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Chaplain's Thoughts. . .

"Master, I Want To See"

by Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr.



"Master, I want to see." *"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see."* That song fits Bartimaeus, the blind beggar. He knew who Jesus was, so he called out to Him. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus knew his blindness was more than his eyesight, it was also his spiritual blindness. Jesus asked Bartimaeus to tell Him what he wanted, as He asks us to tell Him what we want. We must recognize what it is that we lack the most, and then ask our loving and caring Lord, like Bartimaeus, for what we believe that we really need, not just what we want. Beggars like Bartimaeus did not change the locations where they begged; they stayed in one place, so they could develop a regular clientele, people who came to know them and care for them over the years.

Their dependency on material handouts immobilized them, preventing them from moving forward. When Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus, he threw aside the chains of his own worldly fears and desires. Bartimaeus responded to Jesus' presence from a depth within himself, and with a meaning which only Jesus knew. In Bartimaeus's heart there was a request to see more than simply with his eyesight. Bartimaeus wanted to see with the "eyes" of his soul. He came to recognize that truth, and so he asked Jesus for that gift of vision, the gift of that inner vision known as faith. There are a lot of things that blind our souls to God's graces, pride, worldly possessions, and selfish desires. They are always the opposite of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Like Bartimaeus, we need to call out to Jesus for His merciful help, "Master, I want to see."

ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Robert P. Boxie, III



November is the month of remembrance. We begin the month with *All Saints' Day*, by remembering that "great cloud of witnesses"—all those holy men and women that the Church holds up as particular models of holiness and virtue and strength of character and constancy in the faith. All of us would do well to imitate them in our lives.

One of my personal patrons (I have several) is St. Thomas More, a 16th century saint who was not a priest, but rather a father, a statesman, an attorney, and the Lord Chancellor of England, among other things. (I have a framed picture of him in my office here that I also had in my office while practicing at my law firm.) Many of you may be familiar with his story. He held fast to his Catholic faith and maintained the authority of the Roman Pontiff as head of the Church over King Henry VIII's self-declared proclamation making himself the "*Supreme Head of the Church of England*." He pressured Parliament to pass this legislation and forced all the English Bishops and the people to acknowledge him as head with the Oath of Supremacy. More, being true to his conscience, refused to take such an oath (along with a few faithful bishops, notably St. John Fisher). He risked losing his title, status, property, and eventually his life for his actions, eventually being beheaded in the Tower of London on July 6, 1535. His life and story have been immortalized in the classic movie, "*A Man For All Seasons*," based on a play of the same name.

This is just one example, but the Church abounds with so many stories of these "*holy superheroes*," some who made their mark in very public ways and others who were hidden behind the walls of a monastery, a convent, or even the hearth! I encourage you to reconnect with your patron saint or discover a new one to be your special "*friend in heaven*" who intercedes on your behalf. If you need some help in this area, please let me know. I have quite a squad of saints on my heavenly team! (I certainly need them!)

On the second day of this month, we celebrate *All Souls' Day*. We remember all those other men and women who have gone before us "*marked with the sign of faith*"—those individuals who were connected to us here on earth but not publicly canonized by the Church. Many of them possessed saintly and heroic virtues in their own right, and we take this month to remember them and to give thanks to God for their lives. We also show our respect for them by praying for the happy repose of the souls in purgatory and also by visiting cemeteries during this month. You may already know, but one may receive a plenary indulgence if that visit occurs during Nov. 1st through Nov. 8th; otherwise, one receives a partial indulgence.

Let's all do our best and make this November truly a month to remember!

Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men!" Mt 4:19



Grand Knight Report

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Tis the season to prepare St. Joseph's with the necessary stuff to pass onto to misfortune. That includes food and clothing. At St. Joseph we have multiple platforms to feed and clothe the misfortune. There are multiple groups which include "Coats for Kids", "Box of Joy", "Food Pantry" and the "Baby Bottle Program", just to name a few.

Once again, all the hard-working brothers came to church on Knights Sunday. We had enough manpower for the Eucharist Ministry and the Hospitality Ministry. That group of brothers took care of the Family of the Mother, congratulations to the Beverly Dandridge family. We also had a full crew to work the FEDEX Field Concession Stand for the Cowboys- Redskins game. Also we started the 'Baby Bottle' program, a charity drive for the Pregnant Center in Forestville, Maryland. Brother Cal Thompson worked the Rosemont Room during Community Sunday, donuts and all, collecting money for the "Tootsie Roll" charities program. If you know a brother that needs an invitation to "Knight Sunday", invite him. There will NOT be a Fletcher Council meeting on Thursday, November 1st. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16th. I look forward to seeing you there.



A Brother

Knight In

All His Glory.

Who Is That Guy?

PAST GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

Alan M. Davis



Brothers all, when I was Grand Knight I asked all of you to do a little so nobody had to do a lot. What I forgot to do was say thank you to all the brothers that stepped up and did just that.

I asked my fellow brothers to get involved and they did. We have had some great leadership since my tenure. The members have stepped up, took the leading rolls in the council and different committees to assure that the James C Fletcher Jr Council stayed as one of the top councils in the State of Maryland.

New members are joining our council and getting involved. We have had at least three members return to our council and this has to be due to the reputation of the council. We have established or reinstated programs each year under each Grand Knight such as the Box of Joy, Memorial Fund, Auction for the Fletcher Charities, Fifth Sunday Rosary etc.

I am so proud to have been not only listed as a PGK but a member of the Fletcher Council. I could go on and on but I would like to end with, ***“Get Involve”***, become an Officer in the council, not only join one of the many committees, become a chair of one. We will have your back and remember ***“if everybody does a little, nobody has to do a lot.”***

Vivat Jesus,

Thomas “Tim” Matthews, III
Past Grand Knight



Let Us Not Forget
That He Also Has A Birthday
November 19, 2018
Happy Birthday
Most Reverend
Roy E. Campbell, Jr.

STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT

Dale W. Trott



As I look back at the month of October, we had many successful events thanks to the dedication of so many individuals. The Columbus Day Ball was a complete sellout and I want to personally thank those that attended and made it the success it was. I also want to thank Steve Upton, Sean Smith, Tom Firestone and Joe Maher for their hard work and dedication along with our In-

centive Raffle Chairmen Steve Ransdell and Mike Davenport as the total number of tickets sold tallied over 190,000 tickets sold. The Columbus Day Program Book was a great success thanks to Ray Cilento, Joe Massimini and Bruce Rickter. The next day was the Columbus Day Mass, Wreath Laying and Parade in Baltimore. What an absolutely beautiful day for these events and my thanks to Steve Upton, Santo Grasso, Ron Koebel, Tom & Heather Gruel and everyone that participated that day. The Columbus Day Weekend concluded on Monday, October 8th with the celebration and wreath laying ceremony in Washington, DC at Union Station. The weekend was a bit humid, but no rain which made a spectacular weekend. One very special group of Knights that truly deserve our unending gratitude, are our Sir Knights from our Color Corps. They turned out in force to add the pomp and dignity that each of these events so warmly deserve. Thank you, Sir Knights!!

During October, there were two Financial Secretary Seminars held in our Jurisdiction. My thanks to Mike Forehand for making these two seminars not only informative, but also interactive which allowed many questions or concerns to be addressed. My thanks to all who attended and to the councils that hosted these two seminars.

On Saturday, October 13th, we returned to the Navy Football Stadium for the first time in a while. Thanks to the efforts of our Chair-couple, Bryan & Rhonda Adameczyk, almost 60 members and their families and friends attended the Navy vs. Temple Game. The weather was great; the food and comradery during the tailgating was outstanding; and, the game was invigorating. The only disappointment was losing to Temple. We'll get 'em next time!

Looking at the month of November, we begin the month by celebrating All Saints Day on November 1st and All Souls Day of November 2nd. During this month, the State Council, Chapters and, Councils will hold special "Memorial Masses" to remember those that have gone on before us during the past year. The State Memorial

Mass will be held on Sunday, November 18th, beginning at 2pm with the reading of the names of those members, their ladies and members of the ladies Auxiliaries who were called home this past year. The Mass and reception will be held at Good Shepherd Parish located at 1451 Furnace Road in Glen Burnie, MD. Please remember to send in your necrology for the State Memorial Mass to Jim Duryee at J_DURYEE@hotmail.com.

Speaking of losing members, we must remember that taking care of the widow and children was the vision of the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney and this vision, we must continue. I recently had a brief conversation with a widow on our State Tour and learned that soon after her husband passed away, she no longer received the council's newsletters; emails; or, any other communications. If not for a few members that she still had contact with, she would not know about anything going on in the council that her husband loved and dedicated his time, talent and treasures. In other words, she was forgotten! This should NOT happen, and we need to ensure that it does not. Therefore, I will be sending out a letter shortly requesting every council to: (1) Establish a Council Widows List with all of the necessary information to continue communications with these ladies and, (2) immediately notify our Widow's Chairman, Dick Bissell, when a member is called home to be with the Lord so that he can prepare and mail a "Widows Card" to the widow of that deceased member. Should a widow ever reach out to a council for help or, just a shoulder to lean on, we also have a Widow's Support Team. Jan McGinley and Susan Marsch, both widows, stand ready to offer support to widows.

In closing, please remember that we are a Catholic Family Fraternal Service Organization and when we put our Faith into Action, we are Serving Christ by Serving Others!

On behalf of Linda, myself and, the State Officers and Ladies, we wish you a very **Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!**

Vivat Jesus,
Dale W. Trott
State Deputy



DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT
George T. Riddle



District #1



District Deputy George T. Riddle & District Warden Terry Reinhart

Heart Council in Bowie. Proceeds from the Silent Auction go to funding our Charities. Please come out for a very nice evening.

November 18th is the State Council Memorial Mass and Reception at the Church of the Good Shephard in Glen Burnie. Mass starts at 2:00 p.m. This is a beautiful event and all Knights and families are welcome.

Thank you to all who helped out at the District Soccer Shootout. I don't have the final numbers at this time but I was told it was well attended.

Again thank you to all who helped out.

My Brother Knights,

Welcome to November. Immediately, for me anyway, I start to think of the holidays. Its my favorite time of the year. The fresh, crisp, chilly fall air, the turning of the leaves, and of course, the food! The soups, and the stews, the turkeys and the hams. Getting hungry just typing this.

While we all enjoy these things this time of year, we also must remember the less fortunate who don't have, and in the name of Charity, give, where you can.

This month we have the State Soccer Shootout which is November 3rd at Archbishop Spalding High School.

November 14th will be the McNamara Chapter Memorial Mass and Silent Auction which will be held at Sacred



***CONGRATULATIONS
ARE IN ORDER FOR
Grand Knight Michael Younger***

&

Lady Deirdre Younger

On October 4, 2018, God Blessed Them With

Baby Aaliyah

Their First Grand Child

SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



“It is in accordance with their dignity that all men, because they are persons, that is, beings endowed with reason and free will and therefore personal responsibility, are both impelled by their nature and bound by a moral obligation to seek the truth, especially religious truth. They are also bound to adhere to the truth once they come to know it and direct their whole lives in accordance with the demands of truth. But men cannot satisfy this obligation in a way that is in keeping with their own nature unless they enjoy both psychological freedom and immunity from external coercion. Therefore the right to religious freedom has its foundation not in the subjective attitude of the individual but in his very nature.” (*Dignitatis Humanae*, Second Vatican II Declaration on Religious Liberty, 2).

The Knights of Columbus promotes a robust vision of religious liberty that embraces religion’s proper role in both its private and public dimensions. As both Catholics and Americans, we celebrate the essential relationship shared between religion and liberty, a relationship which has uniquely defined our country’s identity and has fostered our country’s development.

Every major achievement that has taken place within the American enterprise—the American Revolution; the abolition of slavery; the civil rights movement; reforms in education, labor and woman’s rights—has been at the urging of religious people seeking a more just and humane society.

In this light, the Knights of Columbus recognizes religious liberty as an indispensable condition for authentic human development.

Consistent with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we believe that man, created in the image and likeness of God, possesses the natural right to be recognized as a free and responsible being, especially in moral and religious matters. Our Order remains steadfast in its conviction that religious liberty “is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person.” (Catechism, 1738).

We are therefore called to defend religious liberty against cultural trends that are increasingly hostile to Christianity, and impede men and women from freely exercising their religion by living in accordance with it. As the Second Vatican Council noted, although we must respect the just autonomy of the secular sphere, we must take into consideration the truth that there is no realm of worldly affairs that can be separated from God.

St. John Paul II witnessed that when a society attempts to close the door to religion, it inevitably falls prey to a totalitarian reading of the human person that recognizes only the state as the ultimate arbiter of right and wrong. It is our duty as men of both Catholic faith and patriotism to resist militant secularism and to defend religious liberty at the international, national, state, and local levels. Without this necessary check on the power of the state, no principled limit can be recognized to prevent the expansion of government’s power at the expense of personal liberty.

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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THE VALUE OF LIFE INSURANCE FOR CHILDREN

As a father, one of your greatest worries is protecting your children and their future. One of the most valuable ways is by purchasing a life insurance policy for them.

Knights of Columbus Insurance offers a Guaranteed Purchase Option (GPO), which ensures that more insurance can be purchased for your children. This option extends far beyond childhood; it guarantees that even as adults, your children will not be denied coverage, even if they suffer from health issues.

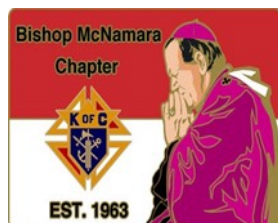
Life is uncertain and unpredictable; one of every six adults are postponed or denied life insurance coverage, with health denials being the primary reason. Knights of Columbus Insurance protects your children from uncertainty and provides additional peace of mind, in the event of the unimaginable or an emergency.

With a Knights of Columbus GPO, you guarantee that your children can purchase additional Knights of Columbus Life Insurance later in life. Secure your children's future with an insurance premium that, in many cases, is as low as \$10/month.

Contact me, your local Knights of Columbus field agent today to discuss this or any of the other life insurance purchase options for your children.

McNAMARA CHAPTER

Joseph Massimini - Chapter President



The Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights will be hosting it's Annual Memorial Mass and Silent Auction on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at Sacred Heart Council 2577 in Bowie. There are three important things that you can do to help make this program successful. Submit your Council Necrology to me no later than November 1st so those who have gone to their eternal reward can be remembered at Mass. You may email you Council's Necrology to me at: joemassi@comcast.net.

Secondly, Please bring your donations of auction-able, new or like new items to the next meeting, I will be happy to add your item to our Silent Auction inventory. The Silent Auction raises money for the Chapters Charity for this fraternal year, the Gabriel Network.

And lastly, pass the word to your council members to encourage as much participation as possible. Remember spouses are invited to attend. If you have any questions or need any other information please let me know.

CHAPTER MEETING CALENDAR

14 NOV 18	Sacred Heart Council 2577, 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie, MD
19 DEC 18	Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council 14455, 12010 Woodmore Rd, Mitchellville, MD
16 JAN 19	Fr. Rosensteel 2169 Council, Rosensteel Ave., Silver Spring, MD
20 FEB 19	St. Rose or Father McKenna Council
20 MAR 19	St. Mary's Council 1470, 41605 Fenwick St. Leonardtown, MD
24 APR 19	McDonough Council 12128, St. Joseph's Church, Pomfret, MD
15 MAY 19	St. Elizabeth Council 12796, 917 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD
19 JUN 19	Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council 6793, 15663 Norbeck Blvd., Silver Spring, MD

Archdioceses of Washington District Class of 2018



The 50th Exemplification of the Fourth Degree was held on October 20, 2018 at St. John's Msgr Harris Parish Center in Hollywood, Maryland. Fifty-Six (56) new Sir Knights were in the class. Of those, 7 were candidates from Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly. The Bishop Walsh new Sir Knights are SK Robert L. Newby of St. Pius X Council, SK Daniel Hall of St. Mary's of Assumption Council, from Mother Seaton Council we had SK Marcellinus I. Nwawuba, and SK Chukuma O. Onyewu, and from James C. Fletcher SK **Baffour Owusu-Adjei**, SK **Kennard A. Dalrmpile** and SK **Harold M. Countee**. The Bishop Walsh Assembly welcomes all of you!! The next Exemplification is April 6, 2019. It's not too early to begin recruiting! We need eleven (11) new candidates to meet the fraternal year goal of 7%.



*Congratulations
Sir Knights*



PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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On Knights Sunday, October 21, 2018, the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council presented to the *St. Joseph Church Good Samaritan Ministry*, in support of their Annual Coat for Kids Drive, 24 Coats, 12 for boys and 12 for girls.

The coats were received by the President of the Good Samaritans, Lady Carolyn Butler, and Lady Eveangeline Dyer. They were delighted to receive the coats and said that they will be given to children in the Landan and Largo metropolitan area. The presentation was made on Knights Sunday, therefore, there were many Knights at the presentation. Pictured above from left-to-right are: Fidelis Joseph, Thomas Matthews, Bernard Broadus, Lady Carolyn Butler, Eveangeline Dyer, GK Michael Younger and Harold Countee.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to my brother Knights for their support of the numerous events in October: The Cup of Joe project, Youth's Halloween Party, FedEx Games and Coats for Kids.

Brother Knights, we are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action. I am confident that you will continue to be there for those in need during the coming months through various programs such as the Thanksgiving Baskets and assisting the St. Joseph St Vincent DePaul Society during the Thanksgiving period. Advent is on the horizon, and the council will be available to support the many Advent events through charitable work and prayers for our brothers and sisters. Less we forget: Charity is the first principle of our Order.

The Tootsie Roll Drive is ongoing at Walmart Bowie and the Giant in Largo. This sweet fundraising campaign is a "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities." We need volunteers to run the shift every Saturday. Brother Cal Thompson has been at the forefront of this effort for many years, and I extend my sincere thanks for his dedication and faith in action. Brothers, new ideas to position the council is welcome, as we pursue our programs and activities.

"Serving Christ by Serving Others" we are truly putting our "Faith into Action!"

FAITH ACTIVITIES

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This month's church calendar is full of services council members are encouraged to attend. Thursday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. As we all are on our way to sainthood, this feast helps us on our journey by giving us examples of those faithful believers whose lives we try to emulate. Masses are at 8:15 A.M., 12 noon and 7 P.M.

All Souls Day is Friday, November 2nd and masses are at 8:15 A.M. and 7 P.M.

A special Remembrance Mass in honor of those parishioners who passed on to glory this past year will be celebrated on Saturday, November 3rd at 5 P.M. The council will remember our brothers, Kermit Gresham, Howard Wynn and Judge William Missouri, who passed away this past year.

Knights Sunday is Sunday, November 18th at the 11 A.M.

The Thanksgivings Day Mass is Thursday, November 22nd at 10 A.M.

Finally, the 3rd Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Mass, sponsored by the Community of Africans and Friends is Sunday, November 25th at 11 A.M.

Brothers, please plan on attending one or all of these services of thanksgiving and remembrance this month.

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The KC Ladies Auxiliary Had A Fantastic Halloween Gala "Let The Pictures Speak For This Event"



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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FEDEX FIELD CONCESSION STAND TEAM



L/R: PGK Ike Agbim, Fidelis Joseph and Fidelis Ajudua

The FedEx Field Concession Stand Team continues to be triad of councils from District 1 and District 14: James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422, Mother Seton Council 5381 and St. Mary's of Landover Hill. During the Fall season, September through February the Team mans a Concession Stand at Redskins Games, College Football, Soccer Games and various Entertainment venues at FedEx Field. Although it is an enjoyable event, councils are provided payment for their service, based on the number of participants per council. Although Fletcher Council has a cadre of participants, we would like more members on the Team. How about joining us. For more information, please contact: Past Grand Knight Ike Agbim or Deputy Grand Knight Fidelis Ajudua and become a member of the Team.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - FAMILY OF THE MONTH

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The Dandridge Family



Beverly Dandridge joined the St Joseph parish family in the summer of 2003. She has, since becoming a Parishioner, been very active in numerous parish and church activities and programs. Beverly is a member of RCIA team here at St Joseph, and in addition to being an active sponsor she has served as the group's team leader. She is also a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Youth Ministry Leader.

Beverly has worked in many parish health fairs, was a Planning Committee member and keynote speaker at the black history month program. She has attended the National Black Catholics Men's Conference where she actively participates as the conference health fair coordinator. Beverly is also one of the members of the newly formed St Joseph Parish Council.

Daughter Lyndsie is an active member of the St Joseph Gospel Choir, where she loves the songs and often enhances the hymns with the tambourine musical instrument. She is also an organizer of the Children's choir. Lyndsie and her husband Chris King are active members of the Saint Joseph Community of Africans and Friends. Lyndsie is one of the Archdiocese Virtuos trained volunteers who organize the SJCAF children's African dance performances.

Granddaughter Brooklynn is also one of the performers in the Children's Africans dance-team and is a member of the Children's Choir. Grandson Jordan has had a history of active participation in parish life including: 4 years as a member of the Gospel Choir, during which he was cantor for 2 years. He served as a youth usher and as President of the Martin Luther King Jr Squires Circle (aka Junior Knights) here at St Joseph. He is currently a member of the 3rd Degree of the Knights of Columbus, James C Fletcher Jr. Council. Jordan is currently a senior at Hampton University.

Asked what motivates her to serve the church, Beverly recounts that:

"The spirit of the parish family and the clergy is palpable. We have been blessed over the years to have deeply spiritual leaders to lead this parish, and their encouragement to grow closer to our Lord through meditative prayer, bible study, and fellowship keeps me grounded and smiling every day. The activities/ministries of this parish affirm that we all know and serve an awesome God in any way we can. To be a member of this type of faith community, I am most grateful."

The Beverly Dandridge family represents 3 generations of Catholics that have contributed immensely to the Liturgy and Parish Life here at St Joseph.

Join the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council #11422 of the Knights of Columbus to applaud and recognize this Family as the October 2018 Family of the Month.

REFLECTIONS
Lawrence P. Grayson
Conflicting Rights in a Divided Nation

The recent Senate Judiciary hearings to confirm Brett Kavanaugh as an associate justice of the Supreme Court were brutal to his personal reputation, devastating to the comity of the congressional body, and inflammatory in an already divided nation. Protesters shouted in the hearing room, had sit-ins in the hall, accosted a senator in an elevator and another while with his wife in a restaurant, put legislators' personal information on the internet, and later assaulted congressional candidates, while receiving encouragement from legislators who opposed the appointment.

The arguments against confirmation centered on an uncorroborated allegation of sexual misconduct when Kavanaugh was a 17-year-old high school student, and whether the unsupported assertion should outweigh his denial and three decades of exemplary, unblemished conduct as a lawyer, judge and public servant.

The stated concerns, however, masked the root reason behind them – maintaining the legality of abortion and the fear that a Justice Kavanaugh might cast the deciding vote to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. The abusive attacks were not tempered, even though just prior to the hearings Judge Kavanaugh said that he regarded the decision as “settled law.”

But what is settled? When *Roe v. Wade* was decided in 1973, Justice Harry Blackman, writing the majority opinion, based a woman's right to abortion on a penumbra of privacy rights which though unstated in the Constitution were deemed implicit in the liberty guarantees of the due process clause of the 14th Amendment. That right to abortion, the opinion continued, must be balanced by protection of the “potentiality of human life” of the fetus.

The Court in its ruling left one key point undecided. It stated: “We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins. The judiciary at this point in the development of man's knowledge is not in a position to speculate as to the answer.” Further, if the personhood of a child in the womb is established, the right to abort “collapses, for the fetus' right to life is guaranteed specifically by the [14th] Amendment.” *Roe v. Wade* may be settled law and not be overturned, but it could be nullified.

Law and science are not yet in synchronization. With recent advances in obstetrics and neonatology, coupled with the increasing availability of ultrasound images, more and more people recognize that the fetus is an early stage of a preborn, developing person. Children now can survive outside of the womb at 24 weeks of gestation and less. An unborn child is known to feel pain at 20 weeks. Fetal surgery is performed at 18 weeks and earlier. People can see a human form emerging at eight weeks. And, the developing child has a DNA distinct from that of its mother from the moment of conception. The science of embryology views life to begin the instant the male's sperm unites with the female's egg.

In order to bring law and science into harmony, the Life at Conception Act was introduced into both Houses of Congress in 2017. While it is unlikely to pass in this session of Congress, it may very well be reintroduced in the next. If enacted, it would define a person as existing from the moment of conception, thus providing a Constitutional safeguard for the life of the unborn child. A woman may then have a right to an abortion, but only if from the instant of its creation her child is not harmed.

That is the fear of those obsessed with sexual freedom, who do not want consequences for their actions. They claim complete autonomy over their bodies, even to the point of destroying a distinct being within them. They rebel at the threat to their independence and irresponsibility. In contrast, those who truly believe that everyone has a right to life, that people are created by God in His image and imbued with a soul can never condone abortion.

Compromise between such resolute, incompatible views can only be a temporary measure to gain a partial advance. The right to life from the moment of conception and the right to abortion cannot exist simultaneously. Passionate disagreements will continue, with one side or another having a legal edge depending on the current governmental leadership.

Fortunately, President Trump recognizes the importance of safeguarding human life from its earliest stages. In a letter to the National Right to Life Committee on June 28, 2018, he stated: “We all have a duty to defend the most fundamental and basic human right – the right to life. As President, I am dedicated to protecting the lives of every American, including the unborn.”

He is taking steps to support his belief. Shortly after his inauguration, the President reinstituted the Mexico City policy to ensure that federal dollars are not used to fund non-governmental organizations that perform or actively promote abortions in other countries. The policy which was established by executive order is a political bellwether of the Administration's support for life at conception or abortion. First established by President Ronald Reagan in 1984, it was rescinded by President Bill Clinton in January 1993, reinstated by President George W. Bush in January 2001, rescinded by President Barack Obama in January 2009, and again reinstated by President Trump in January 2017.

The Trump Administration has also proposed regulatory changes to the Title X program, which supports family planning services for low-income women. These actions would block the availability of federal funds to family planning providers like Planned Parenthood that offer abortion services.

Further, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its 2018-2020 Strategic Plan states: “HHS accomplishes its mission through programs and initiatives that cover a wide spectrum of activities, serving and protecting Americans at every stage of life, from conception.” Undoubtedly, as these plans are implemented through regulations, the Supreme Court will be presented with a case to resolve the conflict between the implied right to abortion and a definition of when life begins. Justice Kavanaugh, as a presumed swing vote, will once again be in the midst of turmoil.

The remaining two years of President Trump's term will be tumultuous. If adamant abortion supporters cannot win through legislative action, executive control or judicial decisions, they will do all they can to maintain the status quo through social disruption, intimidation and personal vilification. History has shown that to be true



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Sales resulted in ~190,000 tickets sold to support State and Council Charity Programs.



Smiley Central™

A police car pulled me over near the high school where I teach. As the officer asked for my license and registration, my students began to drive past. Some honked their horns, others hooted, and still others stopped to admonish me for speeding.

Finally the officer asked me if I was a teacher at the school, and I told him I was.

"I think you've paid your debt to society," he said with a smile, and left without giving me a ticket.

A guy is sitting quietly reading his paper when his wife sneaks up behind him and whacks him on the head with a frying pan.

"What was that for?" he asks.

"That was for the piece of paper in your pants pocket with the name Marylou written on it," she replies.

"Two weeks ago when I went to the races, Marylou was the name of one of the horses I bet on," he explains.

She looks satisfied and apologizes.

Three days later he's again sitting in his chair reading when she nails him with an even bigger frying pan, knocking him out cold.

When he comes to, he says, "What was that for?"

"YOUR HORSE PHONED!"

Three guys are fishing on a lake when an angel appears in the boat with them. The first guy gets over his shock and humbly says to the angel, "I've suffered from back pain for years. Is it too much to ask that you help me?" The angel touches the man's back, and he feels instant relief.

The second guy points to his Coke-bottle glasses and asks if the angel could cure his poor eyesight. The angel tosses the man's glasses into the lake. When they hit the water, the man's vision clears, and he can see everything distinctly.

The angel now turns to the third guy, who throws up his hands in fear. "Don't touch me!" he cries. "I'm on disability!"

When my mother was called for jury duty, she felt confident of her ability to answer the questions asked of prospective jurors.

As a young attorney, I had filled her in on what to expect.

Asked about the occupations of family members, Mom answered, "My son is a lawyer."

As a follow-up, she was asked if she had ever used the services of an attorney.

"Only to mow my lawn."

My wife, a registered nurse, once fussed over every pain or mishap that came my way. Recently, however, I got an indication that the honeymoon is over.

I was about to fix the attic fan, and as I lifted myself from the ladder in the attic, I scratched my forehead on a crossbeam. Crawling along, I picked up splinters in both hands, and I cut one hand replacing the fan belt. On the way down the ladder, I missed the last two rungs and turned my ankle.

When I limped into the kitchen, my wife took one look and said, "Are those your good pants?"

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Marian Title for November

Our Lady of Kibeho



The apparitions of Our Lady of Kibeho began on November 28, 1981 in the African college of Kibeho, Rwanda. The Virgin Mary repeatedly appeared to Alphonsine Mumureke, NTHALIE Mukamazimpaka, and Marie Claire Mukangan-go. The apparition identified herself in the native Rwandan dialect as "Nyina wa Jambo", ("Mother of the Word") which is synonymous to "Mother of God."

The apparitions communicated various messages to the schoolchildren, urging the people to love each other, and warning of an apocalyptic vision of Rwanda descending into violence and hatred, foretelling the 1994 Rwandan Genocide. In 2001 the Holy See released a declaration approving the apparitions. The Marian sanctuary at Kibeho was named "Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows" in 1992, two years before the genocide. An estimated 500,000 pilgrims visit the site every year.

COME PRAY WITH US



All Council Members

Are Invited To

Knight's Sunday

Every 3rd Sunday

Of The Month

At The 11 A.M. Mass



****NOVEMBER - 2018****

- 02 *Maurice E. Sutton*
- 15 *William W. Bell, II*
- 15 *Mark E. Blenkle*
- 17 *Baffour Owusu-Adjei*
- 18 *Ikechukwu Agbim*
- 19 *Bishop Roy E. Campbell*
- 20 *Kingley N. Anuruawo*
- 20 *Alan M. Davis*
- 20 *Harold F. Sanders, Jr.*
- 22 *Terrance Holmes*
- 24 *Vincent Akas, Jr.*
- 24 *Joseph L. Marshall, Jr.*
- 29 *Fidelis K. Ajudua*



***“The Joy
Of A
Fall
Birthday”***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****NOVEMBER****



*Happy
Thanksgiving*

- 01 All Saints Day
- 02 All Souls Day
- 03 State Soccer Shootout, Archbishop Spaulding HS
- 04 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 11 **Black Catholic Month Celebration, Rosemont Room 1:15 P.M., Rev. William Leonard Norvel, S.S.J.**
- 14 McNamara Chapter Meeting, Sacred Heart Council 2577 Memorial Mass & Silent Auction, 7:30 P.M.
- 15 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 17 **Tolton Play** - From Slave to Priest, Tickets \$10 Adults & \$5 Children under 12. Church Bus To Theatre, 55 Seats.
- 18 Knights Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass
- 18 State Council Memorial Mass & Reception, Church of The Good Shepherd, Glen Burnie, MD 2 P.M.
- 22 Thanksgiving
- 25 Christ The King

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District Warden	Terry Reinhart

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SURVEY TIME

The objective of the Fletcher Council's Newsletter is to keep our council members informed of recent and planned Council/Order activities and at time to put a smile on your face.

Has it met these goals?

What say you?

What changes would you recommend?

What say you?

Do you recommend that the council continues this form of communications, the Newsletter?

What say you?

***Email Your Survey Comments To
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