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**Grand Knight**  
**Thomas "Tim" Matthews**  
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**THANK YOU FOR A SUPER NOVA YEAR**  
**"MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU"**

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*Chaplain Report*

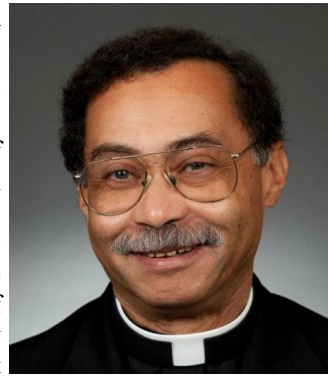


We eat but we are soon hungry again. That constant hunger was no different for the Israelites wandering in the desert than it is for us. God led them out of the slavery of Egypt and had continuously given the Israelites signs of His power. Through Moses, God told the Israelites, “Don’t worry’ I will take care of you. I will provide for all of your needs.” Yet, as soon as they were hungry again, they forgot what God had done for them through Moses and wanted another sign.

The crowd of 5,000 kept following Jesus, because they physical hunger was fed, not because of the sign of HOW they were miraculously fed. They could not comprehend the “bigger picture.” Jesus miraculously fed them as much as they wanted, showing them the sign of what H was really going to feed them with, Himself in the Eucharist. Jesus was telling the crowd what God told the Israelites through Moses, “Don’t worry; I will take care of you. I will provide for all of your needs.”

***“Whoever comes to me will never hunger; whoever believes in me will never thirst.”***

Earlier in John’s Gospel, Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well of the life-giving water He offered. Unlike this crowd, the Samaritan woman believed in the sign Jesus told her about and became His disciple, bringing her village to also believe in Jesus. We are called to be like the Samaritan woman, seeking Jesus for the eternal life that He gives us in the food of Eucharist.



*Fr. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.*

*Chaplain Report*

We are called to believe in Jesus and to follow Him, knowing that through our faith in Jesus, we now live in His eternal life, nourished by His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

St. Paul tells us that to be fed with the eternal life of the Eucharist means, “I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given Himself up for me.” Our faith lets us hear Jesus say, “Don’t worry, I will take care of you. I will make sure you have enough to eat, I will provide for all of your needs.”

Our faith allows us to follow Jesus as His disciples. Through our faith, Jesus calls us to carry Him to everyone we meet. Jesus calls us to share the



love He gives us with one another, thereby calling others to come to Him and not hunger, to believe in Him and never thirst.

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***COME PRAY WITH US***



*All Council Members  
Are Invited To  
Knight’s Sunday  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
Of The Month  
At The 11 A.M. Mass*

# Grand Knight's Chronicle

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I will attempt here to summarize an experience at the just concluded Maryland State Conference for DDs and GKs and other State Officers.

I arrived the venue of the State leadership Seminar nor knowing what to expect. The venue was well organized, displays well set, program tables manned by Worthy State program directors.

After breakfast on Saturday, the 11th of July, we proceeded to take our seats in the FSK Ball room, venue of the main session of the Seminar for Grand Knights and DDs.

I listened as the presentation proceeded, one speaker after another. When the State Deputy Stephen J. Adamczyk took to the podium, he rendered his presentation in both funny, motivational and very serious terms. He was very lively, and always had a spin to the message he so carefully crafted and delivered. He was on point, always, to stress to us and especially new grand knights, that success had to be by plan, execution and perseverance, not by luck. As he developed this theme, and how it was necessary to delegate duties and ask for help, when necessary, he suddenly asked for a volunteer new Grand Knight. Even though I wasn't sure what a volunteer would do, I got up from my chair and he urged me forward to take a set at the podium, on a single chair next to the speaker's station. As soon as I sat down, I saw him walk across the room, attempting to grab something that was hidden beneath a cloth. He soon emerged wielding that infamous jewel that I had seem PGK Tim Mathew wear months ago! There was an uproar and elation by the hundreds of attendants in the Ballroom. It dawned on me that he was going to have me wear that oversized jewel. The cheers increased as he finally asked me to get up from my lone chair and he gallantly hung the timber jewel on my neck.

I felt like Christ bearing a Cross! I dramatically dropped my shoulders, to express the weight of the timber anchor; it felt really heavy. I thought Worthy Vern Hawkins planned it, or



was it Tim Mathews? Who will rescue me from this apparent 'punishment'? And to think that my Worthy DD had stepped out of his chair next to me just minutes before this, thoughts of a conspiracy "...to hang me!" were so much on my mind. The cheers lasted forever! The Worthy State Deputy continued rendering his comments always using me as an example of what a Grand Knight should look like, or shouldn't look like.

**It's Fletcher Council, Again.** At the conclusion of his speeches, the State Deputy, ready to give me final matching orders, asked me to get up once more. I stood, and then as he came to me, he looked more intently at my name badge: "...its Fletcher Council again!", he retorted, as his son Bryan Adamczyk also raised the alarm. Two consecutive years, Fletcher Council Grand Knights have been given the large timber

jewel. Is this luck or providence or conspiracy? Whatever it is, Fletcher Council outperformed most Maryland Councils this last fraternal year. Big shoes for an incoming Grand Knight, but a performance worth working hard for. The State Deputy admonished me to wear the Timber Anchor Jewel proudly and to the next Council and Chapter meetings.

Fletcher Council for Excellence:

This new fraternal year, our Council plans to boost the programs we do, by adding a blend of new programs aimed at improving our service performance, especially in the areas of Culture of Life, Church and Youth. These program suggestions will be announced during our next Council meeting.

We are looking forward to another busy year. We are ready!

**Oh Mary: Perpetual Help we beg of you; Our Souls from sin and sorrow free; direct our wandering feet aright and be Yourself our True Light!**



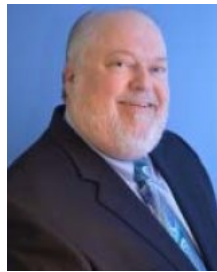
**State Deputy's Report**

The Columbus Day Ball is the Maryland State's most prestigious event and is almost sold out! I am looking forward to a great event with some new modifications that the chairman wants to surprise us all with. If you haven't booked your reservation do it soon!

Membership is off to a slow start as is usually the case in Maryland, but remember Carl Anderson's request, "do not hold candidates for degrees, hold degrees for candidates!" If you need a degree let the membership director know, we will make it happen! Please reach out to every eligible Catholic Male over the age of 18 and offer him "the experience of a lifetime" in the Knights of Columbus!

I wish to announce that there will be a special Black Tie affair for all the Star Council and Star District winners. Each Grand Knight, District Deputy, Benefits Advisor, and their wives will be guests of the State on September 20th 2015 at Columbus Gardens in Baltimore. We hope to make this an annual celebration of our SUCCESSES in Maryland, Congratulations to all who achieved Star Status!

Please make plans to support Special Olympics during Maryland Knights of Columbus Special Olympics week September 13th through the 19th. Please host an event to benefit our Special Olympic Athletes in Maryland. If you would like an



**Stephen J. Adamczyk**  
State Deputy

Olympian to address your council or attend a function, please make the chairmen aware and we will accommodate your request. God has made them Special, and we need to show our support.

Continue to pray that the State Officers and the State Team continues to advance the cause and principles of Fr. McGivney and our Order. May we always be true to our degree vows.

Do you have your rosary? Do you pray it often?

*Vivat Jesus*



**District Deputy's Report**



**Michael P. Davenport - District Deputy**

The product of our humanity is the result of the Grace that God has blessed us with. Thank you my God for allowing me to house that Grace in such an imperfect host. The goals and expectations of this year are that we must achieve one member per council per month, every council is a star council, every district is a star district and that State programs will supplement the council activities. My job is to support you and help you to succeed making past activities better. You've done it before do it again.....with a twist!! Use your resources and think outside of the box. I've been tasked to encourage you to make the next year a fun year. Productivity is great but productivity while having fun is greater!

Our Supreme Knight has made it clear what his expectation is for every council and that is to achieve the Circle of Honor. Remember that "The difference between a boss and a leader is that a boss says 'Go', A leaders says 'Lets go' and If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." (quote: "John Quincy Adams")

We have many exciting changes and events occurring this coming year. One is the Columbus Day Ball which will be held

October 10, 2015, 7:30 P.M., at the Baltimore Washington International Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Road, Linthicum, MD 21090 in the Grand Ball Room. Discounted hotel room rates are available for anyone who wishes to stay overnight. See flyer on page 12 of this newsletter.

Congratulations on an installment well done and to each of the new and returning officers. You have been chosen by your brothers to guide the destiny of the council this year. You are directly responsible for every aspect of your Council's success and for the ultimate success which a council can and should enjoy. In times of uncertainty, your District Deputy, State Deputy, and the Supreme Officers are available to you and are eager for your success and the prosperity of your council. Never hesitate to ask for help. You have only to ask, it will be forthcoming.

**The Power of One**

*One Member,  
Per Council,  
Per Month.*

# SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight*



The Knights of Columbus has grown to new heights in its charitable giving and volunteer hours during 2014, once again answering Pope Francis' call to reach out to those in need, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told the state deputies and state deputy-elects in his address at the 2015 Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in New Haven.

The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with \$173,550,680 in donations and more than 71.5 million hours of service. The number of service hours contributed by members rose in 2014 by more than a million hours over the 2013 total, with each member donating nearly a full workweek on average.

According to the K of C's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending Dec. 31, 2014, donations grew by more than \$3.4 million over 2013, achieving an increase in giving for the 15th consecutive year.

"These numbers show that the Knights of Columbus has the courage to make a witness to charity and to practice fraternal outreach to those in need," Supreme Knight Anderson said.

Among its major donations in 2014, the Knights of Columbus made a gift of \$1.4 million in support of athletes who will take part in this summer's Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles. The funds will cover the cost of transportation, housing and meals for the athletes as they travel to the games, stay there during the competition, and return home. Supreme Knight Anderson also asked state jurisdictions to step up their already strong support for Special Olympics athletes.

Another unique initiative in 2014 was the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which has contributed \$2.6 million for humanitarian assistance to those suffering persecution and dislocation in Iraq and the surrounding region.

"It has shocked the conscience of the world that people are systematically being purged from the region where their families have lived for millennia — simply for their faith," said Mr. Anderson at the program's inception in August. "It is imperative that we stand in solidarity with them."

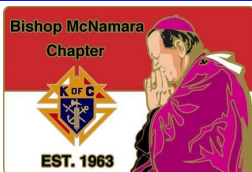
Gifts by the Knights of \$200,000 each were also made to the Byzantine and Latin Rite Catholic communities of war-torn Ukraine for humanitarian relief, supporting projects that feed and aid homeless children and refugees living on the streets of the capital city of Kiev.

The Knights continued to support their local communities in 2014 through such programs as the Black Friday Coats for Kids event, Food for Families and blood drives. Knights also gave assistance to such organizations as Habitat for Humanity and the American Wheelchair Mission.

During the past decade the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.55 billion to charity and 691 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.

## McNAMARA CHAPTER

*Tom Firestone - Chapter President*



McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights continues to be the place for the exchange of ideas and information on "what is happening now" in the Order, with particular emphasis on the Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus. Last month's meeting agenda had a enlightening presentation highlighting the most successful 2014-2015 that culminated in the Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus achieving the prestigious status of the Supreme Council's Circle of Honor.

Our August meeting will be on August 19<sup>th</sup> at James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422, Largo, MD. Have you reserved your seat for the McNamara Chapter Installation on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Fr. Kidd Council 14455, 12010 Woodmore Road, Mitchellville, MD? Tickets are \$25 per person. Make checks payable to Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights and mail to Vernon Hawkins, Chapter Secretary, 1706 Terrapin Hills Drive, Mitchellville, MD 20721

Join us for the next meeting of the Bishop McNamara Chapter on August 19<sup>h</sup> at **James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422, Largo, MD.**

## WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

*G. Emeka Onwezi - Faithful Navi-*



New Meeting Time - commencing with our August 10th meeting, Bishop Walsh Assembly meetings will start at 7:00 P.M. We have heard and are responding to the request of our members. Our meetings will continue to be held at Sarto Hall, 3611 Stewart Road, Forestville, MD 20747-1747. Please join us on August 10th, refreshments will be served.

By the way, in case you missed it, our Faithful Friar, Fr. Joe Jenkins, celebrated his 29th year as a priest last month. He is indeed special, and may God continue to bless him.

**BREAKING NEWS:** I have been informed that SK Wayne Freet, Past State Deputy from Pennsylvania, has been appointed as the new Vice Supreme Master, effective September 1st. He replaces SK Richie Head as the Vice Supreme Master.

*Learning The Faith, Living The Faith*

## ***Knights of Columbus to Expand Humanitarian Assistance to Suffering Middle Eastern Christians***

Having already donated more than \$3 million in humanitarian aid to persecuted Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East, the Knights of Columbus will expand its efforts even further with a national campaign to raise funds and foster awareness of the terrible suffering of Christians and others in the Middle East.

As part of the K of C effort, a new commercial on the issue will be airing nationally beginning this weekend. It can be [viewed at](#).

The Knights will also announce additional details of its program to aid Christian refugees at its international convention being held August 4-6 in Philadelphia. In attendance will be archbishops from Iraq and Syria, where the violence against Christians has been particularly severe.

An exposé on the deafening silence of the international community on this issue was published in the July 26 edition of *The New York Times Magazine*: “Is This the End of Christianity in the Middle East?” It reported that extremist groups “are enslaving, killing and uprooting Christians, with no aid in sight.”

In the article, which was featured on the magazine’s cover, author Eliza Griswold reported that, “according to a Pew study, more Christians are now faced with religious persecution than at any time since their early history.”

The Knights began its Christian Refugee Relief Fund in August 2014 with \$1 million in matching funds that was quickly met and exceeded by its members and the public. The humanitarian assistance provided has included new housing for those who have had to flee their homes, as well as support for medical facilities in areas flooded with Christian and other refugees.

“Christians in the Middle East are facing a dire situation – and even extinction – while the response from the international community has been woefully inadequate,” said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson. “Pope Francis has urged the international community to take



action to help Christians in the Middle East, and, as an organization that has long supported victims of religious persecution, the Knights of Columbus is responding by asking our own members, and the public at large, to help us save the lives of people who are being persecuted simply because of their Christian faith.”

Those wishing to assist with the relief efforts can donate by visiting [www.christiansatrisk.org](http://www.christiansatrisk.org) or by sending

checks or money orders payable to Knights of Columbus Charities at P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966. The memo portion should indicate that the check is for Christian Refugee Relief.

One hundred percent of all donations directly supports humanitarian assistance and raising awareness for persecuted Christians and other religious minorities, especially in the Middle East. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., is recognized by the IRS as a charitable organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The K of C has a long history of providing humanitarian relief and has done so following the 9/11 terrorist attacks; the 2013 typhoons in the Philippines; hurricanes Katrina and Sandy; nationwide tornadoes; flooding in Mexico; and tsunamis in Indonesia and Japan.

In the area of support for victims of religious persecution, the Knights provided humanitarian assistance and created international awareness of the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico throughout the 1920s.

The Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic fraternal organization with nearly 1.9 million members worldwide. One of the most active charitable organizations in the United States, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$173.5 million and 71.5 million hours of service in 2014.

For more information visit [www.christiansatrisk.org](http://www.christiansatrisk.org) , [#Christian-sAtRisk](#)

The 133rd Supreme Convention takes place in Philadelphia from August 4-6. Plan to watch the events as they happen on EWTN, Catholic TV or Salt + Light.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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Most of us have heard the expression **"busy as a bee."** This month, the entire council will be buzzing with activity as we have many events scheduled which will require all members to **"bee"** busy and active. Two Flea Markets are scheduled this month due to the rain cancelled on June 27th Flea Market date. Brothers will be needed, your help beginning at 6:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 8th and Saturday, August 22nd. Please make plans to help sometime each day.

Installation of Officers will take place Sunday, August 23rd after the 11:00 A.M. Mass. Come out and support the new officers and show your support for the council. The dress for the day is our council attire or business suits for the men and afternoon wear for Ladies. Please RSVP by August 10<sup>th</sup> to Alan Davis at 301-808-8009, or email me at adavis1960@verizon.net.

As always, Knight Sunday is the third Sunday, August 16th at the 11:00 A.M. Mass. We encourage all council members to attend, especially our Charter Members so that we can honor the special place those members hold in our council.

After Mass, the Bishop Walsh Assembly Installation of Officers will take place at Holy Family Catholic Church in Mitchellville, Maryland. Come support the new Assembly officers, many of whom are members of James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council.

**"Bee"** prepared brothers for an exciting fraternal year as we have many new activities planned along with our traditional council events!

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The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 joins St. Joseph Church in welcoming two new members to our clergy staff. Father Aaron Qureshi joins us as our new Parochial Vicar to assist our pastor Roy Campbell as our parish enrollment increases. Father Qureshi or "Father Q" grew up in Arizona, Massachusetts, New York and Washington, D.C. He attended school in all of these areas, Catholic University, University of Maryland and four years of seminary in Rome. He was ordained last year at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. He was briefly assigned to Sacred Heart in LaPlata, Md. before returning to Rome this year to finish a specialized degree in biblical theology.

Our new Deacon is Steven A. Nash. He is a member of Holy Redeemer parish in Washington, D.C. and he and his wife Stephanie have three children. At Holy Redeemer, Steven serves on the Parish Council as well as the Finance and Liturgy Committee. He has also served on the Legion of Mary Our Lady Help of Christian Praesidium and as President of the Washington Comitium. He is president and CEO of the Stoddard Baptist Home Foundation and serves elders through several local and national associations and boards. Steven is a graduate of Princeton University.



We welcome both Father Aaron and Deacon Steven and extend an invitation for them to visit our council and become members during their time here with us at St. Joseph.

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

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**Where is the council's "Wall of Honor?"** I have been asked that question several times by council members since announcement of the planned construction and placement of the **"Wall of Honor"** at St. Joseph Church. Well, we ran into several stumbling blocks and detours along the way. However, after some recent negotiations, the project is back on track and will move forward. The wall will contain many of the awards that the council has received since its inception.

The collection includes a variety of plaques, nearly all of the Star Council Awards received by the council, including the second Star Council Award plaque, received by the Deacon Leon Bechet administration. Also, once received, it will include the Star Council Award plaque for the 2014-2015 fraternal year from the GK Thomas "Tim" Matthews administration.

**Have You Visited The Fletcher Council's Website Lately?**  
<http://www.council11422.org>

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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*Remember how sad we were when we had to cancel in June due to rain?*



*Well, sad we are not, for July brought in a beautiful day for a Flea Market.*



*I do not have enough teeth to express the joy that I feel.*



*Something for one and all*



*Co-Chair  
Harold Sanders  
Alan Davis*



*A Field of Dreams*



*How may I help you?*



*Dignitaries posed with members of Squire Circle members*



*Some just came to eat.*



*Refreshment Stand, A Sellout*



*My, My What A Flea Market*



*I am taking my found treasures home.*



*Lets do it again next month.*



*Family of the Month*

**Gabriel O. Nmorka, Family Activities Director**  
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***The Crawford Family***  
***July Family of The Month***



This July, the James C Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422, a Star-Council of the Knights of Columbus has embarked on a new fraternal year. We will continue to build our Order and make the Knights of Columbus an essential part of the lay ministry of our church. This, of course, will enable us to exemplify our Solidarity with our Priests and Bishops. It's always worthy of mention that within the integral ministries, are fellow parishioners whose daily contributions need to be commended because they provide support to our Church and our Christian Faith. So for this reason, we are extremely proud to recognize the family of Jeffrey and Bernadette Crawford as the Fletcher, Jr. Council Family of the Month for their remarkable contributions to St. Joseph Church and Community.

Jeffrey and Bernadette Crawford are parents of two sons Alvin and Brandon and the proud grandparents of a granddaughter Savannah. They have been active members of St. Joseph Church since 1990. Jeffrey is a devout Christian who attends mass regularly. He's a loving and a caring father who provides religious support to his family.

On the other hand, Bernadette's love for children and the Word of God has served as a Catechist and is the Coordinator for the Religious Education Program in St. Joseph Church. She is dependable, energetic and very productive in the Ministry. She has taught both Religious Education-Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) since 1991. Worthy of note are the CCD and RCIA programs she implemented and initiated respectively. Along side with those, are the Religious Education curricula for grade 1 through grade 7 which she developed. Bernadette's God given talent is often being exhibited at the St. Joseph Gospel Choir where she is a member and serves as the President. She works with the children/Youth choir that sings for the 11:00am Mass and helps with the planning/coordination of the Youth Volunteers trip and Vocation Bible School.

Alvin and Brandon their sons have grown up strong in their Catholic Faith because of their parents' religious ethics. The St. Joseph Church/Community is blessed to have the Crawford family performing such inspiring services. May God Almighty richly bless, keep them healthy and focused in all they do in Jesus name. Amen!

**CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES**

*Peter Methodius Pro-Life Activities Director*  
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There has been an on-going debate among pro-life groups about the use of graphic images at public protests. Now images are having an effect in showing the dark side of the abortion industry. On July 13, the Center for Medical Progress released on the Internet the first of a series of videos illustrating the crassness and coldness of Planned Parenthood officials pursuing profits through the harvesting and sale of human organs gained from abortions. The videos are the result of a three-year undercover investigation. As of today, three videos have been released with the expectation that as many as nine more will follow.



The effects have left Planned Parenthood reeling. Most of the major broadcast TV and cable news shows, as well as the progressive daily papers, have given little or no coverage to the stories. The videos, however have gotten major attention from radio talk shows, several national TV anchors, a number of Republican presidential candidates, and on social media. As a result, to-date, at least five major corporations have withdrawn their donations to Planned Parenthood, Congressional hearings have begun, several states have begun investigations of the organization in their states, and legislation has been introduced to halt the \$500 million of annual federal funding to this national abortion provider. None of this would have happened without the video images, as graphic and abhorrent as they are, of the operations of Planned Parenthood.

To view the videos, go to:

<http://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/cmp/investigative-footage/>

**FRATERNAL BENEFITS**

*David Benjamin, Fraternal Benefit Advisor*

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**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

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We are gearing up for the Maryland State Council's Soccer Shoot-out. Although the finals will be held on November 1st, we have much fine tuning and the assembly of a youth team to represent the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422. We have been well represented in the past and our youth were so awarded for their efforts. Council members are requested to recruit their sons, daughters and other youth of the parish to represent the council.

To qualify for the State Soccer Shoot-out, the participant must win at a District Soccer Shoot-out. The State finals will be held on Sunday, November, 1, 2015 at Archbishop Spaulding High School Field, 8080 New Cut Road, Severn, MD 21144. It will start at 1 P.M. and goes until all contestants have a chance to participate. All ties will be broken at 3:30 P.M. with Awards presentation to follow. Refreshments will be provided to the participants at no cost.

Please contact me if you should have any questions and/or would like to add your son/daughter to the Fletcher Council Soccer Shoot-out Team.

**MEMBERSHIP QUEST**

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## *REFLECTIONS*

*Lawrence P. Grayson*

### *Stand Strong*

A significant danger facing America today is that its people are losing their sense of religious values and allowing the culture of the country to be shaped by militant secularists. The results are unsurprising: abortion and same-sex marriage are legal; assisted suicide and euthanasia are gaining acceptance; pornography is rampant; and religious persecution is underway.

When secularism dominates the culture, religious freedom must be curtailed. Secularism is a belief system that is anti-theistic, rooted in materialism and hedonism. It is alluring because it gives societal acceptance to unbridled human passions. It does away with distinctions of right or wrong, even treating wrong as right and right as wrong. Secularism is an idolatry in which the beliefs of the movement replace God in setting the standards of morality, of conscience, and of truth. If man genuinely believes in God and lives his life accordingly, he would be in direct and continual contradiction to the aims of secularism. Hence, secularism must necessarily oppose religion, persecute its believers, drive it from the public square, and nullify it.

Religious persecution in America has begun:

- On July 14, the courts again ruled that the Little Sisters of the Poor must agree to have contraceptive coverage provided to their female employees or face crippling fines.
- In Houston, pastors were subpoenaed to submit their sermons on sexuality to legal scrutiny.
- Christian ministers who operate a wedding chapel in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho were ordered to perform same-sex weddings under threat of fines and imprisonment.
- Catholic adoption services in several states have closed rather than provide adoptions to homosexual couples.
- In New York City, Yeshiva University was sued for not providing housing to same-sex couples.
- A Methodist Camp in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, lost some of its tax-exemption because it would not allow same-sex, civil union ceremonies on its grounds.

florists and providers of wedding facilities who are being sued because they are unwilling to provide services for events that violate their consciences. Now there are threats that religious schools may lose accreditation, student aid, federal grants, and tax-exempt status, if they do not go along with the secularist agenda. And there are a growing number of bakers, photographers,

The strongest opponent to the secularist-dominated society, and the most necessary for a return to a moral order, should be the Catholic Church. Its teachings are clear. Popes have been speaking out against secularism in one form or another since at least the French Revolution. And Catholicism is the largest religious denomination in the Western world.

In America presently, the vice president, speaker and minority leaders of the House of Representatives, 31 percent of all members of Congress, six of the nine justices of the Supreme

Court, numerous media and business leaders, and almost one-quarter of the population identify as Catholic. If their Faith guided their actions in public life, America would be a different country. Many who claim to be Catholic, however, give little or no thought to God and ignore the teachings of His Church in their daily lives.

Those who are militantly secularist are a very small minority of the population. But there are many, many Catholics who provide societal support for secularist ideas and actions. These are fellow travelers, although they may not consider themselves so. The politician who says his religious convictions will not affect his political actions is a fellow traveler. The judge who rules according to changing societal directions rather than the letter and intent of the law is a fellow traveler. The teacher who prohibits religious expression in class assignments is a fellow traveler. The newscaster who gives equal treatment to a small number of pro-abortion protesters at a massive pro-life rally is a fellow traveler. The parent who privately objects to a school presenting LGBT lifestyles as normal but will not publically oppose it is a fellow traveler.

Christianity will not win the conflict with secularism through political activity, although the legislative and judicial processes certainly should be used. Nor will it succeed by compromise, trying to coexist in a hostile environment. The lion will not lie down with the lamb. The long-term solution is a return of America's culture to its Christian roots.

For the Church to be an effective force for societal transformation, leadership by the bishops and priests is necessary. In the American colonies, it was the clergy, speaking forcefully from their pulpits about the abuses of the British crown and the rights and duties of man, who set the stage for American independence. Similar Gospel-based leadership is needed today to decry the evils of secularism and help develop the resolve of the laity to lead their lives, publically and privately, according to the teachings of the Church. The Catholic laity, in turn, must become more outspoken in defending moral law, fight for the sanctity of the family, raise their children in the Faith, and exhibit a true love of God.

The immediate future will be difficult. But have hope. As the philosopher Dietrich von Hildebrand, who was a strong voice protesting Nazism, wrote, "If God permits evils...it is to test us; it is precisely our struggle against evil that God wills, even when we suffer external defeat."

The Church will agonize and there will be decreases, most likely significant, in parish membership. Those who remain true to the Faith will experience hostility, social stigma, isolation, and perhaps legal suits, fines, and even imprisonment. But the reduced Church will be a reinvigorated one, comprised of people who are willing to evangelize and live the Gospel on a daily basis.

Pray for the nation. Pray for your family. Be devoted to the Rosary. Fast, attend Mass and Eucharistic Adoration regularly, and put your Faith in God. For if God is with us, who can prevail against us!



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Event

Mens Prayer Breakfast

When

Saturday  
September 19, 2015

Time

8 AM to 12 Noon

Place

The  
Rosemont Room

Host

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
2020 St. Joseph Drive  
Largo, MD 20774  
Pastor  
Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.

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- No cash payments accepted at church.

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# FAMILY PICNIC

Sponsored by Maryland State Council

Saturday September 19, 2015 1:00- 5:00 PM

Prince Georges Council #2809, 9450 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD

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 Number of Family Members Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age(s) of Children Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: **Maryland State K of C**  
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## *Cruising The Roads With Our Knights on Bikes*



**Join Us!**  
**SK Michael Davenport**  
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Paddy and Mick are two Irishmen working at the local saw mill. One day, Mick slips and his arm gets caught and severed by the big bench saw. Paddy quickly puts the limb in a plastic bag and rushes it and Mick to the local hospital. Next day, Paddy goes to the hospital and asks after Mick. The nurse says, "Oh he's out in Rehab exercising". Paddy couldn't believe it, but there's Mick out the back exercising his now re-attached arm.

The very next day he's back at work in the sawmill. A couple of days go by, and then Mick slips and severs his leg on another bloody big saw. So Paddy puts the limb in a plastic bag and rushes it and Mick off to the Hospital. Next day he calls in to see him and asks the nurse how he is. The nurse replies, "He's out in the Rehab again exercising". And sure enough, there's Mick out there doing some serious work on the treadmill. And very soon Mick comes back to work.

But, as usual, within a couple of days he has another accident and severs his head. Wearily, Paddy puts the head in a plastic bag and transports it and Mick to the hospital. Next day he goes in and asks the nurse how Mick is. The nurse breaks down and cries and says, "He's dead." Paddy is shocked, but not surprised. "I suppose the saw finally did him in." "No", says the nurse, "Some idiot put his head in a plastic bag and he suffocated".

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A new business is open and one of the owner's friends wants to send him flowers for the occasion. They arrive at the business site and the owner reads the card: "Rest in Peace." Understandably the owner is angry and calls the florist to complain. After he tells the florist the obvious mistake and how angry he is, the florist replies, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this. Somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a card saying, 'Congratulations on your new location.'"

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A magician was facing an unruly crowd as his tricks failed to impress them. To cheer them up, the magician said: 'could any one please give me an egg. For I shall show you a marvelous trick' One at the last row shouted: 'If we had an egg with us, it would have reached you long before.'

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There was a blonde, a redhead, and a brunette. They were all trapped on an island and the nearest shore was 50 miles away. The redhead swam trying to make it to the other shore she swam 15 miles, drowned, and died. The brunette swam 24 miles, drowned, and died. The blonde swam 25 miles, got tired, and swam back.

## Let Us Always Remember



*James C. Fletcher, Jr.*



*Please, Remember In Your Prayers*

*Members Who Are Ill*



*Howard Wynn  
Mary Julius  
Joseph Marshall  
Ken Hinton*

*James Shorter  
William Missouri  
William Tolbert  
Donald Wilson*



## Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

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



**“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”**

**\*\*AUGUST\*\***

**- 2015 -**

- 01 Damel S. Goddard
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- 03 Thomas F. Matthews IV
- 04 Deacon Alton Davis, Jr.
- 05 Ryan F. Cenac
- 06 William “Billy” Tolbert
- 10 Anthony E. Effiong
- 11 Ryan D. Cartwright
- 19 Tse E. Bangarie
- 23 George M. Curtis
- 24 Rupert McCave
- 26 Augustine K. Jarrett



**“The Joy  
Of A  
Birthday”**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**\*\*AUGUST\*\***

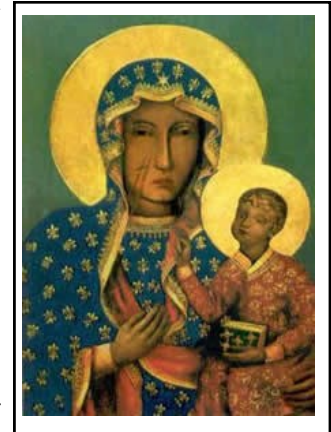


- 03-06 **Supreme Convention, Philadelphia, PA**
- 06 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 08 **Flea Market - St. Joseph Church Parking Lot**
- 10 **Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting, 7:00 P.M.**
- 10 Program Seminar - Good Counsel High School
- 16 **Knights Sunday, 11 A.M. Mass**
- 16 Bishop Walsh Assembly Installation, Holy Family Church, Mitchellville, MD
- 19 McNamara Chapter Meeting, James C. Fletcher Council
- 20 Program Seminar - Immaculate Heart of Mary Council
- 20 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 23 Fletcher Council Installation
- 27 Flea Market - St. Joseph Church Parking Lot
- 30 Statewide Family Mass - St. John Neumann,

**Marian Title for August**

**Our Lady of Czestochowa**

The icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa has been intimately associated with Poland for the past six hundred years. Its history prior to its arrival in Poland is shrouded in numerous legends which trace the icon’s origin to St. Luke who painted it on a cypress table top from the house of the Holy Family.



The painting displays a traditional composition well-known in the icons of Eastern Orthodoxy. The Virgin Mary is shown as the “Hodegetria” (“One Who Shows the Way”). In it the Virgin directs attention away from herself, gesturing with her right hand toward Jesus as the source of salvation. In turn, the child extends his right hand toward the viewer in blessing while holding a book of gospels in his left hand. The icon shows the Madonna in fleur de lys robes.

The Black Madonna, another name for Our Lady of Czestochowa, is credited with miraculously saving the monastery of Jasna Gora (Bright Mount) as Queen and Protector of Poland in the cathedral of Lwow on April 1, 1656.

Another legend concerning the two scars on the Black Madonna’s right cheek is that the Hussites stormed the Pauline monastery in 1430, plundering the sanctuary. Among the items stolen was the icon. After putting it in their wagon, the Hussites tried to get away but their horses refused to move. They threw the portrait down to the ground and one of the plunderers drew his sword upon the image and inflicted two deep strikes. When the robber tried to inflict a third strike, he fell to the ground and squirmed in agony until his death.

Because of the Black Madonna, Czestochowa is regarded as the most popular shrine in Poland, with many Polish Catholics making a pilgrimage there every year. Often, people will line up on the side of the road to hand provisions to the pilgrims as those who walk the distance to Czestochowa walk the entire day and have little means to get things for themselves.