

FATHER ANDREW WHITE ASSEMBLY #377 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE



The Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney Founder of our Beloved Order

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#### St. Mary, Mother of Christ Queen of the Knights

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#### Faithful Navigator's Message

My Brother Knights,

It is my pleasure to congratulate our new Master of 4th Degree, Archdiocese of Washington District, Sir Knight John F. Winfrey, FDD, PGK, PFN! SK John's appointment was announced two weeks ago. He's establishing his District Team, finalizing near term schedules, and leading us in his motto: "Taking a Stand & Changing Lives"!

Here in St. Mary's County, I encourage all Knights and families to join with the Father Andrew White Assembly as we stand in solidarity with our Priests and answer the call to defend our religious freedom! In October, as Catholics, we're called to pray, study and evangelize. Prayer gives us the strength to remember that right is defined by our alignment with God. If we study the issues facing our nation, and reflect on God's will, our patriotic service will align with our precept of evangelization. Clearly, calmly, and prayerfully, we will help our neighbors and friends prepare for the November election.

In October, we also celebrate our namesake on Columbus Day. This is a great time to welcome new members into the Order, and current Brother Knights to advance to the Patriotic Degree! As you recruit new members, please target two dates. First degree candidates must complete their 1st Degree Exemplification by October 20th (6 months prior to April 20th) to advance to the 4th Degree this fraternal year. The first local opportunity for the 3rd degree is on October 19th at Calvert Council (North Beach), the next is January 25<sup>th</sup> at St. John Francis Regis, SJ, Council.

I hope to see many of you at the Columbus Day Ball and the Columbus Day celebration at the monument outside Union Station.

Vivat Jesus! Chris



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Faithful Admiral's Message

Sir Knights,

The Mission of Fourth Degree

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is committed to the preservation of the Church, the Order, and the many nations where Knights serve. It should be a natural progression for First, Second and Third degree Knights to aspire to join the Fourth Degree. Membership in the Fourth Degree allows a Knight to display pride in his country, while continuing to serve his community and Church.

Please encourage your council mates to join us in this mission. The 2013 exemplification is scheduled for 20 April (Priests' exemplification at dress rehearsal on 16 March). Let's start now to build a roster of worthy candidates. In the near future, we will visit each council in the Father Andrew White Assembly's jurisdiction, which is St. Mary's County, to present the story of the Fourth Degree.

Patriotically, Jerry Hicks Faithful Admiral







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

**General Intention:** New Evangelization. That the New Evangelization may progress in the oldest Christian countries.

**Missionary Intention:** World Mission Day. That the celebration of World Mission Day may result in a renewed commitment to evangelization.

#### 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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# ~AGAINST~ Question 6

Uphold marriage in Maryland. Don't redefine it.

> id you know that many of the rights and benefits sought by those who want to redefine marriage are already available to domestic partners in Maryland?

- Hospital visitation
- Health care decision making
- Exemption from state inheritance taxes and from recordation taxes
- Health insurance coverage and life insurance coverage
- End-of-life decisions
- Organ donation priority
- Nursing home room sharing
- Funeral arrangements
- Government employee health benefits
- And more

It is not necessary to redefine marriage in order to provide rights and benefits to other couples.

It is not discrimination to believe that marriage is to be between a man and a woman. We all know and love family members, friends and colleagues who are gay, but reserving marriage for one man and one woman recognizes the uniqueness of that relationship above all other relationships.

Marriage between one man and one woman has been recognized by both government and religion throughout time and across cultures because it is the only relationship capable of bringing children into the world and providing them with the love of a mother and a father.

Don't be fooled into thinking we can redefine marriage and protect religious freedom. We've seen it too many times already - if marriage is redefined, churches, religiously affiliated institutions, private businesses and individuals will be exposed to lawsuits and harassment just for expressing their religious beliefs about marriage.

And don't take the Question 6 ballot language at face value. What the new law redefining marriage pretends to offer as religious protections, it then takes away in language that has not been included in what you will read at the polls.

According to the actual legislation, religious organizations that accept any sort of state or federal funds are excluded from religious liberty protections. And there are no protections for individuals or businesses.

Every vote will count on Election Day, November 6 Early voting begins October 27 and ends November 1 Don't Redefine Marriage.Vote AGAINST Question 6



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