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Here comes March and the early signs of spring will begin to show (I hope Punxsutawney Phil was right in his prediction of an early spring). Activities were on the increase in February and though, as of this writing, I do not have the final February numbers, we were approximately 50% ahead of last February at mid month. More specific results can be found with in the newsletter and also at monthly Council meetings.

I would like to also compliment the Ladies Auxiliary and their chair Chris Carter for orchestrating the “Feed the Body” benefit at the Knights on February 8 in support of our soup kitchen and local charities. Over 175 individuals attended and enjoyed a great buffet, silent and live auctions, raffles as well as the experience of giving back to those in need. 100% of our net proceeds will go back into our community. Thank you all for your generosity.

Our soup kitchen continues to be well attended. We also have had a recent donation of new kids winter clothing. If you know of a Family in need please contact Chris Carter at 315 350-0388 for additional info. Also hold a spot on your calendar for the annual Ukrainian/Polish Ethnic dinner on March 3. Always a sell out so come early. A Special Virtues meeting was held at St. Peter and Paul Church on February 13. In addition Fr. Vasile, Pastor of St. Peter and Paul conducted a tour of the Church and a review of the Ukrainian Catholic Church history and milestones within the Catholic Community. The Deacon Dennis presentation series was also well attended. Several Ph.D. professors from Cornell and St John Fisher were key note speakers addressing a wide range of topics to include Astrophysics and Planetary Sciences, Atomic and Solid State Physics and Catholicism and Philosophy. Very inspirational and thought provoking.

So here comes March. The green month and a symbol of Hope is also dedicated to St Joseph. If you are Irish, or not, you get to celebrate the feast of St Patrick on March 17. March also ushers in the season of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday March 6. (Yes we will have an Ash Wednesday service at the Knights at 7:00 lead by Deacon John). Lent is also a time of introspection with an emphasis on the three traditional disciplines of Lent: prayer - fasting - almsgiving, especially to those in need. Let us not tire of doing our good works and penance during Lent but continue with enthusiasm as we prepare for the birth of Christ on Easter Sunday. The Knights will again host Friday Fish Dinners each Friday of Lent thru and including Good Friday. Maggies will again be selling fish dinners and the Knights will also provide entertainment each Friday. Several other activities will also take place at the Knights in March. See updates contained with in this newsletter.



In a continuation of my February newsletter comments regarding attacks on Catholics as well as the Knights of Columbus by politicians and others we must constantly be aware of these situations. Some situations such as the sexual abuse by priests are self inflicted. Pope Francis has condemned those priests involved and recently defrocked Cardinal Theodore McCarrick for his actions. Pope Francis went on to say that situations of this type will not be tolerated in the Catholic Church. The Pope also reminded us to remember and make people aware of all of the good deeds and actions of Priests not involved in this scandal. The recent questioning by two US Senators of a judicial candidate about his Catholicism and membership in the Knights of Columbus continues with other candidates that have similar backgrounds. The recent law passed by the NY State legislature and signed by Governor Cuomo as part of the NY Reproductive Health Care Act allowing late term abortions was recently condemned by Cardinal Dolan of NY along with the 7 current NY Bishops as well as retired Bishops of NY. Cardinal Dolan went on to say "Words are insufficient to describe the profound sadness we feel at the contemplated passage of NYS's new abortion policy. We mourn the unborn infants who will lose their lives, and the many mothers and fathers who will suffer remorse and heartbreak as a result". (excerpt via Sacred Heart/St Ann's Church bulletin 2/10/19) New York State leads the country in the number of annual abortions performed.

How do we respond ? 1st and foremost we respond peacefully and with dignity. We may choose to attend a peaceful gathering similar to the one lead by Father Miller from St. Mary's on February 23 at the Veterans Park in Auburn, reminding us of the rights of unborn children. We can contact our state legislatures, senators, congressmen etc. and impress upon them our concerns. We can discuss and make our families aware of our concerns. There is a lot we can do but we must act peacefully and in accordance with our faith and our conscience. Please take the time to do your part as we continue to express our love of God and neighbor. Let us continue to help those in need and stand by our Church and our Faith.

Fraternally,

*Jack*

Jack Baraczek  
Grand Knight, Council 207



Dear Brother Knight,

**I urge you to contact your U.S. Senators today, and ask them to take a strong stance against infanticide by supporting the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.**

**This common sense legislation requires that medical professionals exercise the same degree of care when a failed abortion results in a live birth as they would for a regular delivery.**

**The U.S. Senate will take an important vote on this legislation Monday evening, so they need to hear from you immediately.**

**Our Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll found that 56% of Americans believe that an unborn child is a unique life and 75% would limit abortion to, at most, the first three months of pregnancy. However, I think we can all agree that a newborn child has a right to the best care possible, no matter what the circumstances of their birth.**

**Please visit our Action Alert Center to email your Senators in support of this life saving legislation. If you prefer, you can also call their offices in Washington directly. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.**

Fraternally,

**Carl Anderson**  
**Supreme Knight**

*Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or just to talk. I would welcome your input.  
My contact information: Phone: 315 415-5325 E mail: jackbaraczek@gmail*

## **Special Thanks - I would like to give “Special Thanks and Recognition” to the following individuals: The list grows.....**

**Families** - Thanks to our Families for your support, understanding and participation in our KOC activities

**Finance committee** - The mission continues - year over year improvements continue— Bob Pine-Mark Carr-John Montone-Pat Crawford-Bruce Sherman-Dave Henry - for their continued efforts , professionalism and commitment to stay the course

**Charitable committee** - Bruce Sherman (Chair) Alex Vanderpool, Tom McNabb, Tim Delaney, Andy Sheridan, Dave Pappert - our mission continues - our charitable donations remain strong and growing - continued growth = increased giving to those in need.

**Entertainment committee:** We are looking for additional volunteers for our entertainment committee. Meetings are held once a month. Please contact me asap if you are interested.

**Capital projects committee:** We have formed a committee TEAM - additional info to follow

**Veterans** - thanks always to our Veterans - we celebrate you not only on Veterans Day but each and every day of the year - thank you for your service to our Great Country.

**Volunteer of the month - January - Chris Carter** - I would like to congratulate Chris as our volunteer of the month for February. Chris is always at The Knights lending a hand and volunteering for many of our events both for The Knights as well as The Ladies Auxiliary. This was especially true of her participation in The Feed The Body Benefit for the soup kitchen and other charities held on February 8 at The Knights. Chris was the chairperson that led the way. She, with help from volunteers, orchestrated the event set up and schedule to include the silent/live auctions, raffles, the buffet, decorations etc.. The great success of this event will provide funding for the soup kitchens today and next year as well as much needed funding to help charities and to those in need. Chris always gives of her time freely with an infectious smile and a let's get the job done attitude. Thanks Chris for your continued help and support of Council 207. Your actions and deeds do not go unnoticed.

**NOTE:** We will have a special 2018 Volunteer of the month recognition party in the 1st qtr of 2019 for all Volunteer of the month recipients. Details to follow.

**Deacon John Tomandl - Mike Skomsky** - Thank you for hosting up our Rosary Service each month at 6:30 prior to our Council meetings.

**Father Enright** - Enjoy your time on vacation in Florida - January-March. Safe travel and see you in the spring.

**Patrick Carbonaro** - thanks for your continued council and guidance in support of Council 207

**Lee Vanderpool** - thanks for your continued support of our newsletter

**Wives, Families, Significant others** - thanks for your support of our Council Brothers and members of The Ladies Auxiliary - volunteering takes time and effort and your support is appreciated

**Officers, Trustees, members of Home Corp.** - thanks always for your extra effort and support of Council.

**Jeff Gage** - Thanks for your time as President of Home Corp and always lending a hand with your musical talent and equipment. Jeff has also been reelected as President of Home Corp. for another term.

**Don Poole** - all of us appreciate your event and schedule coordination

**Jim LaMay** - thanks for your continued time and efforts in managing the bar and your newsletter updates. We will miss your spirit, smile and commitment as Bar Manager.

**Bar Manager** - Welcome Tom Crawford as our new Bar Manager effective April 1, 2019. We look forward to working together and continuing in our commitment to serve our Council and our Brothers and guests.

**Bartenders** - thanks for your continued wit, your humor, your infectious smiles and putting up with the antics of our patrons - thanks all for putting up with our bartenders. We are also looking for additional bartenders to supplement our Team. Please contact either Jim LaMay or Jack Baraczek if interested.

**“THE” Ladies Auxiliary** - Sandy and TEAM - thank always for your continued charitable contributions to our community and Council - your efforts and that of the Ladies Auxiliary

**Council 207 Brothers and Ladies Auxiliary members** - thanks for helping to promote Council 207 and also for your participation in Council activities and visiting the KOC

**Special thanks** - to the many volunteers that continue to appear in this section each month

**News and Views:** Results year over year continue to be very favorable, YTD February 2019 vs YTD February 2018 for both Council and Home Corp are within our fiscal budgets. Our gross \$'s in February were trending up 50% vs last year. Buy vs gross % continue as "Best in Class". The average past 3 months gross vs spend = 34%, vs the industry average of 41%. Every % of improvement = increased profits for Council and increased charitable contributions. Our financial committee continues to meet each month. Mark Carr provides an update on our fiscal performance, YTD, for both Council and Home Corp. Detailed financial updates are available at monthly Council meetings. Home Corp. is current with all obligations to Council. Based upon performance, additional \$'s are being allocated from Home Corp. to Council in support of our initiatives and charitable contributions.

Activities in February were very strong with 35 events scheduled. Our rental contributions are the highest in several years. Many organizations are booking their events/meetings well into 2019. It is very important that you contact Don Poole well in advance when booking an event. A debit/credit system was approved by Home Corp. We will delay implementation until we are fully staffed with additional bartenders. Our physical building is in need of repair over the next 1-5 years. In addition to the new roof we are in need of the following - painting inside and out - repair of outside rear wall - stove repair or replacement - coat parking lot - remove and replace rear landscaping - security system - new computer - reconfigure kitchen - replace ice machine - replace air conditioner (21 years old) repair outside walls, etc.. All have been identified at Council meetings and with in our finance committee . Plans are under way to prioritize and set up a schedule to proactively address all issues over the next 5 years. We will establish a budget and timeline and all will require Council approval. The financial committee meet on January 30 to review the time frame to complete and the path forward. We have also established a Capital Improvement Projects Committee.

**Building Fund New Roof:** Our special roof project is complete. We will have a special dedication ceremony, recognition and party for all that participated and donated. 1st qtr 2019

**Degree Updates:** We are planning a 2nd Degree Ceremony during April/May. (Details to follow)

**Membership Transfers:** We continue to process member transfers from The St. Francis Council. An additional 3 transfers were added in February

**Membership:** We have added 28 new 1st Degree and Transfer members YTD. 1/2 way towards our goal of 50 new members in 2019.

**By-Laws:** Our Advocate, Patrick Carbonaro, has advised me that the current BY-Laws for both Council and Home Corp. require updating. Patrick has also reviewed same with our former Advocate, John Rossi. We will be working closely with Patrick, Jeff Gage, Mark Carr, Bruce Sherman, Pat Crawford, John Montone and Alex Vanderpool to begin the updating process. As a guide we will follow the current BY-Law and Charter Constitution Laws received by Supreme. This is a significant process and work is still underway to complete. We will continue to update on progress in future newsletters and Council meetings. We are also required by Supreme to comply with newly established guidelines for Councils with Home Corps. This process remains ongoing and we anticipate a draft document with in the 1st qtr of 2019.

**Grand Knight Suggestion Box:** I am always interested in any and all suggestions and recommendations that are in the Best interest of Council 207. There is a Grand Knight Suggestion Box located at the table near the front door. Your input and ideas are welcome.

**Christian Activities:** We will continue to expand our involvement in Catholic Christian Activities throughout the year. Increased involvement by Council in activities at Tyburn Academy, St Joseph, Catholic Parishes, Champions for Life, Special Council Masses, Seminarians, Christian couple's events, Deacon Dennis Virtues events, local Pastors and Deacons, KOC Supreme special events and activities, Young men's group activities, etc. Important that we all work together to ensure success and sustainability for these projects now and in future years.

Work is complete in constructing a special permanent display area at the KOC to remind us all of our Catholic parishes and Catholic Christian affiliates and their roles in our faith community. Displays will be posted in the near future.

**Notable Events:** Planned events for 2019 - sports night - casino night - clam/seafood night, Old timers recognition dinner - Wine Tasting - bourbon tasting - Past Grand Knight cocktail hour - KOC Mass Dedication at Sacred Heart Church - Police Officers/Firemen recognition day - Pancake breakfasts - Mass at KOC - I have met with Father Brown at Sacred Heart/Saint Ann's and plans are also under way to host a "Special Mass" of recognition for Council 207. If anyone has Council 207 memorabilia, please advise me "ASAP" - Rosary prayer service prior to Council meetings - Membership drive local and after Masses - coffee hour after Masses - membership drive

**Ongoing Updates:** Please forward additional weekly update request directly to Rich Kloster each Monday. E mail updates will be sent to all Council members + Ladies Auxiliary members that have an e mail on file. We are also looking for a volunteer to assist Rich in updating the council web site.

# Mindszenty Report



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## How Religious Intolerance Came to America

Progressives' war on Christianity in America took a decidedly destructive turn in December when Democratic presidential hopeful and U.S. Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA) asked federal judiciary nominee Brian Buescher if he knew that the Knights of Columbus see abortion as the murder of innocent life and that the organization opposes gay marriage. Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HA) joined in the inquisition by asking if Buescher would recuse himself from a case related to abortion rights, and whether he intended to end his membership with the Knights of Columbus. Progressives like Harris have insisted that religion be taken out of the public square. They now seem to want Christians themselves to be expelled from the public square.

Progressive Democrats are one step away from asking, "Are you now, or have you ever been, or will you be in the future, a member of the Knights of Columbus?" In any other time, such questioning would have been dismissed as absurd. Now, as progressives march forward in their obsession with abortion, Catholics are a natural target. The senators' questioning reflected overt anti-Catholicism and a disregard for religious toleration.

Religious toleration is unique to the West and developed in America through long struggle. Even after ratification of the First Amendment guaranteeing religious liberty as a constitutional right, anti-Catholicism remained a virulent force in American politics.

That Democrats such as Harris and Hirono feel politically safe attacking the Knights of Columbus shows how dismissive progressives are of the Catholic vote, once the core of the Democratic Party in the North. For these progressives the Catholic vote is less important than the pro-abortion female vote. Partisan politics aside, though, Harris and Hirono appear ignorant of the long struggle to ensure religious liberty in the nation.

Harris, who has presidential aspirations, sought to stake out her claim as a true progressive by challenging Brian Buescher's appointment to the federal district court in

Nebraska. In a series of written questions to Buescher, she posed the following question, which is worth quoting at length to get a full sense of the tone and implications of her pro-abortion and pro-gay marriage views:

"Since 1993, you have been a member of the Knights of Columbus, an all-male society composed primarily of Catholic men. In 2016, Carl Anderson, leader of the Knights of Columbus, described abortion as 'a legal regime that has resulted in more than 40 million deaths.' Mr. Anderson went on to say that 'abortion is the killing of the innocent on a massive scale.' Were you aware that the Knights of Columbus opposed a woman's right to choose when you joined the organization?"

Harris also asked Buescher, "Were you aware that the Knights of Columbus oppose marriage equality when you joined the organization?" and "Have you ever, in any way, assisted with or contributed to advocacy against women's reproductive rights?"

### Democrats' Anti-Catholicism

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men. Founded in 1882 as a mutual benefit society to provide relief for working men and immigrants, the Knights of Columbus is one of the few male fraternal organizations that continue to grow. Today it has around 2 million members in the United States and Canada. The Knights undertake admirable charity work in their communities, including food and clothing drives, after-school programs, Catholic education, and disaster relief.<sup>1</sup> The Knights support Catholic social teachings and serve as a sort of Catholic anti-defamation league. The Knights' positions on abortion and marriage are traditional Catholic doctrine. It is laughable to portray the Knights as an extremist organization.

Buescher, who was nominated by President Trump for a federal judgeship in Nebraska, replied that he had

it is virtually a hate crime to dress as a Nazi or Native American.

Vile caricatures of Catholic boys' high school students circulated during the Brett Kavanaugh hearings last summer and then again in the wake of a viral video of Kentucky Catholic boys waiting for a bus following the annual March for Life in Washington, DC on January 19. A storm of initial media reports wrongly portrayed the MAGA-capped boys as intimidating an elderly Native American man beating a drum. After the boys were widely vilified and threatened and their diocese and Catholic school rushed to condemn them, further analysis of video footage revealed that the boys had behaved in a peaceful, exemplary fashion after provocation by verbally vicious "Black Hebrew Israelites" and by puzzling Native American agitators. Many news organs and commentators, quick to stereotype the students as entitled racist Catholic-school boys, had to eat crow.

### Earlier Anti-Catholicism in the U.S.

These expressions of anti-Catholicism in American culture today parallel a long, unseemly tradition of anti-Catholicism in American history. Anti-Catholicism was deeply rooted in Protestant America. The first Puritan settlers in New England were anti-Catholic. They came to the New World because they believed that the Church of England was too Catholic in its liturgy, vestments and church interiors. They sought a purified Protestant church and feared efforts by the royal house and church ministers to restore Catholicism to the established church and the English nation.

Anti-Catholic prejudice carried over into the 19th-century United States. Mobs were aroused with warnings that recently arrived Catholic immigrants were tools of a Vatican conspiracy to turn America over to the pope. In 1834, an anti-Catholic mob in Massachusetts burned a convent to the ground. The mob had been stirred by tales that young women were being abused by priests in the convent school. In Philadelphia, anti-Catholic sentiment fueled Bible Riots in 1844 in which Catholic houses were torched, two Catholic churches destroyed and at least 20 people killed.

Anti-Catholicism seems to be on the rise in popular culture.<sup>2</sup> Catholic faithful are portrayed as bigots and hypocrites in movies, television and other media. Priests are broadly painted as pedophiles. It is deemed acceptable at Halloween for a man to dress up as a nun or priest and go to a party holding hands with another man, while

Anti-Catholicism spilled into American politics. The short-lived 1850s Know Nothing movement believed a "Romanist" conspiracy was threatening civil and religious liberties of Protestants. The 1856 Republican presidential candidate John Fremont was attacked widely because his wife was Catholic. Rumors circulated that Fremont had secretly attended a Catholic mass. Bigotry against Catholics continued into the late 19th century. The American Protective Association, an anti-immigrant

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joined the Knights when he was 18 years old and had been involved in charitable work for the Knights. As to whether he could be a fair judge, given his strong Catholic views, he wrote that his role as a judge is to apply the law regardless of his personal convictions. Buescher added, "The Knights of Columbus does not have the authority to take personal political positions on behalf of all of its approximately two million members. If confirmed, I will apply all provisions of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges regarding recusal and disqualification."<sup>3</sup>

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), now chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, reiterated the point when he tweeted to Buescher, "Hopefully, in the eyes of Democrats you are not disqualified to be a judge because of your religious affiliations and beliefs. The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic charitable organization who have genuinely held beliefs about marriage & abortion."<sup>4</sup>

### A Shameful History

This assault on Catholics as unsuitable to be judges was in evidence in the Brett Kavanaugh hearings in the Senate Judiciary Committee last summer. But this line of questioning of Catholic nominees as to whether they can be fit judges is not new. It was apparent in the Robert Bork hearings in 1987 under President Reagan. Bork, an eminently qualified jurist, was pilloried at the hearings as an extremist. Underlying the attacks that eventually led to Bork's defeat was an implication that his judicial views on the Constitution were extreme because of his conversion to Catholicism.

Last March, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), once known as a centrist, challenged Michael Scudder, who had been nominated to the Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. She raised questions about his parish work to establish a residential crisis-prayer center. This was followed in May when the Democratic Senator Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island (a state founded on the concept of religious liberty) queried Peter J. Phillips about his association with the Knights. Last October, Feinstein, Harris and three other Democrats challenged Fourth Circuit nominee Allison Jones Rushing about her association with the Alliance Defending Freedom, a legal organization supporting religious liberty.

In November, Feinstein went after Third Circuit nominee Paul Matey by asking him if he would recuse himself from all cases involving positions taken by the Knights of Columbus. Recall, too, that Feinstein admonished the Catholic nominee Amy Coney Barrett in her confirmation hearings for the Seventh Circuit that her writings showed that "the dogma lives loudly within you, and that's a concern."<sup>5</sup>

Anti-Christian innuendo has not been directed exclusively at Catholics. Traditional Anglicans, Baptists and evangelical Protestants have also been on the receiving end when nominated for court and administrative positions by the Trump administration. Even Karen Pence, wife of Vice President Mike Pence, was the subject of critical coverage by the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times* and CNN in January. Her offense: accepting a part-time position teaching art at a Christian school with a code of conduct opposing "sexual immorality, homosexual activity or bi-sexual activity" and same-sex marriage—that is, the school supports Biblical principles about human sexuality.

Raising questions about the compatibility of traditional religious beliefs with public service is the same kind of attack that John F. Kennedy and Al Smith, both Catholics, endured in their presidential bids. Smith was defeated in 1928 in large part because of his religious affiliation—Catholic, which was associated with being anti-Prohibition or "a wet."

Kennedy deflected charges that as a Catholic he might be more obedient to the Vatican than to the U.S. Constitution. Religious bigotry did not work in 1960 as it had in 1928. Progressive Democrats are gambling that it might work today—that pro-abortion and pro-gay marriage voters will outweigh Catholic voters who cast ballots based on their faith.

### Modest Blowback

New Democrats have broken ranks with Feinstein, Harris et al. in condemning this prejudice. An exception is Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, who announced she is seeking the Democratic nomination for president. Gabbard wrote an op-ed for *The Hill* accusing Senator Hirono and other Democrats of having "weaponized religion for their own selfish gains."<sup>6</sup>

Hirono returned fire quickly, declaring that "Over the past two years, the Senator has been attacked by right wing ideologues for her examination of Donald Trump's ideologically driven nominees to the court. It is unfortunate that Congresswoman Gabbard based her misguided opinion on the far-right wing manipulation of these straightforward questions." Hirono added that all of Trump's judicial nominees have taken "very strong positions on issues such as a woman's right to choose, LGBT rights, all of that—contrary to Supreme Court decisions, by the way."<sup>7</sup>

The exchange did not end there. Gabbard's spokesperson Lauren McIlvane replied that Rep. Gabbard will "always fight for religious freedom and oppose religious bigotry—no matter where it comes from or to whom it's directed."<sup>8</sup>

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Political observers conjectured that Gabbard was just seeking publicity for her presidential run that might attract Catholic voters. The issue of religious bigotry was lost in the world of political pundits who like to see any press statement as spin and not a genuine expression of belief. Gabbard's father is a devout Hindu. Whatever her political ambitions, she has a stake in defending religious liberty for personal reasons.

Fortunately, the Senate as a whole had the good sense to implicitly rebuke Harris and Hirono. On January 16 the Senate approved without objection a resolution affirming "the sense of the Senate that disqualifying a nominee to federal office on the basis of membership in the Knights of Columbus violates the Constitution of the United States."

### Double Standards

Both Harris and Hirono showed how flexible (and political) are their standards of religious toleration. When President Trump imposed travel restrictions upon travelers from specific countries, Hirono described the policy as "a dark day for our country. Every time our country has singled out a minority group for discriminatory treatment, we have been proven very, very wrong."<sup>9</sup> The travel restriction issued by President Trump, later upheld by the courts, was not a restriction on Muslims generally but on travelers from specific nations, some of which have large Muslim populations. This distinction did not matter to Hirono or Harris.

Nobody asked Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who had headed the American Civil Liberties Union reproductive rights project, whether she could make a fair judgment as to reproductive rights when confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court. If professing religious faith excludes any nominee to the court, the outcome would be a blanket exclusion of all faithful Christians, Jews, Muslims and Hindus from the court. Somewhere along the line, professing religious faith has become for progressives the equivalent of Communist Party membership in the 1950s. In fact, it seems that for some progressives it is more acceptable to have shown support for Soviet Communism than to be a Catholic. John Brennan, the head of the Central Intelligence Agency during the Obama administration, voted for Communist presidential candidate Gut Hall in 1976.

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anti-Catholic organization, became a powerful force in Republican politics. The Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s combined racism and anti-Catholicism.

### Foundations of Religious Toleration

Religious toleration is a hallmark of American exceptionalism. Religious toleration did not come easily to America, however. The great exponent of religious toleration Roger Williams was driven out of Massachusetts in the 1630s in part because of his belief in liberty of conscience. He made the colony of Rhode Island a refuge for those with dissenting religious beliefs. Williams was not a modern-day civil libertarian, but he believed in separation of church and state because he feared that an established religion allowed the state to corrupt the church.

Williams upheld the principle of "Liberty of Conscience" or "Soul Liberty." He used an analogy of what he meant by this radical concept:

"There goes many a Ship to Sea, with many a Hundred Souls in one Ship... a true Picture of a Common-Wealth, or a Human Combination, or Society... Papists, Protestants, Jews and Turks may be embarked into one Ship... [A]ll the Liberty of Conscience that I ever pleaded for, turns upon these two Hinges, that none of the Papists, Protestants, Jews, or Turks be forced to come to the Ship's Prayers or Worship, nor, secondly be compelled from their own particular Prayers or Worship..."<sup>11</sup>

He discounted fears of anarchy in a world of religious diversity. In a world of liberty, he explained, the commander of the ship should set the ship's course, and if any seamen or passengers failed to perform their service or pay their freight or refused to obey the common laws of the ship, such transgressors should be punished.

Williams's belief in religious toleration, or liberty of conscience, was embodied in the First Amendment to the U.S.

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Constitution, a unique document for its age. Religious toleration remains fundamental to our experiment in good government and civil life.

Progressives fail to understand how fragile our experiment is in bringing people of different faiths to live together. Much of the history of mankind has involved destructive wars over religion. Progressives such as Senators Harris and Hirono, in raising anti-Catholic fears for political gain and as a means of thwarting Trump's court appointees, are pursuing a dangerous agenda that reaches beyond immediate partisan gain. Inflaming religious passions threatens a well-ordered society, as the framers of the First Amendment to the Constitution understood.

Christians—including Catholics, evangelical Protestants and Mormons—are under assault by cultural elites. We don't need our elected representatives joining this anti-Christian crusade. We will defend our liberties, replying to them: Shame, shame, you destroyers of liberty! We will defend ourselves in print, at the ballot box, and through our free exercise as Christians to pray for the preservation of our nation.

<sup>1</sup> Quoted in Mathew Conti, "Kamala Harris's Outrageous Assault on the Knights of Columbus," *National Review*, January 12, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Knights of Columbus charity efforts are described in <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/knights-of-charity.html>.

<sup>3</sup> Quoted in Matt Richardson, "Dems Accuse of Religious Bigotry for Questioning Trump Court Pick's Knights of Columbus Ties," *Fox News*, December 24, 2018.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> These cases are recounted in length in Mathew Conti, "Kamala Harris's Outrageous Assault on the Knights of Columbus," *National Review*, January 12, 2019.

<sup>6</sup> Steve Cortes, "Anti-Catholic Senators," *Real Clear Politics*, December 26, 2018.

<sup>7</sup> Alexander Bolton, "Gabbard-Hirono Clash Shocks Hawaii," *The Hill*, December 12, 2019.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.

<sup>10</sup> Steve Cortes, "Anti-Catholic Senators," *Real Clear Politics*, December 26, 2018.

<sup>11</sup> James Martin, "The Last Acceptable Prejudice?" *America Magazine*, March 25, 2000, recounts anti-Catholicism over two decades ago.

<sup>12</sup> Quoted in John M. Barry, *Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul* (New York, 2012), p. 365.

### Mindszenty Report Reprints

**WHAT'S UP WITH THE SUBURBS AND REPUBLICANS?** Further analysis of the U.S. November 2018 elections reveals that Republican candidates have a growing problem in large-city suburbs, where they lost ground with both male and female voters. Capitalizing on social issues is not the solution.

Ask for 1/19

**WHAT TO MAKE OF THE 2018 ELECTIONS.** A combination of big campaign contributions, suburban college-educated voters, and candidates projecting a moderate image helped turn many Congressional seats Democratic, creating new challenges to

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## NOTE OF THANKS FROM CHRIS....

On behalf of the committee (Mimi Brooks, Beth Butera, Christina Carter, Mary Currier, Sandy Jorgensen, Molly McKeon and Beth Rabuano) we would like to thank everyone that donated, attended and supported "FEED THE BODY FEED THE SPIRIT BENEFIT" to make it a successful event.

Major Sponsors for the Event: Auburn Crane & Rigging Inc., Buschman Consulting, Norman J. Chirco Law, R.G. Wright Agency, Inc., Savannah Bank, Tompkins Trust Company and Turner Construction Company.

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Special thanks to our MC, Whip Winslow, along with Mike Charles for donating the wheel barrel, Mallorie Kilmer for panting the wheel barrel and the following list of people that helped fill the wheel barrel: Auburn Discount Liquor, B.E. Wright Distributing Corp, Jake's Discount Liquor Store, Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, Owasco Wines & Liquor, Pepper's Discount Liquor, Tarby Family, Tinker's, Utopia Club and everyone who donated personally and helped sell tickets.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for assisting with the set-up & clean up, supplying appetizers & dessert for the benefit along with your donation of the wine refrigerator, wine and raffle baskets.

Thank you to Opici Family Distributing – Melissa Geherin for conducting the wine & bourbon tasting, along with their wheel barrel contribution.

Thank you to the following people/businesses for their assistance on advertising the event: Tim Donovan, The Citizen, Finger Lakes Radio (WAUB), ARMA, Katie Sciandro Jackson and Brenda Bunn.

### For Our Service Men & Women

Dear Lord, we thank you for the lives and service of our men and women in the Armed Forces. Strengthen them and give them guidance as they stand in harm's way to protect our nation and way of life. May they face each day of service in the same way Your Son Jesus did; with courage, dignity, and faith. And if it is your will when their work is through, bring them safely home. Lord, please also bless the families of our troops. Reward them generously for their sacrifices which are known only to You. May we never forget those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom and safety: those that have died in the service of our country. May they rest in peace forever with you in your Kingdom. Amen. In Honor to All Who Have Served.



(Veterans Memorial Dedication Monument at St. John The Evangelist Church, Naples, Florida)

## MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS...

MARCH FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR 3:00-6:00  
MARCH FRIDAY - APPETIZERS  
MARCH ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE - TBA  
MARCH CHARITABLE GIVING COMMITTEE - TBA  
MARCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - TBA  
2 ST MARY'S MARDI GRAS PARTY  
2 PARTY  
2 SU AT WAKE FOREST - 12:00  
2 BALL FOR THE BRAVE - EMERSON PARK  
3 UKRAINIAN/POLISH ETHNIC DINNER - 1:00 - 3:30  
3 NOTRE DAME AT LOUISVILLE - 1:30  
4 SU VS VIRGINIA - 7:00  
5 SOUP KITCHEN - 4:30  
5 DEACON DENNIS PRESENTATION - 6:30 - FINDING GOD IN  
NATURAL WORLD - FRANCISCAN FRIAR NADAR ATA  
6 NOTRE DAME VS CLEMSON - 9:00  
6 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00  
8 FRIDAY FISH DINNER - 4:30 - 8:00 (OR UNTIL SOLD OUT)  
9 SU AT CLEMSON - TBA  
9 NOTRE DAME @ PITTSBURG - 12:00  
11 LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING  
12 FINGER LAKES SKI CLUB  
15 FRIDAY FISH DINNER 4:30 - 8:00 (OR UNTIL SOLD OUT)  
17 ST PATRICK'S DAY - CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE 12:00 - 3:00  
17 NCAA BASKETBALL - SELECTION SUNDAY  
19 NCAA BASKETBALL MARCH MADNESS TOURNAMENT  
19 SOUP KITCHEN - 4:30  
19 DEACON DENNIS PRESENTATION - 6:30  
20 VIRTUES MEETING  
21 CAYUGA MUSEUM FUNDRAISER 4:00  
22 FRIDAY FISH DINNER - 4:30 - 8:00 (OR UNTIL SOLD OUT)  
23 PARTY  
26 SOUP KITCHEN - 4:30  
28 ROSARY - 6:30  
28 COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00  
29 FRIDAY FISH DINNER - 4:30 - 8:00 (OR UNTIL SOLD OUT)  
30 TYBURN ACADEMY FUND RAISER - 2:00 - 9:00  
30 JOE DAVOLI IS CONCERT AT FUNDRAISER  
31 FINAL 4 FUND RAISER FOR THE NEEDY - 2:00 - 4:00  
APRIL 6-8 NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



# March 2019

## Virtue of the Month

**Melissa Carbonaro Gravius**  
**Executive Director, Champions for Life**

### Mercy

If you were to look up the definition of mercy in the dictionary, you would find three definitions. The first talks about compassion to an offender or to someone subject to one's power. Another states mercy is a blessing that is an act of divine favor or compassion. And, the third definition says that mercy is showing compassionate treatment to those in distress.

Compassion is a common theme when we discuss the virtue of mercy. In fact, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) defined the virtue of "mercy" in his great *Summa Theologiae* (ST II-II.30.1) as "the compassion in our hearts for another person's misery, a compassion which drives us to do what we can to help him." This two-fold definition includes an emotion – what we feel in our hearts, and an action – acting mercifully to relieve the suffering of others.

Pope Francis explains further that the most perfect external expression of our faith is the love we show to others, and that that love stems from an encounter with the mercy of God. "I am a sinner," Francis has said, and for that reason God's mercy embraces him and creates in him the capacity to show great love.

According to St. Thomas, it is above all the forgiveness of sins that manifests God's mercy. The forgiveness of our sins is an act of God's omnipotence: God's love showing itself to be more powerful than sin and evil. When human beings forgive one another, we control our anger, curb our resentment, and annul any claims of revenge.

Let us, in our efforts to be more Christ-like, to practice mercy every day, to practice compassion, and to show love to others.



### Holy Father's Prayer Intention

**Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis**

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution and of violence

## LADIES AUXILIARY UPDATE FROM SANDY JORGENSEN.....



March is here and with that we are closer to warmer weather and Spring!!!! On March 3rd the Ladies Auxiliary will hold their 3rd annual Polish/Ukrainian Ethnic Dinner from 1-330 PM at the council building. Tickets are \$12 per person and the dinner includes pigs in the blanket, pierogis, kapusta and homemade kielbasa. Presale tickets are available and can be purchased at the club any day after 3 PM. This is always a well attended event and we have sold out the last two years, If you purchase a presale tickets those dinners must be picked up by 3 PM the day of the event. As always, we thank you for your continued support of our auxiliary.

On February 3rd, the Ladies Auxiliary held FEED THE BODY-FEED THE SPIRIT AUCTION to benefit our soup kitchen and other area charities. What a spectacular night it was. My thanks to all who attended and supported this event. I would like to recognize the chairperson Chris Carter and her committee Beth Butera, Mary Currier Molly McKeon and Beth Rabuano for a job well done. They put in countless hours to assure the success of the auction. Many thanks to all of the major sponsors and wall sponsors for your donations and to Terry Winslow for acting as our MC for the evening. Thanks to all the auxiliary members who donated appetizers and desserts for the evening.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring their annual NCAA Meat Raffle Board Raffle. Ann Shaw has agreed to chair the raffle and tickets will be available soon. Tickets are \$10 each and there will be two winners. Each winner will win a \$250 gift certificate to Indelicato's and the winners will be determined by the score at half time and One at half time and the other for final score of the championship game April 8th. There will only be 100 tickets printed.

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6th. As in the past Lenten dinners will be provided by Maggie's and Sam Giangreco has a great line-up of entertainment for us to enjoy every Friday during lent. You won't be disappointed. Hope to see you all there.

Healing prayers for Chrissy Crawford and Sue Bertonica.

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Spring and see you at the club.....and don't forget bring a friend!!!!

Sandy

Sandra Jorgensen  
[nanajorg03@verizon.net](mailto:nanajorg03@verizon.net)

## BAR UPDATE FROM JIM LAMAY....

As always, thanks for your continued support, loyalty and patronage of Council 207 in 2019. Our Brothers as well as Ladies Auxiliary and their guests are truly making a difference thru your participation, support and attendance at the Knights.



Our February gross receipts MTD are in line with our budget expectations. February 2018 \$'s were higher vs February 2017. Approximately +50% in gross vs last year. We continue to maintain a consistent and strong gross and margin contribution. Always important to book early with Don Poole to secure a date in 2019.

Year over year monthly revenues and margins continue to be positive. We are also well within our fiscal budget guidelines and our cost ratio performance continues to be best in class even though we have had some price increases. We continue to maintain our selling prices however we are still conducting a full cost analysis of our products and will advise of any changes after our mid year close. As a result of our cost analysis we will be raising soda prices an additional \$.25 for 12 oz. and \$.50 for 16 oz.

Specials continue for all SU + Notre Dame games - happy hour pricing + snacks during game times - feel free to bring a snack to pass. Many individuals are bringing snacks and food for all to enjoy. Also, Super Bowl is right around the corner. We will have some early bird specials prior to the game.

A guest bartender sheet has been posted for Sundays. Guest bartenders are on from 12:00-2:00 and promise to bring special food for all to enjoy. Please take the time to sign up.

We are still looking to set up a bourbon and wine club. Minimal annual membership with quarterly tastings by local merchants and suppliers. Special wine and bourbon glasses for each individual joining. Additional ideas are welcome. Really need your thoughts on this.

NOTE: Please get the word out with in our Council members and The Ladies Auxiliary. We are looking for 2 additional bartenders as well as 2 temporary bartenders. Please contact either myself, Jack Baraczek or Jeff Gage if anyone is interested.

At this time I would also like to announce that I will be stepping down as the Bar Manager effective April 1, 2019. I really have enjoyed my time as your Bar Manager however its time for me to enjoy more time spent with my Family, Grandkids and Golf. I will resume my previous position as Asst. Bar Manager. I would also like to express my thanks to Jack Baraczek and Jeff Gage for their help and support. As well, I would also like to thank all of you for your support of Council 207.

Tom Crawford, our current Asst. Bar Manager will assume the duties of Bar Manager April 1, 2019. Jeff Gage and Home Corp. have approved Tom's appointment. Lets all wish Tom the best of success in his new role.

I look forward to seeing you soon and don't forget to bring a friend. Any recommendations or ideas you may have are always welcome. Again, thanks for your loyalty and support of council 207. I look forward to seeing you soon and don't forget to bring a friend.

Thanks,  
Jim

## Special Thanks....



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Thanks to Lee and Tara Vanderpool and their TEAM!

**Father Justin Miller, St Mary's Church - February 23**

**Pro Life Event**

**Veterans Memorial Park in Auburn**



## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

is a faith formation program founded on the principles of Dr. Maria Montessori.

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For more information:

[auburnweedsportcatholicchurches.org](http://auburnweedsportcatholicchurches.org)

### Practical Parent Conversations

to help you talk to your child(ren)

These parent gatherings are a time to discuss church teaching on difficult issues that affect families, share concerns, triumphs, and offer support on how to take these conversations home.

\*\*Open to all parents, grandparents and guardians of children of all ages!\*\*

Together we can support each other in our primary duties to educate our children.



location: St. Joseph School, Auburn NY 7:00pm

February 7- Created Good Part 1 - talking about sex, dating, and chastity.

March 14- Pornography and Internet Safety - how to take on a growing national crisis at home.

April 25- Created Good Part 2 - talking about sexual identity and how to respond to LGBT questions.

May 16- Real vs Fake Relationships - taking on the growing problem of cell phone and other technological addictions

For more information contact Carlo at [carlo.stebbins@dor.org](mailto:carlo.stebbins@dor.org)



### Soup Kitchen Calendar

#### Knights of Columbus

**47 Market Street, Auburn, NY**

**4:30PM—6:30PM**

<b>01/08/19</b>	<b>02/19/19</b>
<b>01/15/19</b>	<b>02/26/19</b>
<b>01/22/19</b>	<b>03/05/19</b>
<b>01/29/19</b>	<b>03/12/19</b>
<b>02/05/19</b>	<b>03/19/19</b>
<b>02/12/19</b>	<b>03/26/19</b>



# events...

*save the date*  
**Nick's Ride 4 Friends**

PRESENTS

**2nd Annual  
Nick's Night Out**

MARCH 29, 2019

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

OWASCO COUNTRY CLUB

TICKETS: [NICKSRIDE4FRIENDS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NICKSRIDE4FRIENDS@GMAIL.COM)



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**Help Support  
Cayuga Museum  
and Case Research Lab**

**Join us at the Knights of Columbus  
47 Market Street, Auburn**

**Chicken and Biscuits will be served**

**March 21, 2019 from 4pm to 7pm**

**Cost \$10.00**

**Eat in or take out**

Save  
the  
Date

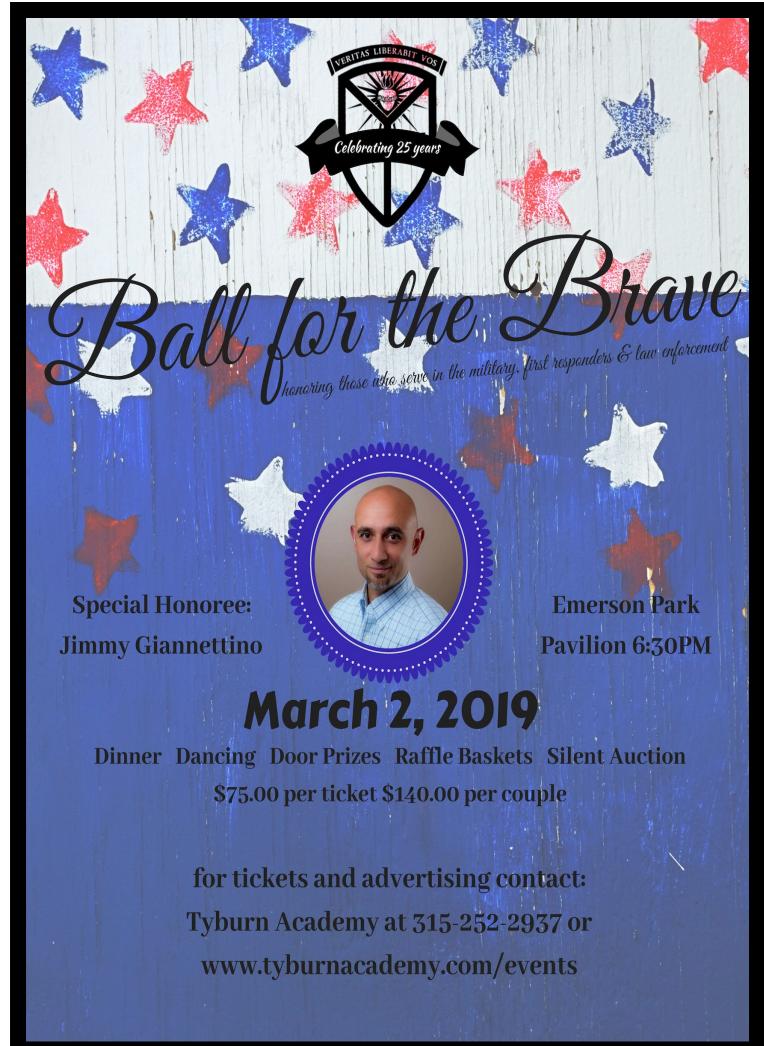
**JOE DAVOLI**  
FAITH • FAMILY • FIDDLE



**March 30, 2019**  
Knights of Columbus - Market St. Auburn  
4:00-6:00 with student musicians to follow  
snack foods - music - buffet dinner  
\$10.00

*Joe Davoli was recently inducted into the North American Fiddlers Hall of Fame! He is a proud graduate of DePaul University and also attended the Berklee School of Music. He is a consummate performer of several styles of music including Celtic, bluegrass, jazz, rock and classical. Joe has composed and recorded music for off-Broadway plays/musicals. He has won two Syracuse Area Music Awards -SAMMY's. He has served as musical supervisor for the short films and has published a successful method book for fiddle and mandolin that is currently in its second edition. His CD's "Fiddle & Guitar", "Game Plan" and most recently "Golden Rule" have all received international acclaim. He is currently a full time member of Ceili Rain. In demand as a studio musician and teacher, Joe lives in Camillus, NY with his wife, Darbie.*

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**Ball for the Brave**  
Honoring those who serve in the military, first responders & law enforcement

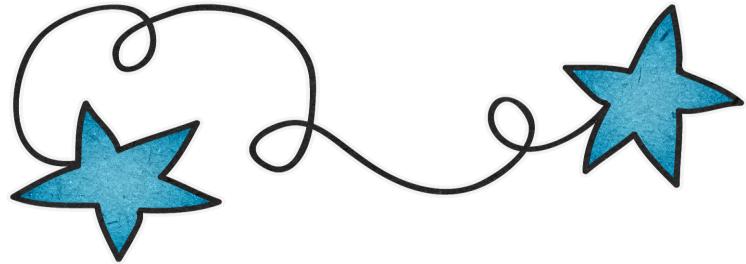
**Special Honoree:**  
Jimmy Giannettino

**Emerson Park  
Pavilion 6:30PM**

**March 2, 2019**

Dinner Dancing Door Prizes Raffle Baskets Silent Auction  
\$75.00 per ticket \$140.00 per couple

for tickets and advertising contact:  
Tyburn Academy at 315-252-2937 or  
[www.tyburnacademy.com/events](http://www.tyburnacademy.com/events)



## NOTES FROM OUR INSURANCE AGENT

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