



# Knighly News

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Pete Wyzykowski

## Message From Our Grand Knight

The day after last month's meeting, a thought came to me for this newsletter (normally it takes me all month to get it together). We were to have an Exemplification of the First Degree of the Order for a person who wanted to be a Knight, but one of those minor "life circumstances" prevented him from being there on time. Even after working long hours, he still wanted to be a Knight; and late or not, you, the Order, waiting in support for his moment.

I want to apologize for starting the meeting late, but to say, as well, that I am proud of each of you that stood there in support of this new member with respect and a welcoming spirit.

Do you remember that time---when you first wanted to be a Knight? Do you remember the reasons we share as to why we should be Knights? This last meeting impressed me that you, Council 1315, are upholding at least that 4th reason: to share in "a sense of belonging in an organization that . . . brings together like-minded men joined in a common cause, and offers the opportunity to develop and cement friendships for years to come."

If you forget these words, get out a new member application, turn it over, read it, and then find a person to pass it on to who should also be a Knight. Then you and them can "share in the sense of pride all Knights feel in knowing that their Order is second to none in . . . working for our fellow man. . . and in binding together. . ."

I thank you for your patience; I thank you for your support; and I thank and welcome Pat Mysinger...he wanted to be a Knight!

Fraternally,

Peter J. Wyzykowski, Grand Knight

## Community Activities

The Red Cross blood drive was held on September 10 at the KC hall. Twenty eight units of blood were collected throughout the afternoon. A special thank you to all knights and community members who so unselfishly donated their blood. The number of units was down a bit on September 10 because of the groundbreaking ceremony at Holy Spirit Parkside as well as other Red Cross collections in our locality in early September.

Charley Peters helped in managing the blood drive operation from beginning to end and Tom Smolen assisted much of the afternoon. All potential crises were averted thanks to the expertise provided by these two outstanding volunteers. Many thanks to both.

Del Hayden, Community Activities Chair

## September Birthdays

02	.....	Michael "Dwayne" Mattingly
05	.....	Eric Smith
06	.....	Ken Kern
08	.....	Richard Pierce
10	.....	Gerald Kieffer
10	.....	Albert Skees
11	.....	Robert Lastufka
12	.....	Douglas Barlay
12	.....	David Cherry
12	.....	Jeffrey Lipnichan
12	.....	Donald Meyer
13	.....	Pete Buser
14	.....	Robert Zoellner
15	.....	Walter Pudlo
16	.....	John Holms
18	.....	Michael Fuqua
19	.....	David Denny
19	.....	Steve Keene
20	.....	John Riley
22	.....	Timothy Kistler
22	.....	Reed Murphy
23	.....	Dale Jakel
23	.....	Michael Reynolds
24	.....	Richard Gensler
26	.....	James "Jamie" Arterburn
27	.....	Robert Pemberton Jr.

## Tootsie Roll Drive

Hopefully all members are aware that on Friday October 31st and Saturday November 1st, we are having our annual Tootsie Roll Campaign. This is a National Campaign conducted across the United States by all K of C councils. Most of money we raise locally for disabled youths comes back to our community where we then write checks to various public agencies for their support.

This campaign takes a lot of effort by all of our members to be successful. We only ask each member to contribute at least ONE HOUR a year to this campaign and every member is asked to participate. We need outside solicitors for each store location, kitchen help and money counters.

Can we count on you this year? Please call or email Pete Buser at 270-202-5087 or pete1040@bellsouth.net or Tim Risher at 270-799-6598 or TRSTOCK@AOL.COM to sign up. Thank you.

## September Anniversaries

02	.....	Steve & Stephanie Bass
02	.....	Chris & Laura Deglow
04	.....	John Jr. & Janet Haynes
05	.....	Steve & Mary Jane Swigonski
07	.....	Matthew & Margaret Baker
07	.....	Kenneth & Kim Kern
07	.....	John Jr. & Sue Schnell
11	.....	Alan & Judy Tourville
11	.....	Richard & Robin Zoellner
12	.....	Daniel & Mary Conner
14	.....	Paul & Christine Michalak
15	.....	Calvin III & Debbie Colburn
15	.....	Jason & Kristi Schnell
16	.....	Hank & Peg Picciano
19	.....	Robert & Georgia Zoellner
20	.....	James & Della Moore
24	.....	Raymond & Debra Symicek
25	.....	Bob & Connie Choate
28	.....	Chuck & Kathy Ledford

## Important Dates

### October 2008

03	.....	First Friday
07	.....	Officers Meeting
07	.....	Charity Committee Meeting
14	.....	Council Meeting
16	.....	Fourth Degree
18	.....	Family Picnic
20	.....	November Newsletter articles due
28	.....	Columbus Club
31	.....	Tootsie Roll Drive

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04	.....	Officers Meeting
04	.....	Charity Committee Meeting
07	.....	First Friday
11	.....	Council Meeting
20	.....	Fourth Degree
19	.....	December Newsletter articles due
25	.....	Columbus Club

### December 2008

02	.....	Officers Meeting
02	.....	Charity Committee Meeting
05	.....	First Friday
09	.....	Council Meeting
18	.....	Fourth Degree
19	.....	January Newsletter articles due
23	.....	Columbus Club

*Bingo is every Monday night at 5:00 p.m.*

# Family of the Month

## ROGER AND CAROL DALES

Roger and Carol were married in Beloit, WI 37 years ago. Later Roger was transferred by his employer Landis - Gardner to Easton, PA. They moved to Bowling Green from Easton, PA in 1974. Roger worked in Sales for a total of 41 years before retiring in 2006.

He joined Council 1315 in 1984. He is also a member of Father Alexander Korte Assembly 2231 4<sup>th</sup> Degree having joined in 2006. He has held the Office of Scribe and tended bar at numerous K/C functions. They are members of St. Joseph Parish.

Roger has served as coach with the BG Parks and Recreation Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team, score keeper for the Greenwood High School Softball team, president of St. Joseph School PTA, an Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts of America, a Staff Sergeant in the US Air Force from 1965/1969, and graduated from WKU with a Degree in Business in 2005.

Carol was a member of the United Way Investment Team on Increasing Self Sufficiency, a member of the Board of Directors for Bowling Green Municipal Utilities, a member of the Western Kentucky University Advisory Board on The Bowling Green Community, and graduated from Western Kentucky University with a Degree in Business in 2007.

They have 3 children: Michelle -36, Melannie-34, and Mary Agnes-28, and have six grandchildren.

## Knights of Columbus launches news and information site for Catholics

The Knights of Columbus this week launched a brand-new Internet-based news and information service for Catholics everywhere: **Headline Bistro**.

Headline Bistro is a website that provides a quick digest of daily news sources around the world that contain news of interest to active Catholics. Whether it relates to world affairs, national politics or news specifically about the Catholic Church, you'll find links to the original sources here. You'll also find video clips, detailed state-by-state information about voting and public policy, and recommended reading from the world of books. The web address is [headlinebistro.com](http://headlinebistro.com).

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## October Mass Readings

### Sunday, October 5

First Reading ..... Isaiah 5:1-7  
Second Reading ..... Philippians 4:6-9  
Gospel ..... Matthew 21:33-43

### Sunday, October 12

First Reading ..... Isaiah 25:6-10  
Second Reading ..... Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
Gospel ..... Matthew 22:1-14

### Sunday, October 19

First Reading ..... Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  
Second Reading ..... First Thessalonians 1:1-5  
Gospel ..... Matthew 22:15-21

### Sunday, October 26

First Reading ..... Exodus 22:20-26  
Second Reading ..... First Thessalonians 1:5-10

# August Membership Meeting Minutes

The Knights of Columbus Council 1315 General Membership meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Grand Knight Pete Wyzykowski with an opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A first degree ceremony was held and Pat Mysinger was awarded first degree status.

Roll of the Officers was called.

## Chaplain Report

Father Stan asked us to pray for Father Tiel and for Deacon Bob because they are having some health problems. He reminded us that Holy Spirit will be having their ground breaking ceremony for the new church at Holy Spirit Parkside.

There was a motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter. 2nd and passed.

## Grand Knight Report

The Grand Knight reported that there is a request for Knights to help with clean up after the ground breaking ceremony at Holy Spirit Parkside.

Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

## Financial Secretary Report

We have 332 members. 19 are in arrears on their dues.

## Auditors Report

All vouchers, checks and bills have been reviewed and have been found to be in order.

## Committee Reports

### Family

Family of the month for September is Roger and Carol Dales.

### Bingo

Attendance was up a little last night after being a little smaller this summer. We can always use more help, so if you are available to work on a Monday evening contact Allen Freeland or one of the other bingo workers.

### 1st Friday Social

September's social will be held this coming Friday September 12th starting at 5:30 p.m. Hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages will be provided. If you plan to attend please bring a side dish or dessert to share. On October 18th we will have our annual Family picnic. There will be a band that will play bluegrass and country music.

NFL Football raffle tickets are being sold again this year. Please buy one ticket or sell three. They will be available at this

Friday's picnic or at the next meeting. All tickets or if you would like to buy some.

### Community

The hall has been reserved for a Blood Drive tomorrow September 10th. Please sign up, and/or let others know about it.

NFL Sunday September 14th here at the hall. There will be cornhole, beverages and snacks available for anyone that attends. We will also have wireless internet for anyone that wants to play Fantasy Football during the games.

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# August Membership Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Golf Scramble will be held on September 20th. Watch for an email with more details.

Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on October 31st and November 1st. Please sign up to help, sign up sheets are available at all the meetings.

New Year's Eve Dance We will have a New Year's Eve Dance here at the hall and Skip Bond and the Fugitives will be playing. More details will be available later.

Holy Spirit Ministry Fair will be held after Masses on September 20th and 21st. We need volunteers to be at a booth. John Becker volunteered for all Masses, if anyone else can help let John know.

There was a second Reading motion to provide up to \$5,000 for remodeling in the hall. It was seconded and passed.

## New Business

There was one first reading items.

Knights of Columbus will be asked to provide \$2,000 each for Father Stan and Father Jerry to use for charity needs.

Bill Stewart requested help to build a ramp for his wife. He is hoping to get it done before he goes for surgery.

It was reported to the membership that two \$500 donations are being distributed to Barren River Right to Life and the Pregnancy Support Center. These items were previously approved as part of the annual budget.

4th Degree- We have the opportunity to have a 4th Degree Exemplification the 3rd week in April. We have to get 30 new members signed up for 4th degree in order to have the ceremony here in Bowling Green. If you are interested or know someone who is, talk to Bob Graham or Gabe Cabreal.

District Deputy Report- There is a 4th Degree Exemplification planned for November 8 and 9 near Clarkson. The September 14th 2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremony planned for Morganfield has been postponed. Remember on September 11th it is World Day of Peace.

Sophia Award - The Grand Knight reported that three of our members are being honored with the Sophia Award present by our Dioceses. Those being honored are Bernie Switzgebel, Don McCormick and Richard Douglas.

Pro Life - reported on a nondenominational prayer service at planned parenthood in Nashville last Saturday September 6th. The next one will be November 1st. All are invited to a Mass at 8:00 a.m. at Fathers of Mercy. Then a caravan will go to Nashville after the Mass. On Saturday October 18th at 9:00 there will be a worldwide Rosary for unborn babies. Members are encouraged to say the rosary at that time.

Keenland Trip - There will be a group going to Keenland on October 8th or 15th. We will either use the Holy Spirit bus or caravan with cars. Admission at Keenland is \$3. Contact Bob Williams if you are interested in going. He will be sending an email out with more details.

Tootsie Roll Drive - We will need help at the hall counting money or with a meal, so if you are not able to work at one of the store locations, please sign up to help at the hall. We are hoping for a successful drive this year.

The cooks were thanked.

There were cards to sign for the sick and distressed.

There was a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

## Insurance News

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family, and if you share - with those of your children old enough to understand - why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

Contact your field agent or myself to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that we'll perform, free of charge, we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget.

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## Nondenominational Prayer Service

Barren River Right to Life Announces

### **Nondenominational Prayer Service at Planned Parenthood in Nashville, Tennessee**

**Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**

All are invited to Mass at 8:00 a.m. at Fathers of Mercy new chapel in South Union. Caravan or take I-65 South through downtown Nashville, taking the W-40/I-65 South highway split. Then take Exit 208, which is Charlotte Avenue. Make a right turn and go about six blocks to D.B. Todd Avenue. Planned Parenthood of Middle and Eastern Tennessee is the second building on the right.

Our long term goal is to shut down Planned Parenthood through our prayers, sacrifice and public witness. However, we do need many more prayer warriors to join us. Five Planned Parenthoods all over the country have been driven out of business this past year because of prayer.

Please join us as we pray to end the holocaust of abortion on demand.

Planned dates for 2009 are January 3, March 7, May 2, July 4, September 4, and November 7.

# End of Life Issues (Continued)

Third, human beings — regardless of their age, illness, social station, or abilities — are never to be considered less than fully human. Speaking to participants in an international congress, Pope John Paul II explained: "Even our brothers and sisters who find themselves in the clinical condition of a 'vegetative state' retain their human dignity in all its fullness. The loving gaze of God the Father continues to fall upon them, acknowledging them as his sons and daughters, especially in need of help" (John Paul II, Address, March 20, 2004). Finally, the Church does not say that life must be prolonged at all costs. Patients or their rightfully designated authorities may refuse "over-zealous" treatments that are "burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome" (CCC, 2278). In short, only "ordinary means" for prolonging life are morally required in the case of illness and imminent death.

"Ordinary means" refer to "the normal care due to the sick person," including those remedies "that seem necessary or useful" (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Declaration on Euthanasia, 1980, part IV). The sick are to be kept clean, warm, and protected from infection and pain as far as possible. They are to be given nutrition and hydration, even when these are provided by artificial means (John Paul II, Address, March 20, 2004, no. 4; Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers, Charter for Health Care Workers, 1995, no. 120). These "ordinary means" should be distinguished from medical treatments that are overly burdensome, risky, or painful when compared to the reasonable benefit they might offer. Practically, this means that a procedure that is experimental, offers little hope of success, or is too much to bear is not obligatory. For example, a 93 year old grandmother who is partially paralyzed by a stroke is diagnosed with breast cancer. She may decide that the risks of a mastectomy coupled with chemotherapy are more than she is willing to endure. For her, the treatment would constitute "extraordinary means." On the other hand, for a 33 year old mother in otherwise good health, such an operation may be merely the "ordinary" means of dealing with cancer.

We should not rely on medical professionals alone to make these decisions. Medicine is an art as much as a science. Medical professionals can provide their best guesses as to the outcome of an illness, but ultimately God determines the length and span of our days. After gathering all the medical facts, it is helpful to have the advice of a priest or moral counselor to determine not only what may be considered extraordinary treatment in general, but also what may be considered extraordinary treatment in your particular case.

Often people who are gravely ill become either depressed or panicky and may have a hard time making rational decisions. While physicians can provide options, a priest or moral theologian can help you and your family make the right decisions.

Suffering does have a value. In following the example of Our Lord, the Church has always considered care for the sick and dying an essential part of its ministry. As the American Bishops explain in their Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, Catholics are "to see Christian love as the animating principle of health care; to see healing and compassion as a continuation of Christ's mission; to see suffering as a participation in the redemptive power of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection; and to see death, transformed by the resurrection, as an opportunity for a final act of communion with Christ" (General Introduction to Fourth Edition, 2001).

Accepting the suffering that comes with illness, old age, and the process of dying can, in the words of the catechism, "make a person more mature, helping him discern in his life what is not essential so that he can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to him....By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion" (CCC, 1501, 1505).

So what should we do? What should you do so that others will know your wishes if you are incapacitated and dependent upon them to make decisions for you?

According to the Patient Self-Determination Act of 1990, all hospitals and medical care facilities must provide written information about the right to accept or refuse medical treatment and the right to a "Living Will," and/or how to designate "Durable Power of Attorney."

"Durable Power of Attorney" grants authority to a person you designate, who understands your moral considerations and wishes, to act as a proxy if you are unable to speak for yourself. A "Living Will" is a signed legal document spelling out what medical treatment and procedures you want or do not want to have done if you become incompetent.

You need to be sure before you sign a "Living Will" that it does not contain actions contrary to Catholic teaching, such as allowing euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide. In addition, it should state that you want a priest called to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing if you are seriously ill. You should keep a copy of your "Living Will" in a safe place and distribute copies to your doctor and family members.

Since individual state laws vary, check with your state to see what is legal and necessary. Many dioceses have "Catholic Living Wills" on their websites that you can download and fill out. Without such advance directives, others may make decisions that do not correspond either to your wishes or to Church teaching.

Why is euthanasia wrong? Sometimes, in a misguided attempt to alleviate suffering, people believe that euthanasia, the direct ending of life, is an act of mercy. But according to the teachings of the Church, euthanasia is a "murderous act" and is always forbidden. However, a distinction must be made between euthanasia and permitting natural death. Euthanasia is "an action or an omission which of itself or by intention causes death, in order that all suffering in this way may be eliminated" (Declaration on Euthanasia, part II). It is a deliberate action (e.g. an overdose) or an omission that seeks to end the life. Permitting natural death, on the other hand, means that a person's life is allowed to take its natural course — which, for all of us, ultimately ends in death. In any event, even if death is imminent, the normal care owed to a sick person must be continued.

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## End of Life Issues

The Catholic Church teaches that all life, from conception to natural death, is sacred. However, modern medical advances have made end of life issues increasingly difficult to sort out. What is the difference between letting a person die and practicing euthanasia? Can Catholics have "living wills?" How much treatment must be provided to the sick and dying?

Since such decisions are often made in times of great stress, talking to a priest or Catholic chaplain can help you and your family understand Church directives, assuring that whatever choices are made are both compassionate and morally ethical.

Moreover, the Church offers not only the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist to help those who are sick or dying, but also provides the special graces of the Sacrament of Anointing. The Sacrament of Anointing fulfills the directives expressed in the Letter of James to pray over those who are sick, to anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord, trusting that "the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up" (James 5:15). Although "even the most intense prayers do not always obtain the healing of all illnesses" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1508), the Sacrament always provides strength, grace, courage, and the forgiveness of sin. The Church teaches about the end of life first and foremost, that life in all its stages is sacred. In fact, according to the catechism, "Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect" (CCC, 2276).

Second, because God is the author of all life, directly putting anyone to death is morally unacceptable. It "constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator" (CCC, 2277). Ending life, even for the best of motives, is always wrong.

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