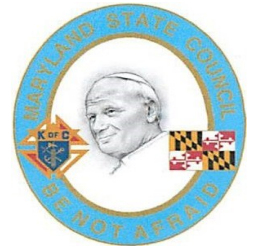




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"BE NOT AFRAID, OUR FAITH IS OUR COURAGE"



EACH OF US IS A
MASTERPIECE
OF GOD'S CREATION.



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GRAND KNIGHT'S CHRONICLE

Thomas F. Matthews, II - Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers, we have just finished honoring one of the greatest men that walked the face of this earth, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday, which we celebrated on January 18, 2015. Dr. King's life had so much to do with the advancement of people of color in the world today.

This fraternal year is now in its seventh month. We have done so much as a council that I want to thank all the members of Fletcher Council for their dedication to the church, the community and the council for all they have done so far. The month of February is upon us and we are preparing for the Lenten Season. This is the most important time in the Catholic Church. This is also a time when we need the assistance of members of our Council. Upcoming events include the KC Ladies Pancake Breakfast, the Mardi Gras and the Council's first Fish Fry of the year. All these events require lots of volunteers therefore please step up and give a few hours of your time to assist. Remember if everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot.

We have been blessed with the return to our council, Former District Deputy Terrance Holmes and the addition of our new Fraternal Benefits Advisor, SK David B. Benjamin. The addition of these Worthy Brothers will assist our council in obtaining Star Council.

We have slowed down in our recruitment in the past two months but several of the members have inform me that we have at least five new brothers ready to join our council. We are working on obtaining their completed Form 100 and setting a date for their First Degree. Remember Our State Deputy's wish, *"One new member, per council, per month"*. This is a goal that we can obtain.

We must take care of each other therefore if anyone knows of a brother or his family that needs our help or just needs someone to visit them, please let us know. We do so much for those we don't know personally, it is time to do things for the brother in our council and their family.

The scholarship program is now collecting fund for our high school seniors that are planning to continue their education. Let not disappoint them, they are our future so let's assist them in achieving their dreams. These children are our future, lets make sure they remember the wonderful thing we are doing for them. Be it a donation, mentoring them or just a quite prayer that they succeed. None is more important that the other but let's do something.

The Holy Days are quickly approaching. I want to remind and every Brother and their Family that Jesus died on the Cross for us. Let's show our appreciation by doing something special for someone else. It can be a word of encouragement, a warm smile, a warm handshake or even a prayer for someone in distress. Keep Jesus in your life and there will be nothing that you can't handle.

CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

Fr. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.



So far in this short season of Ordinary Time, we have heard of our Lord's call to His Apostles and to us as His people to "Come, follow Me." Now that we have heard Him calling, what must we do? We must listen to Him!

Throughout salvation history since Moses, God has called His people through the message of the prophets He has sent. Now, God completes and fulfills His call, His message, His message, through His greatest prophet, His Son, Jesus.

The people listened, because Jesus speaks to them as Moses did, with AUTHORITY! However, there is a difference between the authority that Moses spoke with, and the authority that Jesus speaks with. Jesus does not speak and act with the authority given to Him by God, as Moses did. Jesus speaks and acts on His own authority, because He is God. Jesus uses His authority to expel demons from a man whom they possessed and controlled.

"He taught them as one having authority."

The demons knew who Jesus was and tried to say so. The demons were trying to gain a measure of control over Jesus by saying that they knew who He really was. However, Jesus silenced them, with AUTHORITY! The people were amazed, and left the Synagogue, spreading the news of what they had seen to everyone they met.

In some ways, each one of us can relate to that possessed man's situation. We are not possessed, but we all have sufferings and temptations that seem to have mysterious power over us, just as the devil had power over this man. Jesus came to bring new life and new hope to that man. He comes to bring new life and new hope to every human heart today, and He rejoices whenever we let Him act with authority in our lives, as He did for that possessed man.

We, like the people in the Synagogue, should tell everyone we meet what Jesus has done for us by how we live as Christians and how thankful we are for having God's love working in our lives. We call that evangelization.

COVER PAGE

The Goddard Family

Brooke, Adam & Damel Goddard

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Stephen J. Adamczyk - State Deputy



On behalf of all the State Officers, Happy Valentine's Day to all the lovely ladies of the State. Remember chocolates received are fat free until March.

It is important that I bring to your attention the fact that our charity account is getting low. We have already given out this year as much in funding as we have donations. Times are difficult and as we enter the colder months I fear we will be asked for additional help. I ask all Grand Knights, to please take this message to your councils. If you have not distributed the envelopes for the Charity Fund, now is the time to do so. Please ask the brother knights to consider making a donation to those less fortunate. Fr. McGivney's intent when starting the Order was Charity First.

Speaking of colder weather, have you taken the time to check on your older members? If you have not seen the usual men at the meetings, where are they? Do they need a ride, do they need assistance, and are they sick, can you bring over some chicken soup? Again, make it personal, wouldn't you appreciate a call if you were home bound? How about a council project to visit the sick or disabled (even just weather disabled) and make sure their needs are being met. Ask your fraternal benefits advisor for assistance in this endeavor!

The State of Maryland is in great shape because of your leadership and guidance. Membership activity is good but needs to be better. As Carl Anderson has told us, we have a moral obligation to offer membership to every eligible male over the age of 18 to join our Order. As Pope Francis has insisted, go to the outskirts, bring Catholic men back to our faith. Welcome them back, don't judge. As Knights we can help even those lapsed or missing Catholic become better with their faith, better with their families, closer to their Church and its clergy and better with the community in general.

Lastly no brother knight stands alone. If the State Officers, directors, chairmen, regional advisors can be of any assistance, give us a call. Each of us is ready willing and able to jump right in when asked. All it takes is a phone call or a question and help is on the way.

Continue to pray for the State Officers and our Team that we may continue to do Fr. McGivney's and God's work to the best of our abilities.

Remember the pledges you have taken in your degrees especially the fir degree. Do you have your rosary with you and do you pray it often?

Vivat Jesus

Have You Visited The State Website Lately?

<http://kofc-md.org/>

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Michael P. Davenport - District Deputy



Last month we celebrated the arrival of a New Year and the dream of a King. We were reminded about the Maryland State Council's resolution, "One Member, Per Council, Per Month; One Degree, Per District, Per Month; One Star Council, Per Council" and that the States goal Is Each and every Councils SUCCESS.

It's a wonderment of God when we look up into a cloudy Spring sky and in the configuration of clouds we see just about anything we desire to see, a face or a dragon or a fish. So is the wonderment of the association between our State guidance and fulfillment of the Dream of meeting Gods expectation for us to love our neighbors.

The State resolution sets us up for a successful New Year of Charitable deeds and the State goal is an offer of fraternal outreach to help us all reach the resolution to strengthen our ranks to do His work. We have a "New Year" with "Dreams" that can become reality.

We should be energized to complete our paperwork when it's due, check on our "senior" members and reach out for assistance with presentations for Special Olympics, Ultrasound programs and new Squires Circles.

Do we look forward to our rewards in heaven.....**YES!** But we're given glimpses of those rewards on earth through the Grace that each of us has. We are blessed with the pride of being an active member of the Largest Catholic Fraternal Family Service Organization in the World. Use that pride and make it personal as you approach other eligible Catholic Men to join us. Do you have your rosary with you? Do you pray it often?

"Be not Afraid Our Strength is Our Faith"

COME PRAY WITH US



All Council Members

Are Invited To

Knight's Sunday

Every 3rd Sunday

Of The Month

At The 11 A.M. Mass

SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight

January: On January 25th, Knights joined hundreds of thousands of marchers in the defense of the unborn at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

January: Players and coaches from the Denver Broncos joined the Knights of Columbus for a Coats for Kids distribution on January 28th. The event was held with the support of the Jack and Linda Del Rio Foundation and Catholic Athletes for Christ.

February: The Knights of Columbus set an Insurance record for the 13th consecutive year with nearly \$8.2 billion in new life Insurance sold.

March: The Knights of Columbus was recognized as a 2014 World's Most Ethical Company by the Ethisphere Institute, an independent center of research promoting best practices in corporate ethics and governance. The Knights was one of only two companies in the life Insurance category honored this year.



July: The Knights of Columbus ended the fraternal year with membership in the Fourth Degree reaching 340,960, roughly 18 percent of the Order's overall membership. The Knights also saw an increase of 60 new assemblies, bringing the total to 3,169.

July: Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced July 14th that the Knights of Columbus will cover the costs of athletes from the United States and Canada as they participate in the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles.

August: The Knights held its 132nd Supreme Convention in Orlando from Aug. 5-7th. Cardinals, archbishops, bishops and other members of the clergy joined approximately 2,000 members of the Order and their families at the event.

August: The Knights of Columbus established St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon Council 16000, the first council in South Korea. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson made the announcement on Aug. 5th, noting "There are nearly 5.5 million Catholics in South Korea today. It is among the fastest-growing Catholic communities in the world. I am sure that South Korea, like the Philippines will play a significant role in the future of the Knights of Columbus."



September: The Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Initiative raised more than \$1 million in public donations for those suffering persecution in Iraq and the surrounding region. Combined with the \$1 million raised by the Order, the total stood at more than \$2 million in mid-September, after only three weeks of the Order's establishment of the fund to support humanitarian assistance to refugees fleeing persecution in Iraq and the nearby areas.

October: The Knights launched the "Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive" initiative which is designed to help members and their families develop their spiritual lives through prayer, parish activities and charitable efforts.

October: Hundreds of guests visited the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., on Oct 22nd, the first feast day of St. John Paul II. The Shrine unveiled its new world-class exhibit: "A Gift of Love: The Life of St. John Paul II."

November: The Knights of Columbus donated an ultrasound machine to a Baltimore pregnancy center, making it the 500th such gift through the Order's Ultrasound Initiative.

December: On Dec. 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, His Holiness Pope Francis received Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in a private audience at the Vatican. On behalf of the Order, the Supreme Knight presented the Pope with the annual proceeds from the Vicarius Christi Fund and an additional \$400,000 for the Vatican's Christian relief fund.



March: Founder's Day, March 29th, was observed throughout the Order. Supreme officers, members of the clergy and Knights of Columbus staff members offered the prayer for the canonization of Venerable Father Michael McGivney at his sarcophagus in St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut.

April: The shrine established by the Knights of Columbus to preserve the legacy of John Paul II was designated a national shrine on March 19th by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The shrine's name was officially changed to the St. John Paul II National Shrine on April 27th, the date of the pope's canonization.

April: The Knights celebrated the canonization of Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII in Rome on April 27th. The Order provided financial support for the Vatican Television's broadcast and hosted numerous pilgrims at K of C facilities. Major U.S. celebrations in honor of the canonization were also held in Washington, D.C.; New Haven, Connecticut; and Los Angeles.

May: Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and his wife, Dorian, joined over 250 delegates, chaplains, wives and guests at the 4th Poland State Convention, held May 9-11th, at Gniew Castle in northern Poland.

May: The Order joined the U.S. Military Archdiocese in sponsoring a spiritual journey to the Marian shrine in Lourdes, France, as part of the annual warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage for Wounded or Disabled Military Personnel. The pilgrimage took place May 13-19th.

June: For the 39th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus Insurance program earned the highest financial strength rating of A++ (Superior) in 2014 from A.M. Best rating agency.

June: Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced that the Knights of Columbus set records for charitable donations and service hours in 2013, contributing more than 170 million and more than 70.5 million hours. The Supreme Knight made his announcement on June 12th at the opening business session of the Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in New Haven, Connecticut.

MASTER'S LOG REPORT

John F. Winfrey - Master AWD

Greetings Brothers,

As we bring in a New Year, we can't help but think about the future and what lies ahead of us. What changes will we see and who might we encounter? I ask you to add **"Who might we help, and touch?"**

The Sir Knights of the Maryland and Archdiocese of Washington Districts are men who do think about such things. Whether it be laying wreaths at Arlington Cemetery, or simply giving a toy to a child, the men of the Fourth Degree are dedicated to improving the lives of those who serve all of us.

As we come into the spring of the year, both Districts will be conducting Exemplifications and we invite you to join our band of brothers. The requirement for becoming a Fourth Degree member truly is a lover for our Church, our Country, and God. The other requirement is a willingness to serve them all.

If you are a Third Degree member with these passions, please reach out to a Sir Knight and ask him why he is a member of the Fourth Degree. **There is a spot for you with us.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT
 INCLUDING FIVE COUNTIES OF MARYLAND AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

45th Annual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

Colony South Hotel and Conference Center
 7401 Surratts Road
 Clinton, Maryland 20735
 April 10-12, 2015

Schedule of Events

Deadline for Priests' exemplification Feb 21, 2015 (ceremony Mar 21, 2014)
 Deadline to reserve hotel room Mar 10, 2015
 Deadline to reserve KofC events Mar 10, 2015 No refunds or changes after this date

Friday, April 10, 2015		Saturday, April 11, 2015	
KofC registration (completed by Faithful Navigator & Faithful Comptroller) (7401 Surratts Road, Clinton, MD 20735)	1:00 - 4:00pm	Breakfast	6:00 - 9:00am
Hotel check-in	3:00pm	Candidate check-in	10:30am
Master's dinner (by invitation)	6:00pm	Ladies' activities	10:30am
Evening entertainment	8:00pm	Exemplification commence (all Sir Knights seated by 11:40am)	12:00pm
		Ladies luncheon	12:00pm
		Banquet	5:00pm
Sunday, April 12, 2015			
Breakfast	6:00 - 9:00am		
Mass (2nd Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy)	9:00am		
Hotel check-out	12:00pm		

Exemplification Event Fees

Candidate Exemplification Fee (includes 1 banquet ticket, lapel pin, social badge, and processing fee)	
Lay candidates and Permanent Deacons	\$70.00
<i>Please note: Fees for the Exemplification does not contain payment for dues to the Assembly.</i>	
Priests and members of religious orders	\$35.00
Banquet tickets (each candidate receives 1 banquet ticket)	
Banquet Tickets for wife, guests, and current members	\$50.00
Ladies' Program (pre-paid reservations only)	\$30.00

Hotel Reservations

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be presented during a weekend-long fraternal event at Colony South Conference Center. Reservations for Friday and Saturday night accommodations are available directly through the hotel. Nightly room rates are \$99.00 + tax (Single or Double), \$109.00 + tax (King Over-sized), and \$129.00 + tax (Kitchenette).

Reservations must be made by March 10, 2015.

Call the hotel directly at 1-800-537-1147 and use the group code 150410knig_001.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION SIR KNIGHT'S FORM Weekend of April 10-12, 2015

Please Print or Type All Information. **Deadline is March 10, 2015**

I am a Sir Knight and I request tickets in my name as shown below for the Exemplification April 11, 2015. My check is to be made payable to the "Master, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree"

Name: _____ (Last Name) _____ (First Name) _____ (MI)
 Address: _____ Wife/Guest _____ (Required)
 City/State: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
 Telephone: _____ (Required) Council No.: _____ Assembly No.: _____
 Email Address: _____



Sir Knights' Fee Section
 (Current 4th Degree Members)

Banquet Ticket _____ (@ \$50)	\$ _____
Ladies' Activity Fee _____ (@ \$301.ady)	\$ _____
Enclosed Check/MO Total	\$ _____

\$25 Fee will be assessed for all Returned Checks

Mail To: SK Michael W. Timms, FDD, PGK, PFN
 19244 King James Parkway
 Lexington Park, MD 20653-3627

Telephone for Information: (301) 904-4373
 (Please make all Checks Payable to:
 Master, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree)

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CANDIDATE'S FORM Weekend of April 10-12, 2015

Candidates must submit this, along with signed Form-4 and check, to their Host Assembly for membership voting. Assembly will forward to AWD

I am a Candidate and I request tickets in my name as shown below for the Exemplification April 11, 2015.

Please Print or Type All Information.

Name: _____ (Last Name) _____ (First Name) _____ (MI)
 Address: _____ Wife/Guest _____ (Required)
 City/State: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
 Telephone: _____ (Required) Council No.: _____ Assembly No.: _____
 Email Address: _____



Candidate Fee \$70 (Priest-\$35)	\$ _____
Additional Banquet Ticket _____ (@ \$50)	\$ _____
Ladies' Activity Fee _____ (@ \$301.ady)	\$ _____
Commemorative Polo Shirt _____ (@ \$35)	\$ _____
Enclosed Check/MO Total	\$ _____

Deadline for receipt at AWD is March 10, 2015. Candidates must submit prior to Assembly's February meeting to meet the membership voting requirement.

Assembly Comptroller Mail To:

SK Michael W. Timms, FDD, PGK, PFN
 19244 King James Parkway
 Lexington Park, MD 20653-3627

Telephone for Information: (301) 904-4373
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Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

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





Fraternal Benefits Advisor - Protect Your Family With

Knights of Columbus Insurance

A Portfolio of Protection - David B. Benjamin, Field Agent

Over the course of the last 132 years, the products and protection offered by the Knights of Columbus to members and their families have grown to meet changing needs.

As we begin our 133rd year of operation, we are proud to say that we offer a complete portfolio of protection to our members — a portfolio that we think is our best yet, with high quality, customizable products designed to fit your family's needs and budget.

Permanent Life Insurance — Insure Your Life for Life

Permanent Life Insurance is our signature product. Why? It provides guaranteed protection for your loved ones. And while you're still alive, it builds cash value. It's a great solution for many basic needs, such as final expenses, income replacement and debt protection. It can also serve specialized purposes such as estate planning and charitable giving.

Whatever way you plan to use it, permanent life insurance is reliable. It will be there when you won't be, regardless of when that happens. Put simply: As long as you pay your premiums, when you die, *whenever that may be*, your beneficiaries will receive the guaranteed death benefit (if not more) that you established for them.

There is one exception, though. Should you be fortunate enough to live to the ripe old age of 120, your Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance policy will pay you your death benefit. It wouldn't be the worst 120th birthday present you receive.

Term Life Insurance — Affordable Protection for Temporary Needs

Sometimes, financial obligations are temporary, and that's where term insurance brings the most value. Like permanent insurance, term insurance provides a death benefit to beneficiaries, but only within the specific term period.

Maybe we have a 30-year mortgage. Maybe we have 10 years left until retirement. Maybe we have two children who are about to go through college. In time, the mortgage will be paid off, retirement will arrive at last and the kids will finish college. Once those days come, your insurance needs will change. Term insurance can provide extra protection at affordable rates that — if structured properly — will go away once the needs themselves go away.

The Knights of Columbus offers two basic types of term insurance: level term (which is offered in 10, 15 and 20 year periods) and annual renewable term.

Retirement Annuities — Retirement income you can count on. Guaranteed.

During our working lives, there are probably few financial matters we give more thought and attention to than our retirement. We want to make sure that once we finally stop working, we don't have to stop living the way we want to.

Retirement income can be a tricky thing to calculate, especially with a changing landscape of federal and employee-provided benefits. But with a properly structured retirement annuity from the Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you cannot outlive, guaranteed.

It's peace of mind that most of us hope to achieve.



The Knights offers a variety of annuities to members and their families, including traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs and non-qualified, which are available as both single premium and flexible premium annuities.

Long-Term Care Insurance — Protect your assets. Get quality care. Prepare for the future.

While life expectancies have been improving steadily, living longer may very well mean needing more care. Statistics show that nearly 70 percent of individuals over the age of 65 will require at least some type of long-term care services during their lifetime. Those services are becoming

more and more expensive, with nursing home care costing upward of \$83,000 per year and at-home care more than \$60,000 per year.

Yet most regular health insurance plans or government assistance programs do not provide sufficient coverage for long-term care needs. Long-term care insurance from the Knights of Columbus helps mitigate that risk by helping you cover your costs.

Knights of Columbus Long-Term Care policies are customizable to fit your needs and come in two basic forms: comprehensive coverage, which covers you in a nursing home or at home, and facility-only coverage, which covers you in a nursing home only.

Disability Income Insurance — Receive an income even when you can't work.

Many people receive disability coverage from their employer, yet they don't know too much about the particulars. Is it short-term disability? Is it long-term disability? Is it both? Does it cover your entire salary? Or only part? How much?

Despite the confusion, disability income insurance provides critical protection to families, especially those who rely on their paychecks to pay the bills.

That's why the Knights of Columbus introduced Disability Income Insurance in 2010. Now, Knights and their families have a trusted provider who can help protect their paychecks from the unexpected.

If you're among the more 100 million workers without private disability income insurance, a tailored Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance plan may be just the right solution for you — even if it's a supplement to what you already have.

Insurance by Brother Knights for Brother Knights

Remember that you have a dedicated, professional Knights of Columbus agent whose job is to help you consider your current situation, evaluate the options, and put a plan in place to help protect you and your family according to your terms and budget.

Whenever you do business with the Knights of Columbus, you get the added benefit of knowing that you're not doing business with any old insurance company, you're doing business with your insurance company — a *Catholic* insurance company that is one of the most highly-rated life insurers in North America.

Reach out to me, your newly assigned Field Agent, David B. Benjamin at (202) 494-6527 or email david.benjamin@kofc.org today and take advantage of this exclusive portfolio.

BISHOP WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

Francis P. Blidi - Faithful Navigator



On Saturday, January 3, 2015; **Sir Knight Donald T. Anderson** went home to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was the beloved husband of the late Anna J. Anderson; father of Michael T. Anderson and Brenda D. (Dennis) Osborn; grandfather of Melissa, Theresa, Michael and Mark; great-grandfather of Krista, Devin, Caden, Conner and Harper. He was also survived by a caregiver Carol G. Anderson. Relatives

and friends attended Donald's Life Celebration on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at the George P. Kalas Funeral Home in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, January 9, 2015 at Mount Calvary Catholic Church in Forestville, Maryland. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org.

Donald joined the Knights of Columbus on January 1, 1975, was a member of St. Pius X Council 4076 and became a Fourth Degree Knight on May 1, 1981 as a member of the Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly 1548. On behalf of the Assembly, my sincere condolences are extended to the Anderson family and my prayers for the happy repose of the soul of Sir Knight Donald T. Anderson.

Did you by chance happen to see on the Supreme Website a superb picture of a James C. Walsh Assembly 1548 member in a group with fellow Knights? An expanded photo is also seen in the monthly *KnightLine* publication. In the middle of the photo can be seen our very own **Sir Knight James Agboli**. The photo is included in the Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson's article "*The Year in Review 2014*". The article included a section on just how well that the Fourth Degree of the Order is doing as Supreme noted: "*The Knights of Columbus ended the fraternal year with membership in the Fourth Degree reaching 340,960, roughly 18 percent of the Order's overall membership. The Knights also saw an increase of 60 new assemblies, bringing the total to 3,169.*"

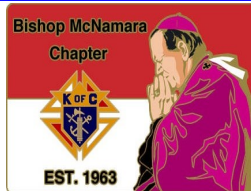


In closing, I would like to remind you of a couple of things: 1) our Comptroller has initiated the yearly dues renewal program and I urge that you please respond soonest. 2) this year's Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held April 10-12, thus the opportunity for your Third Degree members to advance to the Patriotic armed of the Order is now; and finally, join us at the next Assembly meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015, at 8 P.M.

BISHOP McNAMARA CHAPTER

Richard Earenfight - Chapter President

My Brother Knights, as you already know tonight's McNamara Chapter meeting has been cancelled due to the inclement weather. However, the programs team has a few things we need to talk about, so here it is:



1. As the DGK prepare for their term as GK they will need the assistance and direction of the current GK. Please offer them your complete cooperation, support and guidance. If you do not hear from them, regarding this effort, by the end of February you may want to get with them to move them along....be proactive. And remember you can always call us for additional assistance.

2. 3rd Period Surge with Service Reports Due **March 5th**- Please be timely... we will have no room for late reports. We are on a very tight schedule as we begin to identify the surge with service award winners for the convention and get the plaques and certificates ordered. Remember, **ONLY ONE (1)** report for each of the 6 service areas per council....Please.

3. Pro Life Rally on the Mall at Madison Dr. & 14th Street. Look for the Big Blue State Banner

4. Family of the Year – Due Feb 2, 2015, Fire Fighter, EMT, Law Enforcement Officer and CCD, Catholic School Teacher and Citizen of the year awards – Due February 1, 2015. Response to date has been very light. Encourage councils and council members to get out there and identify your local leaders in these categories and let's recognize them for their dedication and the great work they do for our families, our children and our community. These awards will be given out, after Mass, at the Founders Day Dinner, Sunday March 22, Mass at 2 PM,

at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Baltimore.

5. Family of the Month - average 25 to 30 submissions per month. What is going on? What can the program team do to help improve this?.

6. Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (SO) form #4584 due January 31 and sent to John Durbin, not to the State Deputy. Two reasons completing & submitting this form is important:

- a. Let's Supreme know what we are doing for SO.
- b. The Maryland jurisdiction competes with other like jurisdictions (Number of Members) for a portion of an \$88,000 allocation from Supreme. Supreme uses an algorithm to determines who get the \$ and how much based on the information they receive from the forms. For every council that does not submit a form, that participated in a SO event in 2014, we are losing money for SO. In 2014 few forms were submitted and SO only received \$1,250. However in 2013 we did much better and \$4,000+ went to SO.

7. Survey of Fraternal Activity #1728, due January 31, 2015. The Order needs to demonstrate to the governments of the countries it is present in the incredibly high return on investment they get by granting the Knights of Columbus' tax exempt status. This survey is one of the chief vehicles for explaining that fact. Please submit your survey today.

8. Basketball Free throw – all the information is available on the state web site, select Program Activities then Youth Programs.

If you have any questions or need additional information on any of the items above please give any of the Activity Directors a call.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ikechukwu R. Agbim, DGK

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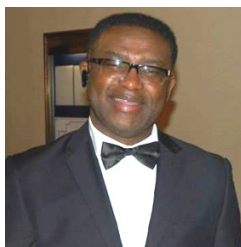
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2015 IS HERE!

**A YEAR WITH PROMISE OF GREAT PROGRAMS AND STELLAR PERFORMANCE
UPCOMING EVENTS**

MARDI GRAS:

The Fletcher Council Mardi Gras Party is coming up on the 14th of February, 7pm to 12 midnight, in our Parish Rosemont Room. Ticket sales are already underway. This event is filled with fun Live band, scrumptious dinner, crowning of Mardi Gras King and Queen, a free bar, lots of food, and fun, fun, fun!



LENTEN FISH FRY:

The Lenten Fish Fry will be held on February 27th and March 13th. Each day, sales start at 12-noon and conclude at 5 P.M. On each of the days, dinner and fish sandwiches are sold, with soda and cake. The Grand Knight will put together a team of volunteers to be at the core of planning and executing this important council program. Call in orders will also be taken and delivery to customers in the local area.



As we usher in the new calendar year, and as we mark our midway into the Fraternal year, we remain thankful to all Brothers who have participated in one way or the other to support our programs, thus far. Our great accomplishments in the first half of the Fraternal Year may be carried in through the second half! Volunteer to participate in one council program or other.

Remember *“..give a couple of hours a month to our council.”* *“There’s is no mountain we cannot climb!”*

Working together we can keep the flag of our Council flying very high!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Love is the word most of us associate with the month of February, as Valentine's Day is celebrated during this month. Feelings of hope, expectations of happiness and joy are expressed by people young and old. Let us remember that love in all its splendor is from God. God is love and His love gives us life. Life in his spirit, life in union with His Son and eternal life as children of God.

Throughout this month, let us show our love for God by preparing ourselves for the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. The Catholic church offers us many opportunities this month to participate in Lenten Services. Stations of the Cross devotions, Adoration, Benediction, Reconciliation Services and Masses are available this month and throughout the Lenten Season. Schedules and times are listed in the bulletin and on the St. Joseph website.

On Wednesday, February 18, 2015, we will enter one of the most important seasons of the church year: the 40 days” of Lent. The word “Lent” comes from the Anglo-Saxon word lencten, or spring, the time of year when the days begin to lengthen. Lent itself is always the same period of time, but its starting date is tied to the movable feast of Easter and can be as early as February 4th or as late as March 10.

Lent is one of the most important seasons of the church year because it is a time of penitence, an introspective period during

which we take stock of our lives and our relationships to discover and change what we must to prepare for Easter and experience the spiritual renewal that comes when we engage in this type of “making right” activity. So, during Lent we each follow the example of Jesus by sacrificing our own will to the purpose of God.

A gathering of dates, devotionals, and other resources centered on the Lenten season. Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, is a period of 40 days, not including Sundays, that precede Easter:

Ash Wednesday	February 18, 2015
First Sunday in Lent	February 22, 2015
Second Sunday in Lent	March 1, 2015
Third Sunday in Lent	March 8, 2015
Fourth Sunday in Lent	March 15, 2015
Fifth Sunday in Lent	March 22, 2015
Liturgy of the Palms	March 29, 2015
Sixth Sunday in Lent	
Liturgy of the Passion	March 29, 2015
Sixth Sunday in Lent	
Good Friday	April 3, 2015
Easter Sunday	April 5, 2015

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Cal Thompson, Council Activities Director
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301-249-2955

We will kick off our Lenten Fish Fry Season on February 27th. There will be one additional Fish Fry, the following month on March 13th. Parishioner and community support for this event has been awesome over the years.

Although it has been a very successful event, our main shortfall is not the food or customers, but manpower. The KC Ladies have been consistent helpers, we often run short of men to help with the many/many chores necessary to keep up with customers demands. Therefore, council members and family members are requested to come out and help during the course of the day on Friday, February 27th and March 13th. Volunteers are welcomed to call, email me or contact a council member. Lets continue our tradition of providing the best of the best Lenten Fish Fry for the Largo community.

MEMBERSHIP QUEST

John W. Huntley, Membership Director
 jhuntley@some.org



240-441-9086



After an awesome career at Resurrection of Our Lord Council 14099 where he served as Grand Knight and later as a member of the Maryland State Council as District Warden and District Deputy, SK Terrance Holmes has returned to the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422. He transferred back to Fletcher Council on Thursday, January 15, 2015 and was welcomed and greeted with a standing ovation by the council members. Terrance served as a member of Fletcher Council during its early years and was instrumental in the establish of many of the core programs of the council. He later moved to Laurel, Maryland, thus transferred to Resurrection of Our Lord Council 14099. His leadership at the State level is legendary. During those periods, Terrance continued his active membership as a parishioner of St. Joseph Church.

First Degree: Brothers, our next scheduled First Degree is March 19th @7:30. Remember, recruiting is not limited to Sundays or by one or two Brothers. It should be everyone's privilege to say "I brought that Brother into the order" as you watch him advance thru his degrees or one day is elected to Grand Knight. Recruiting is also working with the candidate to ensure his Form 100 is filled out correctly. Review it and then ensure you completely fill out Section 6, as the proposer. Once the Form 100 is submitted to the Admissions Committee, the Chairman needs to do his part by completing the bottom part of the form and then submitting it to the council for processing.

Second Degree: A District 3 Second Degree will be hosted by the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 on Thursday, February 19th at St. Joseph Church in Largo, MD. Team members need to be there by 7:00 P.M. and the degree will start promptly at 7:30 P.M. Our Team Captain, Harold Sanders, plans to host a team practice around the first part of February, the date will be announced shortly. Please review your parts and put this date on your calendar.

Have You Visited The Fletcher Council's Website Lately?

<http://www.council11422.org>

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bernard Broadus, Community Activities Director
 Bernard.broadus@xerox.com



301-262-2350

That is council members Michael Akpan and Kermit Gresham, in the foreground are in the midst of things on **Community Sunday** at St. Joseph Church. It is a social gathering after the 8:30 A.M. and 11 o'clock Masses. It is a festivity affair as the council serves donuts, bagels, coffee, tea and juices to the parishioners on the third Sunday of the month.



There is a need for other brothers to come out to assist with this well attended social event. Here is another opportunity for you to share some of your time, to meet and greet your fellow parishioners. The turnout is awesome and so too are the donuts selection.

SQUIRES IN ACTION

Michael P. Davenport, District Deputy
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301-523-7374

On December 1, 1955 Rosa Parks, refused to give up her seat on the bus. A few days later, Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his first speech. The rest, as they say, is history. That day on the Mall lit the fuse to a movement of love and is made all the more important as we remember the social chaos in Ferguson Missouri as well as various acts of compassion and mercy, like the white law enforcement officer embracing a black teen following the Ferguson chaos.

The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers.

Our Squires are our sons and little brothers. They are intelligent and spiritual and they know that the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. *So here we are, the Martin Luther King Junior Squire Cir., 04712 of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 ready to step up for Charity. The Squires are the grass roots of the organization we call the Knights of Columbus.*

The Knights of Columbus was once an exclusively white organization but now it's a mixed organization, a melting pot representing, in many ways, the dreams of Martin Luther King, Jr. Charity, love of Christ, country and fraternity.

Our Squires are proud to be a part of this rich history. In January we thanked Dr. King and others for paving the way and providing the opportunity to contribute to the Master plan of Almighty God and that is to love one another with colorless vision. Brother Knights we are obligated to be there for our Squires and Be Involved in their journey. May the vision of "I have a dream" stay alive in our day and be reflected through our Squires.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Gabriel O. Nmorka, Family Activities Director
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301-350-7637

As we faithfully prepare for the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday, the Knights of Columbus, James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 is delighted to acknowledge the family of J. Bernard Broadus as the January 2015 Family of the Month (FOM) for their continued outstanding contributions to St. Joseph Church and the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council.

Bernard and Lady Monceny, are long time members of St. Joseph's Parish and are devout Christian parents of daughters: Jasmine, Jessica and Angelica; and a son Robert. They are the proud grand parents of 5 grandchildren.



Family members are active participants at St. Joseph in the following Church Ministries and Organizations: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality Ministry, Adult Altar Server, Church Emergency Response Team (CERT), Arts and Environment, Liturgical Committee and the Knights of Columbus.

From the above accounts, Bernard Broadus and his family are indeed blessings to our parish. May the Almighty Father guide and richly bless them. Amen.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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240-353-1460



Bring on the "shooters" for the Annual District 3/32 Free Throw Shoot Out. This popular joint event will occur at the City of Bowie Gym on Saturday, February 21, 2015. It is open to Girls and Boys, Ages 9 - 14. Winners will advance to the Maryland State finals held on March 15, 2015.

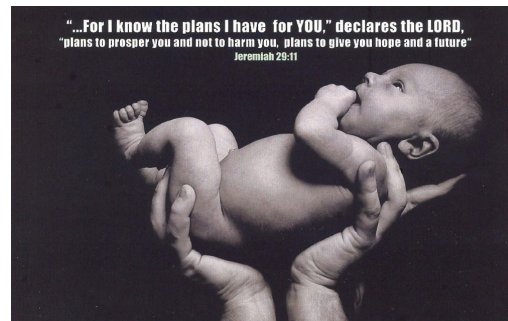
PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Dr. Peter Methodius-Ngwodo, Pro-Life Director
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301-328-9142

Statistics reveal that most women who consider abortion choose life after seeing an ultrasound image of their child. These families need your help!

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is teaming with local Knights on a major initiative to purchase ultrasound machines for the Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Our success with this program in Maryland has enabled us to get the per-unit cost of these machines down to \$22,000. Supreme Council will cover half of this cost. The first several machines purchased in Maryland under this program are already in place *and saving lives!*



Donations made payable to Sonogram Fund of SMC #1470 Charities, Inc., may be mailed to: Jerry Hicks, Maryland State Council Culture of Life Director, 24582 Spriggs Court, Hollywood, Maryland 20636

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Basketball Free Throw

March 15, 2015
12:30 – 3:00 P.M. Awards at 3:30 P.M.
Any ties will be competed at 3:00 P.M.

Open to Girls and Boys, Ages 9 – 14

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MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
117th Annual Convention - May 1, 2, 3, 2015

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

11:00 AM Convention Golf Tournament
 5:00 PM to Pre-Convention Registration
 7:00 PM (Barbados Room)

FRIDAY

9:00 AM Mass (Mako Room) with Exposition of
 The Blessed Sacrament until 11:30 AM
 Convention Registration
 4:00 PM (Barbados Room)
 1:00 PM to Youth Activity
 3:00 PM (Eleuthera Room)
 2:00 PM District Deputy Mtg. (Caribbean Hall)
 3:00 PM Grand Knights' \$1000 Olympics
 for Charity (Atrium Area)
 Convention Registration
 6:00 PM to (Barbados Room)
 8:00 PM Mass & Opening Session of
 7:00 PM Convention (Caribbean Hall)
 Ladies Activities – (Palmetto
 Ballroom), Doors open 6:30 PM
 7:00 PM to Youth Activity
 9:00 PM (Eleuthera Room)
 8:30 to Open House - Hospitality Rooms
 Midnight (Atrium Area)

SATURDAY

7:30 AM to Convention Registration
 10:30 AM (Barbados Room)
 8:30 AM Assemble for Grand Knight March
 (Sun Deck)
 9:00AM Awards Program (Atrium Area)
 11:00 AM Second Session of Convention
 (Caribbean Hall)
 11:00 AM to Youth Activity
 1:00 PM (Eleuthera Room)
 3:00 PM Assemble for Convention Mass
 (Front of the Hotel)
 3:30 PM Rosary (St. Luke's)
 4:00 PM Concelebrated Mass (St. Luke's)
 5:45 PM Convention Banquet (Palmetto Ballroom)
 (Cash Bar – Doors Open 5:15 PM)
 5:45 PM to Youth Activity
 8:00 PM (Eleuthera Room)
 8:00 PM to Open House - Hospitality Rooms
 Midnight (Atrium Area)

SUNDAY

7:30 AM Mass (Mako Room)
 9:00 AM District Deputy Meeting
 (Dominica Room)
 9:30 AM Closing Session of Convention
 (Caribbean Hall)




K C LADIES AUXILIARY

Cathy Gresham, President

301-868-5795



Spread the news! We are serving BREAKFAST. That is not a miss-print. The KC Ladies award winning Annual Pancake Breakfast is back. Join us on Sunday, February 8, 2015 immediately following the 8:30 A.M. and 11 o'clock Masses. The menu has all of the vittles your heart and tummy desires. Cost, \$9.00 adults and \$5.00 for children 9 and under. Pull up and fill up with the KC Ladies and parishioners of St. Joseph. It is a family affair. The below flyer list the vittles available for your enjoyment.




KC LADIES' ANNUAL

Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

After Each Mass





- Pancakes
- Eggs
- Grits
- Fried Potatoes
- Fried Apples



- Sausage
- Ham
- Coffee
- Milk
- Juice

Adults \$9.00

Children, 9 and under \$5.00

Marian Title for February
Our Lady of Beauraing



The Blessed Virgin showed herself 35 times. These Apparitions of Our Blessed Lady occurred in Namur, Belgium in 1932 and 1933. In that period of time, the small town boasted about 2,400 people. It was at the convent of the sisters of Christian Doctrine of Nancy in a small replica of a Lourdes Grotto that these apparitions occurred.

The Blessed Virgin Mary told the children to "Always be good." And it was especially important to

her that they attend the Mass of the Immaculate Conception for which 15,000 people came. She told them to "Pray, pray very much."

She asked several things of the children including that a chapel be built, she wished for people to come on pilgrimage, she stated "I am the Immaculate Virgin," and she showed them her golden and Immaculate Heart.

During the final days of the apparitions, each child received a secret, none of which have been revealed. But to Fernance Voisin, a fifteen year old visionary, she asked, "Do you love My Son?" To which Fernande replied "Yes." Spectators reported hearing a loud thunderous sound and seeing a ball of fire coming from the sky as this was happening. "Do you love me?" She asked. "Yes," Fernanda replied. "Then sacrifice yourself for me."

Everybody hears Her say: "Adieu!" In the apparitions which occurred after the 29th of December the children continually see 'A heart surrounded by rays of light'. This is why people here call Mary: "Mother with the Golden heart".

The feast day of Our Blessed Lady of Beauraing is celebrated on August 22nd.

Let Us Always Remember



Maj. Carlton L. Williams

Past Grand Knight & Former District Deputy

June 30, 1944 - March 8, 2011



Please, Remember In Your Prayers

Members Who Are Ill



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 Jerome Julius
 Joseph Marshall
 Ken Hinton
 Donald Wilson
 Hugo Braden

James Shorter
 Mary Julius
 William Tolbert
 Roscoe Campbell
 William Missouri
 Gabriel Nmorka



\$154.6 Million in Donations



70 Million Volunteer Hours

Measure of Success

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity is the best tool for the Order to show how it helps change the world for the better through its charitable contributions

REFLECTIONS**Lawrence P. Grayson*****Needed: Moral Boldness, Not Tepidity***

The recent atrocities against the staff of *Charlie Hebdo* created a worldwide outpouring of support for freedom of expression. Some one million people, including over 40 heads of state, marched in Paris to exhibit a commitment to a liberal, tolerant social order and against terrorist extremism attempting to impose censorship through fear.

The satire used in *Charlie Hebdo* is extreme and often obscene, with blasphemous depictions of Christianity, Judaism, and to a lesser extent Islam. The reaction of the Islamic jihadists has been violent, destructive and murderous. As with many issues that evoke strong emotions, two opposing positions toward freedom of expression have crystalized. One holds sacred an unrestrained, libertine view of self-expression, even if it is rude, derogatory, insulting, hateful, sacrilegious or provocative. The second is the notion that statements, whether in speech, writing, drawing or other means of presentation, that mock one's religion or demean another's core beliefs must be censored through brutality or even death.

Neither extreme is healthy for society. The tyranny of coercive violence can never be condoned. Similarly, offensive, vile expressiveness which continually tests the limits of civil discourse strains the mores that bind a society. The alternative to these extremes is a civil milieu in which everyone is free to express their views, even if tasteless and disagreeable to the majority, but without purposely demeaning or overtly attacking the beliefs and values of others.

There is a place for criticism and satire in a well-ordered society, to point out the absurdities, failings and erroneous reasoning of people and institutions as a way to encourage thoughtful reflection. True freedom of expression is not unrestricted license to say or do as one pleases, but the right to act as one ought. As Pope Francis recently said, there must be limits on freedom of expression, especially when it insults or ridicules a person's faith. Although freedom of speech is a fundamental human right, it cannot be used to violently disrupt the social order -- cause panic, incite riots, promote anarchy, or overthrow a just government. When free rein is given to one's desires and passions, disharmony, disorder and injustice result. Freedom must be ordered and limited by social standards, governmental law, and moral imperatives.

Freedom of expression is also threatened by nonviolent repressive actions. In America today, there is a soft tyranny in the form of political correctness. Colleges and universities, where inquiry, debate and the pursuit of truth should be prized, are increasingly sanctioning speech. The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education released a report in December stating that 55 percent of the 437 universities studied have substantial limits on what can be said or presented. On too many campuses, anyone questioning feminist, homosexual, environmentalist, Islamist, or socialistic orthodoxy faces harassment and unequivocal silencing.

Institutions of higher education are not the only targets of coercion. Legatus, an organization of Catholic business leaders, was recently targeted by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender advocates. A speaker at its January 2015 summit

meeting was Paul Darrow, a former international supermodel who left the gay life, converted to Catholicism, and now represents Courage, a Catholic support association for people with same-sex attraction who seek to live a chaste life.

A group of LGBT activists, outraged at this challenge to their lifestyle, demanded that several prominent Catholic speakers withdraw from the conference -- and three did. Actor Gary Sinise, acclaimed for his work with veterans, withdrew stating he did not want his mission of serving the troops to be disrupted by any controversy. Bret Baier, Fox News Channel's chief political correspondent, who was to speak about his faith and his son's congenital heart disease, and Pete Coors, chairman of Molson-Coors Brewing Company, also retreated after the LGBT-promoting Human Rights Campaign urged them to back out.

Brendan Eich, co-founder of Mozilla Corporation, faced similar retribution from the homosexual community. He was forced to resign as the company's CEO in April 2014, only ten days after being promoted to the position. His sin was supporting California's Proposition 8, which recognized marriage as only between one man and one woman.

Atlanta Fire Chief Kelvin Cochran, who also is an African-American Baptist church deacon, was recently fired after he wrote a Bible study for men that briefly discussed the Christian definition of sexual purity. The *New York Times*, while noting that there is no evidence that Cochran discriminated against gays or lesbians, held *that he should be fired because he had the temerity to publicly acknowledge his beliefs*. Rev. Franklin Graham, son of Evangelist Billy Graham, commented: "The LGBT community wants us to be afraid of expressing our Christian beliefs. They want us to cower in the face of their threats to the livelihoods of believers. But we shouldn't back down!"

When challenged by proponents of political correctness, too many people and organizations have been paralyzed by fear. The threat of violence is not required to have them exercise self-censorship. The soft tyranny of public denunciation, bad publicity, reduced profits, lost jobs, bad grades, and other sanctions for expressing moral beliefs is enough to keep most people and organizations in line.

None of us wants to confront the purveyors of libertine views or endure the resulting slurs that will be hurled at us. But when we are called to defend our faith, our core beliefs or speak the truth, we must boldly do so. We may be reviled and face the wrath of those who are obsessed with race, class, gender, sexuality, identity, and multiculturalism, but by remaining silent the freedoms which we prize are being eroded.

Hopefully, we will never have to face the hard tyranny of persecution and violence. But we can learn from the Mexican martyrs of the 1920s and 1930s who, while facing firing squads for defending the faith, shouted: *Viva Cristo Rey!* In the soft tyranny we do encounter, take heart from the motto of our State Deputy, *Be Not Afraid, Our Faith is Our Courage*.



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Employer: *We need someone for this Job, who is Responsible.*

Applicant: *Sir, your search ends here, in my previous job, whenever anything went wrong, they said I am Responsible...*

If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they would eventually find me attractive

The prospective son-in-law was asked by his girl friend's father, 'Son, are you able to support a family?' 'Well, no, sir,' he replied. 'I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves.'

To surprise her husband, an executive's wife stopped by his office. When she opened the door, she found him with his secretary sitting in his lap.

Without hesitating, he dictated, "And in conclusion, gentlemen, budget cuts or no budgets cuts, I cannot continue to operate this office with just one chair."

Albert Einstein used to go to dinners where he was invited to give a speech. One day, on his way to one of those dinners, he told his chauffeur (who looked exactly like him) that he was dead tired of giving the same speech, dinner after dinner.

"Well," said the chauffeur, "I've got a good idea. Why don't I give the speech since I've heard it so many times?" So Albert's chauffeur gave the speech perfectly and even answered a few questions. Then, a professor stood up and asked him a really tough question about anti-matter which the chauffeur couldn't answer.

"Sir, the answer to your question is so easy that I'll let my chauffeur answer it!"

FINE - This is the word women use to end an argument when they feel they are right and you need to shut up. Never use **"fine"** to describe how a woman looks - this will cause you to have one of those arguments.

A guy tells his psychiatrist "I always have this weird dream at night. I am locked in a room with a door on which there is a sign. I try to push it with all my strength, but no matter how hard I try, it won't budge." The psychiatrist muses, "interesting." But tell me what does the sign on the door say? The guy replies, "It says, **"Pull!"**"

I didn't sleep very good last night. So this morning I put Monster energy drinks in my coffee ... I was half way to work when I realized I forgot my car.

General Beachmen had barely arrived in the forward area when a sniper's bullet removed a button from his shirt. He threw himself to the ground in terror. The men stood around with the greatest unconcern. The general yelled at a passing sergeant. "Hey, isn't somebody going to kill that damned sniper?" The sergeant looked down at the general and replied: "I guess not, general. We're scared that if we kill him the enemy will replace him with somebody who really knows how to shoot."

James C. Fletcher Jr. Council 11422

LENTEN FISH FRY

FEB 27 & MAR 13

12 Noon – 5 P.M.

St Joseph Church
2020 Saint Joseph Drive
Largo, MD 20774



Dinner \$10.00 Fish Sandwich \$7.00



Soda \$1



Cake \$1

DINNER MENU

WHITING FILLET or CROAKER (w/Bone)
2 SIDES
CORN BREAD / SLICED BREAD

SIDES

Potato Salad Cole Slaw
Macaroni & Cheese
String Beans Collards

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Maryland State Council
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HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE OCEAN

MARDI GRAS



**FEATURING
"THE EXCLUSIVES"**



Date: Saturday, February 14, 2015
Time: 7pm 'til Midnight
Where: St. Joseph's Rosemont Room
2020 St. Joseph's Drive
Largo, MD 20774
(301) 75-4838

**Mask Optional
Or
Semi-formal**

Menu

- Creole Seafood Gumbo w/Rice
- Marinated Herb Baked Chicken Leg Quarters
- BBQ Meat Balls
- Southern Style Potato Salad
- Seasoned Green Beans
- Roll and Butter
- Punch, Cake
- Louisiana Coffee
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“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”

****FEBRUARY****

- 2015 -

- 02 Andres M. Rivera
- 03 Cornelius P. LaCour
- 04 Richard L. Jackson
- 04 G. Emeka Onwezi, PGK
- 06 John Doherty
- 07 Michael M. Turay
- 09 Joseph E. Jenifer
- 11 Jose R. Barberena
- 18 James Bernard Broadus
- 18 Leroy T. Patterson
- 21 Daniel H. Osborne, Jr.
- 22 Ernest E. Bennett
- 24 Garth A. White
- 27 Antonio D. De Leonibus
- 28 John W. Huntley, GK



**“Oh’ The Joy
of a
Birthday”**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****FEBRUARY****



- 02 Groundhog Day
- 05 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 P.M.**
- 08 **KC Ladies Pancake Breakfast**
- 09 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting 8 P.M.
- 12 Lincoln’s Birthday
- 14 **Fletcher Council’s Mardi Gras**
- 14 St. Valentine’s Day
- 16 Presidents’ Day
- 16 Maryland Lobby Night
- 15 Knights Sunday, 11:00 Mass
- 18 Ash Wednesday.
- 19 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 P.M.**
- 22 Washington’s Birthday
- 25 McNamara Chapter Meeting, St. Columcille Council
5317, Ft. Washington, MD
- 27 Council Fish Fry

Maryland State Council Officers

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