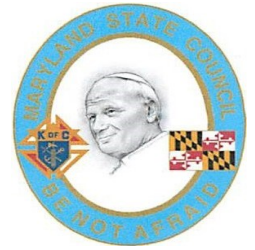




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***"BE NOT AFRAID, OUR FAITH IS OUR COURAGE"***



## Maryland State Council Family of the Year



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**February 18, 2015**

**Dear Mr. Adeleye, Sr.**

On behalf of the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus, I want to congratulate you on being selected as our Family of the Year for 2014 - 2015.

It is my pleasure to invite you and three guests to our Annual Founders Day Mass and award dinner to be held on Sunday, March 22, 2015. Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church located at 10003 Bird River Rd. Middle River, MD. 21220. Mass will begin at 2:00 PM. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a reception and awards dinner at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Hall.

We hope that your schedule will allow you and three family members to participate in this recognition event as we look forward to introducing you to the State family. We will also present you with an Award Plaque commemorating the event. Please accept our congratulations on being selected as the Family of the Year and receiving this esteemed award.

**Fraternally,**

*Stephen J. Adamezyk*  
**State Deputy**

**GRAND KNIGHT'S CHRONICLE**

*Thomas F. Matthews, II - Grand Knight*



Worthy Bothers, the month of February has been a busy month. Knights Sunday was a huge success. We had the privilege to present to the Martin Luther King Jr. Squire Circle a New Banner. The entire church was part of the presentation.

The Mardi Gras was another event that made our council proud. Everyone that attended enjoyed themselves despite the weather. The snow came but we still partied. The band was great and the food was top shelf. Thanks again to Ms. Gloria Newman and her wonderful crew.

Districts 32/3 held their Basketball Free throw shootouts. Our council was represented although not as strong as we wanted it to be due to the weather. Thanks to District Deputy Mike Davenport, he made sure that Fletcher Council was there and participated.

We held our first Fish Fry on Friday, February 27 and thanks to all the brothers that showed up to make it a success. Remember that we have another Fish Fry on March 13 and help from the brothers is needed to make sure this one has the success as all the pass ones. The Fish Fry is one of the council's biggest fun raisers. We cannot continue to do all the great thing the council has planned without your help and fund raisers like this.

March is upon us and it time to prepare for the next fraternal year by getting ready for the election of the new officer. The first of the nominations is this month. Every brother needs to decide who they would like to see lead this council the Next fraternal year. We have always been strong and have had great leaders in the pass, let's continue to elect a strong leadership and make sure we give them our full support.

Our council is like a chain. We are only as strong as our weakest link. Remember if everybody does a little, no one has to do a lot.



**CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS**

*Fr. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.*

***"The water that I shall give you will become a spring of eternal life."***

We have ten elect entering the Church and twenty-five candidates receiving full communion in the Church at the Easter Vigil, so my reflections are from the Third Sunday in Lent Cycle A.



In the first reading from Exodus, the Israelites thirsted for water to drink. However, their thirst showed their lack of trust in God. He had led them out of the captivity of slavery in Egypt and parted the Red Sea for them. Yet, their thirst led them to "put God to the test", that is what the word Massah means in Hebrew. Meribah is Hebrew for "quarreling", which is what the Israelites did with God, because they constantly wanted assurance that He was with them and would take care of them. Why did they always need reassurance?

They needed reassurance, because the Israelites were always wallowing in self-pity. They were hurting and angry with God. The Israelites did not have true "faith and trust" in God. The Israelites had "faith and trust" in God only when He worked a wonder for them. However, when that wonder faded from memory, so did their "faith and trust" in God. The Israelites' "insatiable thirst" for another sign from God, was the result of feeling sorry for themselves, living in their own self-pity.

In the Gospel, the Samaritan woman came alone at midday to Jacob's well to draw water, because she was rejected by the other women, probably because of her lifestyle. She too was living in self-pity. Jesus saw in her, a woman who had an "insatiable thirst." He saw a woman who thirsted for love, who had five husbands and currently had another lover. Jesus offered this woman "living water," and the Samaritan woman went from self-pity and rejection and thirst, to "faith and trust" and fulfillment in Jesus, in His graces, and in His gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Samaritan woman's thirst for "living water" led her to the source of "living water," Jesus Christ. It is the same "insatiable thirst" that has led our Catechumen, Candidates and children to seek full reception, full initiation into the Church, the Body of Christ. These Catechumen and Candidates are seeking the waters of eternal life through Baptism, Confirmation and especially the Eucharist.

So, how does our "insatiable thirst" lead the rest of us to trust and believe in Jesus' gift of "living water" and eternal life through the Holy Spirit during this Lenten Season? It leads us to make our "daily trip to the well." We need to come to the same well from which the Samaritan woman left as a disciple of Jesus. We need to come to the well of prayer. When we pray, we draw from the well of Jesus' grace, wisdom, and love, refreshing and nourishing our souls, strengthening us for the discipleship He calls us to.

***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*

## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Stephen J. Adamczyk - State Deputy



Do you ever visit the Supreme Knights of Columbus website? Read below.

**Unity** - None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that-together-we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that - as a Knight as you work to make life better in your parish and community. It just sums up what we stand for and what we do, in simple terms. Utilize the information at hand and share it with potential members.

Guess what? We have 31 days this month to recruit and schedule so many first degrees that we can set a State Record! Who is up for it? The District Deputies have accepted every challenge I have with zeal and courage, and knowing that the ultimate SUCCESS of every council is at stake. I'm sure they will assist any council to make their Star Council Goal THIS MONTH! Why wait, get the recruiting out of the way and take the time to concentrate on the paperwork for Star Status! Let's offer every Catholic Male over the age of 18 the chance of a life time, a chance to join men like you in the brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus.

As we prepare for the months ahead, I have to say that I am extremely proud to be your State Deputy, and call you all brother knights. The charity and good works I have been witness to across the State is amazing to say the least. I have visited schools that without the Knights, they would not have the ability to carry on the functions their students need. I have visited the Pregnancy Centers that have Ultrasound machines from the Knights, and listened to testimony that these machines truly save lives. The veterans who benefit from our wheelchair program, and stay warm with blankets the councils and assembly's provide. The many thank you letters received by the State Office and Councils that I have seen, give witness to the fact that your deeds do not go unnoticed. I cannot say it loudly enough, I am proud to be your brother knight. Keep up the Great Work!

Lastly do you have your rosary and do you pray it often? Please continue to pray for all the State Officers as we continue our task of leading the State. May we always consider the Good of the State and the Good of the Order.

*God Bless and Vivat Jesus*

Have You Visited The State Website Lately?

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

## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Michael P. Davenport - District Deputy



I proudly bring you greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Stephen J. Adamczyk who's motto is "Be Not Afraid Our Strength is Our Courage"

Last month we celebrated a day of showing love to friends and loved ones. The special day comes once a year but the love remains forever. As we are aware Valentine's Day, also known as Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine is celebrated in many countries around the world. It began as a liturgical celebration of early Christian saints named Valentinus. Saint Valentine of Rome was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment, he healed the daughter of his jailer. His story states that before his execution he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell. The day evolved romantically into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers and other offering of love and affection. In Europe keys are given to lovers as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart.



As we begin the Month of March the love continues as Spring approaches. Although it appears as though it approaches with the roar of a lion it will be here soon and we must use the same keys as a symbol of love to unlock our hearts and release the charity and love. The same shown to us through the method of salvation our Christ showed in his unlocking of our place in heaven with his death and rising.

The Maryland State Charity fund is in dire need of refueling. We have given out, in grants, all monies received this year in donations and would hate to have to say no to any brother requesting help. We continue to urge our Grand Knights to distribute the charity envelopes to the council for donations.

Last month a focus on Round Tables which are attended by our councils that support more than one parish resulted in a gathering of information that has identified Councils in need of assistance in organizing these tables of brotherhood. As we remembered in February, that without our ladies, as Knights we would be less than what we are, we move through March and the Lenten Season preparing for Easter devoted to fasting, abstinence, and penitence. Sacrifice is key and remember, One degree per district per month, One Star council per council per Steve.

We ask for prayers for the State as we continue Fr McGivney's good works, and that our deliberations are always centered on his goals and principles. Do you have your rosary and do you pray it often?

# SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight*



Last month we observed the 42nd anniversary of the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision. Of all the things that will be said about this court case in the days ahead, one thing remains beyond dispute: Abortion is the issue that will not go away.

Indeed, 42 years after the Supreme Court handed down its decision, most Americans consider abortion to be morally wrong, and a large majority wants significant restrictions on its availability. As long as this is the case, *Roe v. Wade* cannot be considered as “settled.”

There is another reason as well: The fundamental ruling of *Roe v. Wade* rests upon a falsehood, namely that we cannot tell when the life of a human being begins. Today, we know beyond doubt that a child in the womb is precisely that — a child. No constitutional system can rest secure when it is premised on what is widely believed by many to be a lie.

And there is a third reason: No legal system can be truly committed to human rights if it supports the principle that it is acceptable to intentionally kill the innocent. *Roe v. Wade* not only accepts this principle, but elevates it to a constitutional right.

During the recent U.S. elections, some pro-life candidates poorly articulated their position and lost, and some pro-abortion candidates embraced their position to an extreme and still won. For this reason, some have suggested that a candidate in the future cannot hope to be both pro-life and successful.

The grand illusion regarding the abortion issue is that it can be treated exclusively in political terms. Because abortion is fundamentally a moral question, we should expect it to be resolved in accordance with philosophical and ethical principles.

Certainly, many of those who voted in favor of abortion rights were acting according to their own principles. For nearly two centuries, philosophers of both the left and the right have laid the groundwork for society's

acceptance of abortion.

In the 19th century, Karl Marx and Frederick Engels argued that the traditional family structure oppressed women. The only way women could gain true equality, they said, was to be “liberated” from the responsibilities of motherhood and family, and by finding employment outside the home. For these writers, the demands of family life made true equality impossible.

On the other side, the libertarian philosopher John Stuart Mill likewise believed that the communal demands of family life made true individual freedom impossible.

Whether socialist or libertarian, both sides saw family as the problem and agreed that the solution was for women to escape motherhood and family. And so today, on both the left and the right, we find those who maintain that “liberation” depends upon the absolute power to control fertility and therefore depends upon the availability of legal abortion.

Within the Christian tradition, we understand that, in regard to the transmission of human life, we are called to cooperate with our Creator and that no person is entitled to claim absolute control over another human life already called into existence. The life of every human being is first and foremost a gift of the Creator.

In these circumstances, the responsibility of Catholics remains clear: It is to articulate a clear, consistent understanding of Catholic social teaching in regard to the dignity of the human person, marriage and the family. It is our responsibility to do this in season and out of season, regardless of which political party may benefit. As Catholics, our course must be set by our Church's moral compass and not by partisan political calculation or advantage.

And what of the Knights of Columbus? We are called to be what our name implies — to be faithful, to be steadfast, to come to the defense of those who cannot defend themselves and to remain on the field until the field is won.

*Vivat Jesus!*



## *Fraternal Benefits Advisor - Protect Your Family With Knights of Columbus Insurance - Your Shield of Strength*

*David D. Benjamin - Field Agent*

As the economy begins to shake off a half-decade of turbulent times, the Knights of Columbus is celebrating 14 consecutive years of insurance business growth.

We've weathered the storm when others haven't, because we know how to navigate. We've weathered the storm when others made costly mistakes, because we don't take on unnecessary risk.

Our strength is undeniable. More members than ever before see it and are using our shield to protect their families. Are you?

If you need life insurance — and chances are you do — why would you look anywhere else? Let us be your shield.

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest life insurers in North America? The knights of Columbus has surpassed \$96 billion of insurance in force and is a member of the Fortune 1000.

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus consistently earns the highest possible rating for its ethical business practices and sound investment strategies? A.M. Best, a global leader in the rating and analysis of insurance companies, has given the Knights of Columbus their highest financial strength rating (A++, Superior) for 39 consecutive years. There is simply no more highly rated insurance company in North American than your Knights of Columbus. Last year, the Knights was also named a “World's Most Ethical Company” by the Ethisphere Institute.

Did you know that providing financial benefits for members was the reason the Venerable Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus? Our founding charter from 1882 makes it clear: The Knights of



Columbus' primary goal is “to render financial aid to its members and the beneficiaries of members.”

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus offers a full, top-quality product line of life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement annuities? We have products and solutions to fit your family's needs and budgets. A Knights of Columbus agent is available to provide a complementary, comprehensive analysis to assess your situation.

Did you know that there are a number of products and services that you may be eligible for, just for being a Knight? Whether it's our family fraternal benefits program, our survivor benefits or our Personal Planning workbook, there are a lot of ways that the Knights of Columbus Insurance program can benefit you and your family.

Did you know that there are more than 1,400 Knights of Columbus agents throughout the United States and Canada? They are dedicated, full-time professionals, who live to serve you, your family and your community.

There might be quite a bit that you don't know about Knights of Columbus Insurance and about the fraternal and financial benefits of your membership. Join the hundreds of thousands of your brother Knights who use our shield as their protection.

***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.***

# MASTER'S LOG REPORT

John F. Winfrey - Master AWD

**Greetings Brothers,**

As we continue this fraternal 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 (7401 Surratts Road, Clinton, MD 20735)	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 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Thamm, 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. Thamm, FDD, PGK, PFN  
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 Lexington Park, MD 20653-3627  
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## Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

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



# BISHOP JAMES E. WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

*Francis P. Blidi - Faithful Navigator*



As I write this article the District is in the middle of preparing for the Exemplification. This is a very special time of year because this is when we introduce the greatest fraternal organization to an entirely new group of men and their families, and as such change the lives of many people. While we prepare for this Exemplification I have been given some thought to who would make a good Sir Knight and what type of man is ideal for our honored Order.

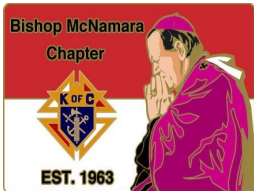
It came to me that this is nothing new. Our world has always relied on good men and in history we even called them Knights. We remember stories of the Knights of the Round Table where before even

being considered for that great honor a man would have to demonstrate years of dedicated service to his country and Church. He would have to show the world that charity was his guiding principle in his life. Proving his strong moral character through daily acts of kindness to his fellow man. Standing for what is right and good.

Moreover, being the true defender of the disadvantaged and weak. So I thought how is this different from today. When we look at a prospective 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knight, do we not look for the same characteristics? Are we not looking for men of good upstanding values who will stand for what is right in our own country? Aren't we looking for the good patriot just as they did in years past? Of course the answer is **YES**.

## BISHOP MCNAMARA CHAPTER

*Richard Earenfight - Chapter President*



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 2014-2015 Columbian Year. To that end, we have two primary tasks facing us: membership growth and council support. Each meeting focuses on developing the leadership capacity of knights in attendance. Therefore it is important that we have attendance from member councils. We have taken on the task through creative strategies to create chapter meeting attendance. The Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights consists of the following fifty-eight member councils:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| St. Mary's 1470           | St. Michael's 2065          |
| Fr. Rosensteel 2169       | Patuxent 2203               |
| Archbishop Neale 2279     | Dr. John Henry Griffin 2293 |
| Montgomery 2323           | Sacred Heart 2577           |
| Rock Creek 2797           | Prince Georges 2809         |
| Holy Face 3849            | St. Pius X 4076             |
| St. Columille 5317        | Mother Seton 5381           |
| John F. Kennedy 5482      | Holy Family 5547            |
| St. Jerome 5564           | St. Joseph Manyanet 5567    |
| Fr. Peter Paul Maher 6793 | Our Lady of Fatima 6901     |
| Calvert 7870              | St. John Francis Regis 7914 |

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| Immaculate Conception 8159         | Our Lady Star of the Sea 9258   |
| St. Mary of the Assumption 9302    | Mater Dei 9774                  |
| Thomas Lyon 9808                   | Immaculate Heart of Mary 9968   |
| St. Mary's of Landover Hills 10046 | St. Hugh 10885                  |
| St. Francis Xavier 10927           | Horace B. McKenna 11024         |
| St. Paul 11105                     | St. John the Baptist 11106      |
| St. John the Evangelist 11171      | Our Lady Seat of Wisdom 11259   |
| Queen of the Americas 11304        | James C. Fletcher, Jr. 11422    |
| Holy Ghost 11484                   | Most Holy Rosary 11511          |
| Deacon John Lynn 11619             | Our Lady of Vietnam 11769       |
| Our Lady of Guadalupe 12127        | Maurice J. McDonough 12128      |
| Fr. Bernard Harding 12180          | Fr. Peter C. Boyle 12254        |
| St. Elizabeth 12796                | Msgr. Thomas M. Wells 13008     |
| Fr. Sebastien De Rose 13091        | Sedes Sapientiae 13295          |
| El Consejo de San Juan Diego 13463 | Resurrection of Our Lord 14099  |
| St. Rose of Lima 14297             | Fr. Michael C. Kidd 14455       |
| Jesus the Good Shepherd 14572      | Jesus the Divine Word 14775     |
| San Luis Batiz Sainz 15003         | St. Michael the Archangel 15084 |

Join us at our next meeting on March 18th at Saint Mary's Council 1470 , 41605 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, Maryland 20650. Meeting start promptly at 8 P.M. In addition to a spectacular agenda, the meeting will also include the commencement of acceptance of nomination for officers for the 2015-2016 Columbian year.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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**PAST PROGRAM - MARDIS GRAS:**

The Fletcher Council Mardi Gras Party has come and gone. The program held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, 7pm to 12 midnight, in our Parish Rosemont Room, was a huge success. Despite the inclement weather, the attendance was good and the fun was immeasurable. Tickets sold out, night was fun filled live band, wonderful dinner, drinks from our open bar, and fun, fun, fun! Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary who engaged to beautify the Rosemont Room in the colors of this Louisiana culture event, decorated the tables and provided beads. We couldn't have asked for a better outcome!



**LENTEN FISH FRY:**

The following two dates have been chosen for the Fletcher Council Lenten Fish Fry: February 27th and March 13th. Each day, sales start at 12-noon and end 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 for delivery to customers in the local area.

**CUP OF JOE:**



Fletcher Council has approved funding for a Cup of Joe Breakfast program this first quarter of 2015. It is proposed that the procurement of items, assembly and delivery of the breakfast bags will be done by third week of March. Parish Ministries had met upon invitation of the Social Justice Ministry to discuss ways of contributing to the welfare of the homeless at area shelters, through the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Charities Cup of Joe breakfast program. This program is designed to provide take away bags of nutrition filled snacks and drinks to residents of homeless shelters who would otherwise not have any breakfast before leaving the shelters in the morning. This first initiative is expected to serve over 400 breakfast bags at the New York Avenue shelter in NE, Washington, DC.

**REDSKINS/FEDEX CONCESSION STAND:**

We are into a new Season and year with the Concession stand program. Last year was an improvement on past years. We hope more brothers will sign up for training as our first game is a soccer match on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

We remain thankful to all Brothers who have participated in one way or the other to support Council programs. 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**

Alan Davis, Church Activities Director  
 adavis1960@verizon.net



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March, a month of change, a month when the daylight lengthens and the earth begins its renewal for spring. Change always takes effort, commitment and a will of spirit. When *we* change for **Christ**, we allow ourselves to be open to His love and then to share that love with others. We are now in the season of **Lent** and we as Catholics know we must change our hearts and souls in preparation for Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. The church provides us the opportunity to change our souls through the sacrament of penance or confession as it is commonly known. "The basic requirement for a good Confession is to have the intention of returning to God like the Prodigal Son and of acknowledging our sins with true sorrow before His representative, the priest".

"*The Light is on For You,*" it offers us the sacrament of penance (Reconciliation) each Wednesday night during Lent from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Washington. Brothers, please take advantage of this sacrament to prepare our souls for **Christ's** triumphant victory over **sin and death** on *Easter Morning*.

**Lenten Calendar**

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

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

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301-262-2350

The council's Annual Mardi Gras was a fantastic event. It was held on Saturday, February 14th in the beautifully decorated Rosemont Room at St. Joseph Catholic Church. It was a sell out, with many on the waiting list for tickets. The Decorating Committee, provided the true New Orleans décor flavor to the Rosemont Room. Bob Sistare and his crew provided exquisite bar service.



During the festivities, *Deacons Alton Davis (Lady Jane)* and *Al Douglas Turner (Lady Jannette)* were recognized for their outstanding and continuing support that they provide to the church, council and the St. Joseph community. The festivities reached a crescendo with the selection of its Mardi Gras Queen. Our ecstatic King for the evening was Grand Knight Thomas F. Matthews, who proudly danced and pranced during the Mardi Gras Parade, to the foot stomping tune of "*When The Saints Go Marching In.*"

Much thanks go our to our co-coordinators *Cal Thompson* and *Vern Hawkins* for a fabulous evening. Also, special thanks to brother *William "Bill" Harris* and the *Exclusives Band* for providing just the right music and songs to keep the crowd "*a jumping*". And, much credit goes to the Fletcher Council members and their Ladies and to those who braved the weather on a very snowy night.

Finally, a world of thanks to *Lady Gloria Newman* and her catering team for a magnificent dinner. The Gumbo, as usual was delicious. Sadly, this was the culmination of Gloria's service as our Mardi Gras caterer. After nearly 20-years of providing catering service for our Mardi Gras, she is retiring. We will miss her. However, we pray and wish her nothing but the best in her retirement.



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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## Fish'n & A Fry'n At St. Joseph

Yes, we were a "Fish'n & A Fry'n At St. Joseph" on Friday, February 27, 2015. It is said that "if you build it, they will come." Well we did not build it, but we sure did cook it, and "boy did they come" to the annual Fletcher Council Fish Fry.



It was "finger licking good" exclaimed Past Grand Knight Kermit Gresham as he put the finishing touches on a healthy platter of one of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council's Fish Fry Dinners.

They came from near and far. Pictured here is Former District Deputy Joe Massimini of Sacred Heart Council 2577 with Grand Knight Thomas Matthews.



Flanked by Lady Etoile and our Fish Fry Chairman, Cal Thompson, we had many such hungry guests, to include Fr. Roy E. Campbell. So too was Deacon Turner who picked up two orders and headed home to enjoy.



Welcoming and assisting our customers with their menu selections were Lady Etoile, Harold Sanders and Gloria Ramey.



Our rotating serving crew included, from left to right: Cathy Gresham, Vanessa Cheeves, Cal Thompson, Dorothy Newman, and Jannette Davis.

**We Are Going To Do It Again On  
March 13, 2015  
Same Place - Same Time**

When you are hungry, you are hungry, and that includes Fr. Tony from...Church. He just happens to be visiting Fr. Campbell and could not resist the urge that the mention of Fish Fry has on a person.



Let us not forget the hub of our operations, the "Kitchen Crew." This too consisted of a rotating team. Shown about, from left to right, are Vernon Hawkins, Bernard Broadus, and John Huntley. The team also included: Jim Gant, Charles Okpah, Alan Davis, Kermit Grasham, John Grier, Ike Agbim, Michael Akpan, Sharon Thompson and several others.

**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

**PLACE YOUR ORDER / INFORMATION**

Cal Thompson 301-928-2157 Harold Sanders 301-390-7150  
Calls Must Be Placed Between 9 A.M. & 5 P.M. Weekday Only  
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**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

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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.

*Maryland State  
Knights of Columbus*

## 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

**School of the Incarnation**  
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**Chairman**  
John Vassallo (410) 703-4250

**MEMBERSHIP QUEST**

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



240-441-9086



During the month of March, we will be conducting a membership drive at St. Joseph parish. Do support this drive by passing the word to your friends, relatives and those next to you in the church pew. We are looking for Catholic men, 18 years and older. **Now, spread the word!**

Remember, becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform a person’s life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight.

We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor.

**PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES**

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The semi-annual 40 Days for Life campaign began on Ash Wednesday, kicking off in 252 cities across 19 countries around the world. In previous campaigns, the vigil has saved 9,699 babies from abortion, convinced 107 abortion industry workers to quit, and 60 abortion centers to close. What a great set of accomplishments. The sites in Maryland where vigils are being held are:

- Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic (5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park) local coordinator Tom Trunk (301-513-9738; 40daysforlife@gmail.com)
- Hillcrest Clinic (5602 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville); local coordinator Julia Owens (410-689-9316; 40daysforlifebaltimore@gmail.com)
- Whole Women’s Health (7648 Belair Road; Baltimore); local coordinator Jody (443-876-3304); 40daysforlifefullerton@gmail.com)
- Reproductive Health Services (13233 Executive Park Terrace; local coordinator Andrew Glenn (301-202-4035; prayforcarhart@gmail.com)

*A human being is always sacred and  
inviolable, in any situation and at every stage  
of development.*

[Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium]

**K C LADIES AUXILIARY**

Cathy Gresham, President

301-868-5795

We pulled off a fantastic Pancake Breakfast last month. We gleefully fed the St. Joseph parishioners after the 8 o’clock and 11 P.M. Masses on Sunday, February 8th.



**“We Are Out Of  
PanCakes”**

It was a well orchestrated TEAM effort. The KC Ladies extends a well deserved THANKS to the James C. Fletcher Council members for their help. I can still hear the call for **“More Pancakes Please, Pass the Syrup”** and whispers of **“I am full.”**

**SQUIRES IN ACTION**

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As the Maryland State Chapter gears up for the Spring Meeting and our Brother Knights gear up for the Fourth Degree Exemplification, our Squires Circle Members are gearing up for their final induction into our ranks. Although they are considered members their final step will be the completion of the Squires membership ceremony where they will be officially inducted into the ranks of young men committed to Charity. Our Grace filled young men will advance in their individual missions as effective role models who reflect Christ in what they say and in what they do.

As Knights we are encouraged to not just become leaders but to support other leaders and to nurture and forge new leaders that will go back into the world and into their environments and make a difference. Our young leaders are learning that how they live their lives motivated by the Grace inside gives them the power to affect the world as it changes, as they walk through it. An appeal to Council Knights to actively take part in this mission as Counselors was expressed at the last meeting and brothers have stepped up. Thank you to our Worthy Grand Knight and Brother Alvin Davis for answering the call to mentorship. All other brothers who are willing to complete the training and the background checks are welcome. A special thanks goes out to all of the brothers who have supported thus far, including our very Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Ike Agbim and Brother John Grier (The Lazer Tag King) included.

During last month's Knight Sunday we presented the Squires with a token of our appreciation and a symbol of their good deeds and intentions. The Martin Luther King Junior Squires Circle 12424 of the James C Fletcher, Jr. Counsel 11422 banner was displayed and visibly energized them for their step up for Charity.

As stated in the presentation the Squires are the grass roots of the organization we call the Knights of Columbus. As their mentors and elders we are obligated to guide them as our future leaders. Before the year has ended there will be three Squires inducted into our ranks as Brother Knights. Our Worthy Grand Knight is proud, I am proud and there is no doubt that Father Michael J. McGivney is proud too.

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

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*Congratulations to SK John A. Adeleye, Sr. and family on their selection as the Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus Family of the Year. This is the highest and most prestigious family award presented by the State Council. The family will be honored and recognized at the State Founders Day Award Mass and Dinner in Baltimore, MD on March 28, 2015. The family will also be the Maryland State Council's representative for consideration for the Supreme Council's International Family of the Year Award.*

**MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL**  
**117<sup>th</sup> 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)  
 6:00 PM to Convention Registration  
 8:00 PM (Barbados Room)  
 7:00 PM Mass & Opening Session of  
 Convention (Caribbean Hall)  
 7:00 PM 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)



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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



**Marian Title for March**  
**Our Lady of the Poor (Banneux)**



Our Lady of Banneux' is the sobriquet given to the apparition of the Virgin Mary to Mariette Beco, an adolescent girl living in Banneux, province of Liege (Belgium). Between January 15<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1933, Mile Beco told her family and parish priest of seeing a Lady in white who declared herself to be the 'Virgin of the Poor', saying *I come to relieve suffering and believe in me and I will believe in you*. In one of these visions, Mariette said the Lady asked her to drink from a

small spring, telling her the spring was for healing and "for all nations". Over time the site drew pilgrims. Today, the small spring yields about 2,000 gallons of water a day with many reports of miraculous healings.

Her claims were subject to an official investigation from 1935 to 1937 by an episcopal commission. The evidence collected was submitted to Rome for further analysis. In May 1942 Bishop Kerkhofs of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Liege (Belgium) gave a first recognition of the authenticity of the facts. Then, in 1947, approval for the apparitions came from the Holy See. It was declared definite in 1949.

After the apparitions, Beco decided to remain a private person, married and had a quiet family life. A small chapel stands where the Virgin of the Poor requested it to be built.

Mariette Beco died on December 2, 2011 at the age of 90. In 2008 she made a final statement about her role in the apparitions. "I was no more than a postman who delivers the mail. Once this has been done, the postman is of no importance any more".

**Let Us Always Remember**



**James C. Fletcher, Jr.**

*May 20, 1934 - June 28, 1994*



**Please, Remember In Your Prayers**

**Members Who Are Ill**



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## REFLECTIONS

*Lawrence P. Grayson*

### *A Foretaste of the Future*

Lent has begun and the raucous Mardi Gras carnivals for 2015 are over. These annual rites are celebrated in many countries and in dozens of cities across America. The New Orleans bacchanal, which is this nation's largest and oldest, has been described on one website aimed at the college crowd as "the annual festival of drunken debauchery and excessively good times."

This festivity epitomizes the hedonistic self-centeredness that permeates much of Western society. The focus is totally on me – my pleasure, my career, my advancement, my future. The attitude is carried into organizations, as major companies have begun paying valued female employees to delay childbearing in order to concentrate on their careers. Children are an impediment to corporate success.

The results – a dearth of children and demographic decline – are being experienced widely among economically-advanced. The fertility rate in Japan, for example, is 1.4 children per couple, well below the 2.1 needed to keep the population from shrinking. By 2060, that nation's population is projected to fall by 30 percent; for every 10 people 4 will be 65 or older while less than 1 will be 14 or under.

What is happening in Japan is occurring in many other countries that are struggling with below-replacement fertility rates. Italy's health minister recently said her nation is dying because its people do not want children. With a fertility rate of 1.4 and 40 percent of Italian couples choosing not to have children, the country as it presently exists is doomed.

Taiwan's president recently warned that his country's lack of children is a serious national security threat. In 1951, the average Taiwanese woman had seven children; today, the fertility rate is 1.1. In Britain, the fertility rate is 1.9; in Russia 1.6; in Spain 1.5; and in Germany 1.4.

America is on a similar track. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in December 2014, reported that the number of births in the United States in 2013 declined 9 percent from 2007 – the last time it was at the replacement level – depressing the fertility rate to 1.86. This is lower than during the Great Depression of the 1930s, and the lowest it has been since the late 1970s when there was high unemployment, inflation, long-lines at the gas-pump and, as President Carter described it, a national loss of "confidence in the future" characterized by "paralysis and stagnation and drift."

The low fertility rates have enormous implications for every sector of a nation's society – the economy, social stability, health care, pensions, defense, and foreign relations, among others – regardless of the country's political system or views. Big government, social security, national health care and other entitlement programs are not sustainable if there are not enough future taxpayers being born to fund them. The free market and the creation of new companies and industries cannot continue if labor shortages are due to a population profile that is radically skewed toward the aged. Abortion, contraception, delayed child bearing, high rates of divorce and a laxity towards mar-

riage are depriving many nations of their next generations. How and in what form will these countries survive?

Giving birth implies an optimistic view of the future. In his general audience on February 11, Pope Francis stated that "Children are a gift." He asked people to "think of the many societies we know here in Europe. They are depressed societies because they don't want children, they don't have children." He further said, "A society that is not surrounded by children because it considers them a problem has no future."

The Pope blamed a "culture of well-being" for convincing married couples that a life of prosperity and indulgence, marked by travel, vacations and summer homes, is better than having children. But the lives of these couples "will end in old age in solitude, with the bitterness of bad solitude." An increasingly infertile present can quickly become a barren future. A nation without children will eventually lead to the decline of the nation.

Catholic women in America have typically borne more children than the general population. This has been attributed to Church doctrine prohibiting birth control, the family culture of immigrant populations, a strong sense of religious identity and solidarity, and the prominent place of churches and Catholic schools in Catholic communities. Starting in the late 1960s, with dissent over Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae* and confusion over the teachings of Vatican II, there has been a lessening of adherence to Catholic doctrine, an increase in people leaving the faith, and for many who remain less faithfulness in its practice. Today, Catholics are barely distinguishable from other religious groups in their attitudes toward contraception, abortion, marriage, religious attendance, and other moral-social indicators.

Since 1970, in spite of a 50 percent increase in the number of people who identify themselves as Catholics, there have been huge decreases in the number of children attending Catholic elementary and secondary schools, in enrollments in parish religious education programs, in Baptisms, First Communions and Catholic marriages. Further, less than half of the alleged Catholics presently attend Mass even once a month.

While secularism and individualism are fueling demographic decline, a reinvigorated faith in God is the antidote. Faith helps us realize that our lives have a purpose greater than the materialism of this temporary world, and that there is a loving, merciful but just God who will judge our actions here on earth. This prompts us to be more faithful to our religion, to our responsibilities, to our families and neighbors, and more open to life.

Let us use this Lenten period to dwell on the sacrifices Our Lord made for us, rejoice in His Easter Resurrection, and begin the rejuvenation of our Faith.



When his 38 caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked

The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and after a little shopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence, sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and he also lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.

After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for three days.

An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.

A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer... \$15. *[If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?]*

Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape...

As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes", officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street by sucking on a hose, he got much more than he bargained for... Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline, but he plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

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of a  
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| Chief Squire               | Jordon Gill       |
| Deputy Chief Squire        | Agya Adomuko      |
| Notary                     | Justin Okpah      |
| Bursar                     | Justin Onyeador   |
| Sentries                   | Nelson Okpah      |
| Spiritual Committee Chair  | Stephen Bazuaye   |
| Membership Committee Chair | Kofi Nyome Mireku |
| Service Committee Chair    | Chinazom Ojiaku   |

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**\*\*MARCH\*\***



- 04 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 P.M.**
- 06 **World Day of Prayer**
- 08 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 09 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting 8 P.M.
- 09 Maryland March For Life
- 13 **Fletcher Council Fish Fry**
- 14 State Spring Meeting, Westminster Council
- 15 State Free Throw Competition, Gambrills, MD
- 15 Knights Sunday, 11:00 Mass
- 17 **St. Patrick’s Day**
- 19 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 P.M., First Degree**
- 18 McNamara Chapter Meeting, St. Mary’s Council 1470 Leonardtown, MD
- 20 **First Day of Spring**
- 22 Founder’s Day Mass & Awards Dinner, Our Lady Queen of Peace
- 29 Palm Sunday