



Knights

June '08

Fr. Peter A. Welling

COUNCIL 13576 NEWS



Saying goodbye

Many braved the stormy weather to say farewell to Father Holdren. He returns to the Newman Center on UNL campus.

2 Rita Webber

3 Schmit Family



Saying hello

Father Nick Kipper—grandson of Bill and Alice Kipper—joins us from Saint Josephs.

Grand Knight's Report

Thank you to all Knights of 13576; you have made my 2 years as Grand Knight a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. Our Council is in good standing with Supreme and State in large part because of the support you all give to our projects and programs. Words can not express my deep appreciation for your involvement and fraternalism, so I'll simply say "Thank you very much".

A special thanks to the Officers of 13576. Your assistance and guidance were exemplary. You all rose to the call and went beyond. We would not be where we are without your untiring efforts. Thank you. A special thanks to our new Grand Knight Craig Arent. His duties as program director were a

load. Yet Craig filed all the reports, met the deadlines, dotted all the "i"s and thus enabled 13576 to reap 5 State Awards this year! Thank you Craig. The Financial Secretary is the business center of the Council. Bob Kelty is appointed by the Supreme Knight. Bob's responsibilities are numerous and varied. We are fortunate he has agreed to another term as FS. Thank you Bob. Congratulations to the new officers. You are an excellent group of gentlemen. The Council will grow and prosper under your leadership.

Thank you to Steve Becker, Dick Zierke, and Msgr Hintz for their work on Project Moses! What heartwarming response we had!

Fraternally yours,
Stan Fraas, Past Grand Knight

News & Notes



Fr. Benjamin Holdren accepts his quilt from St. Patrick's (Lincoln) Altar Society President Kathy Wilkerson and Altar Society member Betty Parra. The "Quilting Queens", also members of St. Patrick's Altar Society, sew quilts as farewell gifts for parish priests. After one year at St. Patrick's, Fr. Holdren began his new assignment at the Newman Center on June 16th.



Make those last calls then turn in those DDP Cards to Diane at the Rectory as soon as you can.



Rita Webber will speak at our next Pro-Life Series presentation, scheduled for September 7th. To learn more about Rita, visit blindtrustinc.com



The movie Bella will be shown July 27th at 7pm in the L-PAC center at Pius X high school. Sponsored by our Pro-life council group, plan to attend this widely acclaimed movie. Free of charge, Rated PG-13 for thematic elements and brief disturbing images.



KNIGHT *of the* MONTH



Dave Gosner

This photo is a little dated: the Gosners welcomed another son in May of '07, but Dave still finds the time to help at with many parish activities. Dave is an internal accountant at Dana F. Cole & Co. Thanks for your help Dave and congratulations.

FAMILY *of the* MONTH

Kevin and Adeline Schmit

Family of the month of June is Kevin and Adeline Schmit. Kevin has been in the St. Patrick's Parish since he was five years old. Kevin and Addy will be celebrating their 5th anniversary of Marriage this Sept. (May the Lord continue to bless this union). Kevin is a charter member and a 3rd degree knight. He is an assistant manger for utility fence. Addy is a dental hygienist and enjoys scrapbooking in her spare time. They have 2 children Daisy will be in the 7th grade this fall at Waverly and she is in dance. Maddox is 2 years(and growing like a weed). Kevin and Addy help out with the St. Pat's festable and enjoys STARS and other social events. Thanks Kevin and Addy for being part of our St. Pat's family.



Kevin & Adeline Schmit
Daisy & Maddox



You just feel happier when the guy is around. Stan Fraas passes the torch to Craig Arent this month. Thanks for two great years at the helm Stan. We're glad you'll still be around as a Trustee. See the Officers list on the back page. There are more changes...

Big Thanks of the Month



FROM THE FIELD AGENT

It's Never Too Early to Plan for the Future

June is traditionally the month for two important life events: graduations and weddings. These events both present ideal opportunities to review your life insurance coverage – particularly if you're young and in good health.

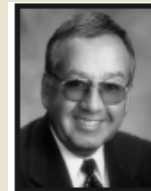
It's a simple fact that when you're young and healthy, your rates for coverage will be lower than when you're older and your health might not be as good. Even if you're in excellent health, however, there's no way to predict when your health might change. People get sick every day – and no one rings a bell warning them that it's about to happen!

Your loved-ones will suffer emotionally if you die. You can take steps now to prevent them from suffering financially as well.

Owning sufficient life insurance ensures that your family will have sufficient money, come what may. As your Knights of Columbus agent, I can help you determine how much is "sufficient" for your family. I can also discuss with you the relative merits of different types of life insurance.

It's become fashionable to focus almost exclusively on planning for a prosperous retirement. Yet even in this age of improved health and longevity, some families must still endure the premature loss of a breadwinner. The fact is that none of us can be assured that retirement will happen until we actually get there.

By taking the appropriate steps now, you'll protect your loved ones against the possibility of financial despair caused by your death. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family – and, possibly, for you as well



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Calendar

JULY

- 2** Council Meeting
- 4** First Friday Mass 6:00 PM
Exposition-Nocturnal Adoration/INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 5** First Saturday 7:30 AM.
Rosary, Reposition, Marian Devotion, Mass 8:00 AM
- 6** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 13** 15 Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 20** 16 Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 27** 17 Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 29** Officer Meeting 630 PM

AUGUST

10 AWARDS BANQUET

*** The Awards Banquet replaces our August Council Meeting. Please plan to attend. 5:30 in the gym**

12 & 13 Grand Knight Seminar – North Platte

Directors

Family Director	Terry Ryan
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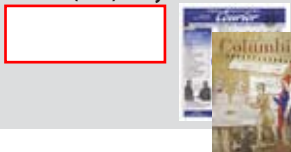
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Trustee 2	Mike Romberg
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From our Financial Secretary

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

John R. (Bob) Kelyt



Luncheon Committee

JUNE 4	JULY 2
JULY 2	SEPTEMBER :
Gene Prososki	David Schmit
Del Ridder	Kevin Schmit
George Riggs	Al Schrader
Mike Romberg	Mike Shaal
Terry Ryan	Joe Sloup

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

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Pro Life Report—*Del Ridder*

Since the May newsletter “article” Greg Schleppenbach has provided a copy of his notes for his April 27, 2008 talk at St. Pat’s Gym. It was accompanied by a detailed diagram of the Culture of Death and the Culture of Life. The two cultures are depicted as plants.

Thirty five years ago “the U.S. Supreme Court (Roe vs. Wade) legalized abortion on demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy.” The result: “Over 45 million babies have been killed and millions of mothers have been wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually ... But abortion, like every attack against human life, is a symptom of deeper problems. In 1995, Pope John Paul II explored these problems in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life).”

The Culture of Death is represented as a weed. The main or taproot is alienation from God. Feeder roots include “relativism (no recognition of moral absolutes or objective truth)”, a “distorted notion of freedom characterized by radical individualism (self centeredness, viewing others as obstacles or burdens not opportunities to give/receive love); and materialism (valuing possessions above people).” The stems include euthanasia, abortion, and the destruction of embryos for research including cloning. Others include cohabitation, premarital sex, violence and child abuse, neglect of the poor, contraception and more. I hope to acquire copies of the diagram for KC meetings and the back of church.



The cure: “The main root for rebuilding a Culture of Life and Love is the opposite of alienation from God: Spiritual Renewal. The healthier our relationship with God, the more profound our respect for life. The most basic ... pro life activity is to strengthen our relationship with God and therefore foster greater holiness in ourselves and radiate it to those around us Living a holy life opens more doors and hearts to God’s truth and love than the most compelling and eloquent words.

Clearly human life is cheapened in many ways. As Christians it is our duty to oppose anything that undermines the sacredness of human life.” Specific ways that undermine the sacredness of human life have been outlined above. Those practices and views that lead to the destruction of human life are the most destructive to the fabric of society.

Feeder roots of Spiritual Renewal include Marital Faithfulness, Natural Family Planning, Transformation of Culture, Evangelization, and more. The stems include security for women and families, physical and emotional health, strong family life, respect for all human life, strong social structures, religious vocations, and more.

In “The Gospel of Life” Pope John Paul II said “one way to counter (The Culture of Death) is to reflect on and celebrate

human life as a miraculous and sacred gift.”

“Indeed, ‘despite its hardships, its hidden mysteries, its suffering ... this mortal life is a most beautiful thing ... one of the greatest marvels of creation ... God has granted to man a dignity which is near to divine.’ (Ps. 8:5-6) ‘In every child which is born and every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory ... a Sign of the living God.’

‘We are called

to become neighbors to everyone and to show favor to the ... poorest, most alone and in need. In helping the hungry, thirsty, ... sick, imprisoned — as well as the child in the womb ... (the elderly) who is suffering or near death — we have the opportunity to serve Jesus.”

“Ultimately, the Holy Father tells us that in building a Culture of Life, the family has a decisive and irreplaceable role. It is truly the sanctuary of life: the place in which ... the gift of life can be properly welcomed and protected...’ It is above all in raising children that the family fulfills its mission to proclaim the Gospel of Life.”

