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Message from the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

As we come to the close of another year. I would like to thank all that helped make it possible. I would like to thank all the regular team that helps the hall going, and encourage our Brother Knights that may have not helped with Hall rentals to come out and help.

As this year comes to a close and a new one starts, I ask that the grace of God be with each and every one of you!

Kind Regards,

Sir Knight Pascual G. Velazquez
Grand Knight

Council Christmas Party

The Father Roach Council 3217 will be hosting it's annual Christmas Party on January 14th at the KC Hall. The menu will consist of Pot Roast, Potatoes and Salad. Water and Tea will be available at no charge and the Bar will be open for additional drink options. We need to know whether or not you will be attending so that we can plan accordingly. Please RSVP to either Mike Dunn or Ken Suderman no later than Tuesday, January 10th.

Fourth Degree Exemplification in Galveston

The 1st District of Texas will be holding the 2012 Winter Exemplification of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus on January 21st in Galveston, Texas. This exemplification will be honoring SK Rev. Deacon John S. Pistone, the Faithful Friar for the Msgr. James Kirwin Assembly 1124. The Exemplification will be held at Holy Family Catholic School. The Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Galveston. There is also going to be a Color Guard Competition to determine who the new District Color Guard will be. If you are a 3rd Degree Knight in good standing, have at least 6 months since your 1st Degree and would be interested in joining the 4th Degree, this is your opportunity. If you are interested, please contact any of the 4th Degree Knights in our Council. All of the paperwork must be completed and turned into the 4th Degree Assembly by the end of December.



Seminarian Support

As many of you know, our Brother Knight, Jasper Liggio, has made a major change in his life and has entered upon the path to Priesthood. This is something that Jasper has dreamed about, and prayed about for years, and we couldn't possibly be any happier for him! We also have one of our newest Brother Knights, Anthony Michael Carona, who has also entered the Seminary in Dallas. These guys are our very own Brother Knights and they deserve some extra special prayers during this new journey in life! Please keep both of them in your prayers!

Happy New Year

The Father Roach Council would like to wish everyone a happy new year!
May the grace of God be with each and every one of you throughout this new year.



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One hundred and fifty (150) years ago, on December 21, 1861, during the first winter of the American Civil War, Congress authorized the nation's first Medals of Honor—for exemplary men of the U.S. Navy. Seven months later the first Medals of Honor were authorized for non-commissioned officers and privates of the U.S. Army, as well. The Medal of Honor is the highest award given to military personnel for valor in battle. The medal is presented to the recipient by the U.S. President in the name of Congress.

The original 1861 act stated “that the Secretary of the Navy be, and is hereby, authorized to cause two hundred [200] “medals of honor” to be prepared, with suitable emblematic devices, which shall be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen, and marines as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action and other seamanlike qualities during the present war. . . .”

The first Navy recipient of the Medal of Honor was John Williams. His official citation: “Serving as captain of the maintop of the U.S.S. Pawnee in the attack upon Mathias Point [VA], 26 June 1861, Williams told his men, while lying off in the boat, that every man must die on his thwart sooner than leave a man behind. Although wounded by a musket ball in the thigh he retained the charge of his boat; and when the staff was shot away, held the stump in his hand, with the flag, until alongside the Freeborn.” Notice the anchors at the top of the medal, noticeably different from the Army Medal of Honor.

What are the entitlements of a Medal of Honor recipient?

- A monthly \$1,000 pension from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- A 10-percent increase in retired pay, not to exceed the 75 percent maximum, for enlisted recipients who retire with 20 or more years of Military Service,
- A special MOH Travel and Identification Card signed by the Secretary of the Army. This entitles recipients who are not on active duty and not military retirees to utilize space-available military air transportation.
- Wearing their uniforms at any time or place they choose, unlike other military personnel or retirees.
- An issued DOD identification card, as are their family members, for recipients who are not on active duty and military retirees. It authorizes them military commissary, Post Exchange, and theater privileges. All of the services, consistent with DOD policy, authorize use of morale, welfare, and recreation activities, including honorary club membership without dues.
- Children of Medal of Honor recipients are not subject to quotas if they are qualified and desire to attend the U.S. military academies.
- Receiving invitations to attend Presidential inaugurations and accompanying festivities. Military recipients and those who are civil servants have traditionally been authorized administrative absence instead of chargeable leave to attend.
- A special engraved headstone for deceased recipients of the Medal of Honor provided by VA
- Should be accorded on base billeting commensurate with the prestige associated with the Medal of Honor

**U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
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In Our Prayers



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Marvin Griffiths	Pope John Paul the Great
Mother of Juan Moran	Cardinal Daniel DiNardo
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All of our Brother Knights	All those in the process of discerning religious life
All Fire Fighters, Police Officers, EMS and anyone	and especially Jasper Liggio & Anthony Corona
else working to make our world a safer place	All Priests and Deacons
All of the Unborn Babies in the world	All Men & Women serving in the Armed Forces

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The Roman Missal, Third Edition

The Roman Missal, Third Edition, the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass, was implemented in the United States on the First Sunday of Advent.

Pope John Paul II announced a revised version of the Missale Romanum during the Jubilee Year 2000. Among other things, the revised edition of the Missale Romanum contains prayers for the observances of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Votive Masses and Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of the Mass. The English translation of the Roman Missal also includes updated translations of existing prayers, including some of the well-known responses and acclamations of the people.



The entire Church in the United States has been blessed with this opportunity to deepen its understanding of the Sacred Liturgy, and to appreciate its meaning and importance in our lives.

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Financial Secretary

Please join the Officers of the Father Roach Council is welcoming our new Financial Secretary, Brother Tim Alexander. We would also like to take a moment to give a huge THANK YOU to Sir Knight Bill Gaffey for the hard work and many years that he served our Council as the Financial Secretary. Brother Tim wanted us to let everyone know that given the fact that he is new to the position, and will have a heavy work load for the next few weeks, it may be a few weeks before he gets the yearly billing statements sent out. Please be patient with him and let's all show him support in his new position!

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<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Knights-of-Columbus-Father-Roach-Council-3217/255186298328>

Council Website

Please check out our Council website for news and events from the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church. This is where you can find out information about the Council and upcoming events.

Meeting Times and Locations

Council Meeting

2nd Thursday of the Month
7:30pm
Dickinson KC Hall
4132 27th, Dickinson

Columbus Club Meeting

3rd Thursday of the Month
7:30pm
Dickinson KC Hall
4132 27th, Dickinson

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This month we observe nearly four decades of pro-life activity in response to the infamous decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade*. I am proud that the commitment of the Knights of Columbus in building a culture of life has grown stronger each year.

Some say that *Roe v. Wade* should be accepted as “settled law” and that attempts to restrict or overturn it should end. This argument has appeal because there should be clarity and certainty in our laws. But it falls short because there is a principle more important than certainty in our legal system — justice.

Although there are many problems with the legal reasoning in the Supreme Court’s opinion in *Roe v. Wade*, the most fundamental is that the court’s decision rests upon a falsehood, which is expressed in Justice Blackmun’s statement, “We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins.”

Whatever Blackmun may have believed in 1973, it is simply untrue in 2012 to say that abortion does not take the life of an unborn human being. Because of this reality, abortion will never be settled law in the United States and must someday be overturned.

As I wrote in my first book, *A Civilization of Love*, our situation is similar to that faced by the civil rights movement after the Supreme Court ruled in the 1896 case of *Plessy v. Ferguson* that “separate but equal” laws were constitutional. That decision enshrined the hateful system of de jure segregation throughout much of the United States and took 58 years to overturn.

The Supreme Court’s decision in *Plessy v. Ferguson* was based upon an untruth — the court rejected the obvious fact that the legally enforced separation of the two races “stamped” African-Americans “with a badge of inferiority.” The court went on to say that if African-Americans thought “separate but equal” laws were demeaning and unfair, it was only because they chose “to put that construction on” such laws.

In his dissent, Justice John Marshall Harlan contended that the court’s view was pure fiction and that people knew it to be so.

The same must be said of *Roe v. Wade*. If we remain determined and committed, it too will one day be brushed into the dustbin of history.

Roe v. Wade will also one day be swept away for another reason: As I showed in my latest book, *Beyond a House Divided*, the decision has failed to gain the support of the American people after nearly four decades. Most Americans want legal restrictions on abortion that go far beyond what is permitted by the court’s ruling.

This presents another lesson that can be learned from the civil rights movement. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. never hesitated to remind the people of the United States of their Judeo-Christian values. In his famous 1963 Letter from Birmingham Jail, he even relied upon the Catholic natural law tradition. King wrote: “One may well ask, ‘How can you advocate breaking some laws and obeying others?’ The answer is found in the fact that there are two types of laws: there are just and there are unjust laws. I would agree with Saint Augustine that ‘An unjust law is no law at all.’”

He continued, “Now what is the difference between the two? How does one determine when a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of Saint Thomas Aquinas, an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal and natural law.”

A law “that is out of harmony with the moral law” can never be regarded as “settled” as long as there are men of conscience, men of determination and men who understand that our nation will be judged by the respect we give to every person — even to “the least among us.”

Vivat Jesus!

By Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight
Knights of Columbus

