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**“CHARITY IS LOVE”**

## Pomp And Circumstances



**Grand Knight - Alan M. Davis**

After attending the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday morning, July 10th, the installation of officers for the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 officer was held. It was a splendid installation ceremony, conduct by District Deputy G. Emeka Onwezi and District Warden Michael P. Akpan. Providing the “Pomp and Circumstances” to the ceremony were members of the James C. Walsh Assembly 1548 Color Corps. Looking on were council members, parishioners, Maryland State and Bishop McNamara dignitaries. families and friends.



The installation was followed by a reception in the St. Joseph Rosemond Room. The Master of Ceremony (MC) for the reception was our Worthy Lecturer, Calvin A. Thompson. The food was delicious, and so to were the speeches by the visiting dignitaries. However, the anticipation was evident, they were ready to welcome and hear from the “Worthy Grand Knight” Alan Davis.



To a thunderous applause, GK Alan Davis approached the podium. Looking on with their family pride were his mother, sisters, brother and an awestruck audience. One often wonder and ask themselves, just what will one say at such a momentous occasion as this? Well, Alan answered that immediately at the beginning of his remarks with a smile and merely two words, “Thank You”.



It was another wonderful day in the neighborhood. Fletcher Council celebrates its 22nd Anniversary in September. Its leadership has been outstanding. Alan and his administration will continue to meet those standards of excellence. His theme for this fraternal year is “Charity is Love”.



**God Bless!**



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*"The things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"*

by Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.

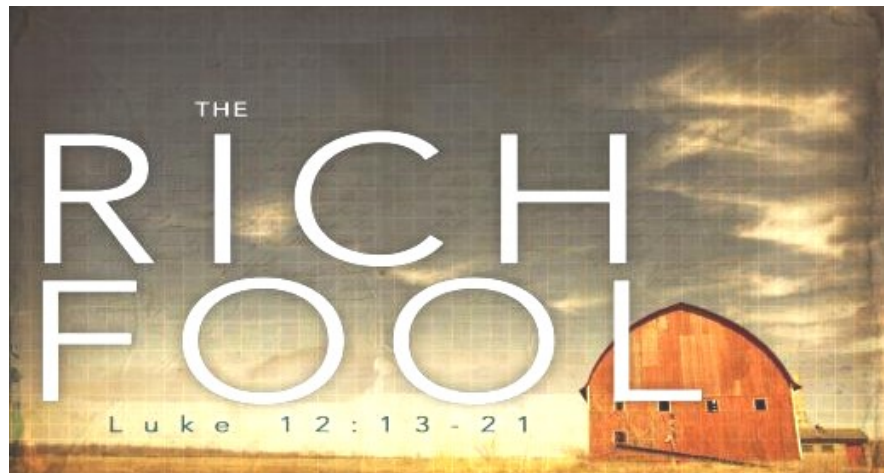
What are these "possessions" that Jesus is really speaking about in the Gospel parable of the rich man? It is our material, or worldly possessions! The question becomes: "Do we own our possessions; or do our possessions own us?" And, we all have "possessions" to some degree. God gave man dominion over the earth, to use His "possessions" found here on earth. It is God who provides the "possessions" found on earth, so that we can use it to take care of all the creatures and things of the earth.

Therein lays the key to Jesus' parable. God tells us to care for the creatures and things of the earth. He does not tell us that the creatures and things of the earth are "our" possessions! We are stewards of God's creation, not owners of it.

When we take what God has given us as our "own possessions," to do with as we please, and do not use them to care for those in need, then we fall into idolatry. When this happens, we have elevated our "possessions" to that of a "false god." No longer is our one, true God the primary focus of our lives, since our "possessions" have taken His place. "Our possessions oftentimes have more of an effect on us than we have on them.

When our possessions become the most important things in our lives, when our possessions come before our relationship with God and each other, we have been deceived by the devil! Because, "the material things we accumulate throughout our lives, our material 'possessions,' will mean nothing at the gates of heaven," unless they were used for the glory of God and to help others.

In order to grow rich in the sight of God, we must always put God first and our neighbors ahead of ourselves. Then we will have the "right possessions," that is, the "right stuff," to carry us through our lives and into eternal joy with God.





## ***Your Grand Knight For The 2016 - 2017 Fraternal Year***

*Let Charity be your Guiding force for participation  
in Council programs.*

*By Grand Knight Alan Davis*



At the Leadership Seminar I attended in June, State Deputy Stephen M. Cohen challenged all Grand Knights and their councils to not relax and take the months of July and August off as councils have done so in the past. James C. Fletcher Council is one month into the fraternal year and we are off to an excellent beginning. The council has sponsored or participated in numerous activities in July. I wish to thank all the members who helped plan and who participated in the Officer's Installation on Sunday, July 10. A special thanks to *Vernon Hawkins* and *Etoile Hawkins*, *Cal* and *Sharon Thompson*, *Bernard Broadus*, *Father Roy Campbell*, *Deacon Al Douglas Turner* and the *Bishop Walsh Assembly Fourth Degree Color Corps* for making the Installation a great success. Our Maryland State Council Treasurer *Vince Grauso*, McNamara Chapter President *Thomas Santangelo*, District Deputy *G. Emeka Onwezi* and District Warden *Michael Akpan* also deserve thanks for their presence and participation.

Council members have also been involved in the St. Joseph Vacation Bible School, July 11-15, Knights Sunday, July 17, The Fletcher Council Silent Auction, July 23, 24, 30 and 31 and the second of our Annual Summer Flea Market, July 30. As you can see brothers, the council has been very active this first month of the year and will continue to be active in the month of August. I encourage all to contact Deputy Grand Knight *Bernard Broadus* or any of our Activity Directors or myself to volunteer your time to our upcoming activities. Please remember the council's slogan this year "*Charity is Love.*" *Let charity be your guiding force for participation in council programs.*

## ***The Golden Gavel***

**In Appreciation Of A**

**Most Successful**

**Fraternal Year**

**GK Alan Davis**

**Presented To**

**PGK Ike Agbim**

***The Golden Gavel Award***





## District Deputy's Report



**G. Emeka Onwezi**  
District Deputy

One month has already passed and the eager to be a successful council has started. By now, you must have submitted your form 365 – the Service Program Personnel Report, which is the first requirement toward becoming a Star Council, receiving Columbian Award, receiving Father McGivney Award and receiving Founders' Award. Did you recruit and admit any new member in July? If the answer is no, then you need to recruit and admit at least 2 new brothers this month so as to be on the right path to attain your membership goal this fraternal year.

I had the opportunity to conduct two installation of council officers and one Ladies Auxiliary's Officers installation in July. I congratulate Grand Knight Alan M. Davis and the officers of James C. Fletcher, Jr., Counsel 11422 on their wonderful installation on July 10, 2016. I also congratulate the KC Ladies President Cathy Gresham and the Officers of James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 Ladies Auxiliary on their installation as well on July 10, 2016. It seems that James C. Fletcher council's programs is up and running. Just incorporate your programs with the Church program, and continue to build the Domestic Church while strengthen the parish that your council is associated with.

I thank the Grand Knight, Program Director and all the Program Chairs who attended the Membership and Program Seminar on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Sacred Heart Council in Bowie, Maryland. I hope your council came out of the seminar with more information on how to be a better and a successful council.

The District 2 Soccer Shootout competition is still on early planning stage with our neighboring District 5. More information will be passed on as soon as they are available. Just get ready and start planning Soccer Shootout within your council for now, so that you can send your bests to the District Soccer Shootout when the time comes. I congratulate Fletcher for submitting its Family of the Month to the Supreme and to the State before the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. I also congratulate your chosen July 2016 Family of the Month, Brother James A. Barnes and his family.

*Vivat Jesus,*

**COME PRAY WITH US**

*All Council Members*

*Are Invited To*

*Knights Sunday*

*Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*

*Of The Month*

*At The 11 A.M. Mass*



## State Deputy's Report



**Stephen M. Cohen**  
State Deputy

*My Brothers All,*

*[Summation of State Deputy's comment at the Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting of July 20, 2016]*

Greetings from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. He thanked the GKs, DD's, and everyone for a good turnout for the meeting and encouraged everyone to come to the next meeting and the one after that. He praised the good news of Maryland being #24 in the order in membership. He announced that we are #4 in our region for the Membership Olympics. He summarized his three points for this Fraternal Year:

1. Excuses are not reasons – every council should do an Admissions Degree every month
2. No procrastination – forms should be turned in on time if not sooner, and
3. No vacations for Councils – Just because the kids are out of school does not mean the council should not be doing something. Now is the best time to get the college men to a degree.

The **Domestic Church** program is available for all councils to participate. If you want to know more about this program, please check the State Web Site for details. The Domestic Church is all about the Family. Use these programs to recruit new members. Invite parishioners to join in the various programs. On October 22 there will be a Domestic Church Program inviting everyone from the State. Invite everyone to that program and fill the venue.

The **Ultrasound Program** delivered their 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> ultrasound machines to the Woman's Care Center in Fullerton, Maryland and the Choices Pregnancy Facility in Easton, Maryland. We would love to have the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> ultrasound machines placed soon.

The **Perpetual Memorial Society** is on-line. They are accepting money for vocations. We contributed \$2,500 and sponsored a cook-out for the Quo Vadis Camp. Look for us to strengthen our partnership with the Special Olympics as describe by John Durbin earlier in this meeting.

We will have **State Trips to Williamsburg** in September and Jamaica in February.

We have four **Program and Membership Seminars** this year. The ones for this Chapter are at Sacred Heart Council and Good Counsel High School. If you cannot make those, there will be Seminars at Regina Coeli Council and Columbus Gardens in Baltimore.

The **Family Picnic** for the State of Maryland is August 20. All are welcome. Car Pool if you can. The more the merrier.

**Remember we are the Advocates of the Lord. We are a people of Christ, for Christ, building a civilization of love.**

*Vivat Jesus*

**Have You Visited The State Website Lately**

[www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org)

**Or the Maryland State Yahoo Group**

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/MDstatecouncil/info?yguid=46983702>



## SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight

### *In Response to Week of Violence, Knights of Columbus Urges Prayers for Healing In Response to Week of Violence, Knights of Columbus Urges Prayers for Healing*

Following a week of violence across the United States, the Knights of Columbus called for a novena of prayer to heal the wounds and divisions afflicting this country.

Knights and their families, and all people of good will joined in the novena (nine days of prayer) from July 14-22 by praying the following St. Francis of Assisi's Prayer for Peace:



*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love;*

*where there is injury, pardon;*

*where there is doubt, faith;*

*where there is despair, hope;*

*where there is darkness, light;*

*where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not  
so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to  
eternal life.*

*Amen*

*"The violent episodes of the past week have shocked the conscience of our country," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Through this prayer, each of us has the opportunity to help transcend hatred and violence by personally committing to the concepts of love of neighbor, peace and forgiveness that are central to an authentic embrace of Christianity. It is our hope that, from coast to coast, those who pray this prayer will become true instruments of peace."*

Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, also urged people to join this prayer campaign: "During this Year of Mercy, let us pray for an end to violence and senseless killings," he said. "Through our prayers and good works, may we help build a society that is merciful, just, and peaceful."

Founded in 1882 in New Haven, Conn. by the Venerable Servant of God Fr. Michael McGivney, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal group with nearly two million members worldwide.

## Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

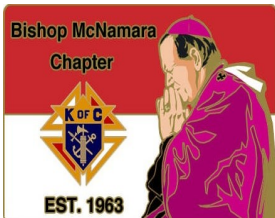
"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men!" Mt 4:19





## McNAMARA CHAPTER

Thomas Santangelo - Chapter President



The Chapter provides a forum for meaningful information exchange between the State Council and the Councils and offered opportunities for councils to join in collective charitable activities to include support of Maryland Special Olympics, support of children in need by way of the Coats for Kids

Program, to help feed the needy thru our Food for Families Programs, Reading to children thru our Literacy Program, and unwavering support of local Pro Life organizations and programs. In addition, we offer several training and informational sessions throughout the year. It also provides an opportunity to meet with State Officers, Directors, Chairman and other Grand Knights to keep abreast of the many events taking place in the Maryland jurisdiction.

All brother knights are invited to attend and participate in all Chapter activities. Ladies and families are cordially invited to participate in Chapter social meetings and charitable activities.

The Chapter normally meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 8 PM at one of the member councils. **An after meeting meal is provided by the host Council.** Join us at our next meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 12127, at 9000 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882.

## WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

Ikechukwu R. Agbim - Faithful Navigator



*Good day Brethren!*

We are excited about the new Fraternal year, and what difference our 4<sup>th</sup> degree Assembly can make towards Patriotic Initiatives in member Councils, Parishes and our Community at large.

One of these initiatives, this Fraternal year, is taking on Patriotic Education and bringing it closer to our wards through Flag education, and

handling among others.

We also do plan to visit all member councils, and have Color Corps demonstration as a way of raising awareness of 4th degree programs, creating interest in Color Corps service and encouraging 4th degree membership. What better way to bring it close to our brothers.

We also do intend to conduct all programs done during last fraternal year: the priests, nuns and clergy dinner will be expanded and emboldened: more courage and depth of appreciation to those who lead us so well, and cater to both the prayer needs of our Community and our spiritual well-being and growth.

Our Color Corps will continue to excel, as our Orders very visible arm. Participation and excellence will be reinforced through drill practices for the members.

With God on our side, we will continue to grow from strength to strength!

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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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We are off and running with two of our three Flea Markets being a total success. We have one remaining Flea Markets and I know the members of James C. Fletcher Jr. Council will come out in droves to assist with making the last one as successful. How about that Silent Auction held on July 23-24 and July 30-31? It was a fun feast and very successful due to council members support and a superb turnout of parishioners.

We also have State Council 47th Annual Car Raffle in motion lead by our worthy PGK Tim Mathews. I am asking **ALL BROTHERS** to participate in this council fund raising event by contacting PGK Tim Mathews or myself to help sell and/or buy tickets.

I am also asking all brothers (especially new brothers) to participate in the cultural, educational and especially the spiritual events given and lead by our illustrious council. Every brother should be engaged in **AT LEAST ONE COUNCIL EVENT/ACTIVITY** during the year. Our programs cover a litany of activities relating to: Church, Council, Community, Family, Youth, and Pro-Life.

I will be calling my fellow brothers to solicit your ideas and help to make sure our council achieves its annual goals.

Brothers, we must always be prayerful in all that we do. As we endeavor to increase our charitable offerings, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for grace, guidance and success.

**Vivat Jesus!**

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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The July 21<sup>st</sup> Fletcher Council Social Meeting gave us the chance to come together in a more relaxed social gathering. We had side splitting jokes by our Worthy Lecturer, Cal Thompson, card games and refreshments. Vernon Hawkins presented Grand Knight Alan M. Davis with

his Grand Knight's Hat of Authority. Vern said that it is normally presented to the Grand Knight during the Investiture reception, however, the special order was received just after July 21<sup>st</sup>.

And, as usual, getting into the act was Past Grand Knight Ike Agmin, with a smile of pure satisfaction. He presented certificates of appreciation of to several council members, including GK Alan M. Davis (Youth Talent Show); Harold Davis (Flea Market) and Vernon Hawkins (Mardi Gras).



The council conducts two meetings per month: 1) the business meeting is held on the first Thursday of the month; and 2) the social meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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I have been to various Flea Markets and some of them were outside the continental U.S. They have their own unique style and personality. But the Knights of Columbus (KofC) at St Joseph's Catholic Church parking lot on Saturday morning has a neighborhood feel about it. Most of the vendors know each other. This Flea Market is a type of bazaar that rents space to people who want to sell merchandise. Used goods, low quality items, and high quality items such as collectibles and antiques are commonly sold.

You have some people looking for bargains and others looking for collectibles. Many markets offer fresh produce or baked goods, plants from local farms and vintage clothes. Renters of the Flea Market tables are called vendors. St. Joseph's holds their Flea Market out doors and the vendor provide their own tents and tables. Flea-Market vendors may range from families that are renting a table for the first time in order to sell a few unwanted household items. There are scouts who rove the region buying items for sale from other Garage Sales and Flea Markets.

Flea Market vending is distinguished from street vending in that the market itself, and not any other public attraction, brings in buyers. Being that I am a first timer, some of the items were a real bargain. Knights of Columbus also, provide hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and chips. Once the Flea Market got into full swing, the traffic of people was constant and robust. All in all, the Flea Markets have been quite successful for the participating vendors, visiting public, and our council.



## A Word From Our Flea Market Chairman - Harold Sanders

**Brothers,**

*Our July Flea Market was another success. Rain was forecasted but it held off until late afternoon. The day turned out to be pleasantly cloudy, warm and breezy. Once again I had a great team of brothers here at 6:00 A.M. to assist me with helping our vendors to their assigned spaces. We had a new cook on the grill and he kept the food orders filled. At the end of the day enough brothers were on hand to ensure everything was cleaned up and put away. August will be our flea market and then it will be over for the year. If you have not been able to join us for a little fun in the sun you have one more chance next month. August is sold out and with everyone's continued help; I know it will be successful.*

**Vivat Jesus**





## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Our hearts were somewhat broken on Saturday, July 2nd, as the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 joined with St. Joseph Church parishioners in wishing Father Aaron M. Qureshi, Parochial Vicar, farewell. Fr. Aaron has been reassigned to Saint Peter's Parish in Olney, Maryland. Our loss is their gain. Fr. Aaron was ordained last year, June 21st and bestowed first blessings on his friends and family on June 22nd at St. Joseph's Church on Capitol Hill. He joined the pastoral staff of St. Joseph Church on July 8, 2015. He was an admirable assist tour pastor Fr. Roy Campbell. His homilies were spiritually relevant, often with surprising innuendos, such as the time he surprised the congregation with a parody on *Star Track*. We truly loved Fr. Aaron and will dearly miss him. May God continue to bless him.

One of the many wonders of Fr. Aaron was the magnificent Chalice that he possessed. It was unique and beautifully crafted. It was gift from his parents in honor of his ordination. The Chalice is a story in itself and is summarized below.

### Chalice of Rev. Aaron M. Qureshi The gift of his parents



*My cup runneth over!* (Ps 23:5) As the faithful receive the blood of Christ, they receive a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

*Twelve the gates to the city...and the twelve gates are twelve pearls.* (Rev 21:12,21) The tiny pearl of faith has matured with time and persistence and is now the entryway to the heavenly Jerusalem.

*The twelfth foundation of the heavenly city was adorned with amethyst.* (Cf. Rev 21:19-20) Purple is the color of royalty and pomp, but also of bruises and suffering. The amethyst reminds us that, like Jesus, one comes into the Kingdom only after many trials.

*Around the throne are four living creatures.* (Rev 4:6) The man, lion, ox and eagle are traditional signs of the four Gospels, which nourish the life of faith. (My scholarly thesis concerns the symbolism of these four creatures.)

*The Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls.* (Mt 13:45) Seed pearls represent the start of the life of faith: baptism, when one inherits the Kingdom in seminal form.

*I handed on to you what I received.* (1Cor 15:3) The inscription on the bottom records that this chalice was given in 1903 as a gift to Msgr. William McDonald, pastor (1890-1917†) of St. Francis de Sales Church in Geneva, New York. (My classmate Rev. Peter van Lieshout had a recent assignment there.) Msgr. McDonald's associate, Rev. John Muckle, inherited the chalice and gave it to the College of New Rochelle in New York. Our faith is a precious gift from the generations that have come before.



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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### ***The Barnes Family July Family of the Month***

**James and Roberta Barnes** along with their sons, Marquis and Ramon have been members of St. Joseph's for 34 years. James is a charter member of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council and was the 1<sup>st</sup> Recording Secretary for the Council. James later was nominated and became the 6<sup>th</sup> Grand Knight of the Fletcher Council. James also served as a member of the First Degree and Second Degree Team of District Council.

James later served as a Trustee of the Council. James is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of the Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly in Forestville, Maryland. He also serves as the Chief Shrine Usher at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 7:30 A.M. Mass. At St. Joseph's, James is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and a Member of the St. Joseph's Gospel Choir's, Baritone Section. He is also a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Throughout all these years Lady Roberta and their sons have been in partnership. Roberta have served as Past President as well as Secretary of the KC Ladies Auxiliary. She continually contributes to all the Council and Church activities. Their son Marquis is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Knight of the James C. Fletcher Jr. Council. While growing up, he was an Altar Server at St. Joseph's under the direction of Ms. Helen Harley.

Ramon was a member of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Squires Circle. Ramon is currently one of the Audio Visual Technicians here at St. Joseph. He normally is seen at the 5 P.M. Vigil Mass on Saturdays. He also aides in the Annual Gospel Choir concerts here at St. Joseph.

The family continues to be active in various church functions.

### ***The Neal Family August Family of the Month***

**Cherry Neal** has been member of St. Joseph Church since 2001. Cherry visited St Joseph Church in the summer of 2001 and never left. Initially, she just attended Sunday mass. However, God always has a plan. Unexpectedly, one day, her Mother telephoned her at work and asked her how she plan to contribute to the church. In her Mothers' words, "are you just a Bench Member, or are you willing to work in the church to thank God for the many blessings bestowed upon you". After that conversation with her Mother, she joined the Hospitality Ministry.

In September 2007, Cherry enrolled in the RCIA class and started the journey to receive the sacrament of confirmation. She was confirmed at the 2008 Easter Vigil. She was so inspired by the RCIA team she joined the team the following September.

As Cherry became more active in the parish, she joined the Good Samaritans, Bereavement, and the Arts and Environment Ministries. She is the current secretary for the Good Samaritans and has served as the coordinator of the Arts and Environment ministry for the past two years. Cherry was a member of the St Joseph 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and is an active member of the Black Catholic and Black History month committees.

Her granddaughters Kameron and Amiya received the sacraments of baptism, first holy communion and confirmation during the 2015 Easter Vigil. Granddaughter, Amiya is a former member of the St Joseph's Liturgical Dance Ministry, Children on Virtue.

Cherry is a volunteer receptionist/ counselor at the Forestville Pregnancy Center. She loves working with the young women that come to the center. Not only has she found this ministry to be a rewarding experience but also a true blessing. She prays that she has made a difference in their lives.

Cherry loves her St Josephs' family. On her first visit to St Joseph's, the parish community was so warm and welcoming, she knew in an instant that St Joseph's was the church for her.

Let us always remember this family in our prayers and ask the Almighty Father to reward them abundantly. In Jesus Name, Amen, Amen !

### ***FAMILY FULLY ALIVE***



In founding the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney sought to respond to the crisis in family life affecting Catholics in 19th-century America. As a young man he witnessed firsthand the challenges his widowed mother faced with seven children at home. Later, as a priest he confronted on a daily basis the problems affecting the families of his parish community due to poverty, violence, alcoholism, immigration, anti-Catholic prejudice and discrimination.

Father McGivney's vision for family life was not simply that each family might find financial and material aid. He understood that holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. And, seeing as his two brothers followed him into the priesthood, we can understand how truly important the "sanctuary of the home" was to the McGivney family.

His family was a living example of what the Second Vatican Council later taught — that each man, woman and child is called to holiness through proclaiming the Gospel and communicating the divine gift of love through the activities of their daily lives.

When Christian families respond in this way to the design of the Creator, they become a "domestic Church" that, as Pope Paul VI explained, mirrors "the various aspects of the entire Church."



## FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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### *“Are You Prepared for the Unexpected?”*

Intriguing question, don't you think? Just consider the unexpected we've learned about through the media in the past few weeks: murders, rapes, disease spread, flooding, car accidents, just to list a few. Was anyone prepared for these tragedies or ready for a response? Well, consider the following questions:

- ◆ Do you have up-to-date insurance policies, on your life, to protect your mortgage, provide income in your retirement years? Do you know where they are filed?
- ◆ How recently did you review your insurance policies? [Hint: needs change as we age and our policies should keep pace.]
- ◆ Who will take care of your customers when you can no longer do so? [Not in business? Well, what about your grandkids, nephews, nieces, etc.]
- ◆ Do you have a will?
- ◆ What about the medical directive, when you are incapacitated and cannot make decisions for yourself?
- ◆ Have you examined the benefits you earned from your employer, e.g., pension, 401 (k), etc., recently? Whom does your widow contact to receive the benefits?
- ◆ Are beneficiary forms current?
- ◆ Have you discussed with your spouse and children what services you expect to receive when you have difficulty performing the activities of daily living or develop dementia?

These are questions worth asking and answering **NOW**. Be prepared, rather than being surprised.

**PS:** *The Knights can help you answer these questions to your benefit. Give me a call.*

**Form #100  
Belongs In  
All of These Places**

- ◆ Briefcase
- ◆ In Your Pocket
- ◆ Near Your Phone
- ◆ Glove Compartment
- ◆ Everywhere You Go!

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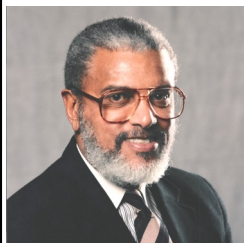
  
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## MEMBERSHIP QUEST

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James C. Fletcher, Jr.

As we again look back, remember and salute those member who took the first step to make the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 a reality, our Charter member. The following are the trailblazers, the Charter members that made it happen in September 1994:

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## ***CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES***

*Peter Methodius Pro-Life Activities Director*  
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Today marks exactly 6 months until the 2017 *March for Life!* Don't forget our date is different this year - **Friday, January 27, 2017** - due to the Presidential Inauguration, which will be one week prior to the *March for Life*.



You are requested to join with your fellow James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council members, Dr. Martin Luther King Squires Circle, KC Ladies Auxiliary and St. Joseph parishioners at the 2017 *March for Life* on Friday, January 27, 2017 **to make a stand for what's most important, *Life.***





## COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

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As the Maryland State Chapter gears up for another year our Squires Circle Members are gearing up for another charity driven season. We are in difficult economic times and its important to remember that donating money is not the only way to be charitable. Squires are asked to give of their time and their talent, as an individual and as a circle.

Our Supreme Council currently supports existing circles however councils/assemblies in the U.S. and Canada are asked to not start any new circles. Consistent with our new Building the Domestic Church Initiative councils are asked to meet with their chaplains to discuss furthering their support of parish based youth ministry. Please read the Supreme Knight's column in the January issue of *Columbia* magazine for more information about the Building the Domestic Church initiative and its impact on our support and service to Catholic youth.

With this in mind, on July 9, 2016 the Squires joined the Church Youth Ministry and our new Priest Fr Steven Wyble and our Seminarian in a fun tournament of laser tag at *Castle Laser Tag*. What an ice breaker for our new Clergy!!! Fr Steven even went Rambo on us and tore his black shirt!!!

As Knights, we are encouraged to not just become leaders but to support other leaders and to nurture and forge new leaders that will go back into the world and into their environments and make a difference. Our young leaders are taught that how they live their lives motivated by the Grace inside gives them the power to affect the world as it changes as they walk through it.

The Squires are looking forward to many activities as the season warms up. A calendar of charity is forthcoming. This year we will be concentrating on assisting the Church and its Ministries as well as welcoming Catholic young men from other Parishes to join our Circle, the **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Squires Circle**.

*Vivat Jesus*

*"Esto Dignus"*



## REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

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### *A World in Need of God*

The world is awash in blood, and no nation is excluded. Since the beginning of this year, radical Islamic terrorists have conducted 1,300 attacks in 50 countries, killing or injuring over 25,000 people. Mass killings in the guise of warped religiosity are as likely to occur in Istanbul, Baghdad, Damascus or Jakarta, as they are in Paris, Brussels, Nice or New York.

In the beginning years of this century alone, uncountable millions of people have been shot, starved, bombed, beheaded, dismembered, or otherwise killed. Military units are fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, Ukraine and South Sudan, Yemen and Burundi, as well as many other nations. Christians in the Middle East are being driven from their ancestral homelands almost to the point of genocide. Women and children in Nigeria have been systematically kidnapped and raped, while their men were slaughtered. Schools, hospitals and churches are not immune from attack – in many instances they are the targets. Entire populations are fleeing to become undesired refugees in other countries, while untold numbers die in the flight. Individual and small groups of terrorists are willing to become “martyrs” in order to kill innocent bystanders. And the killing is not limited to brutal, public acts, but includes the “genteel, socially-acceptable” destruction of human life through abortion, and increasingly through euthanasia and assisted-suicide.

Archbishop Charles Chaput crystalized the root cause of this monumental violence when, in an address in 2010, he stated: “God has never been more absent from the Western mind than he is today. Additionally, we live in an age when... [there is] a basic confusion about what – if anything at all – it means to be ‘human’.”

In the world at present, there are two dominant cultural systems with radically different worldviews that are colliding: Western secularity and Islamic religiosity.

The West, which has been linked to Christianity for two millennia, has considered God to be the ultimate guarantor of political life and the one who set the norms for its conduct. But this relationship has and continues to change. Western nations today treat religion and belief in God as private matters that have no role in the public arena where the shared will of the people is formed. The results are not non-theocratic governments in which the state and church are separate, allowing many religions to exist and exercise their missions in freedom. Rather, the governments are becoming secularistic, restricting the public expression of any recognized faith and replacing it with an anti-theism of atheistic secularism. In the absence of God, and unfettered by religious values and unchanging moral principles, politics is replacing religion. The state is assuming the ownership of life – how it will be begun, how it will be lived, and how it will be ended.

Past attempts to shape human affairs without consideration of God have led to dreadful consequences for humanity. In the twentieth century, the world experienced the rise of two great atheistic philosophies: National Socialism with its dogma that the future lay with the purity of the race; and Communism which divinized the power of the collective over the individual based on a synthesis arising from the clash of opposing groups or interests. The results were the annihilation of hundreds of millions of people who were of the wrong race or who opposed the devaluation of man.

Countering Western secularism is Islamic fundamentalism which promotes a religious fervor against the godlessness of Western society. The current resurgence of Islam is due to a conviction that it can offer a solid moral foundation for the life of the people, a basis that is no longer being provided in the West. Among many Islamic adherents, however, religious directives have lost their orientation, resulting in a perverse fanaticism that is brutal, blind and unrelenting. Europe and America seem to have lost the moral conviction to defeat this fanaticism, despite their continuing political, military and economic power.

How do individual Catholic Americans react to the profound secularism in their country and its worldwide effects? Most are indifferent, as long as it does not affect them personally. Oh, they may express interest in the events of the day or indignation at the latest atrocities, but they go no further. Jaded by materialism and a drive for wealth, prestige and pleasure, they have organized their public and private lives in a totally temporal way. The result is a crisis of faith. God has become an after-thought, with one’s conscience, no matter how ill-formed, becoming the standard for personal behavior. Too many Catholics now lead their lives as if God does not exist, while others make a perfunctory commitment to religion just in case He does.

Reversing this widespread secularism will not be easy. The world is brutal and indifferent, but is not too dissimilar from the one in which Our Lord sent the Apostles to evangelize. He said to them, “[D]o not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather be afraid of him who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell.” (Mt 10:28).

America, and indeed the world, must be re-evangelized. God must be brought back into public consideration. As Knights, let us lead by example. Pray to Our Lord for He never fails His people. Listen for His voice in your life. Detach yourself from the allure of the world, and with faith say the simple proclamation, “*Jesus, I trust in You!*” In the closing months of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, make the Rosary, the Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration and frequent attendance at Mass the means to enable you to personally experience the love of our merciful Savior and become His instrument to change our society.



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**117th ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC**

**Saturday, August 20 2016 - 1 to 6 PM**  
 (Pool open at 1pm)

*Come for a chance to compete in the 115th Annual "Cohen Cup" Games!*  
**FUN FOR ALL AGES!!**

**PG Council #2809, 9450 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD 20740**  
 (Exit 25A-25B off I-495 towards College Park, right on Cherry Hill Rd)



**MENU**

BBQ - Chicken - Burgers - Hot Dogs  
 Baked Beans - Slaw - Potato Salad  
 Chips - Sodas - \*DRAFT BEER\*



**ACTIVITIES**

Swimming - Volleyball - Softball  
 Horseshoes - Games - More!



Price: \$14 per person (Children under age 5 free)

For Information, please contact Matt O'Hare, PGK, State Picnic Chairman  
 (301) 538-0815 oharemj@gmail.com

Fletcher Council - Knights of Columbus  
**Flea Market**

St. Joseph Church - Parking Lot  
 2020 St. Joseph Drive  
 Saturday, June 25 (8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)  
 Jul 30 (8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)  
 Aug 27 (8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Find A Good Deal  
 OR  
 Buy A Space and Keep the Cash



**Vendor Info:**

- \$25.00 per Space - Bring your own table.
- Hours 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Make checks or money orders payable to "Knights of Columbus" and mail to Knights of Columbus, 2020 St Joseph Drive, Largo MD 20774.
- No cash payments accepted at church.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL**  
**301-390-7150**

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**47th Annual Car Raffle Benefit**

For tickets, ask a James C. Fletcher, Council 11422 member or contact Tim Matthews at 240-505-4431 or tees325@gmail.com



**\$1.00**



MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Maryland State Knights of Columbus 47th Annual Car Raffle benefit has begun! Monies raised will benefit the state's charity and scholarship programs as well as the charities and programs of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422. Drawing will occur on October 8, 2016 at the Columbus Day Ball, BWI Airport Marriott, Linthicum, MD. Winner need not be present to win!

GRAND PRIZE: 2017 Ford Mustang or \$18,000    2nd PRIZE: IPAD Air 2    3rd PRIZE: \$200.00 Gift Card

Contributions, gifts, etc., paid to the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus are not deductible as a charitable contribution. MVA fees, tags, etc., are the winner's responsibility. Actual prize may vary from photo.



## THE MARYLAND ROCKFISH OPEN



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHALLENGE CUP

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 8, 2016**

MIKE'S CRAB HOUSE SOUTH  
3030 RIVA RD. RIVA, MD 21140

Save the date and join us for the Maryland Rockfish Open! Compete and see if you can catch the biggest rockfish in the Chesapeake Bay! This event benefits the athletes of Special Olympics Maryland.

Registration is open online!

<http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?event=1159633>

Register before October 1<sup>st</sup>: \$400 for 4 anglers, \$100 for each additional angler. Registration covers t-shirt and tournament party.



**Special  
Olympics**  
Maryland



### 2016-2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- 2016 State Golf Championships, Sunday, October 2, 2016 – Queenstown, MD
- Maryland Rockfish Open, Saturday, October 8, 2016 – Mike's Crab House in Riva, MD
- Polar Bear Plunge, Saturday, January 28, 2017 – Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis, MD
- Summer Games, June 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Towson University in Towson, MD
- Plane Pull, June 17, 2017 – BWI Airport in Baltimore, MD

\*Chapters will have detailed information sent to the councils prior to each event\*

CONTACT JOHN DURBIN FOR MORE INFORMATION: 301-762-4448



### Join us at the Maryland State Council's Annual Columbus Day Ball

*Maryland State Council's Premier Social Event of the Year*

*Saturday, October 8, 2016, 7:30pm  
Baltimore Washington International Marriott  
1743 West Nursery Road  
Linthicum, MD 21090*



*Tickets \$55.00 per person and \$105 per Couple  
Delux Chicken Chesapeake Dinner, Cash Bar  
Dancing to the music of The Big Band Theory of Baltimore  
Dress for the evening will be Formal, Business Suit Acceptable.*

*Due to Limited Seating all Reservations must be received by September 1<sup>st</sup>!*

*Discounted Hotel Room rates are available by calling hotel at 410-859-8300 by Sept 15*

*For ball reservations, please contact:*

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# PLANNING A FUNERAL AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH FINAL EXPENSE SYMPOSIUM



**St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Social Justice Social Concerns**

## ESSENTIAL TOPICS:

- ◆ Planning a Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Church
- ◆ Funeral Service Needs & Expenses
- ◆ Cemetery Property Services & Expenses.

**Professionals in each area will present information so that you can understand the requirements and decrease the stress involved in planning a home going service for a loved one.**

## SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Etoile de Hawkins & Sandra James

- ◆ Bereavement Support Ministry

Lawrence Johnson

- ◆ J. B. Jenkins Funeral Home

Nikia Sweeney & William Mix

- ◆ National Harmony Memorial/Dignity Memorial

**NO CHARGE**

## WHEN:

Saturday, September 17, 2016  
12:30 to 3 P.M.

## WHERE:

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
2020 St. Joseph Drive  
Largo, MD 20774

## CONTACTS:

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Sheila Tyler	301-352-4530
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Vernon Hawkins, Jr.	301-336-0284





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. Warily, 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.'

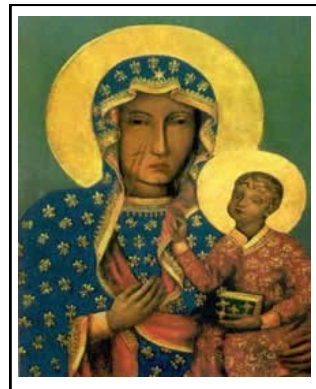
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There was a blonde, a redhead, and a brunette. They were all trapped on an island and the nearest shore was 50 miles away. The redhead swam trying to make it to the other shore she swam 15 miles, drowned, and died. The brunette swam 24 miles, drowned,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

## 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.

## Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

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



# "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

## \*\*AUGUST\*\*

### - 2016 -

- 01 Damel S. Goddard
- 02 Christian N. Anyikude
- 03 Thomas F. Matthews IV
- 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\*\*



- 01-06 Supreme Convention, Toronto & Niagra Falls
- 01 Form 365 DUE
- 04 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 08 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting, 7:30 P.M.
- 12 **Fr. McGivney's Birthday**
- 13 IPSD Testimonial, 3-7 PM, PG Council 2809
- 14 **Scholarship Presentations 11 A.M. Mass**
- 14 **Fr. McGivney Death**
- 15 **Council Audits DUE**
- 17 McNamara Chapter Meeting, Resurrection of the Lord 14099, Maryland City, MD
- 18 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 20 **Maryland State Council Picnic, College Park, MD**
- 21 **Knights Sunday, 11 A.M. Mass**
- 27 Flea Market - St. Joseph Church Parking Lot

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