



April 2009

Knights

Fr. Peter J. Welling COUNCIL 13576 NEWS

Winning Pro-Life Essay

Zachary Albin

IN ALL AREAS OF LIFE, it is important to consider God's plan. In our current society, most people make decisions about life based on what's best for me or what is most convenient for me. They don't really think about what's right or God's plan for all human life.

Abortion is wrong in every situation. Many women make the decision to have an abortion because they didn't plan on having a baby or they couldn't take care of a baby or afford one. Sometimes these decisions are selfish and are based on what is convenient for the mom. Most women probably don't take the time to pray about their decision or ask God to help them with their decision.

Euthanasia is another area where people lose sight of God's will. There is only one state in the United States where euthanasia is legal. There may be other places where it is happening, even though it isn't legal. God is the only one that can create life and should be the only one to take life away. If we allowed euthanasia,



Zach accepting his award certificate with Father Kipper, Mother Lynn Albin, and Father Tom Albin

it could lead to people wanting to kill themselves when they are depressed or injured.

Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy so we know that God wants us to take care of the sick and elderly. This is another area where people can be selfish and not want to spend time helping others. But we know that God wants us to treat everyone with respect, no matter their age or well-being.

Cloning is wrong because only God should have the power to create life. Humans should not have the power to create life. If someone was, cloned you really can't say that the clone is human. You have to ask yourself would

that person have a soul? Only God has the power to give someone a soul and it will always be that way.

Stem cell research is a very heavily debated issue right now. Many people think that embryonic stem cell research is okay because scientists are trying to use those stem cells to cure diseases. What people fail to realize is that they're killing

the embryo, which is the same as abortion. To follow God's will, scientists should use adult stem cells and not embryonic stem cells.

The issues of abortion, euthanasia, caring for the sick and elderly, stem cell research and cloning are all heavily debated in our society right now. To follow God's plan, we need to remember that God is the giver of all life. We need to treat every human life from the unborn to the elderly with dignity and respect.

Zach is a seventh-grader at Saint Patrick's

review

Pro Life Essay/Art Winners



Blake Krenk, Danielle Wilkerson, Zachary Albin, Isabella Lesiak



Official Welcomes

Gerald Frain and Donald Green were presented their official certificates welcoming them in to our council. They were the first knights to join by our own council's First Degree ceremony. Welcome, brothers!



Cash up front

Confident our April 19th pancake breakfast will be a success, a motion was made to present Msgr Hintz with the estimated proceeds of \$1000.

The funds will be used to pay for plumbing repairs at the church and school. The motion was seconded and passed with one dissenting vote cast by Dick Zierke. Dick has since been barred from using the plumbing facilities until further notice.

Grand Knights Report

One of the most satisfying things I did in college was to take three semesters of Theology. In no way did this make me a biblical scholar. In truth, I barely touched the surface; but it did enlighten me, and I enjoyed these studies immensely.

During the Lenten season, I am moved by the Stations of the Cross. They remind me of the suffering that Christ voluntarily endured for our salvation. I love the scriptures quoted in "The Way of the Cross", they are deep in meaning, and foreshadow the Passion of our Lord; and they remind me of the studies that I enjoyed so much in college. I would like to share some of them with you.

"Come, all you who pass by the way, look and see if there is any suffering like my suffering"—Lamentations 1

"At this I weep, my eyes run with tears: Far from me are all who could console me, Far from me are all who might revive me."—Lamentations 1

"Why are your garments red, and your cloths like those of the wine presser? The wine press I have trodden alone, and of my people there was no one with me."—Isaiah 63

"I looked about, but there was no one to help; I was appalled that there was no one to lend support; so my own arm brought about the victory."—Isaiah 63

Please pray with me:
Lord Jesus, you brought salvation to the world, you unselfishly sacrificed your life for our salvation. You were abandoned by us, your people; and yet, you alone were victorious in your quest to save us, and brought us new life through your death. We are eternally in your debt for this, and seek to serve you selflessly. Help us to serve you in the way that you see fit; guide our actions and our words to bring you glory. May our works speak of our dedication to you and show our fellow men that you are the way. In your name we pray. Amen.

Have a great Easter Season,
Grand Knight – Craig Arent

PRO-LIFE EDUCATION SERIES



In the Twilight of Life

Catholic Ethical Perspectives on End-of-Life Issues

Rev. Jeffrey Eickhoff, Ph.D.(cand.)

will give a presentation on SUNDAY, May 3, 7:00 p.m.

Saint Patrick's School Gymnasium

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC NO CHARGE

ahead

Pitch returns April 17th.

Mike Hosek announced the return of pitch tournaments beginning Friday, April 17th at 7p.m. The events are always well attended with participants coming from all around the city. But don't be intimidated, it's an easy game to learn and the friendly competition makes it a fun evening out.

Stadium Seats April 18th

Can you help sell and pick up stadium seats on Saturday, April 18? Kickoff is 1:00pm and we have to be there by 11:00am sharp. The bus will leave St. Patrick's at 10:30am. Call

**Family
of the
Month**

The Petrzilkas



April's family of the month is Joe and Leona Petrzilka. It is of great sadness that Leona pass away on March 6, 2009. She will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers go out to her and her family. Joe and Leona were married 56 years ago this month. They have been St Patrick's parishioners since 1968. They have seven children, daughters Sandi and Cindy, sons Lonnie, Wayne, Roger, Joey and Jim. Also they have thirteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Not only has their children attended St Pats school but many of their grand children have too. Sons Wayne and Jim are both knights in our council. Joe and Leona have been such a big part of our parish's family it would be hard to imagine parish life without them. Either helping or just enjoying parish activities the Petrzilka are always there. Thanks for forty one years of faithful service.

Pancakes April 19th

Be one of the first to flip flapjacks on the new griddle, basque in the accordion music of Alfred Steyer, and enjoy the fellowship of your brother knights. Shifts are as follows:

Time:	Last name:
6:30 – 9:30	A — G
9:30 – 11:30	H — Pe
11:30 – Close	Po — Z

Tootsie Roll Handout too...

Handout Tootsie Rolls after Mass April 19th (same day as pancake feed) and again on April 25th and 26th at local businesses. Call Carl Strom if you can help with either.

**Knight
of the
Month**

Dick Zierke



A recent study found that those surrounded by cheery souls were more likely to have sunny dispositions. If so, you might find it helpful to spend some time with Dick Zierke.

A founding member of our Council, Dick has served in many capacities. He planned and hosted our Tailgate parties, ran the concessions at our regional free-throw contest, served as M.C. for every STARS event, helps at the pancake feed, lends a hand at the Marion sisters grounds clean-up, and sells knights clothing at our monthly council meeting. All that is in addition to his duties as Lincoln Catholic Athletic League Director and high school basketball referee. Dick also manages to squeeze in a full-time job as Project Manager at Concord Enterprises.

Waffleman Cleanup April 23rd, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

"The Waffleman™" comes in and cooks the Belgian Waffles, provides the whipped cream & a choice of 5 different flavors of syrup and throws on some scrumptious sausage to cap off a great meal. Proceeds go to Birthright.

We knights are in charge of set up and clean up.

FROM THE FIELD AGENT

Retirement Income Options: However you wish to structure your personal retirement savings, the Knights of Columbus has a plan for you.

Our flexible premium annuity allows for deposits as your budget allows. You can make contributions as frequently or infrequently as you wish, and you'll always earn a competitive rate of interest and enjoy the tax-deferred accumulations that an annuity provides.

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Finally, for those who have more substantial funds to invest in their retirement, the newest addition to our portfolio is our VAN-TAGE Single Premium Deferred Annuity. With a single deposit of \$25,000 or more, you can lock in an interest rate for five full years (tax-deferred, of course), with some very flexible options once the five-year term expires.

As your professional Knights of Columbus agent, I can tell you more, and will be happy to help you begin to secure a comfortable, worry-free retirement. Call me.



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Calendar

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- 1** General Meeting
- 17** Pitch Tourney
- 18** Stadium Seats
- 19** Pancake Feed and Tootsie Rolls (Church)
- 23** Waffle Man Set-up and Tear down 5 -7:30
- 25/26** Tootsie Rolls (Business)
- 28** Officers Meeting 7 p.m.

MAY 2009

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- 3** Fr. Eickhoff
- 6** General Meeting
- 9** Join Hands Day
- 18** First Degree 7 p.m.
- 26** Officer's Meeting
- 30** Officer's Dinner 6 p.m.

Directors

Family Director	Terry Ryan
Church Director	Jeff Blaser
Youth Director	Kevin Landwehr
Pro-Life Director	Del Ridder
Education Director	Albert Schrader
Health Services	Carl Strom
Vocations Director	Dave Willson
Council Director	Stan Fraas
Membership Dir	Gary Taylor
Public Relations Dir	Steve Bieber
Newsletter	Steve Bieber
Website	Dick Zierke
4th Degree Contact for Bishop Kucera	
4th Degree Assembly #595—Gary Taylor	

Officers

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Chaplain	Fr. David Hintz
Dep. Grand Knight	Jim Petrzilka
Chancellor	Gary Taylor
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Treasurer	Mike Hosek
Advocate	Michael Fujan
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Outside Guard	Terry Ryan
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Trustee 2	Tom Albin
Trustee 3	Stan Fraas
Financial Sec'ty	Bob Kelty

From our Financial Secretary

If you do not currently receive the Courier or Columbia Magazine, please let me know so that State or Supreme Records may be corrected.

John R. (Bob) Kelty



Luncheon Committee

May

Buettner	Gerald
Buresh	Donald
Ceglia	Paul
Corder	Craig
Crook	Travis
Dailey	John

June

Densler	David
Doher	Jason
Doher	Sidney
Dolezal	Duane
Dolezal	Kenneth

Information that you wish to have included in the next newsletter should be submitted by the Wednesday prior to the Monthly General Meeting, to:

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