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*The next **Knights of Columbus** Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12th at 7:30 PM at the KC Hall.*

*The next **Knights of Columbus** Officer's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM at the KC Hall.*

*The next **Columbus Club of Dickinson** Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19th at 7:30pm at the KC Hall*

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please keep all of our brothers and their families in your prayers as we enter a very busy time of the year. We especially want to pray for Rosella Lozica, wife of Frank Lozica. Please keep Deacon Neil Lewis's daughter, Pamela, and grandson, Ethan, in your prayers as well as they are both suffering from illness. Please keep Larry and Josh Armstrong in your prayers as well as they both suffered injuries lately. Let's also keep all of the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces in our prayers as they are fighting to keep our country safe!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fall Festival at Shrine of the True Cross was a tremendous success this year. Thank you to all of the brother Knights that came out to help.

We would like to welcome Brother Ed Sustrick who recently went through the 1st Degree. Be sure to congratulate him and welcome him to the order next time you see him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

7th	6:30 AM	Men's Day of Prayer
7th	10:00 AM	Pro-Life Mass
11th	12:00 AM	Veteran's Day
12th	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
19th	7:30 PM	Columbus Club Meeting
26th	12:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day

December

2nd	7:00 PM	Officers Call
5th	10:00 AM	Pro-Life Mass
8th	12:00 AM	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
10th	7:30 PM	Council Meeting

Dates and times subject to change. Check website for most current schedule.



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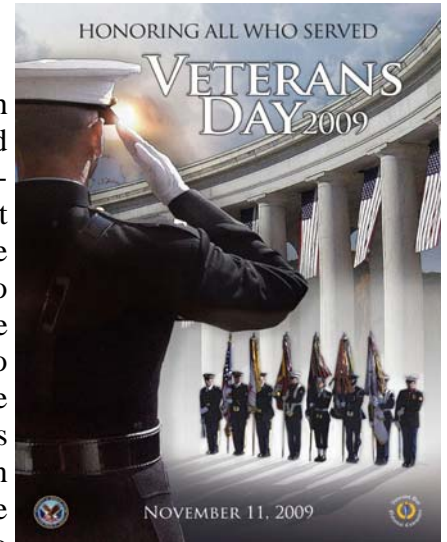
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HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year 1918 is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.” In November, 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day, which later became know as “Veterans Day”, with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in this country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America...” Patriotism is one of the core values of the Knights of Columbus. Let’s take this opportunity to show our patriotism as an organization and as a country and thank all of those who have served our great country in the United States Armed Forces. !!! THANK YOU !!!



Information gathered from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs website: <http://www.va.gov>



HALL RENTALS

We have had two very successful hall rentals so far and there are several more potential rentals in the coming months. For every rental that we have, we need a good team of Knights to support the activities. Please contact George Ussery at (281) 337-4044 for information regarding Hall rentals.

STEAK NIGHT

We will be bringing back very popular Steak Nights starting in January. Our first one will be on Friday, January 29th, 2010 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Please spread the word as we want to make this first night a tremendous success!

FISH FRY

We will be holding eight fish fries this year during Lent. The fish fries will start on Friday, February 5th, 2010 and will continue every Friday through March 26th, 2010. The fish fries will be at our new KC Hall this year and will be served from 5:30pm and 7:30pm.



COME AND JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

The Father Roach Council #3217 now has a FACEBOOK account. Just search for Knights of Columbus Council 3217 on facebook and you will be sure to find us. Come and join our council’s group and help make this newest venture a success!

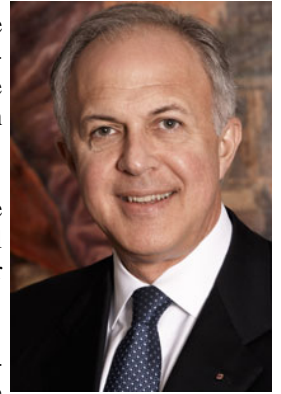
Christian Conscience and the Future of Politics

By Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

Pope Benedict XVI has long made clear that Christianity does not believe in political messiahs. Recently, he reminded us that only faith in the true Messiah – Jesus Christ – can allow us to influence politics in a profoundly ethical way. His words in September in the Czech Republic – a country celebrating 20 years since the fall of communism – have important implications for all of Europe, for the Philippines and for the American continent, places whose history is inseparable from Christianity.

Speaking there at an ecumenical meeting, the pope noted, “As Europe listens to the story of Christianity, she hears her own. Her notions of justice, freedom and social responsibility, together with the cultural and legal institutions established to preserve these ideas and hand them on to future generations, are shaped by her Christian inheritance.”

Moreover, Pope Benedict explained, Christianity must not be limited to the margins of society. Religious liberty must be protected, and Christianity must have a voice in the public arena, in shaping the conscience of the continent and in bringing moral consensus.



He said, “I wish to underline the irreplaceable role of Christianity for the formation of the conscience of each generation and the promotion of a basic ethical consensus that serves every person who calls this continent ‘home’!” What Pope Benedict said about Europe holds equally true for the Philippines and the Americas. Christians must bring the truth of their faith to bear on the formation of their nations’ consciences.

The same day the pope spoke in Prague about religion and ethics in the public square, a symposium on religious liberty sponsored by the Knights of Columbus was held in Mexico City. It discussed the history – and future – of religious freedom in the American hemisphere.

In the Americas, as in Europe and the Philippines, the entire history is one of “baptized Christians.” Christians founded each country in America, and, equally important, each country has a strong Catholic tradition.

Indeed, from the days of Bishop Juan de Zumárraga – the first bishop of Mexico – to the important work for religious freedom in the United States carried out by Bishop John Carroll, our predecessors in the Knights of Columbus and countless others, the Americas have been an important place for debates over conscience and religious liberty.

In the past century, the Catholic Church has been a witness to conscience, whether the issue was civil rights, religious liberty or the right to life. So, what should the future of politics look like?

We should start by considering how Catholic social teaching can inform the entirety of our political platforms. There must be space for Christianity in the “political ethics” of the state.

Long before there was a “left wing” or a “right wing,” there was the Gospel, and long after these political labels have faded into oblivion, the Gospel will remain. As people of faith, we all have the responsibility of protecting the Gospel from manipulation by any political philosophy – including our own.

Pope Benedict is calling us to continue what French philosopher Jacques Maritain called the “evangelization of the secular conscience” by applying “faith respectfully yet decisively in the public arena, in the expectation that social norms and policies be informed by the desire to live by the truth that sets every man and woman free” (cf. *Caritas in Veritate*, 9).

Our task as Knights is to continue this evangelization of conscience and to work for the protection of religious freedom. In step with Pope Benedict and his predecessors, we embrace these responsibilities.

And in this light, we recall the meaning of true freedom. During his meeting with Czech leaders, Pope Benedict put it this way: “True freedom presupposes the search for truth – for the true good – and hence finds its fulfillment precisely in knowing and doing what is right and just. ... For Christians, truth has a name: God. And goodness has a face: Jesus Christ.”

Vivat Jesus!

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