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## *Grand Knight's Message*

The Grand Knight would like to bring the following to your attention for your consideration.

### **“Come and See” Events for Those Considering the Permanent Diaconate**

From: Deacon Desi Viktor, Director of Permanent Diaconate Formation

We will soon begin a series of events in various parts of the Archdiocese to recruit aspirants for the next formation program class. The schedule appears below for your information. Our most effective “recruiters” are our deacons and their wives.

Therefore, we ask two things of you and your wives: (1) if you know men who, in your judgment, love the Lord, are service oriented and have the potential to be good deacons, please identify and invite them to attend one of these sessions for additional information, and (2) if possible, please come to one of these events and bring your wife in order to share your experiences in formation and ministry with those who are discerning.

All we ask is that you RSVP us by contacting Mrs. Diane Biggs at (301)853-5345 or at [biggsd@adw.org](mailto:biggsd@adw.org). The qualifications for admission to the formation program are set forth on the Archdiocese's website at <http://site.adw.org/permanent-deacons>. Your ongoing prayers and support are greatly appreciated and requested. God bless!

The 2016 “Come and See” schedule is as follows:

1. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 – Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Hyattsville, MD - 7-9 pm
2. Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016 – St. Joseph, Largo, MD - 7-9 pm

3. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 - St. Andrew the Apostle, Silver Spring, MD - 7-9 pm
4. Wednesday, Mar. 2, 2016 - Jesus the Good Shepherd, Owings, MD - 7-9 pm
5. Wednesday, Mar. 9, 2016 - St. Aloysius, Leonardtown, MD - 7-9 pm
6. Wednesday, Mar. 16, 2016 - Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Hyattsville, MD - 7-9 pm

P.S. Please encourage your pastor, if he has not done so already, to include the information about the “Come and See” in your parish bulletin. This information appeared in the December, January and upcoming February Clergy Newsletter and Parish Briefings.

### **World Wear Project**

The Council received the following communication from World Wear Project. Brothers, please send me your recommendations regarding this program, which would serve as both a fundraiser and a community activity. We will discuss it at the next business meeting. Email [jpflaggii@yahoo.com](mailto:jpflaggii@yahoo.com).

World Wear Project is a used shoes and clothing recycling company in Dallas; we partner with organizations across the nation in order to assist them in raising money. We can help KOC raise money by holding a shoe drive. We will send you boxes to hold the shoes and boots, buy the shoes that KOC collects, and then recycle the shoes.

The Shoe Box Program is an easy way for KOC to make additional funds. Via UPS, we will ship you flat shoe boxes with return shipping labels. You simply fill the box with 60 pounds of gently worn shoes. When you are ready to ship your shoes to us, contact me, and I will send UPS to pick up the used shoes. There is no cost to you for shipping.

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## **Council Officers**

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## **Please Remember in Your Prayers**

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Bernadette Barr (Bernard's Daughter) ❖ Connie Berens  
(Pattie Kane's Mother) ❖ Harry Canter ❖ Rolando  
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❖ Alfio & Rosemary Mazzaglia ❖ Gloria Pelletier ❖  
Evans Family (adoption) ❖ Rice Family (adoption) ❖  
Gavin Pereira ❖ James Stack ❖ Roger Vales ❖ Bob  
Stovenour ❖ Mary Wells (Bob Kane's Sister) ❖  
William Cooper ❖ Peggy Leake-Ross's Son-in-Law ❖  
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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

### **February Birthday Greetings**

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

Christopher Stradone - 1  
Bernard I Wikramanayake - 1  
Daniel M. Potrepka - 3  
Caleb M. Glaser - 6  
Michael W. Henze - 8  
Joseph A, Criswell - 9  
Theodore P. Sintetos - 14  
Rev Valentine Kevney - 15  
Suraju D. Akimbola - 20  
Peter J. Freimuth - 22  
Henry A. Salah - 23

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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.

## *Chaplain's Reflection*

### Missing the Lifeboat

Sometimes, the distractions around us can blind us so that we cannot see what is truly important in life. We can literally miss the lifeboat. It's so easy for us to become workaholics, to make our job, or even an avocation, the main focus of our life. Yet, we do that at the risk of missing the lives of those we love. It doesn't have to be that way.

We might find it hard to say, "If I can't get the work done at work, it's not going to get done that day." But, most of the time, will you really regret doing so? One parent put it this way, "Regardless of any advancement opportunities I might forgo, I want to be with the people who matter to me." Parents don't live forever. Children don't stay young forever. We may think we're too busy to watch games, or go to graduations, or attend school plays or performances. But, the work will go on, and these events may never come again.

As in life, so in love. We may have gone after someone else who looked better, and lost the person who is better. Amazingly, when we set high standards we net quality people. An old lady recalled a time when her sister was on a date. The boy got fresh with her, so she slapped him. Another guy, hearing about it said, "that's the kind of girl I want." He wanted a girl who respected herself, because this is the type of person he wanted to mother his children, and to love him. People who respect themselves will respect others.

In our society we are actually conditioned to ignore what is important. We are trained through advertising and fashion and even the media to look, talk, walk, and even

think a certain way. Yet, nothing outside us will ever satisfy us. When we chase after what is unimportant, like looks or clothes, we miss what is really important – the ability to care, love, give, and respect others.

Often in life, we not only miss life and love, but we even miss something as important as God. In our humility we see God in other people. But, in pride we just hurt ourselves and hurt each other. Pride is the mask of an insecure person who mistakes rigidity for strength. Pride causes us to miss a lot, too. False pride, the pride that is a deadly sin, is that part of us that is fearful, that is afraid to forgive or ask forgiveness, the part of us that hides behind a mask of hostility.

How many marriages have ended, and families broken up, because someone was too proud to ask for help, to go to a counselor with a sincere desire to work on a

marriage? And how many relationships have ended because someone refused to say "I'm sorry"? How many arguments have been fought, feelings hurt and trust damaged, because someone was too proud to say "you were right?"

If we miss the boat, we are left with regrets, tears, disappointments, and unhappy situations which frequently have no good resolution. Someone described hell as waking up in eternity, and realizing we had spent our lives pursuing an unfaithful lover! Instead of pursuing God, the one who loves us unconditionally, we stalk a strange god of money or power or fame.

Instead of loving one special person, we choose to give into our lust for many people, and break the hearts of countless others. How sad to wake up at the end of life and realize that the objects of our lust not only didn't love us back, but they brought us suffering and misery which was never the intentional will of our loving Father.

So, to find what is important in life we need to discover God. The kingdom of God is within us. God is within us.

Rev. Mr. Alan Jeeves  
Associate Chaplain  
St. Joseph Manyanet Council #5567

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#### COMMUNITY

##### *Shepherd's Table*

Let's give a hand to the good people at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen on **Wednesday, February 17, 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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#### CHURCH

##### *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.

***Maryland Lobby Night***

Lobby Night is an opportunity for Maryland constituents to meet with their State legislators and share the Catholic viewpoint on issues before the General Assembly. The Maryland Catholic Conference (MCC), which organizes the annual event, has changed the date and format this year.

Instead of Presidents' Day, it will be held on Shrove **Tuesday, February 9, 2016**, from 3 pm to 8 pm.

The change allows the MCC to host a reception in the Miller Office Building for all participants, bishops and other Catholic leaders and members of the General Assembly. Lobby Night is one of the best attended advocacy events in Annapolis, and having everyone gather in one place will demonstrate the large annual turnout when hundreds of Catholics show up in Annapolis! The new format will include:

- A streamlined briefing at St. John Neumann Mission Church, Annapolis (3-4:30 pm)
- Shuttles to the state office buildings (beginning at 4:30 pm)
- Visits with legislators to deliver postcards and discuss the Church's stance on issues (5-6 pm)
- Dinner reception with legislators (6-7:30 pm)
- 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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COUNCIL

***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.

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>.

Bob and Carol Kammer received a note from Fr. Don VanAlstyne after Christmas. He is retired from the Army after 18½ years on active duty, and is now a full time Chaplain at the Heinz VA Hospital in Pittsburgh. His address is:

Rev. Donald Van Alstyne  
947 Roland Rd  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

He considers it an honor to transition from serving our active duty Soldiers to ministering to our Veterans! He also extends his fondest regards to all of the members of St. Joseph Manyanet Council; especially Bea & Wally Stack whom he credits with re-enforcing his desire to commit to the K of C!\

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There is no cost to you at any point in our program. Checks are issued the first week of the month following receiving the boxes.

We accept wearable men's shoes, women's shoes, and kids' shoes. Shoes can include all wearable leather and leather look-alike tennis shoes, sports shoes, casual shoes and dress shoes. We do not purchase winter boots, or any shoe with metal cleats.

One of our missions at World Wear Project is to divert shoes and boots from our nation's landfills. The shoes that are collected are then sold to developing countries at affordable prices. If you would like to get started with our program I am available through email or phone!

Best,  
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***Change of Date – March Business Meeting***

Mark your Calendars!

The **March Business meeting** will take place on **Thursday, March 10** at 8pm in the usual meeting place, room 11 in the St. Catherine School building. We will be hosting a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on Thursday, March 17. There will be **NO** meeting on Thursday March 24, due to it being Holy Thursday.

*February, 2015*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Shrove Tuesday	9 MD Lobby Night	10 Ash Wednesday	11 First Degree 8pm	12	13
14 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	15 Valentine's Day	16	17 Shepherd's Table 5pm	18	19	20
21 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	22	23	24	25 Business Meeting 8pm	26	27
28 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	29					

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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