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## *Grand Knight's Message*

As we begin anew with the birth of our Savior, let us start this new year continuing the charitable works for our community.

JP Flagg, II  
Grand Knight, Council 5567

## *Chaplain's Reflection*

### Hell

In the Gospel of John, we read "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)." Yet, in the Gospel of Mark, we hear Jesus say that "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire (Mk 9:43)." This raises the question: how could a God who is described as infinitely good; create, sustain, and send anyone to a place of infinite, horrible torment.

Yet, as uncomfortable as the idea that hell exists might be, it follows directly from two other doctrines central to our faith. Namely, that (first) God is love, and that (second) we human beings have free will.

First, that God is love. We do not simply believe that God has love, or that love is one of God's attributes, or that love is something that God does from time to time. Love is what God **is**. The whole nature, essence, substance, and life of God is love. To will only good things for his children. That is who God is. Therefore, God does not go in and out of love, does not love some and hate others. He does not go into emotional snits and change his mind. God simply is love. In Jesus' language, God is like the sun that shines on the good and the bad alike.

Second, that human beings have free will. God made the planets, and plants and animals, and insects to glorify him simply by being themselves. That's how they glorify the divine goodness. But, human beings he made with

intelligence and will. That means he wants us to respond to his intentional love; who he is, with our own intentional love. So, he gave us the privilege of our freedom.

Now, with freedom comes the possibility of abusing freedom. The nature of freedom allows us to say yes to the love that God is, and thereby find joy and peace, and our own deepest purpose. Or, we can say no and resist it.

What does resistance cause? Since God knows and intentionally wills only what is good for us, resistance will always cause suffering at the deepest level of the soul. It's like fire, it's like torment, it's like the everlasting flames of Biblical language used to describe great spiritual suffering. So what is hell? Hell would be that final and definitive no to God's love uttered from the very depth of one's soul. The rejection of the good things that God has intended for us. That's hell. Eternal suffering because it's this eternal no to the love that God is.

Now in light of this clarification, we can see how all of the language of God sending people to hell, God condemning people to hell because of their mistakes and so on, is problematic. **God does not send people to hell.** Rather, people send themselves into this state by their refusal of His divine love.

As C. S. Lewis said, "The door to hell is always locked from the inside." It is not as though God is maliciously locking it from the outside, locking people in. Rather, it's people themselves, who by their refusal, lock themselves away from the divine love. That's what hell would be.

Lewis also said, "The love of God lights up the fires of hell." So, what does that mean? You see love is what God is. That is all that God knows how to do. The love of God is always shining on us, but if you turn away from it, it becomes a kind of torture to you because your innermost soul wants to respond to it, and is empty without it. The very love in which the saint basks in joy, is what the unforgiven sinner suffers in.

Rev. Mr. Alan Jeeves, Associate Chaplain

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wife Caroline ❖ Fr. Alphonso Carew ❖ Joe Fantom's  
daughter ❖ Wally Stack, PGK and his wife Bea ❖ Fr.  
Michael Salah ❖ the Grandfather of Danny Grant ❖  
Carl Fefe

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## COUNCIL

### **January Birthday Greetings**

The Council extends best wishes for a Happy  
Birthday to our Brother Knights who are celebrating  
a birthday in January!

Rev. Alphonso Carew – 2	Patrick Mc Nerney - 12
Orlando Lau – 4	Chris Colburn - 15
Michael R. Huff – 5	Primo Roman - 15
Thomas G. Curro – 6	Robert E. Kane - 19
Martin Sedegah – 6	Leo Bauman, Jr. - 20
Paul W. Buol – 8	Joseph H. Young - 22
Richard A. Palya – 9	Michael Nittol - 28
Robert A. Gombas – 10	Chris J. Glaser, Jr. - 29
Stephen E. Richter – 11	Joseph F. Lamour – 29
Francesco Gambe - 30	

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## CULTURE OF LIFE

### **Annual March for Life**

The annual National March for Life will take place  
this year in Washington, DC on Friday, January 22,  
2016. The March is held annually on January 22,  
the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in  
*Roe v Wade*, which legalized abortion in the United  
States.

## COMMUNITY

### *Shepherd's Table*

Let's give a hand to the good people at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen on **Wednesday, January 20, 2015**, beginning at 5:00 PM. The time spent will be most rewarding. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Call William Trimble, PGK, 240-603-2574, for more information.

To get to Shepherd's Table, drive south on Georgia Avenue toward DC until you see Silver Spring Avenue on the left. Turn right and proceed into Progress Place. The actual address is 8210 Colonial Lane #A, Silver Spring, MD 20910

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- Short "Next Steps" presentation from Conference staff (7:30 pm)
- Shuttles available back to St. John Neumann Mission Church (7:30-8:30 pm)

The event is free but you **MUST** register at [www.mdccatholic.org/LobbyNight](http://www.mdccatholic.org/LobbyNight).

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### *Degree Exemplification Schedule*

The Council First Degree Team will host its next First Degree Exemplification on **Thursday, February 11**. The Degree begins promptly at 8pm, and candidates should report to the lobby outside of Room 11 by no later than 7:30pm. If you know of any candidates, please make arrangements with F.S. Roger Szabo as soon as possible.

For those who would prefer to take their First Degree in Spanish, an Exemplification will take place at San Juan Bosco Council in Frederick, MD, on Tuesday, January 5 beginning at 7pm. San Juan Bosco Council's address is 112 E 2nd Street, Frederick, MD 21701. As with any degree, please see F.S. Roger Szabo to make the necessary arrangements.

St. Joseph Manyanet Counsel will also be hosting a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification on Thursday, March 24 at 8pm. The full degree calendar is available on the Maryland State Council's website: <http://www.kofc-md.org>.

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### *RCIA Help at St. Jude's*

Fr. Ken Gill, one of the Parochial Vicars at St. Jude's, and also one of our Chaplains, is asking all the organizations within and associated with St. Jude to help out with St. Jude's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). No, we would not be teaching classes, but we would help out with refreshments afterwards.

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## CULTURE OF LIFE

### *Protest at Planned Parenthood*

On **January 21**, from 9:00 am to 11:30 pm, pro-lifers from all over the country will hold a prayer vigil and rally at the site of the mega-abortion facility Planned Parenthood is constructing at 1225 4th Street, NE in Washington, DC. The 26,000 sq. ft. building, scheduled to be completed in the spring, will also serve as headquarters for the organization's Greater Washington branch. Among special guest speakers at the rally will be Lila Rose (Live Acton), Fr. Frank Pavone (Priests for Life), and David Daleiden (Center for Medical Progress). This will be the first #ProtestPP event of 2016. Co-directors of the event are Eric Scheidler (Pro-Life Action League), Mark Harrington (Created Equal), and Monica Miller (Citizens for a Pro-Life Society).

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## CHURCH

### *Ushers Needed at St. Catherine's*

St. Catherine's is in need of volunteers to help out as Ushers at the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Contact Roger Szabo, or any one of our Brothers from St. Catherine's to volunteer to help.



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## Carhart Sends Another Woman to Hospital

On December 15, an ambulance transported a woman from LeRoy Carhart's Germantown clinic to a nearby hospital. Carhart – one of the few doctors in the country who perform third trimester abortions -- opened his Germantown facility in December 2010. This is the ninth medical emergencies at this facility documented by Operation Rescue. In February 2013, Jennifer Morbelli, who was 33-weeks pregnant, died from complications arising from his abortion procedure. In the picture at the right, LerRoy Carhart, in the lab coat, watches as his patient is placed in an ambulance.



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## Physician-Assisted Suicide in Maryland

A bill to allow physician assisted suicide will be reintroduced this year in the Maryland General Assembly. Proponents will be pressing hard to pass it. Expected to be similar to the bill that was defeated last year, it probably would allow doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of drugs at the request of a patient who has been deemed mentally competent and who has received a terminal diagnosis. The legislation, referred to by its proponents as "death with dignity," is unnecessary, flawed, and lacks safeguards. You can stay informed by:

- Signing up with Maryland Against Physician Assisted Suicide: <http://stopassistedsuicidemd.org/>. This is a coalition of diverse groups including disability rights, medical professionals, patients' rights advocates, and religious groups. The working group studies issues of proposed legislation before the Session begins.

- Joining the Maryland Catholic Conference's Catholic Advocacy Network at <http://www.mdcathcon.org/action> for alerts and other action items.
- Checking various resources at <http://www.mdcathcon.org/pas>.

## 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign

Begin to plan for the 2016 spring campaign of 40 Days for Life, which will run from Ash Wednesday, February 10, to Palm Sunday, March 20. Since these twice-a-year campaigns began, 11,165 babies have been saved, 127 abortion workers have converted and left the death industry, and 64 abortion centers have closed. Watch for the several locations in Maryland where prayer vigils will be held. For more information, go to [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).

## March for Life

All Maryland Knights, their families and friends are invited to join the Maryland State Council at the annual March for Life, which will take place on January 22 in Washington, DC. Meet on the Mall at Madison Drive at 14th Street N.W., between 11:00 and 11:30 am (Nearest Metro station: Smithsonian or Federal Triangle). Look for the Big Blue Banner. At 11:30, the group will move to the staging area to watch the program, which starts with a musical interlude at 11:45 am. The Rally begins at noon, and the March will commence at about 1:00 pm. About 3:00 pm, when everyone has reached the Supreme Court, there will be Silent No More testimonials. Then, folks can visit their representatives at 3:30 pm. For ancillary and related events, such as the youth rally, conference, law of life summit, prayer vigil and youth Mass, and many others, check at [marchforlife.org](http://marchforlife.org), especially as the time for the March draws closer.

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## Cemeteries of the Innocents

As of January 1, there are three Cemeteries of the Innocents standing in Maryland. They are at: Open Gate Ministries Church in Waldorf (Charles County), St. John in Hollywood (St. Mary's County), and St. George in Valley Lee (St. Mary's County).

Immanuel's Church in Silver Spring (Montgomery County) is constructing a set of crosses so that they can display their own.

For more information or to schedule a Cemetery of the Innocents in your locale, contact Jim McFillin ([jimmcfillin@cs.com](mailto:jimmcfillin@cs.com)).



Cemetery at St. George's Church, Valley Lee

**Cemetery of the Innocents Scorecard: Number Installed In 2015 – 21 Since 2004 – 295**

*Every life, born and preborn, aged and young, must be cherished and protected. No exception!  
No compromise! – Nellie Gray*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Mary, Mother of God	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Social Meeting 8pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Martin Luther King Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Shepherd's Table 5pm	<b>21</b> Protest @ Pl. Parenthood	<b>22</b> March for Life	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <hr/> <b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Business Meeting 8pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

Council Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 8pm in Room 11 of St. Catherine School (Claridge Rd. & Veirs Mill Rd.)

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