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Since the Grand Knight is away on a work related trip, he wasn't able to provide a column for this month's newsletter. So in his place I am writing this for the Council to digest.

Some people are similar to animals with their habits. Some are industrious like ants that are committed to cooperation with the community to accomplish tasks and provide for the welfare of the colony. These insects will find ways to accomplish their task no matter what the obstacle is that they need to overcome. Ants for instance will build a bridge using other ants to cross waterways. However some animals can be trapped in a pen that is not totally enclosed.

Lets look at a buzzard. If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, The bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner.

The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

The ordinary bat that flies around at night is a remarkably nimble creature in the air. However, he bat cannot take off from a level location. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly. It will starve to death unless it reaches some slight elevation. After reaching an elevated height with an edge, it will drop and start to fly at once, taking off like a flash.

A bumblebee if dropped into an open tumbler, left to its own devices will be there until it dies. It needs to be removed from this cup by someone or it will stay at the bottom. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists.

In many ways, people are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee.

We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up!

That's the answer, the escape route and the solution to any problem... Just look up!

Weep not for what you have lost, fight for what you have.

Weep not for what is dead, fight for what was born in you.

Weep not for the one who abandoned you, fight for those who are with you.

Weep not for those who hate you, fight for those who want and love you.

Weep not for your past, fight for your present struggle.

Weep not for your suffering, fight for your happiness.

With things that are happening to us, we begin to learn that nothing is impossible to solve with God's help, just move forward. As a Council of the Knights of Columbus we need to be more like the ant and work together and you can accomplish more and provide support for our other members who can use our help.

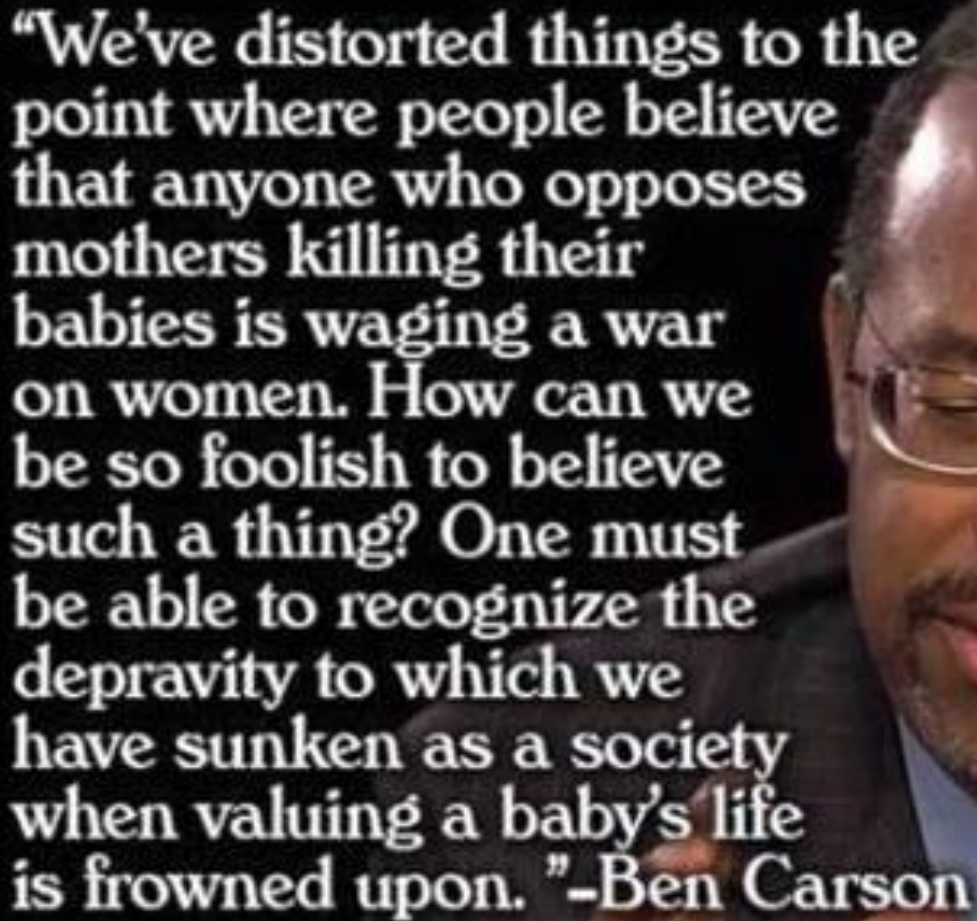
Sorrow looks back.

Worry looks around.

But faith looks up!

Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly, and Trust in our Creator, Who loves us.

Mike Hug – Editor



“We’ve distorted things to the point where people believe that anyone who opposes mothers killing their babies is waging a war on women. How can we be so foolish to believe such a thing? One must be able to recognize the depravity to which we have sunken as a society when valuing a baby’s life is frowned upon.” -Ben Carson

Upcoming Council Events

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All Saints Day – November 1

Selling tickets for Breakfast with Santa after Masses Starting November 6

Officer’s Meeting – November 4, 2021 - 4:30 PM Fr McGivney Room

Memorial Mass – November 6, 2021 4:30

Veterans Day – November 11 with 8:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Program at Madonna Hall

Gen. Bus. Meeting – Nov 11 - 6:00 – 7:30 PM w/ Rosary at 5:30 PM Madonna Hall

Shred- A- Thon - November 13, 2021 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Food Drive Frozen Turkey/Ham – November 17 & 18 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Thanksgiving Day – November 25

Parish Retreat – Nov 27, 2021 – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

What's Coming Up in Next 3-4 Months

- Keeping Christ In Christmas Judging December 1, 2021 Tentative
- Feast of Immaculate Conception – December 8, 2021
- Breakfast with Santa – December 18, 2021
- Christmas – December 25
- New Years – January 1
- Raffle Ticket Sales - January to May 2022
- Epiphany – January 6
- Ash Wednesday – March 2

Our Council Knights in Action

The Tootsie Roll Drive this year was deemed a success for the Council. We raised over \$3000 during the drive and we were in locations other than Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. The Council members lead by Joe Kowalkowski and Dave Lara had venues at the Sun City West Bowling Alley, in front of Bob's Variety Store, and at The Hole In One Restaurant to name a few of the locations.



Fund Raising at Bob's Variety Store Pictured L to R: Dave Lara, Ron Rinder, Bob Grether, Richard Stone, Deven Michael, Dave Porta, Mike Hug. Joe Kowalkowski took the photo.

The Council held a food drive on September 30, 2021 at the Sun City West Foundation Parking lot for the benefit of West Valley Community Food Bank. We collected 642 pounds of non perishable foodstuffs and also \$578 in cash donations at the event. We want to thanks all the members that helped including those pictured below and Sue Ward, Bob Miller, Marie Jouas.



Pictured from L to R – Joe Kowalkowski, Mike Ward, Dave Porta, Bob Grether, Dave Lara, Don King, John Heep, Mike Hug

Here is a photograph of the items that were donated to the Pregnancy Center during the Baby Shower Drive that was put on by the Lady's Auxiliary. What a great job they did with this program and the Council is truly blessed to have such a wonderful group of women that make their efforts shine.

Thank you to all the members of the Lady's Auxiliary for their hard work.





Here is a little bit about the baby shower from the meeting:

BABY SHOWER!! Many beautiful gifts were donated by our members and were on display covering about 4 - 6 foot long tables. A beautiful cake with pink and blue plates and napkins provided treats after the meeting.

We welcomed Katie Wing from First Way Pregnancy Center who gave us a little talk about First Way. She reported that their clients are very grateful for what we do for them. They never shut down their doors during COVID but changed from walk-in to appointments. They did continue to handle walk-ins as well. Classes used to be in-person but with 30+ mothers and babies it is now better on-line. The women take classes and earn "Baby Bucks." This helps them be more accountable. Part of their outreach program is to help the mothers understand their own worth. Most are unmarried and need council and education. An additional mission is an outreach to educate the parents on how to talk to their children.

The projects that the Knights are working on were brought up - Thanksgiving food drive, Santa Pancake breakfast, etc. The Ladies talked about organizing a "Holiday" dinner after the first of the year as a pot luck along with the normal holiday baskets raffle. We also have a Baby Bottle drive scheduled for March 12-13th and March 26-27th.

Blessings,

Sue Ward

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Those in Need of Our Prayers

A Prayer for Healing a Loved One

All our times are in Thy hand. All diseases come at Thy call and go at Thy bidding. Thou redeemest our life from destruction and crownest us with loving kindness and tender mercies. We bless Thee, that Thou hast heard our prayer, and commanded deliverances for our friend and Thy servant, who has been under Thine afflicting hand. He (or she) was brought low, but Thou hast helped him (her). May he (she) not only live but declare the works of the Lord! As Thou hast delivered his eyes from tears, his feet from falling, and his soul from death, may he daily inquire: What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me, and resolve to offer unto Thee the sacrifices of thanksgiving and to call upon the name of the Lord. May we ever remember that recovery is only a reprieve and that someday we will go to our rest in the Lord. May we, therefore, secure the righteous path and live with eternity ever in our view.

Amen.

Our prayers this month go to the Families of Brother Knights Larry Loseke, Bob Conen, John Mahoney, Henry Bianco, Joseph Kurzweil, Herb Strider, Joe and Harriet Kowolkowski, and others that need our prayers.

We also pray for Joe Dorsey - Mike Ward's niece's husband and Sister- In- Law Beth Brauneis , Mary Antonellis of the parish, and Heather Melcarek and her daughters

May they be healed and remain in the comfort of their family.
May God Bless their families and provide the spiritual support needed to provide the patience for healing.,

Birthdays – Years of Service

Member Birthdays

Years of Service

November

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Michael J Di Bitetto
Jon A Engleking
David S Krul
Samuel Pechkurow
Anthony Vincent Saputo
John R Sralik
Richard V Stone
William E Warren
Leslie E Wilbur

Richard L Eisenmenger	62	George J Becerra	24
John J Jesmont	61	William J Whelehan	20
Francis C Rohrich	59	Ernesto L Biala Jr	14
Msqr. Leonard A Boudan	58	Benjie J Dichitang	14
James A Geffre	53	Carlos M Medrano	11
Timothy D Crouch	34	Joseph D Everitt	7
Daniel J Kurtenbach	31	Charles F Marshall	4
Robert W Layne	29	Ignatius U Nwabichie	4
James W Scanlan	28	Steve Deafenbaugh	3
David C Fudqe	26		

Congratulations to Mike Ward and Gene Comstock obtaining Honor Life status.

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