



**St. Augustine Council
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1: BUSINESS MEETING

Please plan to attend our monthly Council meeting in the Parish Center at 7 PM scheduled for this coming Tuesday, February 1. Our chaplain, Fr. Stephen Pfister will be with us and speak on the "Forming a Catholic Conscience."

NEWS AND EVENTS

Knightly Service

The English poet John Milton once wrote: "They also serve who only stand and wait." This concept was fleshed out this past month, when council members were asked to volunteer to serve as back-up ushers for special parish events. Trained like regular ushers by Shepherd of the Valley Coordinator of Liturgy, Diane Orto, they would not normally be scheduled for service. Remarkably, seven knights and one lady knight volunteered to help the

parish in this role. A word of appreciation to all those who stepped forward!



Super Bowl Breakfast

Knights will be serving a French toast breakfast to parishioners on Sunday February 6 after the 8:30 AM Mass. The event will feature a special display honoring Fr McGivney about the Knights of Columbus activities in the parish. This is a once a year special breakfast and a good recruiting venue. Please plan to attend and assist. Table set up and kitchen works begins at 7:30 AM waiters should be on station in aprons by 9:15, and ten-minute take down is at 10:30 AM sharp.

Annual Corporate Communion

Council members and their families shared the Eucharist at Shepherd of the Valley Church, Sunday, January 16 at the 8:30 AM Liturgy followed by breakfast at Twin Creeks Retirement Community in Central Point. Deputy Grand Knight John Plunkett

spoke at all the Masses and the parish bulletin featured an insert detailing our Council charitable giving for the past year. A similar presentation will be made at the Hispanic Masses this coming weekend.



A moment of conversation during the January 16 Communion Breakfast at Twin Creeks Retirement Community.

Valentine's Dessert Social

On Tuesday, February 15 at 7 PM in the Parish Center, Knights, Ladies, and family members are invited to a dessert social. Our featured speakers will be Larry and Alice Mullaly giving a video/music presentation of their recent Rocky Mountaineer rail trip through the Canadian Rockies, regarded by many as the most spectacular railroad scenery in North America. Please bring your family, spouse

or friend and favorite desert. These are always fun events.



The February 15, Dessert Social will feature a video/music presentation on A railroad trip through the Canadian Rockies.

ANNIVERSARIES:

BIRTHDAYS

Members: Dave Dorman, Scott Eason, Joe Gima, Craig Johnson, Jim LeRoy, Chad McClure, Frank Pulver, George Sherba, and Leon Stupfel.

Wives: Marilyn Duman, Sherry Hutter, Linda Kolaso, Diane Mihocko, Melody O'Brien, Mary Roths, and Marilyn Rudd.

WEDDINGS: Sophia and Rodolfo Buractaon, Judy and Dave Grenbemer,

Alice and Larry Mullaly, Cecilia and Steve Obeso, Michelle and Jay Stockton.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun. Jan. 29-30 KC Hispanic Report
- Tues. Feb. 1 Business Meeting
- Sun. Feb. 6 Super Bowl Breakfast
- Tues. Feb. 15 Dessert Social
- Tues. Feb. 22 Officers' Meeting
- Sat. Feb. 26 Magdalene Home Banquet
- Tues., March 1 Parish Penance Service
- Tues. March 1 Business Meeting.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Prayers are requested for the eternal repose of Carl and Anne Wieland's recently deceased 15-year-old granddaughter. Also remember Brother Ray Burt, who will be undergoing surgery this Friday, January 28. Anyone who knows of other brother knights or family members in need please contact Chancellor John Plunkett at 499-0382.

PATTERNS OF FAITH:

A New Start

Each year in the days following Christmas, the world awaits the New Year with anticipation of leaving behind toil and troubles and emerging into a new season of opportunity and change, hoping for a year to be always for the better.

We are inveterate optimists.

We conduct political elections and vote with the expectations of improvement of our lot and the lot of the world at large.

In business we envision a fresh start.

In our personal lives we look forward to change.

When we envision or hope for transformations to take place, it is usually for an improvement or betterment. Yet deep down we suspect that change does not care about good or bad, benefit or detriment: it is simply change.



Our faith makes us optimists in an often-depressing world.

We may desire to leave behind "all our cares and woes, bye, bye blackbird..." Those of us with a bit of seasoning,

however, know better. Past the stroke of midnight we have the same aches, bills, and daily aggravations that we had before midnight. Still we continue to hope for change.

As Catholic gentlemen we have a better way. We are agents of change and improvement of the lot of many in our community, nation, and around the world. We have a “gift of service” mentality, where we join our energies in camaraderie and fellowship to being the hands and feet of Jesus on this earth. We change the opportunities and lives of others with our gifts of time and money earned by our common labor.

We donate monies from our dinners to everything from health research for parishioners with AED to maintaining our commitment to the unborn of the world. We set the example of faith-directed action and charity.

We experience each New Year with the advantages of our Roman Catholic Faith that allows us to set aside the errors and sins of our past. Through a detailed examination of conscience and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we emerge from “confession” with a fresh slate, and a true opportunity to have a new year, or better yet, a new life. Our faith further

supports us to face change with the assurance that we will be sustained in our journey by frequent Communion with God.

Every New Year holds unknowns and change. We enter this new time with the strength to endure the trials of life, with a mission to be agents of change and help, and with the wonder of a faith that provides all this and more.

--Doug Smith

**KNIGHT LINE:
US Bishops Urge Congress to Pass Three bills related to Abortion**

Three proposed congressional bills addressing abortion funding restrictions and conscience protections for taxpayers and health care providers deserve to be passed, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo recently told members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Cardinal DiNardo, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, sent three letters to congressmen urging support for the bills.

In a January 20, 2001 letter, the cardinal said that the Protect Life Act, H.R. 358, would address flaws in the new health care reform

law. The bill would prevent funds from subsidizing abortion or health care plans that cover abortion. It would also protect the consciences of health care



The need to harmonize public policy with the rights of the conceived new life has been emphasized in a statement of the US Bishops to the incoming Congress.

providers who decline to participate in abortions and ensure that the federal law does not override state laws on the same issues.

The proposal would bring the health care reform law into line with policies on abortion and conscience protections that have “long prevailed” in other federal health programs, Cardinal DiNardo said. The cardinal’s second Jan. 20 letter advocated the passage of the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act, H.R. 361, which

is “urgently needed to protect the civil rights of health professionals and other health care entities.” The bill would make permanent the Hyde-Weldon Amendment that protects private health care institutions that received federal funding from being forced to provide abortions and allows them legal recourse to respond to government-sponsored discrimination.

“This bill reaffirms a basic principle: no health care entity should be forced by government to perform or participate in abortions,” Cardinal DiNardo explained.

In his third letter, dated Jan. 21, he urged the passage of the bipartisan No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, H.R. 3. The legislation would create a permanent law from a policy with “strong popular and congressional agreement.”

“The federal government should not use taxpayers’ money to support and promote elective abortion,” he wrote. “Even public officials who take a ‘pro-choice’ stand on abortion, and courts that have insisted on the validity of a constitutional ‘right’ to abortion, have agreed that the government can validly use its funding power to encourage childbirth over abortion. “ The cardinal noted that consensus against abortion funding is so longstanding that many people debating last year’s health

care legislation assumed funding restrictions were already in place at all levels of the federal government because of provisions like the Hyde Amendment.

In fact, the Hyde Amendment is only a rider to the annual appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor and Health and Human Services and only governs funds under that act. It must be renewed each year.

Cardinal DiNardo said H.R. 3 would prevent “confusions” about abortion funding in future legislation. “Federal

health bills could be debated in terms of their ability to promote the goal of universal health care, instead of being mired in debates about one lethal procedure that most Americans know is not truly ‘health care’ at all,” he concluded.

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PAPAL AUDIENCE: On December XVI, Pope Benedict XVI received the Supreme Knight and Supreme Chaplain in a private audience. During the meeting, the Supreme Knight presented the Holy Father with the earnings from the Order’s Vicarius Christi Fund -- a sum of \$1.6 million for the pontiff’s personal charities – and discussed various initiatives of the Order during the fraternal year.