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Meetings

First and Third
Thursday of each Month

Knight of the Month
Richard Bourgeois
Family of the Month
Ramon and Sybil Flores

With more than 1.6 million members throughout North America and elsewhere, the Knights is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. In 2002 members reported raising and contributing to charity a record \$128 million and volunteering a record 58.9 million hours of service.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PROTECTING FAMILIES FOR GENERATIONS

Grand Knights Report

by Bill Huber



As we continue to strengthen our membership through attraction

lets not forget that our seasonal Brothers are beginning to migrate back to us from the Northlands. Also, lets not forget our Brothers that we haven't seen at a meeting for some time.

The month of September is going to be very busy and productive for the Council. The pancake breakfast starts up again, there's our Installation of Officers with the Columbiettes and Squires, there's the Parish Picnic, the Officers meeting, Bingo Kitchen every Tuesday and our regular business meeting on the first Thursday of the Month.

Since we are becoming so busy I would ask the Brothers that attend the meetings to reach out and shake the hand of a new Brother or a Brother coming back for whatever reason. And for the new brothers and the Brothers coming back, please understand that we welcome your help, ideas and opinions. As we believe in Jesus Christ so we believe that people

are more alike than they are different. It's that easy to get involved and stay involved when you are involved.

For our future boiler plate we have the Knights/Sertoma Carnival, The



Spelling B Contest, The Free Trough Contest, Keep Christ in Christmas (Christmas Cards), The Tootsie Roll Drive, Several Blood Drives, the Pancake Breakfasts, Something for KC Charities, and a couple of Special Social Events.

Please remember our Brothers and Family members that are sick or in distress in our prayers. †

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Chaplain's Message

by Father Joe Pastick

Pursuant to August's "Lets Get It Right" information by Elsie Ratke, I believe Fr. John



Dietzen's article will be helpful: In his "The Question Corner" he explains that civil divorce does not rule out receiving sacraments. This fact has a great importance for some "old time" Catholics. He writes in question and answer form:

Q: Our daughter became pregnant when she was 17. She and her boyfriend wanted to get married quickly, but our parish priest, learning she was expecting, said he wanted to talk with her. He told her because she was young they could marry before a judge if they wished to give the baby a name; if the marriage lasted they could be married in the church later.

As he predicted, their union lasted a short time. The pastor told her she could not receive Communion while living in sin. She left the church for several years but returned about two years ago. She still doesn't feel she should go to Communion because of what she was told nearly 25 years ago. Please help her.

A. Many readers of this question will be confused—as I was – about, among other things, a seemingly good bit of misinformation.

However, the situation in which you and your daughter find yourselves is shared by a huge number of Catholics with a history of problem marriages and subsequent uncertainty about their status in the church. For many of them I have a suggestion.

At very least it appears that some serious misunderstandings took place along the way. For example, it is true that priests occasionally give the advice your pastor gave to your daughter. In the almost inevitable tensions and pressures accompanying a young unmarried pregnancy, it is often evident that the couple simply cannot properly and maturely discern their readiness for marriage or give appropriate attention and time to the preparation.

The desire to give the child a name or to resolve the social strains on an expectant unwed mother is clearly not a reason to get married. When other avenues, such as waiting

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The Deacon Speakin'

Is the Bible Protestant?

by Deacon John Liggan

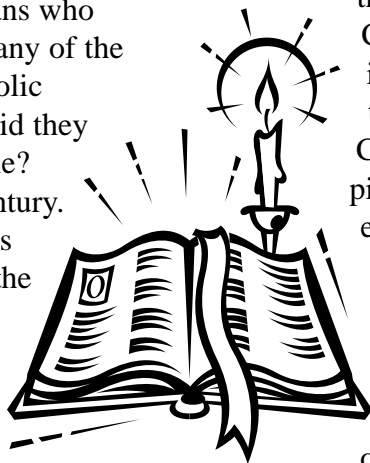
I was recently asked that question "Is the Bible really Protestant?" and the answer of course is a very resounding no! It is not. First of all, just what is meant by Protestant? Protestant by definition are those Christians who "protested" against many of the teachings of our Catholic Church. Now, when did they first come on the scene? Not until the 16th Century. That's over 1500 years after the founding of the Catholic Church by Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A church that was founded by St. Peter – The "Rock"- and the other eleven apostles. Now, the originators of the "Protestant Revolt", those like Luther, and Calvin were born and raised as Catholics. And only as adults did they reject some key doctrines that they had grown up with. Basically, what they "protested" against was the teaching authority of the Popes and the Bishops. That is, the authority of that church which was established by Christ Jesus. Of course they got around that one by denying that Jesus did actually a "visible" Church for them. The Church is an "invisible" assembly of all those believers who have faith in Jesus Christ.

Now, any organization has to have some authority, some per-

son, or some rule or document to give direction to the group. The first "Protestants" solved this problem by establishing the Holy Bible as The One and Only, the sole authority (sola scriptura) for all Christians. But, it is not unreasonable to ask, "Where did they get the Bible?" The obvious, the historically true answer is that they took it from the Catholic Church, for it was members of the early Catholic Church who compiled and wrote the entire 27 books of The New Testament. Men like Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Paul. They were members of our Church at its

very beginning. And that Church was a teaching, and a preaching Church. It was essential for them to adhere firmly to the teaching of Jesus and The Apostles. In this sense, the tradition, which was guaranteed by The Apostles and their successors, the Popes and the Bishops. This was the "norm" for belief, and for Christians living or morals. It became obvious then that tradition came to be before The New Testament of the First Century. It still follows that our Church, and her teachings existed before it became written down. In fact, how did the early Church know which of the writings to be included in the "Canon of Scripture", (The

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10 Things Social Security Cannot Do

1. Cover all of a Man's or Woman's last illness and death expenses... You receive \$255 Maximum.
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Time for Change

by Nick France
Editor

Don't look now, but change is all around us. In fact, it seems every time I turn around these days, something is changing. Although I'm told this is normal, inevitable, and not always a bad thing, when you get right down to it... it really is true. So let's examine the changes taking place around us.

Take for instance this newsletter you're reading. You don't have to be a detective to notice the transformation it's taken. The fact is, there's been a significant change. I will now be taking over the key roles of this publication, in an effort to enhance the look and feel as well as the editorial content. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Joe and Pat Schalk for their years of service to our newsletter.

The first thing you will notice is the name has changed, it is now called *The Knightly News*. For the most part the main writers will stay the same, however, we will expand some of the writing on features like "Knight of the month" and "Family of the month" coverage.

We will have more Supreme news and State news in our newsletter, this way some of our brothers and their families will stay on top of those stories that they don't have access to otherwise. Some new feature articles will be added, I also encourage guest writing by brother knights who wish to sound off with an article of their own. So brothers, if you want to write an article, feel free to submit it to me by the 10th of each month. I prefer to receive it via email at editor@kofc11680.org.

Another significant change with our newsletter will be the addition of advertising. In the past our council has absorbed the total cost of producing this publication. Now, we will be accepting advertising revenue to offset the cost of producing and distributing *The Knightly News*. If you, or someone you know, is interested in advertising in our newsletter, feel free to contact our advertising representatives, Dan Poulter and Nim Goering.



The newsletter is not the only thing changing around here. It is a new fraternal year, and with the new year comes a new slate of officers with a new Grand Knight. Let's all support our new Grand Knight, Bill Huber by coming out to the meetings on a regular basis, maybe volunteering on a committee or fundraiser. That would be a welcome change to have more brother knights pulling together for the betterment of our Order.

Also new to our council, is our very own Columbian Squires Circle. On Aug. 2, we ushered in a new error of youth involvement with our council by investing eight young men into the Squires, with more to follow shortly. We have a great team of knights working with our youths this year with yet another change. Although I will stay on as Chief Counselor of the Columbian Squires, I will make way for our new Youth Director, Matthew Higgins. Let's all congratulate Matt and offer our support in any way we can. Counselors for the Columbian Squires will be Brother Joe Beraducci, Brother Linus Palubinskas and Father Joe Pastick.

Another new, and significant change is our new State Deputy, Stan

Zgurzynski. Stan and his wife Dale live in Tampa and are no strangers to our council. We certainly consider them dear friends. There are new state officers this year and our council is home to a few. Let's all congratulate Joe A. LaGuardia, our new public relations director for the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Also, Edward N. Gongola, our new Knights of Columbus charities director for the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Let's also congratulate our new Florida State Family Activities Director, Kevin McMahon. We should all be proud to be part of a council that produces the type of men that continue to serve our community and our Order at the State level.

There's even change at the Supreme level as well. With a new recruitment campaign in full swing, the Knights now have a new slogan to boast, "*Building a Better World, One Council at a Time.*"

With so much going on this year, it truly is an exciting time to be a knight and certainly an exciting time to be part of our council. After examining all the new happenings this year, it is easy to conclude that it truly is "Time for Change." †

Nick France is the Editor of the *Knightly News*. You can email Nick with your comments at editor@kofc11680.org.



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Bible), and which books to exclude? Only those were included that were used in the liturgy of the Church, and which faithfully handed on that Holy Tradition, there were many very edifying works that were not included, such as the DIDACHE – (instructions of the Apostles)

Starting in the 1950's, Catholic colleges and high schools began to place more emphasis on the study of The Holy Bible. The Revised Lectionary, which is used at mass since Vatican II, also helped to educate Catholics on the value of Bible study programs. As a result, many Catholics now are much more familiar with the Bible than their parents and grandparents were. But, Catholics still have a long way to go. I am sometimes amazed in discussions with educated Catholics at how little they know about the Bible. Very few Catholics seem to know that there is a plenary indulgence connected with the daily reading of the Bible. However, one good sign is the many Bible study groups that are found in Catholic parishes, and that should be encouraged so that there is a Bible study group in every parish. You know, the Bible contains God's revealed word to us. The more you know about it, the more you will want to know, and the more you will love it. As Saint Peter said "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the word of everlasting life." (John 6:68). I taught Bible study class for a number of years, here, as well as in my parish in up-state New York, and it

has enriched my life in many ways. I am willing to resume conducting a Bible study group here. If there are any interested among you, why not get started now?? Just let me know and perhaps we can fit a study group in our parish here at Our Lady Queen of Peace. Speak now or forever hold your peace.†

Deacon John Liggan is the Assistant Chaplain from Our Lady Queen of Peace Council 11680. You can email Deacon John with your comments at knightlynews@kofc11680.org

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ing until after the birth when at least the pressures of pregnancy are absent, are rejected, the priest may have good pastoral reason for his comment.

One confusion arises from your statement about not receiving Communion. You seem to indicate that, even after you daughter's civil divorce from her husband, when they stopped living together, she did not feel permitted to receive Communion. Though many Catholics in situations similar to hers share her hesitancy, from what you have told me nothing prohibits her reception of penance and the Eucharist.

Two points need to be made here about your daughter and others like her. First many such cases arise from highly charged family events – unmarried pregnancies; marriage plans complicated by parents, pastors or other church officials; personal crises with Catholic schools; etc. – that cause

involved individuals to badly misinterpret everything they hear from family members or others.

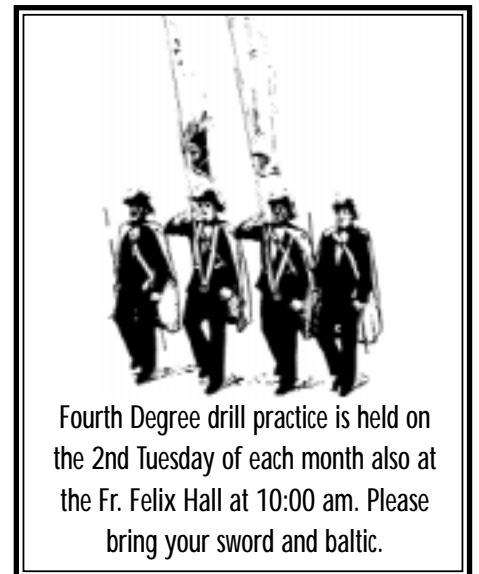
Thus, just plain misunderstanding often cause alienation that are unnecessary but which unfortunately continue for decades.

The second suggestion for those whose problems go back years, if not decades, is to talk again with a priest in whom one has confidence and ask his advice and assistance. Sometimes a different person's perspective, or perhaps a change in some procedure, can put a different light on the problem and point the way to a solution.

Please ask your daughter to do that if she has not already done so. She has been away from the sacraments too long.

Pass this information on to your family.†

Fr. Joe Pastick is the Chaplain at Our Lady Queen of Peace Council 11680. You can email Fr. Joe with your comments at knightlynews@kofc11680.org



Fourth Degree drill practice is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month also at the Fr. Felix Hall at 10:00 am. Please bring your sword and baltic.

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| Dick Bourgeois | 7-05 |
| Michael Zullo | 7-06 |

If you wish to become a Booster, please mail a check for \$5.00, payable to the Knights of Columbus Council 11680, to Booster, 5023 Beacon Hill Dr., New Port Richey, FL 34652 Your name will appear for one year in the Nightly News. Thank you.

The Founder of the Knights of Columbus

Over a century ago, in mid-August of 1890, one of the largest funerals in the history of Waterbury, Connecticut, took place. The throngs who attended were grieving the death, at age 38, of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.



Fr. Michael J. McGivney

Delegations were present from almost every one of the 57 Knights of Columbus councils that had been chartered in the Order's first eight years. The Bishop of Hartford and more than 70 of Connecticut's Catholic priests were joined by many civic leaders. It was reported that every available carriage for miles around had been rented for the great procession.

Father McGivney's funeral was an indication of the love and respect the people felt for this hard-working, holy, parish priest. It also reflected the deep personal appeal

that immigrant Catholics immediately found in the Knights of Columbus. Since that time, the Order's growth has never stopped. Today it is the largest society of Catholic men in the world, with 1.6 million members in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, and several Central American and Caribbean countries.

To mark the Order's hundredth anniversary in 1982, the Knights of Columbus brought the remains of Father McGivney from Waterbury back to St. Mary's Church in New Haven, where he had founded the Order. There he now rests in a setting in which daily Mass is offered for the deceased members and their deceased spouses of the Order and prayers are said in his honor. His cause for canonization is proceeding. †

The Knights of Columbus has established a Guild to advance the cause for canonization of their founder, Father Michael McGivney. The Guild gathers evidence on Father McGivney's life and character, collects information about favors people have received as the result of Father McGivney's intercession, promotes Father McGivney's cause for canonization, and offers spiritual benefits to its members.

Learn more online:

<http://www.kofc.org/founder/guild/guild.cfm>

Happy Birthday!

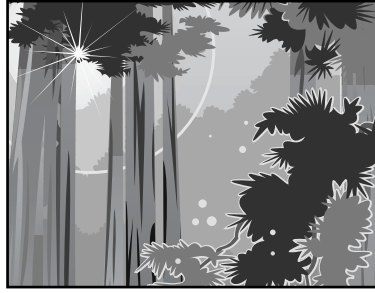


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 Lee & Helen Witt



Parish Picnic

Sat Sept. 20 Starkey Park

9:00 AM

Mass 10:00 AM

2nd Annual
 Our Lady Queen of Peace
 Parish Picnic
 All parishioners welcome

Fourth Degree News

by Sir Knight, Lee Witt

The next exemplification will be held November 28th & 29th in Orlando, Florida. Any one of our 3rd degree members wishing to join the 4th degree, please contact me for any information. You can reach me by calling 863-1064 or see me at the 3rd degree meetings.

I will hold a special meeting in the near future to give anyone wishing to join all the information, and the

document to sign for your 4th degree membership.

Regular monthly meetings will be held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Fr. Felix Council Hall.

Regular Drill Practice is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Fr. Felix Council Hall. Bring your sword and baldric.†

Lee Witt is the Advocate at Our lady Queen of Peace Council 11680. You can email Lee with your comments at editor@kofc11680.org

Support our Council's Squire Circle....

If you know a young Catholic man between the ages of 10 and 18, let him know about the Squires.

Call 848-6457

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Make a Friend a Squire



C O L U M B I A N S Q U I R E S

LEADERS TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW



I Love the "Knight Life"

by Nim Goering

My reasons for loving the "Knight Life" are many. First and foremost, it has brought me closer to God. Being a Knight has taught me not to judge people.

I have learned to be a lot calmer when things don't go exactly as planned, and to turn my troubles over to God for comfort.

Additionally, I have made many new friends. Working in the Bingo kitchen and Pancake Breakfast I have had many laughs and great times. I also learned how to cook. If anyone wants to try my cooking, all I can say is, "good luck."

I am the Council's Chancellor, and I'm also on the admissions and membership committee. I help with interviewing new members coming into our council. I feel this to be an important role in the council. We meet and greet new members before they come to their initial meeting. By doing this, new members do not feel like total strangers, they at least know the admissions committee.

I help with the new Squire's Circle. The only new one in Florida. It gives me great pleasure to see these young men taking a great steps forward, with the support of their families, towards God and Church. †

My thanks to Nim Goering for his article on why he "Loves the Knight Life." Nim can be reached at ngoering@kofc11680.org If you'd like to be one of the Knights to be featured in "I Love the Knight Life"... please email your article to me, or see me at the meetings. It need only be a few paragraphs... give it a try.

*Nick France, Editor
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Knight of the month – August

Richard Bourgeois

Richard "Dick" Bourgeois is our Outside Guard. He came to us from Massachusetts after retiring there. Dick has three sons, all of whom are successful professionals and four grandchildren. He works very hard to make our Bingo kitchen run smoothly, he is dedicated and a real team player. †

Family of the month – August



Ramon and Sybil Flores

Ramon and Sybil met in Germany while Ramon was stationed there. They have four children between the ages of two and eleven. Ramon is our Community Activities Director and he has been a big help in the Bingo kitchen. †

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Comments?

Do you have some comments about our newsletter's new format? Well, if you do, we'd love to hear about it.

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The Squires meet on the third Saturday of each month in the Parish Library at 5 p.m.

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September



Council 11680

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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| 7 | 8 | 9 Bingo Parish Hall 5:30 PM | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Pancake Breakfast 8 am- Noon  | 15 | 16 Bingo Parish Hall 5:30 PM | 17 | 18 Installation of New Officers Refreshments afterwards 7:00 PM | 19 Holy Hour 7:30 PM  | 20 Parish Picnic Starkey Park 9:00 AM Mass 10: AM |
| 21 | 22 Officers Meeting 7:00 PM  | 23 Bingo Parish Hall 5:30 PM | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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Supreme Knight's Address

by Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

Knights Urged to Use Strengths to Move Forward as Lay Leaders in Church

True potential of the Knights not yet tapped, says Supreme Knight in annual report

Washington, D.C. — Generations of Catholic men have grown the Knights of Columbus into the world's largest Catholic lay service organization but, according to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, the 121-year-old fraternal order has not begun to approach its true potential.

Anderson made his comments in his annual report, delivered at the opening session of the Knights' international meeting being held in Washington, D.C., Aug. 5-7.

"This past year the Knights of Columbus has grown stronger. We have increased our membership. We have increased our number of councils. We have increased the insurance protection we provide to our families," Anderson said.

Strong in numbers and resources, he said, "Now is a time for action. With all that we have accomplished we have only begun to approach our true potential."

More than 2,000 Knights and family members are attending the annual meeting, which has as its theme, "Building a World of Justice and Mercy, Freedom and Peace." Included in that number are approximately 485 voting delegates from the Knights' 70 jurisdictions throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Dominican Republic. Delegates vote on resolutions and elect new

members to the Knights' board of directors.

Anderson's annual report included year-end highlights in the fraternal, insurance and investment operations of the Knights.

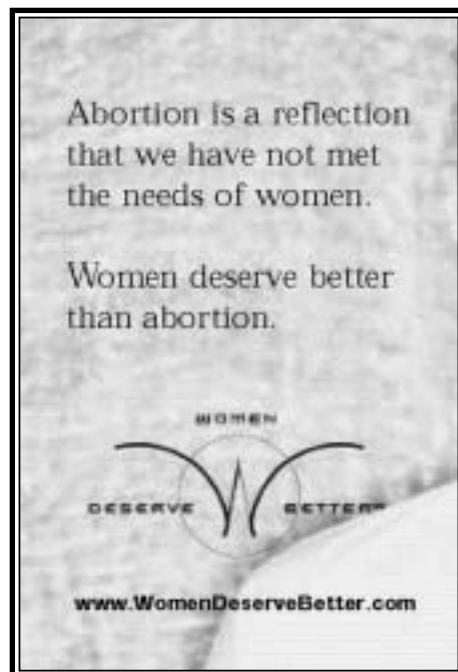
- Membership as of June 30, 2003, stood at 1,660,197 members, up from 1,647,771 in 2002.
- There were 12,274 local councils as of June 30, up from 12,079 units in 2002.
- Insurance in force was more than \$47 billion. The Knights offers life insurance only to its members and their families. The Knights is rated A++ (Superior) by the A.M. Best Co., and AAA (Extremely Strong) by Standard and Poor's.
- Charitable contributions in 2002 by the Knights at all levels of the organization totaled a record \$128 million; hours of volunteer service was a record 60 million.
- Assets at year end reached a new all-time high of \$9.9 billion, up from \$9.2 billion last year.

Anderson said during the next year the Knights would "redouble efforts" to have a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish. The founder of the Knights, Father Michael J. McGivney, spoke of having a council

in every parish. "To be faithful to our mission," Anderson said, "we must share his vision." The cause for sainthood of Father McGivney is under investigation by the Vatican.

Anderson said efforts would continue to recruit more Hispanic Catholic men into the Knights. "We must continue to broaden the membership of our Order so that in every community in which we are active we reflect the broad diversity of our Church," he said.†

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Pope John Paul II Sends Greetings to Knights in Convention

Urges Knights to further the Church's mission of renewal and evangelization.

Washington, D.C. — The Knights of Columbus can offer the world a powerful sign of the presence of the kingdom of God on earth if its members live hope-filled lives centered on Christ and his Gospel. That was the message contained in greetings from Pope John Paul II to the Knights' 121st annual Supreme Council meeting in Washington, Aug. 5. The papal greetings were delivered by Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

The pope encouraged the Knights to continue its programs of spiritual renewal for the Church. By growing in the faith, the pope wrote, one becomes capable of "discerning the authentic signs of the times, judging all worldly realities in the light of the Gospel, and working to ensure every sphere of personal, social and political life is enlightened by the values of the Gospel."

Noting that the "Church in many

parts of the world has been tried severely," the pope asked Knights to "reaffirm their confidence in the power of God's word" to solve "the grave problems affecting individuals and society." The Knights, the pope wrote, "can offer our world a powerful sign of the presence of God's kingdom and an attractive reason to rediscover the reasons for the Church's hope."

The pope also thanked the Knights for programs in support of bishops, priests and religious.

"I am particularly grateful," he wrote, "for the support which the Knights have given in the public forum regarding freedom in education, the truth about marriage and family life, and the need to respect the dignity and rights of each human person, from conception to natural death."

The pope also asked the Knights to pray the rosary, calling it an "outstanding prayer for peace."

The pope concluded his letter, signed by him on July 25, by imparting his apostolic blessing on the Knights and their families.†

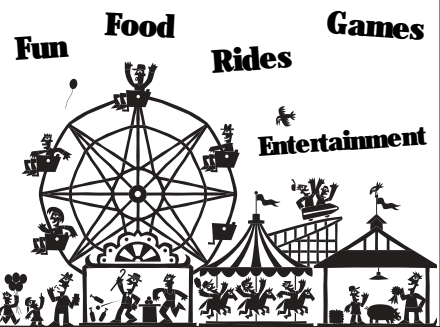
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