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*“ WE ARE ADVOCATES OF THE LORD ”*

## *An Amazing Year*



### *An Amazing Year Comes To An End*

The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 took the 119<sup>th</sup> Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus Convention by storm. The name of Grand Knight Alan Davis and James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 echoed throughout the Convention Chamber during the award ceremony at Ocean City, Maryland on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Fletcher Council received a total of 15 awards at the convention, and walked away with the prestigious Program Director’s Award, recognizing it as the overall top council in the state of Maryland. In addition, the council was the recipient of two Supreme Council Knights of Columbus awards: Youth Activities and Culture of Life Activities. Participating in the competition included 150 councils from the great state of Maryland.

Beaming with pride above from left-to-right are: Michael Davenport, District Deputy Emeka Onwezi, Faithful Navigator Ike Agbim, Grand Knight Alan Davis, Vice Present McNamara Chapter Vernon Hawkins, KC Ladies Representative Etoile de Hawkins, and District Warden Michael Akpan. Also in attendance was Past Faithful Navigator Edmund Gary.

Grand Knight Alan Davis was near speechless after the award ceremony, it was an occasion beyond his wildest dream, truly an experience of a life time. However, he did pause to say that the honors received are a tribute to the working of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council members, a dedicated and caring cadre of brother Knights; an involved parish; and the spiritual guidance of Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr.. at the convention

For twelve awesome months the council have strived to fulfill a dream, a plan and goals of Worthy Grand Knight, Alan M. Davis. Through his leadership, the council met those objectives and more. You have done well Alan. Thank You!



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## Chaplain Thoughts

# Chaplain Thoughts...

*"All power in heaven and earth has been given to me."  
by Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr.*

God the Father began His salvation of man when Abraham responded to Him in faith. The Incarnation and birth of Our Lord, began the Son of God's saving work among us when He became flesh and was born as one of us. This Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven begins the time of the Holy Spirit of God's presence among us. Jesus' Ascension into heaven opens the door to the Holy Spirit's dwelling within those who have been baptized into the Body of Christ.



Our Lord's Ascension into heaven allows us to see God in a new way; Jesus' Ascension is not an ending, but a beginning. It only appears that Jesus' Ascension is a departure, but actually it is not. Christ in His humanity is now taken to a new status, the highest of all states of being, sitting at the right hand of the Father in heaven. In the fullness of His divinity, Christ now comes to us in the power of the Holy Spirit and through His Sacraments, especially in the Eucharist. He will always be with us, He will never leave us.

This is why the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord into heaven is the completion of the "Circle of Life." Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Christ, our Hope, the head of the Church, is the beginning and the end of the "Circle of Life." Where He came from and

where He has gone back to, the Father, is where we hope to follow. By Ascending to His Father in His human Body, Jesus makes it possible for us to come to the Father through Him, because we are members of His Body, the Church. That means that we are never alone, Jesus is with us always through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus rules the Church from His everlasting throne in heaven and gives it life and guides it through the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus works in and through us, especially through His Vicar on earth, the Pope and in His Church. He has chosen to do it that way, so that we can all share in His work of redemption. As members of the Church, as members of His Body, we continue in our own lives, the work that Jesus did in His earthly life.

We spread the Good News of God's mercy and salvation, healing those around us, by loving our neighbors as ourselves, and offering our own sufferings to God in union with Christ's sufferings. We are all brothers and sisters in the ***Body of Christ***. Only when our faith reaches every aspect of our lives, do we, as Christians, become truly open to the transforming power of the Gospel, to strive for holiness of life by loving each other. We need to seek the ultimate purpose of our lives. We need to recognize that holiness of life, implanted within us, is a deep thirst for God.

## Grand Knight's Chronicle

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*"All good things must come to an end".*

Everyone knows the old saying, "All good things must come to an end". As this council comes to the end of the 2016-2017 fraternal year, I prefer to think of this time as the beginning of a new era and the continuation of the tradition of excellence this council has exhibited since it was chartered in 1994. My brothers, Fletcher Council again enjoyed a year of tremendous success, and it is all because of the dedication, hard work and faith of our members, Chaplain and Associate Chaplains.



Our council programs and activities again shone brightly and were recognized with 14 awards at the State Convention in May. The council sponsored the Holy Family Icon, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, Altar Server's Appreciation Dinner and Knight's Sunday in Church Activities. Family of the Month presentations for parishioners in Family Activities and March for Life and Healthy Babies in Pro Life. Costco and Panera bread donation pick ups and summer flea markets in Community Activities. Council Fish Fry's, Christmas Tree Sales and Mardi Gras in Council Activities. Talent Show, Halloween Party, College Scholarships and Squires Circle in Youth Activities.

Most of our activities were acknowledged with awards. These programs and new ones will continue under Grand Knight-Elect Bernard Broadus. I solicit your continued support for the new officers and the council as a whole.

I sincerely thank Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr., Associate Chaplains Deacons Al Douglas Turner and Steven Nash for their unwavering support of our council's activities and programs. And, finally, I thank the officers and members of the council for an outstanding year of service.

I am truly humbled and blessed to have served as your Grand Knight this past year and I hope that I have represented this council well within District 2, the State Council and Supreme.

***"Let us pray that we may ever be united in charity, that God may bless our work and aid us to keep our pledge for his greater glory". CHARITY is LOVE. LOVE is LIFE and LIFE is FOREVER.***

***Vivat Jesus!***



## State Deputy's Report

## District Deputy Report



### *My Brothers All,*

Here we are in the month of June. Soon summer will be here. Remember, we just keep moving, do not stop and restart because we are in a new fraternal year. Continue recruiting, continue to have Admission degrees and continue to do good work in our Parishes.

**Stephen M. Cohen**  
*State Deputy*

The State Convention was a great success, My sincere thanks to all who played a role in making it happen. My thanks also to all

who attended. This has been our largest convention in many years. Congratulations goes out to all of our Award Winners, they can be seen in another part of the Newsletter.

Building the Domestic Church, While strengthening our Parish continues to be in the forefront. The State is planning a large State Sponsored Event for this program. Each council should be following the recommendations in Columbia magazine and ***Knightline*** for sponsoring events in your parish. This is our New Initiative and one in which our Holy Father truly believes. Continue to work with your Pastors to implement programs in this area.

Don't forget as we enter the New Fraternal Year, some very important reports are due. Namely, these are the Forms 185 and 365. Let's get them in as soon as possible after your council's election. In addition, your council's Credentials for next year's Convention are also due.

So what is due now. Your Report of Roundtables and of course the Columbian Award application. It is never too early to submit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a ***GREAT TEAM***, who made this year the success that it was. Everyone chipped in and made this a great Columbian Year for the Jurisdiction of Maryland. Hopefully, when the end of the month comes, We can say that the Great State of Maryland is again in the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor. Remember, this only takes each council bringing in two new members before June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, In everything we do in Maryland, ***We are Advocates of the Lord.***



**G. Emeka Onwezi**  
*District Deputy*

As we enter the last month of this fraternal year, I congratulate all Grand Knights-Elect and all of the councils elected officers. I am looking forward to serve as your District Deputy during your time as officers of your great council. Likewise, I know Grand Knight Alan Davis is counting down to June 30<sup>th</sup> and I congratulate him for a wonderful fraternal year. He is a great fraternal leader.

His leadership and his council's support were shown at the last Maryland State Council convention that we had in Ocean

City last month. Those awards are the proof that you had a great fraternal year. Congratulations all around.

I will like to congratulate James C Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422's members who are elected as officers at Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights. Congratulations to President-Elect Vern Hawkins, Jr., DD, PGK, PFN; and Marshall-Elect Mike Davenport, Jr., DD, PGK. They will make the district and Fletcher Council proud.

On June 18, 2017, there will be Corpus Christi Sunday at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen at 11:00 A.M. All Knights and their families are encouraged to attend. Also, on June 3, 2017 from 1-5 P.M. we will be having Past State Deputy (PSD) William "Bill" Kuchmas Benefit event at Columbus Garden in Baltimore, Maryland.

Keep recruiting new and young members. If you did not bring at least one member this fraternal year, please prepare to recruit better in next fraternal year.

Please remember your council members who are sick or distress and the widows of deceased council members. Please visit them more often. We are our brother's and sister's keepers.

***Vivat Jesus!***

Have You Visited The State Website Lately

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

Or the Maryland State Yahoo Group

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



## ***Lets Fill The Bucket***

This year Fletcher Council is participating in the Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus "***Pennies From Heaven***" Charity Program. Please bring all those pennies that have been accumulating around your home to the council meeting.

We will turn them over to the Maryland State Council at the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights meeting, hosted by Fletcher Council at St. Joseph on June 21st.

PGK Tim Matthew brought in nearly a bucket full at our last meeting. ***Lets fill the Bucket.*** Point of contact is Vern Hawkins.



## Supreme Knight's Message

### A PILGRIMAGE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

Carl A. Anderson



From May 17-23, a group of American Warrior Pilgrims, including wounded and non-wounded, are traveling to Lourdes, France, with the Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage to take part in the 59<sup>th</sup> International Military Pilgrimage.

Sponsored by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, (AMS) and the Knights of Columbus, the program is a time for healing, both spiritually and physically, in the sacred waters of the grotto and the surrounding atmosphere.

In a letter to this year's pilgrims, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson called attention to the pilgrimage's theme — *Dona Nobis Pacem* (Grant us peace) — stating that the commitment and dedication of United States military men and women helps bring peace to the entire world and expressed his hope that this pilgrimage would be a time of peace for these peacemakers. He also recalled the significance of the pilgrimage this year, which marks the 100th anniversary of the United States entry into World War I. During WWI, the Knights of Columbus became known for their social and spiritual support to Allied servicemen of all faiths.

In a letter to pilgrimage attendees, Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, (AMS) also discussed the theme of this year's pilgrimage, sharing his hope that the trip would allow pilgrims to be touched by peace and "serve to strengthen the cause of peace in our time."

The pilgrims have a weekend full of activities planned for them, including a series of Masses and ceremonies with veterans from other countries, a recitation of the rosary and the Stations of the Cross, and even a military band concert.

The Knights have attended the soldiers in their time of trouble; they have helped them to make good use of their moments of leisure. They have knelt by their side on the battlefield, and, when no Priest was to be had, they have taken the dying lad's last message, encouraged him in making his act of contrition, and, when all was over, they have closed his eyes. In times of military stress they have taken food to soldiers in areas which the commissary had been unable to reach; they have made merry with them in hut and in club, joined in their pastimes, found them good reading, comforted them in body and in soul.

The Knights' sponsorship of the pilgrimage is the latest chapter in the story of their involvement in Lourdes, which first began nearly 100 years ago. During the First World War, the Knights were extremely active in serving American troops abroad and had an official Knights of Columbus Army Hut right in Lourdes itself. "The experiences of the Knights of Columbus in France have been almost as various as are the emotions of man," a report from the period says. It continues:

Immediately following the end of the war, the Knights also produced a *Guide to Lourdes* after repeated requests from American pilgrims.

"There have been so many requests from the members of the American Expeditionary Forces for a "Guide to Lourdes," the introduction to the booklet says, "that the Knights of Columbus feel themselves called upon to present this little volume. It has always been our desire to serve our forces in every way possible."

But that wasn't all. With so many American troops stationed throughout Europe, the Knights of Columbus organized the first-ever international military pilgrimage to the Marian shrine at Lourdes.

"Nothing that the boys have done," the article says, "has given the Knights such satisfaction as has the visits of the doughboys to the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes."

"Some of us had come six thousand miles," the author says, "but if we had come from the uppermost parts of the earth, the joy of these moments would have made the journey and the fatigue seem as nothing. The atmosphere was redolent with prayer and praise and thanksgiving."

Especially thankful to the sacrifice and service of our veterans, Knights of Columbus everywhere join with the supreme knight and the archbishop in praying for a successful and impactful pilgrimage for all those currently in France, and for all who have risked their lives for our freedom.

## Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

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





# Financial Benefits

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## Protecting Your Paycheck



For most of us, the idea of not working is an exciting one. We relish weekends and vacations. We look forward to holidays and special occasions. We plan for retirement and count down the number of days until we arrive at the freedom that we have planned for so deliberately.

But what if the end of work comes not with freedom, but with surprise? What if

the end of work comes with an illness or an accident that prevents us from doing our job? Will we be prepared? Can we be?

With the help of the Knights of Columbus, members and their families can.

We welcome retirement because we have planned for it. We know when it is coming, we know what it will take to get there, and we know what

we will need when it arrives. But how can we plan for something unexpected? How can we know what we will need when we do not know what will happen?

Disability insurance is often dismissed by working men and women because they think their jobs are fairly safe. Their lives are fairly healthy. Disability — they say — is simply something they will never experience.

The statistics tell a different story.

According to the United States government, a staggering 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching the age of 67.\* The nature of the job is irrelevant. According to the Social Security Administration, 95 percent of all disabling illnesses and accidents happen outside of the workplace.\*\*

Consider a typical male, age 35, a non-smoker, who works at an office job with some outdoor responsibilities and leads a very healthy lifestyle. He has a 21 percent chance of being injured or becoming ill and unable to work for three months or longer prior to retirement.\*\*\*

And what happens once that occurs? What happens if your last paycheck is really your last paycheck?

If your illness or injury is among the 95 percent that happen outside of work, workers' compensation will be of no assistance to you. If you plan to rely on the government, you may find that

you are among the 64 percent of Americans — including severely disabled Americans — who do not receive any assistance from the government or governmental programs, including Medicare, Social Security and supplemental Security Insurance.\*\*\*\*

But the situation does not need to be that desperate. Your membership in the Knights of Columbus gives you and your eligible family members exclusive access to disability income insurance that can help safeguard your paycheck.

With Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance, you can help make sure that you continue to earn an income, even when you cannot work.

Our disability income insurance is designed to be flexible so that, working with your brother Knight field agent, you can customize it to fit your needs. You choose the monthly benefit amount that's right for you, the elimination period that makes the most sense, and the maximum benefit period for your policy.

And, by purchasing a disability income insurance policy from the Knights of Columbus, you have the added security of knowing that you are doing business with an unapologetically Catholic company that makes sure its investments do not violate Church teaching and which has been repeatedly recognized as a "World's Most Ethical" company. \*\*\*\*\*

You owe it to yourself and to your family to make sure that your financial future is secure, regardless of what happens. Don't be caught off guard by surprises. Be on guard and be prepared.

Talk to me, your Field Agent to learn how easy and affordable disability income insurance can be.

\* "Social Security Fact Sheet," United States Social Security Administration, accessed April 4, 2017, [www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf).

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\*\*\*\* "Americans with Disabilities: 2010," United States Census Bureau, accessed April 16, 2015, <http://www.census.gov/people/disability/publications/sipp2010.html>.

\*\*\*\*\* "Knights of Columbus named a 2016 World's Most Ethical Company," Knights of Columbus, accessed April 6, 2017, <http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/kofc-2016-most-ethical-company.html>.





## BISHOP WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

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As we work assiduously to complete the Fraternal year, many touches are needed to effect a smooth transition. Nominations were concluded for all officer positions for election to be held during the June meeting, per Supreme Bylaws.

Worthy of note is SK Ephraim Anderson who volunteered to fill in for outgoing Faithful Comptroller SK Andres Padilla was nominated to serve as FC for next fraternal year.

This years State Convention was very well attended and successful. As usual our Assembly members volunteered and participated Resolution and Planning Committees, as well as Knights on Bikes and Color Corps.

Several Color Corps Turnouts are scheduled as we enter the busy months of Installations for both Councils and Assembly.

To cap off a very eventful year, I'd like to extend my gratitude, on behalf of the entire assembly to our Worthy Faithful Friar Fr. Joe Jenkins, Associate Faithful Friar Al Turner and all officers for this Fraternal year.

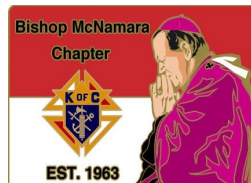
We pledge to continue the tradition of this great assembly in doing Patriotic works, and supporting the incoming officers. There will likely be a reception for new Sir Knights in August of 2017, following the Installation of Assembly officers. Dates for this and other events will be published very shortly.

Lastly, as my last report as Faithful Navigator, I pledge my full support to the incoming Faithful Navigator and wish him and all officers the very best in the new Fraternal year.

**REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE CHANGED OUR MEETING TIME FROM 8 P.M. TO 7 P.M., WITH REFRESHMENTS SERVED AT 6:30 P.M.**

## BISHOP McNAMARA CHAPTER

Tom Santangelo - Chapter President



The Chapter will hold its next meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422. The meeting will include the Exchange of Jewels for the following Chapter Officers as they assume they positions for the 2017-2018 fraternal year.

<b>President</b>	Vern Hawkins, Jr.
<b>Vice President</b>	Joe Massimino
<b>Secretary</b>	Jack Giacalone
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jeff Koscho
<b>Marshal</b>	Michael Davenport
<b>Activities Director</b>	Phil Tabbita

For over fifty years, the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights has supported the efforts of Grand Knights, District Deputies and council members as they have labored to make Fr. McGivney's vision a reality in the State of Maryland. We are heirs to that tradition and responsible to furthering that goal this 2017-2018 Columbian Year. To that end, we have two primary tasks facing us: membership growth and council support. Each meeting will focus on developing the leadership capacity of knights.

The Chapter consist of 15 Maryland Districts and 58 Councils. The Chapter provides a forum for meaningful information exchange between the State Council and the Councils and offered opportunities for councils to join in collective charitable activities to include support of Maryland Special Olympics, support of children in need by way of the Coats for Kids Program, to help feed the needy thru our Food for Families Programs, Reading to children thru our Literacy Program, and unwavering support of local Pro Life organizations and programs.

The Chapter also offer several training and informational sessions throughout the year. It also provides an opportunity to meet with State Officers, Directors, Chairman and other Grand Knights to keep abreast of the many events taking place in the Maryland jurisdiction.





## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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**How about that magnificent showing at the Maryland State Council 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention by our very own James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council? It was something worth "SHOUTING" about.** Not only did Fletcher Council win the convention's Top Honors, the coveted **Program Director's Award**, but Supreme and State awards as well:

### FIRST PLACE

Program Director's Award (Maryland State's Top Council)  
General Excellence Award Division A  
Church Activities Award Division A  
Council Activities Award Division A  
Supreme Council Culture of Life Service Award  
Supreme Council Youth Service Award

### SECOND PLACE

Community Activities Award Division A  
Culture of Life Activities Award Division A  
Family Activities Award Division A  
Youth Activities Award Division A  
2016-2017 Membership Percent of Goal Division A  
Supreme Council Service Program Council Activities Award

### THIRD PLACE

Supreme Council Service Program Community Activities Award

This goes to show that our council has been very involved in executing its many and a variety of programs this year and has so been recognized by both State and Supreme for a job well done. Working together, we can accomplish much more. As we go forward to the 2017-2018 fraternal year, let us as a council step on the gas just a little more and increase our support to our church, community and families.

*Thank you for making this another fantastic year for the  
James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422.*

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Plans are underway to conduct the Annual Multi-Culture Picnic. It will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 P.M. The picnic committee consist of several council members and parishioners. Those planning to attend are requested to bring a covered dish to serve 10-people.



As usual, there will be a need for volunteers to assist throughout the day. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the church welcome room for:

- ◆ Set Up/Clean Up
- ◆ Food Servers
- ◆ Game Coordinators
- ◆ Hall Monitors
- ◆ Kitchen Help/Food Preparation
- ◆ Grill Workers
- ◆ Beverage Station
- ◆ Covered Dish

Let us continue our tradition of supporting these church and community activities. Sign up, round up the family and come prepared to have a wonderful time with your St. Joseph family.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Priest assigned to St. Joseph Church of Largo, Maryland. On May 25, 2017, Cardinal Donald Wuerl announced the appointment of **Father Robert P. Boxie III**, to parochial vicar, St. Joseph Parish, Largo, Maryland. His appointment is effective July 12, 2017. Father Boxie was ordained a priest on June 25, 2016. He is currently studying at the Pontifical North American College, Vatican City State, Europe. The following are some excerpts from a Catholic Standard article of June 14, 2016 by Mark Zimmermann on Fr. Boxie, **when he was a Deacon**:

*"Growing up in a devout Catholic family also had a key influence on his vocation, Deacon Boxie said. His father Robert Boxie Jr. worked as an operator at a local refinery, and his mother Roxanne Boxie worked in the accounting department for a chemical plant. "My parents were great role models of the faith and always made God the center of everything we did as a family. They taught my sister (Robyn) and me how to pray, they took us to Mass every Sunday, and they got us involved in church and volunteer activities," said Deacon Boxie, who went to Catholic school from kindergarten through high school.*

*While studying in Rome, Deacon Boxie has also been inspired by the example of Pope Francis. He said the Pope's authenticity has led many people to return to the sacraments and encounter Christ there. "He consistently teaches and preaches that we must 'go out of ourselves,' to those on the margins, both physically and spiritually, and to share the joy of the Gospel message with them and bring them back into the fold," the future priest said.*

*Deacon Boxie has completed three marathons, running for the archdiocese's Run for Vocations team that participates each fall in the Marine Corps Marathon. "Running for me has become a 'spiritual exercise,'" he said, explaining that it helped him discern his priestly vocation. "While you're logging in the mileage during the week, it presents a great opportunity during your runs to think and pray," he said."*

**Vivat Jesus!**





## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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# FILEA MARKET

The Council's Annual Flea Markets dates have been set. The season will commence on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>. From 8:00 A.M. to 1 P.M. Vendor spaces are \$25.00 each, bring your own table. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and cook food and breakdown the parking lot after the Flea Market. Council members may arrive throughout the day, as early as 6:30 A.M., or at various times to help and stay as long as you are able to.

The **James C. Fletcher, Jr. Charities** will have a table at the Flea Market to sell any goods council members wish to donate. Volunteers are needed to assist in the sale of donated goods. All proceeds will benefit our Scholarship Fund and your contributions are tax deductible. We will also accept any monetary donations from council members and those donations are also tax deductible.

Please come out to assist the council and to support the youth of our parish. **Contact Harold Sanders or Alan Davis to volunteer to help with the Flea Market.**

Fletcher Council – Knights of Columbus

## Flea Market

St. Joseph Church – Parking Lot

2020 St. Joseph Drive

Saturday, June 24 (8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Jul 29 (8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Aug 26 (8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

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

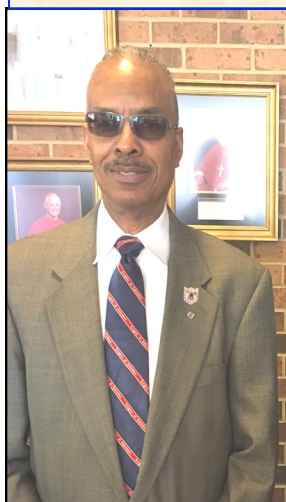


### Vendor Info:

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL

301-390-7150



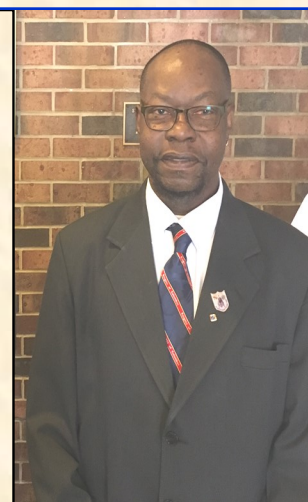
## The Dynamic Duo

Brother Knights

Harold M. Contee & Kennard A. Dalrymple

Have Been An Inspiration To One And All  
Since Joining The Council On February 16, 2017.  
Thank You For Offering Your Time And Talents.

Vivat Jesus!



# A MARYLAND TRADITION



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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### *Family of the Month Lawrence & Burma Hill*



Mrs. Burma Hill became a member of St. Joseph Church in June, 1968. From the moment she entered St. Joseph, Burma has been thoroughly involved in multiple St. Joseph ministries and in ministries and organizations in the Archdiocese of Washington. She first served the parish as a classroom aide on Saturday for her son's CCD teacher. This inspired her to become a member of the lector ministry and to proclaim the Word of God at Mass for 27 years. Burma still serves today as a substitute lector.

Burma has served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in church and to the homebound. She also served on the St. Joseph 75<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary committees and is also a member of the Black Catholic History Month and National Black History Month committees.

In 1997, God gave her the vision to reach out to the sick and shut-ins of the parish and through this calling; she founded the Good Samaritans Ministry, beginning with a group of 9 women. Burma served 2 terms as the Good Samaritan Ministry Coordinator and still visits the sick and homebound with prayers, fellowship and communion.

Burma has served with the St. Vincent DePaul Society ministry, distributing food and Thanksgiving baskets; as coordinator for the Repast Ministry, as St. Joseph Food Service Management certification leader and on the Bereavement Ministry team.

For the Archdiocese of Washington, Burma is a 2-term Immediate Past President of Sisters in the Spirit, the Ultreya leader for the Central Prince George's Cursillo community, writes prayers for prayer services and individuals, serves as facilitator for retreats and seminars and provides motivational talks for organizations and parishes within the Archdiocese.

Burma has been married for 55 years in June to Lawrence V. Hill (a retired NFL official) and they are the parents of the Honorable Lawrence V. Hill Jr. (Circuit Court of Prince George's County) and Stephen Hill Sr. Burma and Lawrence are the proud grand parents of Stephen, Jr. and Parker Noelle Hill.

Burma is a retired educator and guidance counselor in the Anne Arundel County Public Schools, an adjutant instructor at Bowie State University and a graduate of Morgan State University.

Burma and her family give thanks to God for his abundant blessings, for the peace of Christ and for the grace and inspiration of the Holy Spirit for all the goodness and love they share with their St. Joseph parish family. Amen

The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council is very proud to present its May Family of the Month Award to Lawrence & Burma Hill.

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



## CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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# Maryland State Council Pro-Life Message

The Knights of Columbus are a prime source of assistance to maintaining and improving the pregnancy care centers throughout the state. Councils have raised funds to provide 20 Ultrasound Machines to various centers. Have you planned your fundraiser to support the Ultrasound Machine Project yet? For more information or to make a donation, contact PSD Richard Siejack at RVSiejack@aol.com.



Do you need a Culture of Life activity for the summer? Consider the Cemetery of the Innocents. So far this fraternal year there have been five cemeteries installed for a total of 312 since 2004, and one is available for installation. For more information, contact Chairman Jim McFillin at jimmcfillin@cs.com.

Has your council held a baby bottle campaign or baby shower to support your local pregnancy care center? Information on how to organize both activities is provided on the Culture of Life Activities page of the Maryland State internet site.

If your council or church would like to host a pro-life Mass, the State Council is available to help with publicity, suggestions, and after-Mass speakers. Even if you do not need the State Council help, let us know of your activity. For more information, contact Mike Furst at mfurst1@yahoo.com.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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The Talent Show on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> exceeded all of our expectations! We had a core of happy and entertaining performers, supported by families and friends. The participants really lived up to the moment and their talents came shining through. There were standing ovations, encore requests and active audience participation. Hats off to our coordinator Alan Davis and MC Phil Beauboeuf, they are the miracle workers. Would you believe that Phil pulled the DJ Chris Nwabine from his DJ booth to put on some dance moves that had even Bishop Campbell patting his feet, just a little. Our participants were:

**Chinwuba Nwabine (4) – Dancing**  
“Free Dancing”

**Vianney Tanifor**  
“Sing & Dance”

**Chidubem Nwabine (10) – Singing**  
“My House”

**Chinemelum Nwabine (12) – Violin**  
“Canyon Sunset”

**David Adinuba (11) – Dancing**  
“Victory”

**Manoel Abaso (15) – Singing**  
“Hallelujah”



**First Place Winners** were: Manoel Abaso, Chinemelum Nwabine and Chidubem Nwabine. Our **Second Place Winners** were: David Adinuba and Chinwuba Nwabine.

Special thanks to all our Student participants, their families, friends, KofC and Bishop Roy E. Campbell Jr. for their support and dedication.



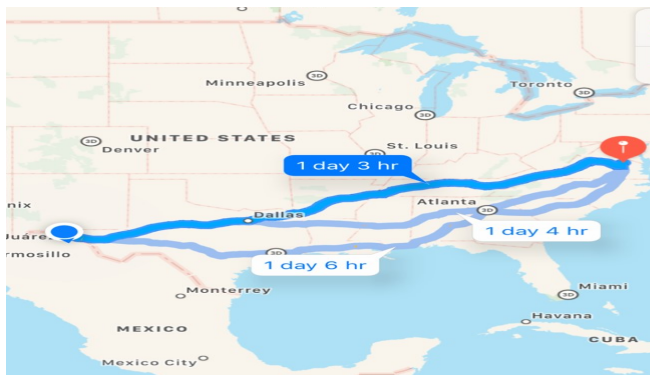
## KNIGHTS ON BIKES

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It was a 2,000 mile pilgrimage to El Paso, Texas for the **Knights on Bikes Round Up**. It was superb. Approximately 150+ Knights from around the country were in attendance. I'll share three itinerary but the Maryland State convention kept popping into my head with all of the events, dinners and organization.

I leave to return to my brothers, East Coast brothers, shortly, and can't wait to share this epic episode in my life. It has been like the movie **"The Book of Eli"** minus the fighting! Please pray for my safe return. I rode solo here and will be solo coming home, a true pilgrimage.



## MEMBERSHIP QUEST

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### Brother Knights,

This is the last month of our fraternally year, and as my member-ship director position is coming to an end, I send my sincere gratitude to all members of James C Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 who participated immensely in this year fraternal membership drive. We made some significant membership in all phases. Congratulations to Brother Knights (BK) Harold Contee and Chidubem Oparaoji, shown below. They each successfully achieved the Knighthood Degree (3<sup>rd</sup>) on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

I also congratulate our outgoing Grand Knight Alan Davis who will be our council Membership Director starting July 1, 2017. I know all the supports that I received as the Membership Director will be extended to our new Membership Director.

Special thanks to all members of the degrees teams and brother knights who assisted me in taking some of the candidates to many degree ceremonies hosted near and far.



Harold Contee & Chidubem Oparaoji



## REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

### Living in the Age of Death

If one were to label the current times, they could be called the Age of Death. While history has been marked frequently by significant human losses due to war, disease, plagues, famine and natural disasters, a preponderance of the deaths in the last 100 years or so have been premeditated, of epic proportions, and caused largely by man himself. The past century has witnessed two World Wars, Fascism, Nazism, Communism, Auschwitz and the Holocaust, gulags, a military doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction, and now a radical Islamic jihad aimed at terrorizing ordinary people engaged in the normal activities of daily life.

This Age of Death may be said to have begun on June 28, 1914, when a Serbian nationalist assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Within days, Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire, and Bulgaria were at war; the United States entered in 1917. When this World War ended on November 11, 1918, over 17 million people were killed and another 20 million wounded.

Two decades later, on September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland, igniting World War II. Over the next nine years, more than 100 countries fought, with some 60-80 million people killed. And this war was soon followed by conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, and now a global war on terrorism. The last century has experienced wars at all levels: world, regional, national, civil, and tribal, fought for economic, political and religious reasons.

There have been genocidal movements to destroy national, ethnic, racial and religious groups. In the early 1930s, Stalin through deportations, executions and a forced famine, killed some 7 million Ukrainians. In the period 1942-45, Hitler exterminated as many as 11 million people, more than half of them European Jews, to purify the Arian race. In the period 1972-75, the Khmer Rouge killed some 2 million Cambodians in order to turn the nation into a Communist state. In a three-month period in 1994, the Hutu ethnic majority in Rwanda murdered as many as 800,000 people, mostly of the Tutsi minority; when the Tutsi gained control through a military offensive, as many as 2 million Hutu fled the country for fear of their lives.

But wars and genocidal movements have not been the only causes of human destruction. In 1973, the United States legalized abortion; since then, some 60 million children in America have been killed in the womb. This U.S. number, as horrific as it is, pales before the estimated 2 billion abortions performed worldwide in that time – that is, some 40-50 million preborn children are destroyed annually. This carnage is being conducted either by government policy, as in India and China, or for personal convenience, as in the United States and Western Europe. While the business of procured death is well established at the beginning of life, the focus now is being turned to rid society of the aged, the disabled, and the incurably infirmed. Under the guise of compassion, human dignity and quality of life, the very elderly and the terminally ill are becoming subjects for euthanasia. Although this movement is still in its infancy, it is increasing in Western Europe and gaining acceptability in the United States.

Euthanasia takes several forms. The most prevalent is voluntary suicide, usually approved or assisted by a physician. In the Netherlands, doctors may provide lethal drugs to anyone over the age of 12 whose suffering is unbearable with no prospect of improvement, as well as to persons with depression, dementia, and other forms of mental illness. In Belgium, terminally-ill children of any age may be given lethal drugs. In the United States, physician assisted suicide is legal in six states and the District of Columbia, while 27 other states have considered it. The primary motivation in these cases is the alleviation of suffering.

A second variation is non-voluntary euthanasia in which a guardian's judgment is substituted for that of the patient. This may occur when the person is in a persistent coma or is an infant and thus unable to consent. In 2005, upon her husband's request, a Florida court ruled that Terri Schiavo, who was in a lengthy coma, should have her feeding tubes disconnected; it was done and she literally starved to death over a two-week period. The concern here is the cost of treatment and in the case of severely disabled newborns the child's future quality of life.

A third, and perhaps the most callous approach, is involuntary euthanasia, in which a third party makes a decision to euthanize someone contrary to their desire. From 1939 to 1945 under the Aktion T4 program, the Nazis murdered about 200,000 people at euthanasia centers to rid the state of "incurably ill, physically or mentally disabled, emotionally distraught, and elderly people". Today, any approach to purposely terminate another's life against their will is almost universally considered a criminal act.

A passive form of involuntary euthanasia, however, occurs when a third party decides that a seriously-ill person should not receive a needed life-saving treatment. Here the motivation is strictly cost containment. In 2016, Stephanie Parker, a young mother diagnosed with an incurable autoimmune disease, was denied insurance coverage for an expensive doctor-prescribed therapeutic drug, but could receive payment for an inexpensive life-ending drug. With the growing legality of physician-assisted suicide in the United States, there is concern that this may become more common among cost-conscious insurance companies.

With a growing market for reusable human body parts there are those who would redefine life as personhood and death as a capacity-based sociological condition rather than an irreversible biological state. If only those who have the capabilities deemed necessary for personhood were considered to be alive, then infants who have not yet developed these capacities or those who have lost them through illness, injury or age, would become exploitable. Even though biologically living, their sociologically "dead bodies" could be used for experimentation or as a source of replacement organs for otherwise healthy individuals.

When large sums of money are to be made through abortion, when human organs can be bought and sold, when the quality of life is considered more important than life itself, when efficiency and cost containment become criteria for medical decisions, when euthanasia becomes a therapeutic option, a culture of death rules – life is no longer an unalienable right endowed by the Creator.

As Pope John Paul II clearly stated in his encyclical, *Evangelicum Vitae*: "[W]e are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life.' We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict."

As God-fearing people, we have an inescapable responsibility to protect life from conception to natural death. Turning the cultural tide will be difficult, but with prayer and faith it can be done.

On this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady's appearances at Fatima, we can look to her counsel for dealing with the evils of the world. She asked us for prayers, penance and devotion to her Immaculate Heart. In her third apparition, she said, "*You must recite the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war for only she can obtain this.*"

This may seem like an insignificant response to combat the enormous evils of today's world. But it is a devotion requested by Our Lady. She merely implores our cooperation, and she will do the rest. Since 1946, every new Knight has been given a Rosary and called upon to "pray it as often as you can." Shouldn't we do so? Is it too much to ask?



A man died and went to hell. As he passed sulfurous pits and shrieking sinners, he saw his former attorney snuggling with a beautiful woman. That's not fair! he cried, I have to roast for all eternity and that lawyer gets to spend it with a beautiful woman! Shut up, barked the devil, jabbing him with his pitchfork. How dare you question that woman's punishment?

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My wife, a real estate agent, wrote an ad for a house she was listing. The house had a second-floor suite that would be accessed using a lift chair that slid along the staircase. Quickly describing this feature, she inadvertently made it sound even more attractive: "Mother-in-law suite comes with an electric chair."

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When I overheard one of my cashiers tell a customer, "We haven't had it for a while, and I doubt we'll be getting it soon," I quickly assured the customer that we would have whatever it was she wanted by next week. After she left, I read the cashier the riot act. "Never tell the customer that we're out of anything. Tell them we'll have it next week," I instructed her. "Now, what did she want?" "Rain."

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According to a news story, if global warming continues, in 20 years the only chance we'll have to see a polar bear is in a zoo. So in other words, nothing is going to change.

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John is out with his friends and stops by his grandmother's house for a visit. There's a bowl of peanuts on the coffee table, and John and his friends start snacking on them. When they're ready to leave, his friends say, "Nice to meet you, ma'am, and thank you for the peanuts." Grandma says, "You're welcome. Ever since I lost my dentures, all I can do is suck the chocolate off of them."

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For her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, my wife said, "I'd love to be ten again." So that Saturday, we had a heaping stack of chocolate-chip pancakes, her favorite childhood breakfast. Then we hit the playground and a merry-go-round. We finished the day with a banana split. "So how did you enjoy being a kid for a day?" I asked. "Great," she said. "But when I said I wanted to be ten again, I meant my dress size."

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A person went into the office kitchen one morning and found a new blonde girl painting the walls. She was wearing a new fur coat and a nice denim jacket. Thinking this was a little strange, he asked her why she was wearing them rather than old clothes or an overall. She showed him the instructions on the tin, "For best results, put on two coats".



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**“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”**  
**\*\*JUNE\*\***  
**- 2017 -**



- 06 Ephraim I Ofodile
- 09 John L. Bechet
- 10 John O. Grier
- 13 Justin C. Okpah
- 14 Christopher P. Grayton
- 16 Marquis D. Barnes
- 17 Gary T. Monroe
- 19 James W. Wilson
- 20 Kevin C. Akor
- 20 David D. Martin
- 24 Ephraim A. Okoro
- 26 Chukwudubem L. Eze
- 26 Sylvanus M. Ifeamazi

**“The Joy  
 Of A  
 June  
 Birthday”**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**\*\*JUNE\*\***



- 01 Fletcher Council Business Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 02 First Friday Adoration/Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
- 04 Pentecost Sunday
- 10 AWD Meeting, 10:00 AM
- 11 The Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)
- 12 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting, 7 PM
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Council Meeting 7:30 PM
- 18 Father's Day / Corpus Christi (Solemnity)
- 18 Knights Sunday, 11:00 AM Mass
- 21 Fletcher Council Host McNamara Chapter Mtg. 8 P.M.
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 22-25 MD State Council Leadership Seminar, Solomons
- 23 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)
- 24 Flea Market
- 25 St. Joseph Church Picnic 2-6 P.M.
- 29 St. Peter & Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)

**Marian Title for June**  
**Our Lady of Queen  
 of the Apostles**

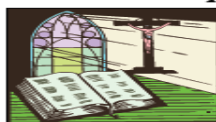


The picture of Mary, Queen of Apostles precisely represents her in the office, in the mission, that she had: to give Jesus to the world. She is holding Jesus, not tightly to herself, but offering him as light to all who pass by. He carries the scroll of the gospel, the Word of life. With his right hand he is gesturing with two fingers; in the first centuries this indicated not so much a blessing as the authority of the teacher explains wisdom.

Mary enables us to understand the Word; she is the listening, discerning woman. To understand Christ we need to see him in the mystery of the Incarnation, Word made flesh. Mary's motherhood reminds us that he came to us in the flesh, and he touches us in our flesh, in our bodies, healing us and making us whole in the power of his glorious, resurrected body. Mary is united to the mission of her Son-to bring all men and women into the light and warmth of God's goodness, mercy, and love.

Mary almost hides herself in order to more strongly indicate the presence of the Christ. She gives herself over completely to him, giving without measure. Her genius is a particularly powerful one: the feminine genius. Her femininity, gentleness, and sweetness combine for a strength that can permit her to be incisive.

**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*



*Please, Remember In Your Prayers*



**Members Who Are Ill**

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| <i>Howard Wynn</i>       | <i>James Shorter</i>    |
| <i>Mervyn Chancellor</i> | <i>William Missouri</i> |
| <i>Joseph Marshall</i>   | <i>William Tolbert</i>  |
| <i>Kenneth Hinton</i>    | <i>Charles Ratcliff</i> |