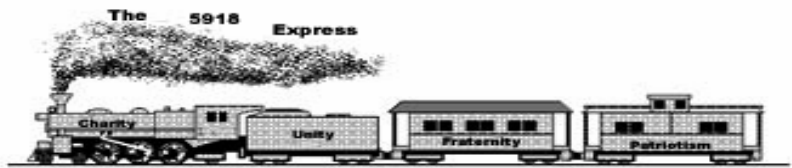




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May 2017

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Brothers,

Wow, welcome to May! As we honor our Blessed Mother this month, let's pray for the dearly departed, sick, wounded and those in need of special prayers.

What a good start this month for Council #5918; with the World's Finest chocolate bar drive at both Christ the Servant and St. Scholastica parishes on May 6 and 7. Though we fell short of our goal, I am extremely thankful for all the volunteers who made it out to help sell. Special thanks to Dennis Bik for picking up the bars and organizing the St. Scholastica drive. Look for further announcements of our next drive, as we still have more than 35 boxes to sell. Feel free to reach out to me at 630-901-5952 or joe.testolin@ameritech.net if you wish to take a box (or two) to sell at work or at home.

We also had a busy membership drive during Hospitality weekend at St. Scholastica Church and the Knight's in Regalia make it extra special for Father Norbert and the parish. Cubs tickets sales are going very well too; thanks to Jim Leifel for chairing it (and others who have sold or bought tickets). Pro-Life funds will be available for many years thanks to their hard work and perseverance.

I would like to remind everyone that our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 24, starting at 7 p.m. at St. Scholastica. It is our Annual Election of Officers. Remember that anyone can be nominated for any position, so please come out and take part in the election. I will be on vacation, but John Koys will run the meeting for me and Jerry Bevignani will run the election for us. Thank you gentlemen and have a great rest of the month.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Testolin
Grand Knight

Notice

Our next meeting will be held
Wednesday, May 24
At St. Scholastica
Starting At 7:00 p.m.



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On Sunday, June 4, we will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost, which is considered the birthday of the Church. It is when the Holy Spirit is sent to the Apostles and the people continue on their mission pointing up the present activity of Christ in them.

This is also a time of the year that traditionally priestly ordinations take place throughout the country. On Saturday, May 27, the Diocese of Joliet will have two new priests, Fr. Mark J. Bernhard and Fr. John W. Honiotes. These new priests have been recipients of funds from the Illinois State Knights of Columbus Charities Vocations Fund. This has helped them meet expenses while they were in the seminary.

Just as a reminder, you should have received by now raffle books to find this Vocation Fund and the Illinois State Council Vocation Fund. Please bring your returns to our next council meeting.

Let us pray for more vocations.

Prayer of Vocations
St. Pope John Paul II

Lord Jesus, as you once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound:

Come, follow me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests, deacons and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness.

Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say YES to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.
Amen.

Vivat Jesus!
Deacon Tom Fricke

Slate of officers proposed for 2017-18 fraternal year

A slate of officers has been proposed to serve during the 2017-18 fraternal year. An election will be held at the council's meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 24. Other candidates may be nominated for the offices at the meeting. The proposed slate is:

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Advocate	Lee Wirth
Warden	Eric Wood
Inside Guard	Joe Gajc
Inside Guard	John Piotrowski
Outside Guard	George Rieber
Outside Guard	Ed Fleming
1-Year Trustee	Jim Leifel
2-Year Trustee	Steve Fitzmaurice
3-Year Trustee	Joe Testolin


Knights invited to march in Memorial Day parade

Members of the Robert P. Connelly Council 5918 are invited to join the Woodridge Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1578 and the Lisle/Woodridge Fire District in the annual Memorial Day Silent Parade on Monday, May 29.

The lineup will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Fire Station #2 on Woodridge Drive. Step-off will be at 9 a.m. sharp. The parade will include fire and police vehicles, the Woodridge School District 68 marching band and numerous color guards. Many veterans may also march. The VFW post asks groups to limit the number of vehicles to two.

The parade route is approximately one mile and will end at the Veterans Memorial, where a service will take place. Knights are invited to sing "Amazing Grace" at the service. This year a bagpiper will play.

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4TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE


Saturday June 24th, 2017
 Benedictine University
 5700 College Rd.
 Lisle, IL 60532

7:30am Mass
 8:45am-4:00pm Conference

FEATURING:

Peter Herbeck & Pete Burak
 with
 MC & Spiritual Director
Fr. Burke Masters!

To get more information, purchase a ticket, or become a sponsor go to
www.fishersofmenonline.com




"WHAT YOU ARE, THAT IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU.

WHAT YOU BECOME, THAT IS YOUR GIFT TO GOD."

- Hans Urs von Balthasar


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FIRE ON THE EARTH



Saturday June 24th, 2017
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 GUIDING MEN TOWARD A DYNAMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST




BREAKOUT SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- *What is my Catholic Vocation?*
- *Building & Growing Your Adult Community of Faith*
- *Winning the Financial Battle Faithfully*
- *Living in Strength and Surrender with Christ*
- *Raising Confident, Capable, Spiritual Kids*
- *Marriage: Stronger Together*


PLUS MANY MORE...

Fr. Burke Masters




Ordained in 2002, Fr. Burke serves as the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Joliet. After a stellar baseball career in high school, Fr. Burke went on to play baseball at Miss. State, where he played in the College World Series. After college, Fr. Burke felt a call to the priesthood. He now travels around the diocese encouraging men and women to lay down their lives for Christ.

Peter Herbeck



Peter serves as Vice President and Dir. of Missions at Renewal Ministries. He is a co-host for the weekly television programs *The Choices We Face* and *Crossing the Goal*. He also hosts the daily radio show *Fire on the Earth*. He is a frequent conference speaker and author of *When the Spirit Comes in Power* and *When the Spirit Speaks*. He and his wife have four children.

Pete Burak



Pete is the Director of i.d.g:16. He is a 2010 graduate of Franciscan U of Steubenville, and is working toward a Master's in Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Pete is a frequent speaker at youth and young adult events. Pete and his wife Cait, have two daughters, Grace and Erin, and one son, Donovan.

SATURDAY JUNE 24TH, 2017

Benedictine University
 5700 College Rd.
 Lisle, IL 60532

7:30am Mass
 8:45am-4:00pm Conference

First Name: _____
 Last Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Church/Organization: _____

Sandwich Preference (Please Circle):

Turkey - Roast Beef
 Ham - Grilled Veggie

____ Individual - \$45 (Includes lunch)
 ____ Student - \$35 (Includes lunch)

Mail to:
 Fishers of Men
 P.O. Box 2392
 Joliet, IL. 60434

Men invited to Morning of Reflection on May 20

All men are invited to a Morning of Reflection on Saturday, May 20, at St. Scholastica Church, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A continental breakfast will be available from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in Room 112. A talk by Father Robert Fenili, CSsR, titled “Were Not Our Hearts Burning Within Us As He Spoke,” will be presented from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.

A quiet time for prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Mass will follow in the chapel at 11:30 a.m.

The cost is \$5.00 per person, payable the day of the event. Space is limited; please RSVP to Rich Szerlong at 630-400-1551.

One time change for abortion center vigil on May 20

For this month only, Council 5918 will begin praying outside the abortion center located on 75th Street at 8 a.m., Saturday, May 20. The group will first meet for breakfast at about 7 a.m. at the Woodridge Café at 75th Street and Janes Avenue.

The time change is being made to accommodate the many brothers who will be attending the Men’s Morning of Reflection at St. Scholastica from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The group typically prays at the center on the third Saturday of each month.

MEMORIAL DAY




Monday, May 29

U.S has opportunity to halt legacy of abortion on demand

By Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

PRO-LIFE AMERICANS now face a historic opportunity. Not since the Supreme Court decided *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 has the United States government had so many high-ranking officials who are pro-life. Consider this: The House majority leader and the speaker of the House are strongly pro-life. So are the Senate majority leader and the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Both the president and the vice president as well as 17 members of their cabinet are pro-life.

Just three days after the inauguration, President Trump signed a presidential memorandum reinstating the Mexico City Policy, which requires that, as a condition for receiving U.S. foreign aid, nongovernmental organizations agree to neither perform nor promote abortion. Then, several days before the March for Life, the House of Representatives passed Rep. Chris Smith’s “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.”

Vice President Pence went from meeting pro-life leaders and speaking at the March for Life to later casting the tie-breaking vote to pass legislation overturning an Obama administration rule blocking states from defunding Planned Parenthood.

The pro-life agenda has had an important place in the first 100 days of the new administration and the new Congress. But that agenda is far from complete.

The *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, issued by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in 2004, describes the right to life as “the first right” (155) and states: “Promoting human dignity implies above all affirming the inviolability of the right to life, from conception to natural death, the first among all rights and the condition for all other rights of the person” (553).

Last August, during our Supreme Convention in Toronto, I stated that we can never hope to build a true culture of life and civilization of love as long as the legal regime of abortion mandated by *Roe v. Wade* remains in effect — a regime that has resulted in the deaths of an estimated 60 million unborn children in the United States since 1973.

Our Knights of Columbus/Marist polling on abortion has consistently shown that strong majorities of Americans support significant restrictions on abortion.

The political stars are aligning in a way as to make change possible. It is time to take up the challenge of Pope Francis to work tirelessly for the building up of a culture of life by advocating for the unborn.

(This is an edited version of an article that first appeared in Columbia magazine.)

COUNCIL 5918 CALENDAR

JUNE 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 Blanchette Assembly Officers' Installation St. Scholastica
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Flag Day Woodridge Jubilee	15 Woodridge Jubilee	16 Woodridge Jubilee	17 Council 5918 Officers' Installation St. Scholastica Jubilee
18 Father's Day Woodridge Jubilee	19	20	21 First day of summer	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Council Meeting 7 p.m. St. Scholastica	29	30	



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