



### FATHER ANDREW WHITE ASSEMBLY #377 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE



St. Mary, Mother of Christ Queen of the Knights

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Fr. Michael McGivney Founder of our Beloved Order

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### Faithful Navigator's Message

Brothers, I invite <u>all</u> of you and your ladies to join Father Andrew White Assembly for a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Mardi Gras Celebration on Saturday, 18 February, in St. Michael's council home, in Ridge. Recommended attire is business casual with emphasis on Mardi Gras colors: purple, green and gold. The evening will include a short program, but the focus will be on fraternity, fellowship and fun!

Here's the plan:

5 pm Mass

6 pm Cocktail Hour

7 pm Dinner by Rustic River: Pit beef, jambalaya, Creole pork chops w/ white beans

8 pm Short program followed by Fellowship & Dancing

\$20 per person; RSVP by 6 Feb: SK Chris Powers, 301-997-1518, cpowersr2@gmail.com.

Also, please remember the dates for the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree: 17 March for priests and 14 April for everybody. Get your registration forms and payment in soon!

Patriotically, Jerry Hicks Faithful Navigator Father Andrew White Assembly #377



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#### Faithful Admiral's Message

Worthy Sir Knights,

Worthy Sir Knights, and any interested guests! We are doing great in getting candidates for the Exemplifications on March 17, 2012 (for Priests, Disabled, and those who cannot make the main Exemplification) at St. Mary of the Assumption School, and on April 14, 2012 at the Colony South Hotel in Clinton, MD. My tally of candidates today is 20 prospective candidates! There are 2 from St. John's Council, 5 from Immaculate Heart of Mary Council (including Father Dave), 6 from Immaculate Conception Council, 4 from Holy Face Council (including Father Calis!), and 4 from St. Mary's Council. As I mentioned at the last Assembly meeting, I need sponsors, or council reps for the candidates to get a signed Form 4, a registration form, and their money from each candidate and deliver them to the Faithful Comptroller as soon as possible. If you need any help with any of this, let me know. How about the councils with no candidates yet? I need 1 or2 from each council! And if you have a Priest as a prospective candidate, assure them that they will get to their commitments the day of the Exemplification in plenty of time. If you are having trouble convincing them, then let's get the Faithful Friar involved soon! We are looking at an outstanding class for our Faithful Navigator, the Worthy Master and for our Patriotic Degree, and I thank you for your help!

Vivat Jesus!

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Faithful Captain's Message



Father Andrew White Assembly (#377) is celebrating 60 years of patriotic service to Southern Maryland. We'll honor this anniversary with a Mardi Gras themed dinner party on February 18th, 2012 (Saturday before Ash Wednesday). The celebration will be hosted at the Assembly Home which is St. Michael's Council in Ridge.

Plan now to attend. We'll hear about the history of Father Andrew White Assembly, as well as the history of Mardi Gras! The event will blend Southern Maryland hospitality with the rich traditions of Mardi Gras.

Please RSVP by 6 February!



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#### **District Deputy #8**

Brothers,

Congratulations to our brothers who have completed their journey to full knighthood, having received the lesson of Fraternity at the Third Degree on 27 January! Please encourage your brothers who have not witnessed the new Third Degree to do so at their first opportunity.

If you haven't participated in a council activity lately, I invite you to do so. Service to Church and community is why we joined the KofC, and our council mates will appreciate the help. You'll feel good about being a Knight. It's a win-win-win.

Thanks to those Knights and family members who turned out for the March for Life. Coming soon: Lobby Night (20 February) and the Maryland March for Life (12 March). Take a stand for the unborn and for our Catholic values!

If you have suggestions about how we can better serve, share those ideas at your next council meeting – then be prepared to take an active role!

Thanks for all you do!

Jerry Hicks District Deputy #8

#### **District Deputy #29**

Greetings Brother Knights and all others interested in our honored order. We're doing many great things throughout District 29. We are out and about handing out tootsie rolls and collecting funds for the intellectually challenged. We are recruiting new members to help with our activities. We are holding breakfasts and dinners both to raise funds and to have some fellowship. We are putting up cemeteries for the innocent, the latest in front of Holy Face Church in Great Mills. We have held council and district soccer shootouts and we have winners headed to the State soccer shootout in November. We are helping our pastors with whatever they need. We are supporting our schools and many other worthwhile charities. We are holding prayer services with the Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon at churches throughout the area.

Through it all, we continue to live the principals of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. These are lessons that we Knights of Columbus stand for and live. Keep up the great work. Recruiting to sustain the life blood of our order. Holding great programs to attract outstanding catholic men. Training and communicating in order to function as a well oiled machine. Keep up the great work! I look forward to working with you and socializing with you.

Mike Thumm District Deputy #29



### Intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI

**General Intention:** That the family may be respected by all in its identity and that its irreplaceable contribution to all of society be recognized.

**Missionary Intention:** That in the mission territories where the struggle against disease is most urgent, Christian communities may witness to the presence of Christ to those who suffer.

### The Knight's Prayer

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the Kingship of thy Divine Son on Earth. Through thine intercession, win for us the grace ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues which should characterize those specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware, that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our order appreciated. Accept O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion of thy servants, the Knights of Columbus. Amen.

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A Prayer for all Veterans:

We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for, echoing John Paul II, an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, As a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combative posts; May their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, Moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, hear our prayer. Amen.

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### Assembly Meetings & Other Events

Mardi Gras party, February 18 at St. Michael's Council Home, Ridge