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## ***Grand Knight's Message***

In lieu of a Grand Knight Message, the Grand Knight has provided other articles of interest in this month's newsletter.

## ***Chaplain's Reflection***

What Matters to God is Who We Are,  
Not What We Have

Ecclesiastes is one of the strangest books in the Bible because it has almost nothing nice to say. It presents a very dark pessimistic view of the world. "Vanity of vanities. All is vanity." But, to understand the message of Ecclesiastes, we must first understand the word "vanity."

The Oxford English dictionary notes that today the word "vanity" is defined as "the excessive belief in one's own abilities or attractiveness to others." However, prior to the 14th century it did not have such narcissistic undertones, and merely meant futility. Biblical scholars tell us that the Hebrew translation of this word was something like "air" or "bubble." Thus, in Ecclesiastes, "vanity" means that everything is insubstantial, a futile chase after wind.

The Book of Ecclesiastes is about the reflections an old man, called Qoheleth, who is looking back on his life. Qoheleth has seen it all, done it all, experienced it all. He has had wealth, power, pleasure, material goods, and knowledge. And he comes out with this word of wisdom. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity. All the things of this world are insubstantial, merely a chase after wind.

Qoheleth also makes this curmudgeonly observation. "Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property (Ecc 2:21)."

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## ***Chaplain, continued from previous column***

Or as the Psalmist put it (Ps 49:11), "wise men and fools must both perish and leave their wealth to others." Things come, things go. Everything -- animals, plants, mountains, the sun, the planets, ourselves. None of it lasts forever. All of it is eventually swallowed up.

Young people with their beautiful bodies, at the height of their strength, full of ambition, full of the future, don't understand this. They can be seduced into thinking that this world is it. But Qoheleth, who has experienced it all, knows better.

However, the spiritual lesson is not that life is meaningless. Rather the lesson is that the real you is your immortal soul, not your earthly body and the possessions that you "own." You will last forever, but what you have will fade away.

Who you are is a matter of your moral and spiritual character. It determines how you stand before God. At the end of life, when we take our journey to God, we walk alone taking nothing with us but ourselves. All that we have -- power that we lorded over others, honors, wealth, connections, titles, degrees -- all that will fade away. So, Qoheleth is telling us a deep and abiding truth, that possessions are ultimately vanity. They are a chase after the wind.

It seems like an obvious lesson that our possessions will never make us happy and secure. Yet, we all fall into this trap. Almost by instinct we seek some version of increased possessions. We don't have enough power, money, honors, titles, connections, or political clout. Whatever it happens to be, we convince ourselves that the more we have, the happier we will be. But, that just is not true. Look at all the bankrupt lottery winners, or wealthy celebrities that died of drug overdoses.

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## COUNCIL

### *Birthday Greetings*

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

Stefan F. Monica – 1      Michael Mastro – 22  
George R. Collins – 5      Robert Kammer - 24  
Rev. Jaime Hernandez – 7      John F. Sheehan - 28  
Bernard C. Morton – 9      Alan K. Jeeves - 29  
William C. Trimble – 14      Raymond Scholl Jr. - 29  
Pietro Bruno – 18      Rev. Don Van Alstyne -29

The editor requests your help to keep the sick and the birthday lists current. If you know of any additions to or deletions from the birthday or sick lists, please let the Editor know via email:

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## Chaplain – from Page 1

What matters to God is the quality of your heart and soul, which is reflected in your character. Your character is that part of you which has been developing throughout your life through a whole series of moral choices, either for or against love. At practically every moment of the day, we're faced with a choice. Either to love, to will the good of the other, or to fall into self absorption to defend ourselves, to cling to ourselves, to seek possessions.

So, even though the world is telling us in a thousand different ways that what we have is the key question. It is not. What matters is who you are. You must be someone conformed in the image of God. Your soul, who you are, will enter eternity, and live forever. What you have will pass on to others, and ultimately be destroyed.

Rev. Mr. Alan Jeeves  
Associate Chaplain, 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, September 21, 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

#### *Shrine Ushers Needed*

The Shrine Usher Ministry at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is currently recruiting new ushers. Applications are currently being accepted for the upcoming training and orientation session scheduled for August 20, 2016 at 8:30 am. We ask that all current ushers announce this opportunity to their Council Brothers and take a few minutes to share with them your personal experiences. It is clear that in so many ways you have found great satisfaction in serving at

"Mary's House". By sharing this with your Brother Knights you will help grow the Ministry and enhance the service we provide. Attached is the Shrine Usher Ministry Application. Please feel free to forward it to every Brother and ask them to return it soon in preparation for the August training. Return it to ShrineUsher@gmail.com. Use this address for questions as well.

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### CHURCH

#### *That Man Is You*

We're excited to announce a new men's program for all men in the area called That Man Is You! This program is unlike anything else that you've experienced. It tackles real issues facing men. It looks at the leadership role that has been entrusted to men and addresses the temptations and struggles men face in a culture that attacks authentic manhood. Finally, it helps formulate a plan that allows men to overcome these obstacles.

The program will be hosted every Saturday morning, beginning September 10, in the Thaddeus Room at St. Jude. We gather at 6:45am for breakfast, coffee, and some entertaining videos. Then there is a presentation at 7:15 that combines the best scientific research with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints. It's followed at 7:45 with breakout groups that provide the opportunity to discuss what's been presented. Finally, we're on the road by 8:15.

I guess the best way to judge a program is by its success. Men who've attended the program and have been Catholic their whole lives say this is the program they've been waiting for. They consider it a "home run" saying it is hard to imagine how the program content could get any better. Priests say that it literally transforms men and saves marriages. It's that powerful. From a test parish in Houston Texas, the That Man is You! program has quickly spread throughout the United States and Canada.

For the next two weekends, there will be registration tables at all Masses at St. Jude and the opportunity to talk with the men who will be hosting the program. For more information you can visit <http://www.thatmanisyou.org/>

We hope to see you there!  
Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Ken

## *From the District Deputy*

Worthy Brothers All,

September is here and we are past the Council (and my Assembly) Installations, so we can focus on the real work of the Knights of Columbus. There are so many events this month; I will limit my article to just the events. The events coming up I would like to highlight:

- On Thursday, Sep 1 at 7:30pm the Bucs will be hosting the Redskins for the final pre-season game! Come watch it with some of your brothers, including me (ladies always welcome) at the Rock Creek Lounge.
- On Sep. 6th at 5:30 pm Color Corps are encouraged to attend the annual Fr. Capodanno Mass at the Basilica in DC.
- Sep 12-18 is Special Olympics Week, so plan an SO activity if possible.
- We have set the date for our first District 18, Swing Dance event at Rock Creek Mansion featuring the Rock & Roll Relics. The dance will be on Friday, Sep 30 from 8:30 to 11:30 with a beginner swing lesson from 8-8:30. There will be tables setup adjacent to the dance floor and food/beverages served, so you can come to just enjoy the band and the dancers, or hopefully to dance the night away. Tickets are \$15, but Knights and their guests pay \$13.
- On September 15, at 7 pm the Sullivan Brothers Assembly (4th Degree) will have our quarterly gathering, this time a cookout and we will present Joe Murtha's "Our Lady of Guadalupe" presentation. This is an awesome presentation that I encourage all to attend. Everyone can attend this event; you do not need to be a Knight.
- On Sep 17 the Special Olympics of Maryland will hold their 0.1 K run at PG Council #2809.
- At PG Council, on Saturday Sep 24th at 1 pm, there will be a Knighthood (old 3rd) Degree Exemplification and on Sep. 12 a Formation (old 2nd) Degree Exemplification; make sure your candidates know early.

It's a long list, so I'll stop with what is coming up in September except, as I will mention in each report until Christmas, we will continue our District's tradition and hold our Third Annual District Christmas Party at Rock Creek Mansion on December 16th, please mark your calendars.

I look forward to working with you and your councils over the next two years! Let me know if there is any way I can assist you.

Vivat Jesus!  
Joe Stewart  
District Deputy #18

## MEMBERSHIP

### *Degree Exemplification Schedule*

The Initiation Degree Team at St. Joseph Manyanet Council will be hosting five Initiation (1st) Degree Exemplifications during the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year.

Thursday, December 8	Thursday, April 6
Thursday, February 9	Thursday, June 8

Exemplifications take place in Room 11, the Council Chamber beginning at 8pm. Candidates should report to the lobby area outside of Room 11 by no later than 7:30pm. Contact F.S. Roger Szabo if you know of any candidates, so that proper arrangements can be made.

In addition, the Council will be hosting a Formation (2nd) Degree on Thursday, May 25, 2017.

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### *Columbus Day Charity Ball*

The Columbus Day Charity Ball is coming up! The Ball will take place this year on Saturday, October 8, 2016 beginning at 7:30pm. The location is the same as last year. BWI Marriott Hotel, 1743 W. Nursery Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

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## CULTURE OF LIFE

### *Pro-Life News*

The September edition of Pro-Life news, the pro-life newsletter of the Maryland State Council, K of C, will soon be available at the State Council's website. Type the following address into your browser's address bar and then press the enter key: <http://www.kofc-md.org/service1617/ProLife.asp>

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## CHURCH

### *Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Imagery Behind the Image*

On Thursday September 15, Sullivan Brothers Assembly is hosting a presentation by SK Joseph Murtha entitled Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Imagery Behind the Image. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner at 7pm, followed by the presentation at 8pm. Attendees whose last names begin with A - H please bring a side dish; and I - Z please bring dessert. The Knights will provide a barbecue entrée. All are welcomed to attend. If you have any questions please contact Jack Giacalone at 301-774-6338.

## COMMUNITY

### *Incentive Drive*

The annual incentive drive is underway. You have probably received your tickets in the mail by now. Please sell them, or purchase them yourself, and return the funds and stubs to the Council in the return envelope provided.

The Incentive Drive is the single largest fundraiser our Council has each year. Of the proceeds from the tickets the Council sells, 60% remains in the Council to support our charitable activities. The other 40% helps support the Maryland State Council's charitable efforts.

Our Council will be selling raffle tickets after the Masses at St. Catherines on Saturday, September 24 and Sunday September 25. Mass times are 5:15 pm and 7pm (Spanish) on Saturday; 7am, 8:15am (Sp), 10:00am, 11:30pm & 1pm (Sp) on Sunday. Please contact Bill Newbrough if you can help out.

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### *Launch of UKnight App*

UKnight has some very good news for you about increased UKnight functionality! Many are at the Supreme Convention so we will keep this brief today and fill in the detail by the end of the week.

On your smartphone, please go to [www.kofcmobile.org](http://www.kofcmobile.org) and click the "Record Volunteer Hours" button. Those hours are all easily entered by members of Councils using the UKnight Interactive Network and then tracked, accumulated and totaled for Councils, DDs, and States.

Now go to your Council's UKnight site and log into Members Only. Your site will recognize you as the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary or webmaster. You will be presented with the data entry tool just like every other member, "Post your Volunteer Hours and Visits", but as a Council leader you will also be presented with two reporting buttons: "Council Members Volunteer Report" and "Council Form 1728 Totals". One button opens a report that shows each individual member together with their hours committed and fulfilled. The other opens a report with the YTD hours you will need for your Form 1728. This is a dynamic report that accumulates and reports total hours as your

members enter them throughout the calendar year. As time goes on, you will also have year over year comparisons.

We also ask members to set a monthly goal for themselves, and UKnight tracks their hours and reports their progress to them individually throughout the year. You can see the Goal Setting page in Members Only as well. We will have plenty of information and detail for you by the end of the week!

Vivat Jesu!!!

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## COMMUNITY

### *Disaster Relief – YOU Can Help*

The Council received the following letter from the Supreme Council urging all Brothers to assist those affected by the recent flooding in Louisiana.

A few weeks ago, widespread disastrous flooding in southern Louisiana left 13 people dead and damaged more than 100,000 homes. In the aftermath, the people of Louisiana responded with hope and perseverance, as volunteers — including members of the Knights of Columbus — came to lend a hand in the recovery.

Victims of the flooding are still in dire need of help, however. Severe mold is taking over the homes that are still standing, which could lead to severe allergic reactions and fatal respiratory seizures. The cost of the repairs to fight such damage is yet another blow to the already devastated communities. In addition, many of these homeowners do not have flood insurance to help cover these costs.

These people desperately need your assistance. Please, if you are able to help, make a donation today.

Donations can be made online at [www.kofc.org/flood](http://www.kofc.org/flood) or sent via check or money order. For information, click here.

Also, if you know anyone who would be interested in contributing to this cause, please forward this email and ask them to do whatever they can to help.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8 Social Meeting 8pm	9	<b>That Man is You 6:45am St. Jude's</b>
11	12	13	14 Shepherd's Table 5ppm	15 O L Guadalupe Presentation	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Business Meeteing 8pm	23	24
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