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Grand Knight's Message

The Grand Knight requested that the enclosed flyer from the Sullivan Brothers Assembly be included in this month's edition of the *Communiqué*.

Chaplain's Reflection

The Wedding Feast at Cana

The story of the wedding feast at Cana is surely one of the most charming in the Bible. But what does it mean? Perhaps the most obvious meaning is that Jesus by his attendance at the feast endorsed human sexual love.

Marriage--a man and a woman committing themselves to each other for life--holds the greatest possibility for human happiness that any human relationship can offer. However, a marriage will only be as alive as the people in it.

And, what happened at the wedding feast at Cana happens sooner or later in every marriage, namely, the wine runs out. What do we mean by this?

Hardly any human event creates such high expectations as marriage. The typical marriage starts off with a feast of joy like the wedding feast in today's gospel. You are full of hopes and dreams. The wine is flowing freely, and you have the euphoric feeling of romantic love, a love that will never end.

But then, you must begin the hard work of setting up a home and learning to live with each other. You will find great joy in each other's company. You will be convinced that your love was pre-ordained in heaven and meant to last for eternity. During this "honeymoon" period, it looks as if your expectations are going to be fulfilled. The wine is still flowing.

But when human beings are close to one another problems inevitably occur. As you get to know each other, you will discover that you did not marry an angel after all, but an imperfect human being, with the same needs and failings as everyone else. Sooner or later, the wine will run out, just as at Cana.

Romantic love is not an aberration. It is a powerful taste of the divine. But the first wine of "romantic" love must inevitably run out so that the best wine of a new and deeper love can be born.

Marriages last, relationships last, when we learn how to nurture each other and to nurture ourselves by carrying each other's love, not our grudges. We look for the good and we praise that good in each other. We do not leave each other, because love becomes the glue that binds us together across any space between us, even across time.

We discover the love of God in our lives, so we learn to love and live like God, and we learn to love each other. We care about each other instead of being cruel to each other. We show our appreciation for what is, not our complaints about what is not.

We need to make our marriage partner our ally, not our adversary. Marriages are better when the husband and wife clearly understand that they are on the same side. It really is almost always true that the person we first set our heart on is actually the right person for us. The grass will never be greener somewhere else.

Love is not easy because life is not easy. Like our lives, our love will always be imperfect. But deepened love transcends feelings. Deepened love is typified by Mary's attitude at Cana – 'they have no wine.'

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COUNCIL

April Birthday Greetings

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

Michael T. Holder - 3
Michael A. White - 5
Gregory P. Pelletier - 8
Joseph S. Gil - 11
John B. Pettit - 14
Cleveland B. Braswell Jr - 15
Rev. Lamberto Pasion - 16
Michael D. Craven - 18
Anthony A. Weeden - 21
Michael T. Miller - 30

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. Masses are at 5:15 and 7:pm on Saturday,
and 7a, 8:30a, 10a, 11:30a and 1p on Sunday.
Contact Roger Szabo, or any one of our Brothers
from St. Catherine's to volunteer to help.

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It consists in putting the other person before ourselves, being grateful for who we are with, and being at peace with ourselves. Love is a difficult adventure. That is why, like the wedding couple at Cana, we need the presence of Christ.

The changing of water into wine symbolizes what Jesus' ministry was about. He changed beyond recognition the lives of those who came into contact with him. He offers us something that we pine for but cannot achieve on our own. He offers us a share in the divine life of God. He brings a joy which the world cannot give.

Rev. Mr. Alan Jeeves, Associate Chaplain

COMMUNITY

Shepherd's Table

Let's give a hand to the good people at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen on **Wednesday, April 20**, 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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Admission (First) Degree Team News

Council 5567's Admission Degree Team is hosting two more exemplifications this Fraternal Year, on **Thursday, April 14**, and Thursday, June 9. Degree Exemplifications begin promptly at 8pm, and candidates should report by 7:30pm and meet in the antechamber (lobby area outside of Room 11). Contact F.S. Roger Szabo to inform him of any candidates so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

118th Annual MD State Convention

Maryland State Council, K of C will be holding its 118th Annual Maryland State Convention on the weekend of May 13-15, 2016 in Ocean City, MD at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort. For additional information or to register, refer to the convention web page: <https://mdkocconvention.org>.

From the District Deputy

The Maryland State Council held its Spring Meeting for District Deputies and District Wardens on Saturday March 12th, 2016 at Annapolis Council from 9:00am to 4:30pm. The Maryland State Council Founder's Day Mass and Awards Diner was held Sunday, March 13th, 2016 with 3:00pm Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Severna Park, MD. The Awards Dinner to honor the Police Officers, Firemen, Teachers, and Family of the Year followed immediately after at the Columbian Center in Severna Park, MD. The basketball Free Throw State Championship Contest was held March 19th, and District 18 had at least one winner. Check the State Website for the list of winners. And finally, a reminder to register and make hotel reservations at the kofc-md.org website for the State Council Convention, to be held May 13th thru 15th at Princes Royal Hotel in Ocean City, MD.

There was a 4th Degree exemplification held March 5 for the Maryland District in Frederick MD. A 4th Degree exemplification was held on April 2 for the Archdiocese of Washington District in Clinton, MD.

I would like to remind all Councils that election of Council Officers usually begins in April with the formation of the Nomination Committee, and election of officers is usually held in May or June. See your Council Bylaws for dates and regulations.

Also this is the time for Deputy Grand Knights planning to move up to Grand Knight positions to start their list in formation of their Program Chairmen of Activities for the upcoming Columbian Year. This is also the time to think about the Installation of Officers and checking with the District Warden for his availability during the July/August Timeframe, and for booking Parish mass and reception rooms for the event. Picking a date now will ensure that your council officers will be able to attend the ceremony and receive their charge from the District Deputy at the installation.

Please note that the Admissions (Old 1st) Degree to be held April 10th at St. Elizabeth Council #12796 is canceled and will be rescheduled for a later date TBD.

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Rock Creek Council #2797 will have theirs April 14th at 8pm Candidates report by 7pm to register. Manyanet Council #5567 will have their Admission Degree April 14th at 8pm Candidates report by 7:30pm to register. And finally, there will be a Formation (Old 2nd) Degree April 28th at Mater Dei Council #9774 at 7:30pm Candidates report at 7pm.

As each council works towards their Star Council achievements please do not forget to submit the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). You already have content for 3/4ths of the report available from your three quarterly program reports. Start now, and I suggest you plan on submitting it by Mid-June to allow Supreme time to register it and process the form. Don't wait until June 30th - it may not get recorded as submitted on time! You can even write up what you plan to do in the last quarter to get it to count. Just a thought...

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Kittka
District Deputy, District No. 18

CHURCH, COMMUNITY

Carnival Day at St. Jude's

On Sunday, June 5, from about 1:30pm to 5:30pm, St. Jude will be holding a Carnival Day. Our Chaplain, Fr. Gill, has requested our assistance in manning the grill station, which will be located outside Thaddeus Hall. More details to come – for now – just mark your calendars!

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Annual Baseball Outing

The Council will once again “take you out to the ball game!” This year's matchup will be the Toronto Blue Jays vs the Baltimore Orioles at Oriole Park, Camden Yards, Baltimore. The date is Friday, June 16, so go ahead and mark your calendars. POC is Mike Holder, PGK.

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War on Religion Continues

The Grand Knight recommends that we all read the following article: <http://amac.us/war-religion->

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From Fr. Don VanAlstyne

For the benefit of those who have never met him, Fr. Donald Van Alstyne is one of our Associate Chaplains and was an active member of our Council years ago. He was also stationed for a time at St. Jude's. He was then assigned to serve as a military Chaplain. He regularly stays in touch with PGK Bob Kammer. He writes,

"The Diocese of Pittsburgh has appointed me as the Faithful Friar for the Rosenstele Assembly in the Wilkins/Monroevil township. The Knights of Columbus are very important to the mission of the Church! Send my fondest regards to Wally and the other Knights in the Rockville area."

If you wish to write to Fr. Don, his address is:

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1010 Delafield Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15215

COUNCIL

March Attendance Prize

At the end of each Business Meeting, the Council holds a drawing and the lucky winner receives a \$50 gift card. We did not have a business meeting in March, so no name was drawn.

Sullivan Brothers Assembly to Host Lecture

On Thursday, April 21 at 7pm, Sullivan Brothers Assembly has invited Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught to present a lecture entitled “Call to Serve: A History of Women in the Military”. This event will take place at Montgomery Council's hall in Derwood Maryland. All are welcome to attend; including spouses and Brother Knights who are not yet in the 4th Degree.

Contact Jack Giacalone at jgiacal@verizon.net, or 301-774-6338 to indicate your intent to attend; or you can sign up on the Sullivan Brothers webpage: <http://kofcknights.org/Assembly.asp?A=2861>.

General Vaught has an impressive resume, which is available on the Sullivan Brothers Assembly webpage.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 MD 4 th Degree |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 ADW 4 th Degree |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Admission (1 st) Degree 8p | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Shepherd's Table 5p | 21 Talk by Gen. Vaught 7p | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Business Meeting 8p | 29 | 30 |

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

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