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## Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

First off, I would like to thank our Deputy Grand Knight, Jay Burnell, for filling in for me at last month's meeting.

On August 10th, there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for Care Net's ultra sound machine. The State Deputy came to the event to cut the ribbon. Thanks again to all from our Council who helped to make this happen, especially Don Nolan and Mike Daly.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 27th, at 7pm. At this meeting, we will vote to decide whether to continue our support of the Boy Scout Troop or not. Gerry McMurray put out an email (July 9th) that shed light on this matter. He put out the Churches' stance on homosexuality and also the viewpoint of the NCCS on the new wording to the BSA bylaws. (please see excerpts below) Everyone, We Knights are Catholics and follow the teachings of the Church, not our own private interpretations of Scripture. This is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says about homosexuality (<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/epub/index.cfm>):

Chapter 2 : You Shall Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

\*Article 6: The Sixth Commandment

\*II: The vocation to chastity

\*Chastity & Homosexuality: Paragraphs - 2357, 2358, & 2359

**2357** *"Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, 141 tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." 142 They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved. (2333)."*

**2358** *"The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition."*

**2359** *"Homosexual persons are called to chastity. By the virtues of self-mastery that teach them inner freedom, at times by the support of disinterested friendship, by prayer and sacramental grace, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection. (2347)."*

**Quoted in the letter from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) Chairman – Edward P. Martin, that I have copied below:**

Any sexual conduct, whether homosexual or heterosexual, by youth of Scouting age is contrary to the virtues of Scouting:

- The Boy Scouts of America does not have an agenda on the matter of sexual orientation, and resolving this complex issue is not the role of the organization, nor may any member use Scouting to promote or advance any social or political position or agenda

- The Scout Oath begins with duty to God, and the Scout Law ends with a Scout's obligation to be reverent. Those will always remain core values of the Boy Scouts of America. The values set forth in the Scout Oath and Law are fundamental to the BSA and central to teaching young people to make better choices over their lifetimes.

For the full letter response: <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/comment/Response-EPM-130529-v2.pdf>)

There still is a study being done by the NCCS, and the National K of C Council is awaiting these findings before putting any decisions as to changes that might be made. They are presently keeping their support of the Boy Scouts and encourage the local councils to do so also. Any new information will be sent to the councils, as they know the BSA policy change takes effect January 2014. I understand both sides of this debate – upholding the Will of God and not supporting a lifestyle of sin, but also wanting to support the Boy Scout Troop and accepting all of God's children. I have prayed on this matter often and have left it in God's hands. I do have to say, that after reading Gerry's email and having the above facts answer a lot of questions I had. I believe we can still support this troop without losing our integrity of what the Knights of Columbus stand for. I hope that you too have prayed on this debate, and whatever your viewpoint is, you will come to cast your vote at this meeting. Votes will be cast on paper ballots. I am hoping to hear some ideas about the question I put out to you last month – How can we become better brothers and a stronger fraternity? Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Fraternally yours,  
Bill Center



### **Council Meeting**

August 27th - Tuesday - 7:00pm meeting  
As customary light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

### **Future Council Events 2013**

August 27th .....	Council Meeting
7:00 pm	4th Tuesday
September 24th	Council Meeting
7:00 pm	4th Tuesday
December 7th .....	Children's Christmas Party
11:30 am - 2:00p m	

Home Association meets will be called as needed

Boy Scout's Troop #307 Meetings.....7:00 pm Mondays

Any updates concerning meetings will be Emailed directly to you.

### **Council Officers 2013 - 2014**

Grand Knight . . . . .	Bill Center
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Trustee - 3 Year . . . . .	Mike Daly

### **Home Association Officers 2013 - 2014**

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Trustee . . . . .	Gene Rowley
Ex-Officio (Grand Knight) . . . . .	Mike Daly
Insurance Field Agent . . . . .	Joe Mahone
	(See Add for more info)

### **From the Bulletin Editor**



Please carefully read GK Bill's message. For more helpful information there are some articles from internet sources have been posted on our web site [www.kofc307.org](http://www.kofc307.org).

I urge you to undertake due diligence concerning this matter so as to help you make an informed decision. Most importantly please attend this meeting, join in the discussion and then VOTE.

### **Ultrasound Project Update**



The Care Net Pregnancy Center held it's open house on Saturday August 10, 2013 at their new facility on Elm Street. It was attended by several members of Council 307 including Mike Daly, Jeff Fortier, Dan Amadon, Scot Malanowski, Mike Downing, Henry Simpatico, Our State Deputy Dan McAvinney and his wife Theresa drove down for the ceremony from Westfield VT. State Deputy McAvinney cut the ceremonial ribbon on the ultrasound machine as well as Noreen Gardner, Director of the center. Tours of the new building were given to those attending to see the space. Dr. Allison Niemi, The centers Medical Director was also in attendance. Council 307 spearheaded the fundraising efforts and raised \$13,400 with matching funds from Supreme Knights of Columbus in New Haven. State Deputy McAvinney stated that there is now an ultrasound machine in pregnancy centers in all 50 states in the US. This being the first in Vermont. It was wonderful to meet our State Deputy and his wife who made the long trip to Bennington to help celebrate this achievement of our local council.

Michael Daly, Past Grand Knight



**L - R**  
Theresa and Dan McAvinney, Michael and Peg Daly



**L - R**  
Susan Rice RN, State Deputy Dan McAvinney, Theresa McAvinney, looking at Ultrasound images

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2  Happy Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8  Happy Grandparents Day	9 7:00 Boy Scouts	10	11  9-11-01	12	13	14
15	16 7:00 Boy Scouts	17	18	19	20  POW-MIA	21
22  4:44 pm Autumn Equinox	23 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 7:00 Council Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30 7:00 Boy Scouts					

Birth Stone: Sapphire

Flower: Aster or Morning Glory

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 7:00 Boy Scouts	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  7:00 Boy Scouts Happy Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 7:00 Boy Scouts	22 7:00 Council Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28 7:00 Boy Scouts	29	30	31		

Birth Stone: Opal

Flower: Marigold





### Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser

We had another successful Tootsie Roll Drive this year. There were a few unique challenges this year doing the drive at the end of June, but we got through it. We earned \$847.27 this

year. Some of the proceeds will be going to support scholarships (one week) at Camp Thorp, a recreational retreat for our handicapped citizens to play, socialize, and develop lifelong relationships with their peers and the staff. The remainder of the proceeds will stay here in town supporting our local special Olympic team, helping them defray the cost to attend various summer and winter sporting events.

A Big Thank You needs to go to all who helped this year; Mike Daly, Bob Kobelia, Bernie Bourgeois, Rene Cassano, Dave Clark, Bill & Leam Center, Bill Evans, Bob Dionne, Mike Walsh, Henry Maynard, Don Nolan, Mike Downey Jeff Fortier, Ted Lanoue, Ed Molloy and Anna & Gerald Amadon. If you have a moment and you know one of these members thank them and ask how it went, the story's they have are heart warming, something we need more of these days.

Dan Amadon  
Tootsie Roll Co-Charman

### Home Association News

Brothers: Our mission is the same but where we meet may change. Our Property is for sale and we will have alternative(s) meeting options presented for discussion at the next couple of HA meetings. If you have a buyer of interest, contact Bob , ASAP. Until then we will use the hall till sold.

Due to the lack of activity & functions at the hall, Home Association meetings will be called, by Email, as needed.

Robert L. Kobelia, Home Association President



### For The Good Of The Order

Remember in your prayers Also keep in mind any other Knights, that we are not of aware of, who are ill or on the mend in your prayers.

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### ~ Quotes for this month ~

Love is an act of faith, and whoever is of little faith is also of little love. Erich Fromm



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