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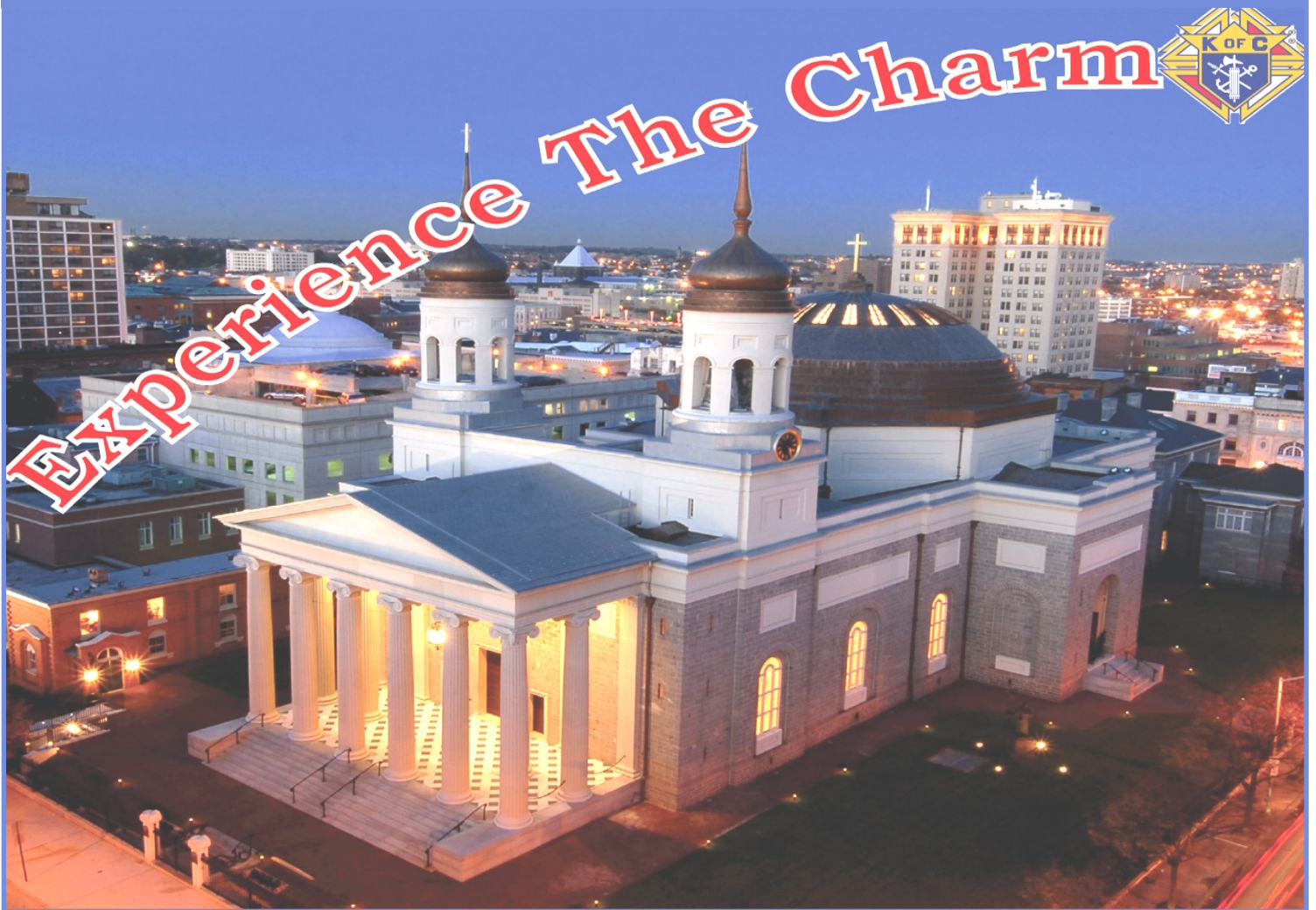
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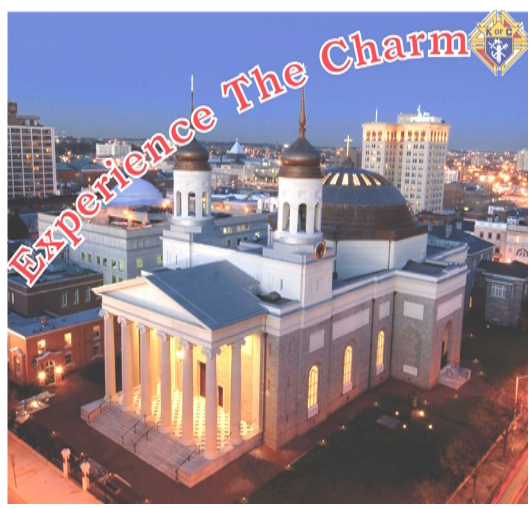




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# Chaplain Thoughts. . .

*“He distributed as much as they wanted to those who were reclining.”*

*by Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr.*



In Last week’s Gospel, Jesus and His disciples went by boat to a quiet place of rest; however, the crowd following Him arrived there first. “When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.”

In taking pity on the vast crowd, Jesus is showing us today, the foreshadowing of His giving “all” of Himself to us in the Eucharist. Jesus is on a mountain with a crowd of 5,000 hungry men coming up to Him, plus women and children!

In the Old Testament, Moses went up Mount Sinai to God, to receive for the Israelite people the “food of His Law,” the Covenant, the Ten Commandments. Moses also turned to God to feed the Israelites physically in the dessert with manna and quail. Here, on this mountain, Jesus will give to the people who come up to Him the foreshadowing of their spiritual food, the New Covenant of Love, Himself.

First, Jesus must give the crowd food to feed their physical hunger. The sheer number, 5,000, tells us of the enormousness of the situation. No mere man and his disciples could care for such a large crowd. Yet Jesus, the Good Shepherd could! The food necessary to feed such a crowd was well beyond everyone’s means, except Jesus, the Son of God. Giving thanks to the Father, Jesus fed everyone with five loaves of bread and two fish. Twelve baskets of fragments were left over, signifying that Jesus, the bread of life, would always provide Himself for the spiritual nourishment of all who come to Him.

Those 5,000 men made one crowd that followed Jesus and whom He fed. We are the many members of Christ’s one Body – the Church, and we too, follow Jesus, our Head, and He gives all of Himself to us by feeding us with His Body and Blood. Since Jesus, who returned to the Father feeds us with Himself, we too are meant to come to the Father and eternal life in God, through Jesus



Feeding The Five Thousand by Harold Copping



## ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN MESSAGE

**Rev. Robert P. Boxie, III**

**Parochial Vicar**



All of us by now have read or are familiar with the reports alleged against *Cardinal McCarrick*, former Archbishop of Washington. This past week, we read that he has now voluntarily resigned as a cardinal, which has been accepted by *Pope Francis*. *Pope Francis* has ordered him to remain in seclusion, in prayer and penance, until a canonical (church) trial considers further sanctions.

These reports and the aftermath of the allegations that were found to be “credible and substantiated” have been deeply troubling and painful to accept. *Cardinal McCarrick* was very instrumental in my discernment and vocation, and I got to know him pretty well while at *Theological College* and during his many visits to the Vatican while I was studying in Rome.

In my experience with him, there was never anything in appropriate or untoward about his behavior; in fact, he was nothing but a caring, fatherly figure who supported all of us in our vocations to the priesthood and encouraged us to be men of prayer and men of God, which is why this comes as a huge surprise. And he did so much good not only for the Church but for the entire world. During his time in Washington, there have been no allegations, and perhaps he tried to change his life and behaviors from what he was doing before. I don’t know that for a fact, but his actions seem to suggest that.

We read in the Gospels how Jesus formed a community around him and chose men as his apostles to go out and proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God and to minister to the needs of the people. God chose back then and he continues to choose now imperfect instruments to do his will. He could have chosen angels, perfect beings that always obeyed every command, but he didn’t! He chose sinful men like Peter who denied him, Thomas who doubted him, and Judas who betrayed him! Times like this can make you and I despair, doubt, or fall into discouragement, but that is the work of the evil one who hates the Church and will do anything he can to undermine her. BUT our faith is in Jesus Christ who said he would never leave us.

The Church is not immune to scandal, although we try to avoid it and prevent it at all costs. And it is in times like this—of scandal, tribulation, attack—where God has time and time again risen up saints among his people. This is a sign of his enduring presence and his love for us. We have to get on our knees and pray that God sends us, especially here in Washington, those holy men and women religious, holy deacons and priests and bishops, to be that sign of God’s love for his people.

We continue to pray for victims of abuse, for their pain and hurt, and also for those who perpetrated this abuse.

## BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

*While Strengthening Our Parish*



### WHAT IS THE DOMESTIC CHURCH?

It is believing that how you live your faith in your councils, families, parishes and community has a ripple effect that changes the world.

It is the council, the family and the parish that knows that everything they do must be based in surrendering prayer.

It describes the imperfect family and council who deliberately chooses to live contrary to what seems like a Godless world and says, “In our home, council and parish, we choose to live our faith.”

It is the family and council who prays together, goes to Mass weekly, frequents the Sacrament of Confession and (because they realize they are powerless without God), deliberately avoids that which pollutes their minds and hearts.

It is the imperfect, humble and joy-filled family and council that rarely preaches the faith because they are too busy living it.



**GRAND KNIGHT'S CHRONICLE**  
*Michael Younger*



The installation ceremonial is one of the most important ceremonial of the Knights life line, the Militarily it is a change of command. Relationally it is a process in which the chaplain representing Jesus representing GOD. The ceremonial also identifies those members that are in the council. A special note of the councils past and present are presented to all. There are many components of the ceremonial which will be explained later. Special thanks to all who assisted in setting up this event with minor difficulty. Special thanks to State Treasurer Christopher L. Powers and Lady Annie.

***From The Fletcher Council's Archive***  
***Who, What Is Going On Here?***  
***Who Are These Distinguish Looking Brothers?***



Well, they are ALL Fletcher Council's Past Grand Knights. Can you name them and sequence them by order of service as the Grand Knight, 1.2...?



**STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT**  
*Dale W. Trott*



***My Brothers All and Love-ly Ladies,***

My, how time flies! Here it is August already and we are preparing to welcome thousands of Brother Knights, Ladies and their families from around the world to Baltimore for the *136<sup>th</sup> Annual Supreme Convention*. Our Supreme Convention Committee has been hard at work behind the scenes ensuring that everything is in readiness. The dedication of time, talents and, efforts by these folks preparing for this auspicious occasion is truly remarkable and you have both Linda's and my sincerest appreciation and gratitude along with that of the entire Maryland Jurisdiction.

As we enter into the month of August, we have also completed almost all of the Membership & Program Seminars. There is still one left for anyone still wanting to attend an information forum. The last one for this fraternal year will be held on Monday,

August 13<sup>th</sup> (7:30 P.M.) at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, MD. I want to personally thank all of the presenters and everyone who attended these seminars. I hope that the seminars have provided information that will assist in your Council's success.

As I have always said, if you ever have a question or need assistance, please, please, don't hesitate to call on the State Officers, District Officers, Directors, Chairmen and Chair Ladies. We are here to help.

Please remember the *"Family Picnic"* on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at North Point State Park. Chairman, Buzzy Stockman and Family Activities Director, Mike Little, have put together what promises to be an outstanding family event for all. Please come and enjoy!!

In closing, please continue to put your *"Faith into Action"* as you:

***"Serve Christ  
by Serving Others"***

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**DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT**  
*George T. Riddle*

# District #1



*District Deputy George T. Riddle & District Warden Terry Reinhart*

**My Brother Knights,**

July was a very busy month in the District. We started off with the State Installation of officers. Next, we headed into the Council Installations with all 5 Councils in the District holding their installations in July. In between we had an Admissions Degree at the Bishop McNamara Chapter Meeting, the Program Seminar, and a Admission Degree both at Sacred Heart Council. The turnout for the Program Seminar was very good and I believe the excitement of the new program model Faith in Action has spread from the directors to the men who will head the programs.

So, now that all officers are in place lets grow our membership, reach out to those who might have fallen off a bit and keep the great work we accomplished in July rolling right through August.

**FAITH IN ACTION RECOMMENDED PROGRAMS**

FAITH	COMMUNITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)*</li> <li>Into the Breach</li> <li>Marian Icon Prayer Program</li> <li>Building the Domestic Church Kiosk</li> <li>Rosary Program</li> <li>Spiritual Reflection Program <i>New</i></li> <li>Holy Hour <i>New</i></li> <li>Sacramental Gifts <i>New</i></li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coats for Kids*</li> <li>Global Wheelchair Mission*</li> <li>Habitat for Humanity*</li> <li>Disaster Preparedness</li> <li>Free Throw Championship</li> <li>Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest</li> <li>Soccer Challenge</li> <li>Helping Hands <i>New</i></li> </ul> 
FAMILY	LIFE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food for Families*</li> <li>Family of the Month/Year</li> <li>Keep Christ in Christmas</li> <li>Family Fully Alive</li> <li>Family Week</li> <li>Consecration to the Holy Family</li> <li>Family Prayer Night <i>New</i></li> <li>Good Friday Family Promotion <i>New</i></li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marches for Life*</li> <li>Special Olympics*</li> <li>Ultrasound Program*</li> <li>Christian Refugee Relief</li> <li>Silver Rose</li> <li>Mass for People with Special Needs <i>New</i></li> <li>Pregnancy Center Support <i>New</i></li> <li>Novena for Life <i>New</i></li> </ul> 



## SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight

### THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE

***On the eve of the World Meeting of Families, Pope Francis Reaffirms the important connection between life ethics and social ethics.***



In my *Columbia* columns for January and April earlier this year, I reflected on Blessed Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae* and its enduring messages on marriage and the gift of life — messages further discussed throughout this issue. The following month, on May 25, Irish voters repealed the

Eighth Amendment to that country's constitution, which for decades had protected the lives of countless unborn children from abortion.

Providentially, Pope Francis had the courage to place the World Meeting of Families in Ireland next month. He has set the stage for the meeting with the recent publication of his apostolic exhortation on the call to holiness, *Gaudete et Exsultate* (*Rejoice and Be Glad*).

There is much to reflect upon in *Gaudete et Exsultate*. In one section, the Pope writes: "Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly.... We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in (the) world" (101).

No organization knows this better than the Knights of Columbus. We have been "clear, firm and passionate" in our defense of the dignity of every human life.

Our Ultrasound Initiative alone, which has sought to protect the lives of both mother and child by providing more than 950 ultrasound machines to qualified pregnancy resource centers, has already saved hundreds of thousands of lives.

Pope Francis goes on to write in *Gaudete et Exsultate*, "We often hear it said that ... the situation of migrants, for example, is a lesser issue. Some Catholics consider it a secondary issue compared to the 'grave' bioethical questions. That a politician looking for votes might say such a thing is understandable, but not a Christian" (102).

The Pope is right. These are not "secondary" issues because there are no "secondary" people. There are public issues that involve intrinsically evil acts, such as the intentional killing of an innocent human being as in the case of abortion. And there are other issues that involve prudential judgments about which reasonable people may disagree. But that does not mean such issues are "secondary." In most countries, poverty and disease are the leading causes of death. In the United States, it is abortion: approximately 60 million since *Roe v. Wade*.

Here again, the Knights of Columbus has been a leader — during the last fraternal year providing more than \$185 million and more than 75 million hours of volunteer service to charity.

St. John Paul II, in *Evangelium Vitae*, explained the strong link between life ethics and social ethics: "A society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized" (101).

Catholics have a responsibility to insist that those responsible for the public good focus public debate where it belongs: on respect for the dignity of every human being and the sanctity of every human life.

This is why Pope Francis reminds us that holiness, evangelization, charity and human development are profoundly linked. And as will be apparent during the upcoming World Meeting of Families, all of these aspects of the Christian life find their home in the family.

The Order has always sought to evangelize and strengthen the spiritual life of our Catholic families.

We are now strengthening our Building the Domestic Church initiative through our new Faith in Action program model, which encourages councils to do even more in the areas of faith, family, community and life.

As Knights of Columbus we will more clearly live in a way that witnesses to the Christian call to holiness, evangelization, charity and social justice.





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## INSURE YOUR LIFE FOR LIFE

### What is it?

Permanent life insurance is our signature product. It provides money to your family when you die, and builds cash value while you live. It's guaranteed. It's secure. It's dynamic.

### Who needs it?

Permanent life insurance is a great way to provide security for your family. It may be an ideal solution for people who are interested in:

- Providing money for final expenses so your family doesn't have to.
- Replacing income so that your family's financial life doesn't have to change in case you pass away suddenly.
- Providing college funds for your children in case of an untimely death.
- Protecting your spouse from the burden of a mortgage in the event of the unexpected.
- Giving a donation to a charity or special interest.
- Supplementing an estate or mitigating estate taxes.

### How does it work?

Permanent life insurance – like all life insurance – is designed primarily to provide money (also known as a death benefit) to your designated beneficiary when you pass away – guaranteed.

All Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance policies (with the exception of Graded Premium – see below) have premiums that are guaranteed not to increase, so you won't have to worry about any surprises.

Our permanent life insurance policies also accrue cash value over time. Should the policy be eligible for any dividends (which are not guaranteed), you can also elect to put those proceeds back into your policy by purchasing additional paid-up insurance. Additional paid-up insurance increases your policy's death benefit and cash value. Your policy's cash value can be used as cash, either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy\*, or as collateral.

### What options do I have?

Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance products are flexible to fit your needs.

#### Product Options

Single Premium Whole Life – Secure protection and start your legacy with one, single payment.

10-Pay Life – Pay your premiums in just ten years, and your death benefit is guaranteed for life.

20-Pay Life – Pay your premiums in just twenty years, and your death benefit is guaranteed for life.

Life Paid-Up at 65 – Pay your premiums until 65, so that you don't have to worry about additional expenses in retirement.

Life Paid-Up at 100 – Pay level, guaranteed premiums until your 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Graded Premium Whole Life – Enjoy lower premiums for your first few years to help you get started. Premiums will then gradually increase before leveling off.

The Knights of Columbus also offers several specialty products including: Discoverer – a unique blend of the best features of both permanent and term insurance; Graded Death Benefit – a guaranteed issue final expenses product; and Survivorship Universal Life – a second-to-die policy for couples, families, or business partners.

#### Beneficiary Options

You decide who you want your death benefit to go to: a spouse, children, family, a trust, or even charity. You can have more than one beneficiary, and can divide up the proceeds proportionally.

#### Additional Features and Benefits

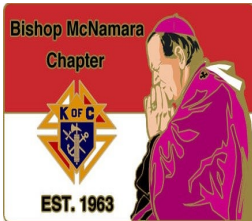
There are a number of special features and benefits – often called riders – that are available on Knights of Columbus products, such as the spousal waiver of premium, which pays for your spouse's Knights of Columbus premiums when you pass away.

Contact me, your Knights of Columbus field agent, today to learn more about our Permanent Life Insurance products, and about the safety and security that we can help provide.



## McNAMARA CHAPTER

*Joseph Massimini - Chapter President*



The Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights will celebrate its 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with the installation of Officers at St. Pius Church in Bowie, Maryland on August 26, 2018. Congratulations to all the new Bishop McNamara Chapter Officers, State Officers, Assembly Officers and Council Officers.

Chapter meetings are open to the full membership so don't be shy, come on out and bring your fellow council officers, Activities Directors and members. Our meetings in the summer will be casual so get your red Chapter shirt and/or council shirt ready.

Our August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 12127, 9000 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882. It will include an Admission/First Degree. Mark your calendar, and come on out and hear about all the exciting events and activities we will have for the year.

## WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

*John O. Grier - Faithful Navigator*



While meant for the whole Church, men of the Knights of Columbus hear the words of the Great Commission and know that these are also their marching orders. "Then Jesus approached and said to them, 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.'" (Matthew, 28:18-20).

In a society where there is increased gender confusion and men do not know how to behave, the Knights of Columbus summons men to join its ranks and to know and to witness what true manhood is about. Knights seek to imitate the most perfect Adam to ever walk the earth. We seek to imitate Christ and to put on his likeness. He loved his bride, the Church, to the point of sacrificing his life on the Cross for her. We take up our crosses to follow him— not blindly, not from despair; but from a love that has been purified in the crucible of Christ's passion, and thus a love stronger than suffering, sin and death.

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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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The fraternal year is off and running with the Flea Markets being a complete success. We have one remaining Flea Market, and I know the members of James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council will come out to assist with making it a success. **The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Charity Auction** was held on July 20th and was very successful due to council members support and an excellent turnout of parishioners. Thanks to our talented auctioneer, **Deacon Patrick** for creating a great excitement to drive bidding and effortlessly command the attention of the crowd.

The Maryland State Council 48th Annual Car Raffle is in motion, led by our worthy PGK Tim Matthews. I am asking **ALL BROTHERS** and faithful parishioners to participate in this council fundraising event. I am requesting all brothers to join in the spiritual and cultural events of the council to demonstrate our Faith in Action. Every council brother should be engaged in at least **ONE** council event/activities during the fraternal year. The council's **Faith in Action** programs model seeks to balance all of our priorities as an Order - Faith, Community, Culture and Life - and offer Knights meaningful opportunities to serve people in need in our parish and community. Fellow brothers will be called upon to solicit ideas and help to make sure our council achieves its annual goals. Brothers, we must always be prayerful to our Lord Jesus Christ for grace, guidance and success.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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### *Flea Market Team We Are Going To Do It Again*



**Hey!** Word is out that several of you did not make it to the Fletcher Council's Flea Market at St. Joseph last month. Not to worry, there is another on the horizon this month, Saturday, August 25th. Helpers are needed to assist in set-up, refreshment stand, monitoring of vendors and to clean up the area. You are also welcomed to take advantage and purchase some of the many items on sale.



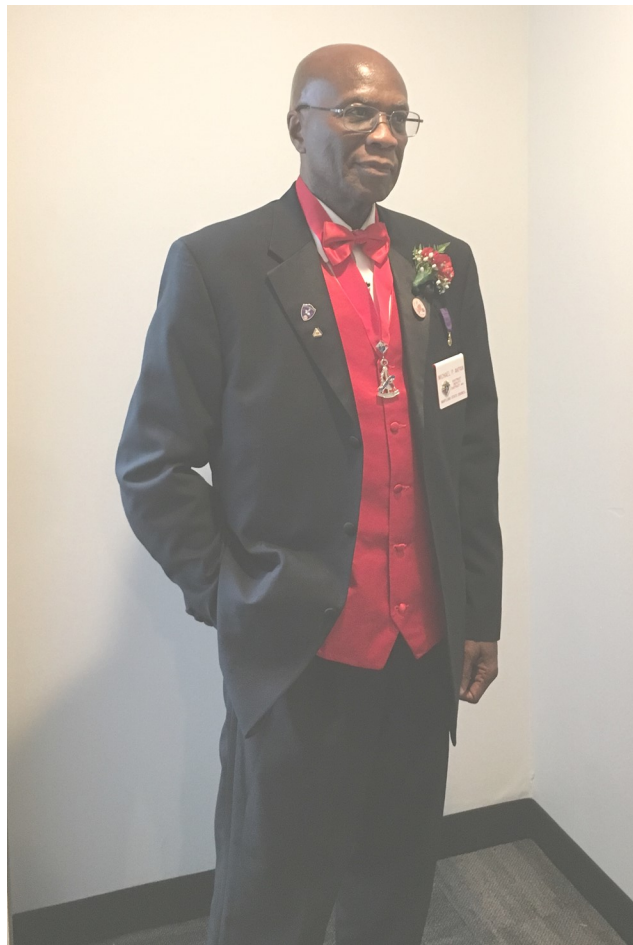
## FAITH ACTIVITIES

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Summer is the time most of us take vacation, a break from work or spend more time with family and friends. It is a very relaxing time of year and during this time we may find that we neglect or change our regular routines and obligations. As we relax and recharge, let us take a moment to pause and thank God for the blessing he has bestowed on us. To help us reflect, St. Joseph offers us many opportunities to express our gratitude to the Lord. Daily mass is celebrated at 8:15 a.m. and weekend masses are celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Rosary prayers are recited before every Sunday morning mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. First Friday mass, adoration and benediction are offered as is First Saturday mass with Rosary Prayers. Tuesday evening the parish offers Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and Mass. Please check the parish website and church bulletin for other special celebrations, meetings and events. God never takes a vacation from us so let us always find time for Him as we enjoy our summer vacations.

## *Congratulations Are In Order*



*District Deputy Michael P. Akpan*

The Maryland State Deputy, Dale W. Trott, has selected our very own **Sir Knight Michael P. Akpan** to be the District Deputy for the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus District #14, consisting of the following: Prince Georges Council 2809, Mother Seton Council 5381, St. Mary's of Landover Hills Council 10046 and Queen of The Americas Council 11304. It is indeed an honor for Mike, his leadership qualities are evident.



## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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# O' Did We Have An Auction "How About That Auctioneer"



Throughout the evening we heard, *"Going once! Going twice! Sold to the highest bidder!"*. Such was the proclamation of our auctioneer, **Deacon Patrick**. And with a rap of his big gavel another item was auctioned off.

This note is to thank all who made this event a success. It was a fun-filled evening with great food and competitive bidding, that netted \$2,860.00 for our Scholarship fund.

This is an example of how we work together for a worthy cause. It was a labor and time intensive undertaking, but as Brother Matthews often says, "If everybody does a little, we can accomplish a lot".

In no particular order, and at risk of omitting someone, I offer thanks to all who participated; especially:

- The Charities executive committee, who met regularly to plan and keep the project on schedule.
- All who donated articles or services to be auctioned. We had donations from our Knights, our Church community, and our Business community.

- Our **KC Ladies: Sharon Thompson, Sheila Hinton, and Carla Ratcliff**, who, with the assistance of **Mike Agbim and Mike Akpan**, prepared the delicious dinner.
- Our Guest Auctioneer, **Deacon Patrick**.
- **Alan Davis**, who assisted me with shopping, collecting donations, setting up, and manning the Silent Auction tables.
- All who helped during the evening, as servers cleaning crew, kitchen helpers.
- **Bernard Broadus**, Guest registration and **Vernon Hawkins**, Auctioneering Assistant
- **Peter Methodius and Cal Thompson**, everything else.

*Note: The last Auction at the Church was held in 2000. So, if we keep the same schedule, I guess we will do it again in 2036.*



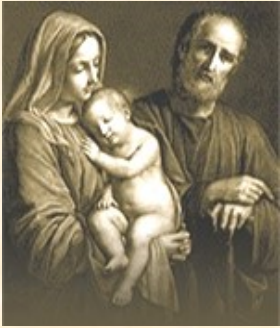
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### ***FAMILY FULLY ALIVE***



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."

## ***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*



## REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

### *Reproduction Science: Questions We Must Answer*

In 2017, attempting to grow human organs for medical transplant, researchers at Salk Institute injected pig embryos with human stem cells, achieving a human-to-pig cell count of about one in one hundred thousand. This year, researchers at the University of California, Davis reported that using sheep embryos they had boosted the human cell count to one in ten thousand – a ten-fold increase in one year.

Science and technology are advancing at a prodigious rate, providing man with ever increasing capabilities to change virtually every aspect of the world in which he lives, including life itself. It is now possible to perform curative surgery in the womb, correct abnormalities in a woman's egg, predict developmental issues in utero, decipher the human genome, and alter the building blocks of life.

Once more fiction than science, he has also brought forth children with three genetically-related parents, created human-animal chimeras, and developed tests for embryonic disorders that could lead to the virtual eradication of scores of diseases – but presently requiring eugenic selection, that is, termination of the unwanted. “Defective” children may never be born. Down syndrome births already have been reduced by over 90% through genetic identification and abortion.

Disorders in a mother's mitochondria, the cellular component that generates more than 90% of the body's energy, are passed on to her children, who in turn can suffer catastrophic organ failure. The pre-conception treatment is to remove the nucleus from the mother's egg and place it in an enucleated healthy egg from a donor. The reconstructed egg is fertilized with the father's sperm and implanted in the mother's womb to develop “naturally.” The resulting child will be free of the mitochondrial disease, but will have three genetic parents, which raises significant moral concerns.

In 2016, Congress banned federal support for genetic modification techniques that affect the next generation. But the genie was out of the bottle. It was reported in September 2016 that a child was born earlier that year as a result of mitochondria replacement therapy. The procedure was done by a New York fertility clinician in a clinic in Mexico. In August 2017, the FDA sent him a letter to desist, stating that “such human subject research cannot legally be performed in the United States. Nor is exportation permitted.”

In the Ukraine, where the procedure is not illegal, physicians at the Nadiya Clinic have created four children, each possessing DNA from three different parents. Three more of their patients are pregnant by this method.

Experimenting with genetic modifications puts society on a slippery slope. Once initial sanction is given, a growing approval creep is hard to stop. If a child can have three genetically-related parents, why not four? Or more? Why can't both same-sex partners be genetically related to a child, rather than only one? As pluripotent stem cell research progresses, will an individual be allowed to “self-breed” with an egg and sperm created from cells of his own body?

An even more haunting, yet exciting development for the benefits it promises, is genome-editing. This technology can change the nature of any cell and modify every life form by adding, removing, or altering genetic material at particular locations in the genome. The technique is currently being used to treat disease, but could allow human enhancement through introducing specific genes for certain desirable characteristics. By modifying traits that pass from

one generation to the next, it has the potential to shape the future of humanity. Could the next step be to design babies with parent-selected characteristics, such as intelligence, beauty, strength and height? This may not be possible today, but will not be beyond future advances.

The technical capabilities of reproductive science have outstripped moral development. In mitochondria replacement therapy, for example, two embryonic children are destroyed to create a third. In vitro fertilization, multiple eggs are fertilized, but only one allowed to develop; the rest are destroyed or warehoused. Genetic screening is not about altering imperfect embryos, but about recognizing and abolishing them to produce a “perfect” child. Abortion in America has killed over 60 million children in the womb since 1973. Are we prepared to continue selecting out the imperfect, as well as the unwanted, among us?

Children are beginning to be treated as commodities and their creation as services. A couple desiring a child, but not wanting the “inconvenience” of child bearing, can have her eggs and his sperm united in a laboratory and then hire a surrogate woman to carry the child through term. Gametes from young college-educated men and women are sought after by fertility centers for resale to infertile couples. Embryos are frozen and stored to meet a couple's possible future desire for a child. Are components of conception items to be bought and sold? Are children consumer objects to be acquired or discarded? Will the traditional means of having children be reduced to an option?

In experimenting with chimeras, researchers restrict where human cells reside, to ensure that they do not invade an animal's brain or reproductive organs. But what if they fail in their targeting? Could an animal-hybrid develop that has a partial human nature, say the capacity for rationality, and can pass on its new traits to its offspring? That would be a societal nightmare.

Genetic engineering, female egg manipulation, laboratory-produced sperm, designer babies, human/animal hybrids, cloning -- with each mal-applied advance, man is creating a society where human beings are worth having only when they are wanted and only if they are perfect. How long will it be before the capability exists to create genetically-designed, factory-produced children? The human “hatchery and conditioning center” of Huxley's *Brave New World* may have been the fantasy of a fertile imagination, but present reality already surpasses yesterday's fiction.

Science has the promise to eliminate much human suffering, but every new discovery is not necessarily an advance for mankind. In a society unrestrained by a belief in the inherent dignity of every human being at every stage of life, so-called progress can create a dystopian future. Science and technology have no moral direction in themselves; their development and use must be guided by external principles to assure their compatibility with man's purpose on Earth. Without an understanding of why he exists, man's conquest of nature leads him to mold his world and himself to his personal desires. What is needed are moral values to guide man's genius. The fundamental questions that must be asked arise not from what we *can* do, but rather from what we *ought* to do.



# 136<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention Baltimore, Maryland



## Tours



## Entertainment



### Saturday, August 4, 2018

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. Maryland State Council Registration, Ticket Sales and Tour Information  
Saturday Vigil Mass

### Sunday, August 5, 2018

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
7:30 a.m. Maryland State Council Registration, Ticket Sales and Tour Information  
Sunday Mass  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Adoration Chapel  
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Official Registration of Delegates, Supreme Secretary's Office  
6:00 p.m. Sunday Mass

### Monday, August 6, 2018

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
7:30 a.m. Adoration Chapel  
Daily Mass  
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Maryland State Council Registration, Ticket Sales and Tour Information  
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Official Registration of Delegates, Supreme Secretary's Office  
10:30 a.m. - Noon Membership Seminar  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Souvenir exchange  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Maryland State Council Welcome Party

### Tuesday, August 7, 2018

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Adoration Chapel  
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Official Registration of Delegates, Supreme Secretary's Office  
8:30 - 9:20 a.m. Confessions  
9:30 a.m. Supreme Convention Opening Mass  
10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Maryland State Council Registration, Ticket Sales and Tour Information  
1:00 p.m. Opening Business Session (Open session, families invited)  
7:00 p.m. State Dinner

Delegate Caucus (Immediately following the States Dinner)

### Wednesday, August 8, 2018

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Adoration Chapel  
7:00 - 7:50 a.m. Confessions  
8:00 a.m. Concelebrated Mass  
8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Maryland State Council Registration, Ticket Sales and Tour Information  
10:30 a.m. Business Session  
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Ladies Luncheon hosted by Ladies of the Maryland State Council  
3:00 p.m. Awards Session, (Open session, families invited)

### Thursday, August 9, 2018

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Adoration Chapel  
7:00 a.m. - 7:50 a.m. Confessions  
8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass  
10:00 a.m. Final Business Session





Fletcher Council – Knights of Columbus

# Flea Market

St. Joseph Church – Parking Lot  
 2020 St. Joseph Drive  
 Saturday June 30  
 Saturday July 28  
 Saturday Aug 25

Come Browse and Find a Good Deal  
 Over 70 vendors



### Flea Market Info:

- \$25 per vendor space, bring your own table.
- Hours 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., Setup starts at 6:15 A.M.
- Free Parking and refreshments for sale by Knights of Columbus
- No food or beverages can be sold by vendors.
- All vendor spaces are reserved and prepaid before each event.
- Make checks or money orders payable to Knights of Columbus 11422, please include your phone number on check, and mail to St Joseph Church, Knights of Columbus, 2020 St. Joseph Dr., Largo, MD 20774.
- No cash payments accepted at church.



## Save the DATE



for the

*Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary*



“SENIOR TEA”



(FOR THOSE 70 YEARS YOUNG AND ABOVE)

**SATURDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 29, 2018**  
**1:30 PM – 4:30 PM**

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rosemont Room, Largo, MD

Sponsored by the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council Knights of Columbus

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**DRAWING: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018**  
**COLUMBUS DAY BALL**

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# Smiley Central™

I was on a panel for prospective jury duty. The first lawyer questioning us began right off as an intimidating showman.

After several questions, he asked, "Do any of you here today dislike lawyers?" There was an awkward silence.

Before the pause became too long, the judge announced, "I do."  
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Sven and Ole worked together and both were laid off, so off they went to the unemployment office.

Asked his occupation, Ole said, "Panty stitcher; I sew the elastic onto cotton panties." The clerk looked up panty stitcher. Finding it classified as unskilled labor, she gave him \$300 a week in unemployment pay.

Sven was asked his occupation. "Diesel fitter," he replied. Since diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Sven \$600 a week. When Ole found out, he was furious. He stormed back into the unemployment office to find out why his friend and coworker was collecting double his pay.

The clerk explained that panty stitchers were unskilled and diesel fitters were skilled labor.

"What skill?" yelled Ole. "I sew the elastic on, and Sven pulls on it and says, 'Yep, diesel fitter.'"  
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Psychiatry students were in their Emotional Extremes class. "Let's set some parameters," the professor said. "What's the opposite of joy?" he asked one student.

"Sadness," he replied.

"The opposite of depression?" he asked another student.

"Elation," he replied.

"The opposite of woe?" the prof asked a young woman from Texas.

The Texan replied, "Sir, I believe that would be giddyup."  
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A woman frantically calls the fire department to report a fire in the neighborhood.

The dispatcher asks, "Well, lady how do we get there?"

Confused she replies, "Don't you still have those big red fire trucks?"  
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A college student at a recent football game challenged a senior citizen sitting next to him, saying it was impossible for their generation to understand his.

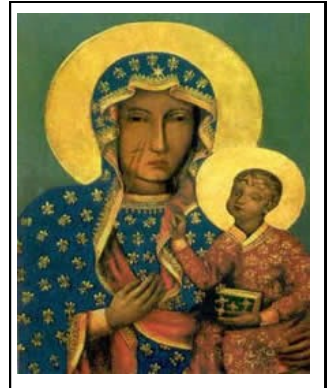
"You grew up in a different world," the student said loud enough for the whole crowd to hear. "Today we have television, jet planes, space travel, man has walked on the moon, our spaceships have visited Mars, we even have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers with light-speed processing ... and uh...."

Taking advantage of a pause in the student's litany, the old geezer said, "You're right. We didn't have those things when we were young; so we invented them, you little twit! What are YOU doing for the next generation?"

## 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.

*Please, Remember In Your Prayers*



### Members Who Are Ill

Mervyn Chancellor  
Joseph Marshall

James Shorter  
William Tolbert

Charles Ratcliff

### Deceased



## \*\*AUGUST - 2018\*\*

- 01 Damel S. Goddard
- 02 Christian N. Anyikude
- 03 Thomas F. Matthews IV
- 05 Ryan F. Cenac
- 06 William "Billy" Tolbert
- 06 Grzegorz Okulewicz
- 10 Anthony E. Effiong
- 12 Fr. Michael J. McGivney
- 19 Tse E. Bangarie
- 24 Rupert McCave



*"The Joy  
Of A  
Summer  
Birthday"*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### \*\*AUGUST\*\*



136<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION

- 02 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 06-09 Supreme Convention, Baltimore, MD
- 12 Fr. Michael J. McGivney - Birthday
- 13 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 14 Fr. McGivney Death
- 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 15 McNamara Chapter Meeting, Out Lady of Guadalupe Council 12127, Warfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882
- 16 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 13 Scholarship Presentations 11 A.M. Mass
- 15 Council Audits DUE
- 19 Knights Sunday, 11 A.M. Mass
- 26 McNamara Chapter Installation, St. Pius X Church, Mass 3:30, Dinner at Sacred Heart Council 2577, Boswell Hall
- 25 Flea Market - St. Joseph Church Parking Lot

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State Deputy	Dale W. Trott
McNamara Chapter President	Joseph Massimini.
District Deputy	George T. Riddle
District Warden	Terry Reinhart

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### SURVEY TIME

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

Has it met these goals?

*What say you?*

What changes would you recommend?

*What say you?*

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

*What say you?*

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