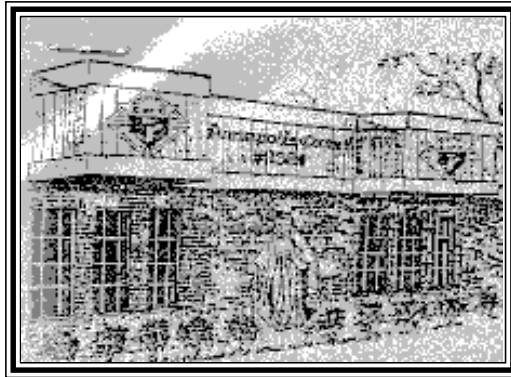


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GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

Brothers All:

Thank you to all who served the Council in our various activities during September and October 2010 especially our annual Tootsie Roll Drive which supports local organizations working with the mentally handicapped. Times are tough for all charitable organizations and your efforts are much appreciated.



November is a busy month with our Business Meeting on election night, November 2nd, at 8PM. Sunday, November 7th, is our annual memorial mass at 9:00AM at St. John Neumann Church. Please attend to remember our deceased brothers. Sunday, November 7th, we are also coordinating the parish blood drive at St. John Neumann Church at all masses and hosting the parish doughnut social. November 13th is the State Council Tailgate and Navy Football Game. Tuesday, November 16th is our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Social and food drive to support the OLPH Food Pantry. Rosary is at 7PM followed by a wonderful dinner!!!

December 7th is our Monthly Business Meeting at 8PM. We host the Annual Providence Center Christmas Party at 10:30AM on Wednesday, December 15th. Finally on Saturday, December 18th is our Annual Council Christmas Party starting at 7PM. Dinner, drinks and dancing is only \$10.00

per person. See the announcement in this newsletter.

You will enjoy being a Knight the more you participate. You have many opportunities in November and December.

Vivat Jesus!

Lee Heath

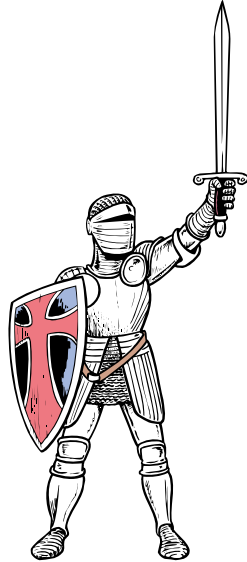


Chaplain's Corner

-Rev. John Harrison C.Ss.R.

Chaplain's Column - November 2010

Many people have asked me about cremation. The general impression of most Catholics is that cremation is forbidden to Catholics. Early Christians shunned cremation because of its association with pagan societies of Greece & Rome; Christians buried their dead in graves or catacombs. When Christianity became the official religion of the Holy Roman Empire, burial was the only recognized means of taking care of bodies throughout Europe. In 1886, the Roman Catholic Church officially banned cremations.



So, what does the Catholic Church say today? The Catechism of the Catholic Church in its paragraph # 2301 states, "The Church permits cremation provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body." The Code of Canon Law, #1176 paragraph 3 says, "The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed; it does not, however forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching."

All right. Now what does that mean? It means that cremation is permitted to Catholics. It still recommends burial as the preferred method. If one were to cremate a loved one, one should still consider burial of the cremains (the official word for the ashes) with the respect due to the body. The church still recommends the burial of the cremains. Obviously, less space is required for the burial of cremains than the burial of a casket. This is the reason that so many columbaria are springing up in cemeteries. The space needed for a cremation urn is approximately 1 cubic foot (1 foot wide, 1 foot high and 1

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foot deep). In 2000, about 25% of all deaths in the United States were cremations; in 2010, the figure is 40%.

Some of the customs surrounding cremation, have to do with what happens to the cremains after cremation. People have put it into their last will and testament to have their ashes strewn over a body of water, or over a National Park. The Catholic Church does not condone or permit such practices, for the reason that it doesn't give the due respect of the person as to the belief in the resurrection of the body. On the other hand, the Church does not want the cremation urns to be kept at home on the mantelpiece either. The Church allows cremation, but asks that the cremains and urn be buried shortly thereafter.

The next question is when to cremate, before or after the funeral Mass? The Church recommends that the body be brought to the Church for the funeral and if cremation is to take place that it be done after the funeral Mass. It is still possible to have a Funeral Mass with the urn and cremains present. I hope this puts people at ease regarding questions about cremation.

Fr. Harrison



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Calling All 1384 Knights!



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Memorial Mass: Father Harrison will lead us in our annual mass to remember deceased Knights on Sunday, November 7th at St. John Neumann at 9:00AM. Please attend this mass. Ushers will reserve several rows on the front center left of the church for us. Bring your family and sit with us at this mass. If you participate in nothing else all year you can honor others by sitting together with our families at the Memorial mass.

Navy Tailgate: November 13th. Tailgate starts at 1:00PM followed by the Navy vs Central Michigan game at 3:30PM. Get your tickets before the deadline.

Thanksgiving Social: I have heard your wishes to have our TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER together with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, etc on TUESDAY, November 16th. We will pray the rosary at 7PM followed by dinner together at 7:30PM. There is no charge, just come to pray and give thanks. I NEED YOU TO RSVP to Brother Roland Banscher at rbcats1@verizon.net or 410-224-2897.

Vivat Jesus!

Lee Heath
Grand Knight

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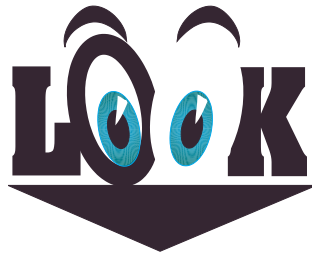
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Subject: BE POSITIVE



John is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, 'If I were any better, I would be twins!'

He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, John was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up and asked him, 'I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time How do you do it?'

He replied, 'Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or ... you can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood.'

Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or...I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it.

Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or... I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life.

'Yeah, right, it's not that easy,' I protested.

'Yes, it is,' he said. 'Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood.'

You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live your life.'

I reflected on what he said. Soon hereafter, I left the Tower Industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later, I heard that he was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower.

After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, he was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back.

I saw him about six months after the accident.

When I asked him how he was, he replied, 'If I were any better, I'd be twins..Wanna see my scars?'

I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place.

'The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon-to-be born daughter,' he replied. 'Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or...I could choose to die. I chose to live.'

'Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?'" I asked.

He continued, '...the paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared.. In their eyes, I read 'he's a dead man'. I knew I needed to take action.'

'What did you do?' I asked. 'Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me,' said John. 'She asked if I was allergic to anything 'Yes, I replied.' The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Gravity''

Over their laughter, I told them, 'I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.'

He lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude... I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully.

Attitude, after all, is everything .

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.' Matthew 6:34.

After all today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.



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