



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## MILTON COUNCIL 7027



### GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



**A** new fraternal year is upon us and Supreme's motto of "One member, per council, per month" plays a prominent part in our Council's future. We're always looking for more Catholic Gentlemen to join our ranks in the Knights of Columbus and we shouldn't be afraid to ask God for his guidance in finding those men. All it takes sometimes is that small question, "Are you a Knight of Columbus?" If you get a "No" that takes you in the direction of "why not," and if you get a yes it takes you towards the question, "why haven't I seen you at any of the meetings?" Either way you'll open the doors of dialogue from which many things can be achieved. We've only to ask.

August brings us through the final weeks of summer for our youth. Families will be returning from vacations, school starts up again towards the end of the month and come September we'll start up 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday breakfasts once again. September 8<sup>th</sup> is the date for the next breakfast.

Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the 8:00 a.m. mass when we'll recognize our Knight and Family of the Month. July's Knight of the Month was SK John Recke and our Family of the Month was SK Dan and Donna Arndt; Congratulations to you all! Start thinking now about who you'd like to nominate at the August 8<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting.

Remember – **CHARITY, UNITY** and **FRATERNITY**, words we can truly live by!

Yours in Christ,

**Rusty Bradberry**  
Grand Knight

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#### A.M. Best reaffirms A++ rating for Knights of Columbus

#### No North American insurer is more highly rated

For the 38th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus has earned the A.M. Best Company's highest financial strength rating, A++ (Superior). A Best's Financial Strength Rating is assigned after a comprehensive quantitative and qualitative evaluation of a company's balance sheet strength, operating performance and business profile. This rating shows the Order's continued ability to protect its members and their families.

#### Let Our Strength Be Your Shield

May God Bless You All,



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### COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Thurs 8/1	Council Planning Meeting 7:00 PM
Thurs 8/8	Prayers in Chapel 6:00 PM Council Business Meeting 7:00 PM
Sun 8/25	Council Corporate Communion <b>8:00 AM</b> Mass





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## DEACON'S TEACHING

By Deacon Chris Christopher

### Why Does God Allow Evil?



If God is all-loving, all-powerful, and all-wise, why does he allow evil – especially in the lives of holy people? A series of personal calamities provoke Job to ponder that question. In the end, he confesses that he simply cannot answer it: ***"I have dealt with great things that I do not understand... things too wonderful for me, which I cannot know"*** (Job 42:3).

For Christians, to, evil is a problem we cannot figure out. Nevertheless, our faith provides a number of clues that help us begin to explore the mystery.

First, we must recognize that much evil has come about because of sin. Creatures with a free will – both humans and angels – have chosen to turn away from God, the Source of life, love, joy, and wisdom (Romans 3:12, Jude 6). In doing so, they have fallen into death, selfishness, misery, and ignorance, bringing great ruin to the world in the process.

God allows evil in part because it is a necessary risk of creating sons and daughters who are free to love or not to love. After all, if there were no bad consequences to our free will choices, why would we need to love God?

At the same time, no matter how terrible the evil caused by sin, God is great enough, and wise enough, to bring about through that evil an even greater good (Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:28). The resurrection of Christ is in fact a glorious example of how God can create joy from sorrow, beauty from horror, victory from defeat, and life from death (1 Peter 1:3-5).

Why doesn't God bring all evildoers to an end now, since they have already had their chance to choose good? Because of his mercy, he delays the final overthrow of the wicked to allow every possibility for their redemption (2 Peter 3:9-10). If not loving and serving God to the best of our ability is lumped in with all those other evildoers, we wouldn't want him to do away with us just yet either. In the meantime, God can use the suffering caused by evil to purify us (1 Peter 1:6-9).

Finally, we must remember that God is not oblivious to the agonies caused by evil. By joining his divine nature to our vulnerable human nature in Christ, he actually made himself capable of suffering with us and for us (Isaiah 53:1-12). In fact, our Lord has experienced the pain and horror of evil to a depth we ourselves will never fully know until we meet him...

As far as, ***"Why do bad things happen to good people,"*** the short answer is, ***"They don't; they just happen."*** We cannot ask why a good person suffered something bad because only God knows the heart of a person as to whether he or she was good or not. Bad things happen to bad people just as much as they do to good people. Bad things also happen to bad people who choose to do bad things.

Next month we'll ask, **What is Original Sin?**





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