rick & Kathleen Smith
20	.....	Benny & Cissy Clark
21	.....	Donald & Nancy Canary
21	.....	Thomas Jr. & Yvonne Hermann
22	.....	George Jr. & Donna Kay Calta
23	.....	Mark & Kathy Pietrusinski
24	.....	Michael & Glenda Hepp
25	.....	Paul & Tanya Ackerman
28	.....	Gene & Gladys Faller
29	.....	William & Judy Liscomb
31	.....	Dr. Joseph Jr. & Nancy Ann Morelli

## July Birthdays

01	.....	Michael Batson
01	.....	Dennis Meffert
02	.....	Ed Schwab Sr.
05	.....	Matthew Baker
05	.....	Brian Genet
06	.....	Steve Strange
07	.....	Joe Meyer
07	.....	Bob Scheidegger
08	.....	Dennis Chen
11	.....	Gary Browning
11	.....	Joseph Zirkelbach
12	.....	Mario Hernandez
14	.....	Charles Gries
14	.....	Thomas Wimsatt
19	.....	Carl Smith
20	.....	Tony Fuqua
20	.....	Wilbert Normand
22	.....	James Bowers
22	.....	Andy Cabral
23	.....	Dr. Joseph Morelli Jr.
24	.....	William Andrew
24	.....	Calvin Witucki
26	.....	Robert Belt
26	.....	Chuck Glaser
26	.....	George Mendoza
27	.....	Gary Broenneke
27	.....	John Muller
28	.....	Jack Matukas
30	.....	Stephen Vincent

## Important Dates

### JULY 2007

03	.....	Officers Meeting
03	.....	Charity Committee Meeting
10	.....	Council Meeting
20	.....	August Newsletter articles due
19	.....	Fourth Degree
24	.....	Columbus Club
29	.....	Corporate Communion

### AUGUST 2007

07	.....	Officers Meeting
07	.....	Charity Committee Meeting
14	.....	Council Meeting
16	.....	Fourth Degree
19	.....	September Newsletter articles due
28	.....	Columbus Club

### SEPTEMBER 2007

04	.....	Officers Meeting
04	.....	Charity Committee Meeting
11	.....	Council Meeting
20	.....	Fourth Degree
21	.....	October Newsletter articles due
25	.....	Columbus Club

Thanks to all who helped on the June 13th Adopt-A-Highway.

- **Dick Gensler**
- **John Goessling**
- **Del Hayden**
- **John Knepler**
- **Bill Liscomb**

Co Chairs, Ed Hurt and Tom Gaietto

## Corporate Communion

The next Corporate Communion will be on July 29 at the St. Joseph Church 8:00 a.m. Mass.

There will be breakfast served following at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

# Membership Report

Council 1315 hosted a 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Exemplification on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>. Despite the bad timing (Memorial Day weekend) by the Degree Team, we were honored by the presence of over 90 Knights representing six councils at our Council 1315 Hall. In addition to the Candidates and Degree Teams we were able to host two District Deputies and the State Deputy.

Council 1315's First degree Team confirmed the First Degree on 15 new Knights including nine new members for our Council 1315. The State Degree Team confirmed the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on 58 Brother Knights including 22 for Council 1315. I think it is very important that all members take it upon themselves to meet, greet and congratulate these outstanding gentlemen.

I am very pleased to report that Council 1315 once again demonstrated our ability to provide great hospitality and fellowship to this distinguished group. Council 1315 is recognized throughout the State for our great facility and fraternal hospitality. A big thank you is in order for the Cooks and all others who help to make this event happen.

This will most definitely be an annual event so let's get out and beat the bushes for Form 100 Candidates.

Fraternally,

Pete Buser, Membership



Nine new members were exemplified into Council 1315 on May 27, 2007. New members are Irv Watts, Mike Baas, Jim Barnett, Charlie Patterson, Rick Osborne, Nick Maners, Jamie Arterburn, Michael Davenport, and Jonathon Estes. *Photo by Bernie Schwitzgebel.*

## Knights Of Columbus St. Joseph School Citizenship Award

I was privileged to be able to represent the Knights of Columbus at the St Joseph School Graduation this year. This award has been presented each year for at least the last 50 years. The principal, Jan Lange, told me her sister received the award in the mid 1950's. Following is an explanation of the Award and this year's distinguished recipients. - Pete Buser

Each year the Knights of Columbus citizenship Award is presented to the eighth grade student or students who exhibit the characteristics of good citizenship throughout the school year. The teachers and principal base their choices on the following characteristics:

- Shows love for God, Church, Country, and one another
- Willingly serves the needs of the school
- Shows respect and courtesy to all students and adults
- Is dependable and responsible
- Is well-behaved and self-controlled
- Earns reasonable grades by exerting good, consistent effort
- Has a good attitude about participating in all school activities, both religious and secular
- Possess strength of character and the courage to do what is right

**The 2007 recipients are as follows:**

**MEAGAN PITCOCK (Daughter of Mark & Janie Pitcock)**

**JOHN MAGNER (Son of Nace & Mary Magner)**

# Communication

Many years ago I took a really interesting writing class in college. And although I recall the class was interesting I really remember only one specific lesson from the class. My professor stated emphatically that regardless of how a person goes about trying to communicate with another person or persons “communication” does not occur until a message is delivered, received, understood, and acknowledged. That lesson has served me well throughout my working career and continues to have many practical applications today.

Throughout the process of conducting the business of our Council the importance of keeping our members informed is a complicated and sometimes tricky task. Notice I say “informed” because real “communication” is nearly impossible given the limited contact between our officers and our members. Although we have about 330 members in our Council we only average about 80 members in attendance at our regular meetings. In addition to our regular meetings we use three additional tools to inform members of things of interest and importance.

Our monthly *newsletter*, Knightly News, is published once each month and a copy mailed to each of our members and the widows of our deceased members. Although a great deal of time and money is spent in this endeavor the publication of the *newsletter* is not without its problems. Gathering the information to be reported is generally very challenging for our *newsletter* editor because officers and committee members easily forget that there is a deadline for getting information to our *newsletter* editor in order that the *newsletter* can be printed and mailed in a timely manner. Correct mailing addresses are also a problem because it seems that when one of our members moves or changes their mailing address we are the last to find out about it. In fact, we usually don't know until a newsletter is returned because the member has moved and is no longer at the address we have for him. Under the terms of our bulk mailing rate *newsletters* are not forwarded to the addressee at their new address. Rather they are returned to us as undeliverable mail and we must pay an additional first class fee for each returned piece. So if you move please take a minute to tell us your new address. And please take a few minutes to read your copy of the *newsletter* when it arrives at your home.

Over the past couple of years we have collected *e-mail addresses* from our members for our use in notifying them of important and timely news about our Council and our members. For example, when a member or someone from their family dies we try to notify our members via e-mail so that they can pay their respects. We use our member *e-mail addresses* only for Council business and they are kept otherwise confidential. If you do not receive periodic e-mail news messages from our Council then we do not have your e-mail address. If you are not on the list, or you are not sure if you are, send a message to [council1315@aol.com](mailto:council1315@aol.com) and let us know that you want to be included on the list. And if you change your *e-mail address* please let us know that it is changed. In the future all news messages from our Council will be coming to you from the *e-mail address* [council1315@aol.com](mailto:council1315@aol.com). Please make sure that your spam filter is set to accept messages from that address.

Our Council also maintains a very informative web site at [www.bgkofc.com](http://www.bgkofc.com) and it contains lots of useful information such as past issues of the newsletter, calendar of current and coming events, information about members who are sick or in distress, etc. You are encouraged to visit this site often to stay informed. The web site was created by, and is maintained by, Scott Lewis, our newsletter editor.

All of these information venues are created and maintained for the purpose of keeping our Council members informed. If you ever have questions or comments please let us know what is on your mind. The names and phone numbers of our Council officers are listed on the front page of every newsletter and at our Council web site. Comments or feedback are a good sign that “communication” has occurred.

Bernie Schwitzgebel, PGK

## July Mass Readings

### Sunday, July 1

First Reading ..... First Kings 19:16-21  
Second Reading .... Galatians 5:1, 13-18  
Gospel ..... Luke 9:51-62

### Sunday, July 8

First Reading ..... Isaiah 66:10-14  
Second Reading ..... Galatians 6:14-18  
Gospel ..... Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

### Sunday, July 15

First Reading .... Deuteronomy 30:10-14  
Second Reading ..... Colossians 1:15-20  
Gospel ..... Luke 10:25-37

### Sunday, July 22

First Reading ..... Genesis 18:1-10  
Second Reading ..... Colossians 1:24-28  
Gospel ..... Luke 10:38-42

### Sunday, July 29

First Reading ..... Genesis 18:20-32  
Second Reading ..... Colossians 2:12-14  
Gospel ..... Luke 11:1-13

# A Message From Tom Parrott, Council Pro Life Chairman

**Unconvinced that a few folks can work wonders in defense of life? Check out Knights of Columbus Council 2169 in Silver Spring, Maryland.**

Information for this article came from the National Catholic Register Weekly Newspaper. Several Knights from Council 2169 have been praying the rosary outside abortion "killing centers" every Saturday morning for years. They were part of pro life prayer groups that were successful in closing two abortion clinics in the past four years - one in northwest Washington, D. C. and the other in Kensington, Maryland. **The Council's First Place Pro Life Award at the Knights of Columbus State Convention for 13 times in the last 16 years speaks volumes for those involved in this Ministry.** The Pro Life Chairman credits their success in closing down abortion clinics to the persistence of then "prayer warriors." In January of every year a busload of Council members participate in the "March for Life" in Washington, D. C. In March another busload participates in the "Maryland March for Life" in Annapolis. Every October for "Respect Life Month" the council does a "respect life" candle-light procession and rosary starting at their monument to the unborn in the cemetery at St. John's Chapel. The Council's Chaplain, Father Perkins then gives a "right to life" homily and follows with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the Chapel. The Council enlists well-known speakers like Alan Keyes and Nellie Gray to speak at their pro life kickoff rally to prepare even-one for the Washington, D. C. "March for Life". For the last 17 years now retired Washington, D. C. Auxiliary Bishop Leonard Oliver has been one of the rally's important speakers. Thomas Grenchik, Director of the "Sanctity of Life" Office of the Washington Archdiocese stated "it shows you the impact just a few fellow's have had on the "right to life" effort. Council 2169 members are to be commended on their active participation **in pro life activities** throughout the year.

**What about Council 1315?** As most of you know Barren River Right to Life conducts Nondenominational Prayer Services every other month at Planned Parenthood in Nashville, Tennessee. BRRL has been hosting these Prayer Services at Planned Parenthood of Middle and Eastern Tennessee for the last several years. We had fort) folks attend our Prayer Service on Saturday, September 2, 2006. That was the best attendance we ever had for this activity. Our last two Prayer Services netted only four participants. We were able to minister to some of the clients by distributing literature about the evil work of Planned Parenthood (the largest provider of abortions hi the world) and the stages of development of the unborn child. **These Prayer Services are an excellent family activity.** We always start with a celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Fathers of Mercy in South Union at 8:00 a.m. We then caravan to the killing center and conduct our one hour Prayer Service from 10:15 a. m. to 11:15 a.m. I assure you that this is not a protest demonstration but a chance to pray at Calvary where innocent blood is shed. I am convinced that we can stop the atrocity of abortion on demand fay prayer, fasting, education, and our actions. I can think of no greater way to please our God then to spend a Saturday morning united with other Christians praying for the most vulnerable of His Creation, His unborn children. **There is no greater evil in our country today than unlimited abortion on demand. Over 49 million unborn babies have been killed in their mother's womb since Roe vs. Wade was decided in 1973. As Catholics and Knights of Columbus we are called to be actively pro life.** Please mark the following dates on your 2007 calendar and join us if you can. July 7, September 1, and November 3, 2007. If you are unable or unwilling to attend the Prayer Service than please pray the rosary from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a. m. on above three dates of our Prayer Services. It takes one hour to pray the Joyful, Glorious, Sorrowful, and Luminous mysteries of the rosary.

**Please participate!**

*Tom Patron, Council Pro Life Chairman*

## Nondenominational Prayer Service

Planned Parenthood in Nashville, Tennessee  
Saturdays July 7, September 1, and November 3, 2007, 10:15 a.m.

All are invited to Mass at 8:00 at Fathers of Mercy in South Union then caravan to the center.

**Directions:** Take I-65 south through downtown Nashville, taking the W-40/65 South highway split. Then take exit 208 which is Charlotte Avenue. Make a right turn and go about 6 blocks to D.B. Todd Avenue and make another right-hand turn. Planned Parenthood of Middle and Eastern Tennessee is second building on right.

We will share Scripture, pray, and sing. This is not a protest demonstration but a chance to pray at Calvary where innocent blood is shed. Please join us!

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