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James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 - Knights of Columbus

GRAND KNIGHT'S CHRONICLE

Thomas F. Matthews, II - Grand Knight



My Worthy Brothers, October has been another memorable month for Our Council. We had several member of MLK Squire Circle as well as some members of our Church community participate in the District soccer shootout. Chief Squire Jordan Gill won the shootout in his age group (17-18) and is on his way to the State shootout in November. Let's support him in any way we can.

The family of the Month presentation was a special event for October. The *Hawkins Family* was presented with a certificate not by the Grand Knight but by a special presenter, Deacon A. Douglass Turner. Brother Hawkins and his family are very special to our council, therefore the Grand Knight decided to the surprise of the Deacon and the Hawkins by having this award presented in this manner. Deacon Turner is the Associate Chaplin of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council.

The Halloween party was another safe and successful event for our church community. I want to thank all the Brother Knights that made this event a great time for all the kids that had the opportunity to participate. The costumes were outstanding and the kids had fun.

The *Cup of Joe* event on October 29, 2014 was a big success thanks to our Worthy DKG Ike Agbim and our Worthy Brother Vernon Hawkins. I also want to thank Ms. Eileen Thomas for allowing the Knights in helping the homeless in this special way. Thanks to all the Brothers and the other church organizations that helped out.

We are now preparing for the arrival of the Relics of The Saints. This event is scheduled for November 7th, 2014. This is a special event which Deacon Turner has requested the Knights to participate. It was an honor and a pleasure to except this invitation. Let's have as many Knights support this Sacred Event as possible.

CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

Fr. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.



Father, just as Jesus did His Father's will, and His Father exalted Him above all others. What is the will of our heavenly Father? To help one another on our journey to the inheritance that Jesus bought for us, eternal salvation. How do we help one another? By doing what Jesus teaches us and by doing what He did, serving one another. When we follow Jesus, we do not just "talk a good game". Can you think of anyone you know who "talks a good game"? Are you familiar with a person who "says one thing, but does another"? Jesus tells the crowds that the Pharisees are just this type of people. They are the Jews' religious leaders, yet what they tell the Jewish people to do is not what they do themselves.

In fact, the Pharisees place burdens on the people with their religious laws that cannot be easily obeyed. The Pharisees do not try to help the people with these religious burdens, and they do not follow all of these laws themselves. The laws that the Pharisees do follow, they make public display of their actions, in order to garner the praise of the people. They want to be seen as great among the people.

"The Souls of the Just are in the Hands of the Lord."

Jesus on the other hand had earlier told the people that "my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Jesus tells the crowds, and us, that to be truly great among the people, we must be the servants of others. Then, our greatness is truly a reflection of the only Great One, Jesus Christ, who came to serve, not to be served. We have only one teacher to show us how to serve, Jesus Christ, who is our Lord. He did Himself, what He taught us to do.

Our Lord teaches us that true greatness come from doing the will of our heavenly Father, we put our "talk" into action by our deeds that prove our love for God, by our love for our neighbor.

This Sunday, our Masses Commemorate "All Souls," those who have passed from this life to eternal life. If they lived this life following Jesus' commandments of love for God and neighbor, then the words from St. John's Gospel gave them comfort.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."

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COME PRAY WITH US



*All Council Members
Are Invited To
Knight's Sunday
Every 3rd Sunday
Of The Month
At The 11 A.M. Mass*

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Stephen J. Adamczyk - State Deputy



As we settle into the fall months, we have the opportunity to count our blessings in the character of those that surround us. Soon, we'll conduct our Memorial Mass and in it, we'll recite the necrology. As we do this every year, certain names come up that evoke fond memories for me - pleasant experiences, funny times, or a special friendship that would have not otherwise occurred.

These people are all blessings from God, the ones we've lost and the ones that surrounds us still.

Just finished the fall meeting. I was honored to see all 32 District Deputies in attendance. As State Deputy, I can see that they are a blessing in the way that they allow me to extend my reach in the Maryland State Council.

I just received a report from State Incentive Chairmen Bill Van Horne and Lou Woods. Through their efforts and that of many Brother Knights throughout the Maryland jurisdiction, we sold nearly 300,000 tickets to raise funds for council charitable activities and for the state council to apply towards Catholic education in Maryland. We were blessed to have all of those people willing to dig into their pockets and purses for us.

It's not always easy to see the people that surround us in our daily lives as "blessings" when they sometimes be a pain. But they do truly fill our lives with experiences and memories. They are all part of the "buffet of life" that God has given us to help us enjoy our days here.

On Veteran's Day weekend, we will visit (and give thanks) to those that served in the military for our country and conduct a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. All Knights and their families are welcome to attend the ceremony on November 8, 2014 at 12:15 P.M.

And then, we will join our families on Thanksgiving - perhaps one of the best and most practiced opportunities to count our blessings. Football, food, friends, and family - now there's a blessing.

As a Knights of Columbus family, we are truly blessed and should rightfully pray that Mary will always make us aware of these and the many other blessings that fill our lives.

Hopefully now, we will all remember to set our clocks back on November 2nd. It too, is a blessing (perhaps a little more daylight in your morning).

Have You Visited The State Website Lately?

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Michael P. Davenport - District Deputy



I'm looking at leaves starting to fall and I'm grinding my teeth. I didn't get my summer "honey do's" done, and Home Depot is already setting up artificial Christmas Trees. Where does the time go?

But after a bit of reflection, I remember all of the good things we did with the time God gave us. The last three issues of the Fletcher Council's newsletter all highlight the council's accomplishments. Just leaf through them and you will see what I mean.

Your council is doing good things, good enough that I think they even make God smile. And isn't that what it's all about? We've been given this gift of life, but with a clock on it. The amount of time on that clock is known only to our Creator. So, our responsibility is to use our clock time wisely, generously, and charitably; making our Creator proud that he made the right decision in giving us this time we call "life".

The October edition of the Fletcher Council's newsletter, *KNIGHTLIFE*, was headlined with "A Priest Walks Amongst Us". Is there any better tribute to our Creator? There were other accomplishments that took up our time as recorded in *KNIGHTLIFE*. And there were other accomplishments that took up our time, in particularly the installation of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Squires Circle.

The District 3, Knights of Columbus, family is an impressive group of people. You've done an impressive body of work and we're not done. We are looking forward to spending even more of that time - the Tootsie Roll campaign for God's special Children, Cup of Joe, Thanksgiving Baskets, Scholarship Funding, and Memorial Mass just to name a few. Whether it's celebration, administration, fund raising, or praying as we roll up our Knights of Columbus' sleeves; we continue to show we are indeed our brother's keeper. *Well done!*

Vivat Jesus!

CONGRATULATIONS

SK Damel & Stephanie Goddard

"It's A Boy"



SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight

Gathering at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., for the first celebration of St. John Paul II's feast day as a saint, hundreds of guests had the opportunity to attend celebrations and tour the new permanent exhibit. With 200 Catholic schoolchildren attending the Mass for Young People, the Shrine also opened its doors to members of the media for touring and interviews.

Special guests to the shrine included Archbishop Mieczysław Mokrzycki, archbishop of Lviv, Ukraine, who served as personal secretary to John Paul from 1996 to the pope's death in 2005.

Also attending the day's event was Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, who worked closely with St. John Paul II on a number of projects, including the founding of the U.S. session of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. Shrine Executive Director Patrick Kelly was also on hand to answer questions about the exhibit.

The shrine itself is an initiative of the Knights of Columbus, and houses one of the major blood relics of St. John Paul II. The new "A Gift of Love: The Life of Saint John Paul II" exhibit is a unique 16,000-square-foot permanent tour de force that invites visitors to journey through nine galleries that trace the life, papacy and teachings of Pope John Paul II. The multimedia experience includes unique artifacts, audio-visual components and engaging interactive displays in a setting that inspires deep reflection on one



of the major intellectual, spiritual and historical figures of the 20th century. The exhibit focuses both on the events that shaped him and those he shaped: from his childhood to his youth in Nazi-occupied Poland, to his ministry as priest, bishop and cardinal during the Communist period, to his election to the papacy in 1978 and the subsequent remarkable, dynamic program that he oversaw as pope for the next 26 years, including the great lessons

of his poignant final days.

The new exhibit was designed by Gallagher and Associates – notable as the designers of the Sant Ocean Hall, at the National Museum of Natural History; the Gettysburg National Military Park and Visitor Center; and the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops designated the facility as a national shrine to highlight it as a national place of prayer that would also afford visitors the opportunity to learn about and reflect upon John Paul's life and mission. Pope Francis, through the Vatican secretary of state, said that "the Shrine will open wide its doors to the countless members of the faithful from the United States and abroad who remember Saint John Paul with gratitude and affection, and who trustingly seek his intercession and assistance."

BISHOP WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

Francis P. Blidi - Faithful Navigator

Veterans' Day

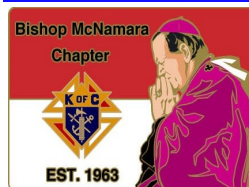


Remember, November 11th is Veterans' Day. Take a moment to reflect on all of those who made the supreme sacrifice and thank a Veteran for his or her service to our country.

Join us at the next Walsh Assembly meeting on Monday, November 10th at Sarto Hall, commencing at 8 P.M.

BISHOP MCNAMARA CHAPTER

Richard Earenfight - Chapter President



The November 19th Chapter Meeting will feature our Annual Memorial Mass for the souls of departed Knights and their Ladies. It will be held at Sacred Heart Council 2577, 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie, Maryland. Please attend.

If you have never attended a Memorial Mass, consider coming. To hear the necrology is a beautiful experience. Father McGivney was all to aware that our time on earth is brief but our time with our creator and Father was eternal. Take an evening and share with your brother knights the opportunity to remember those who have gone before and await our arrival with anticipation.

Following the Mass there will be a short meeting. There will also be a Silent Auction to benefit the Chapter President's charity for the year. Please arrive with your checkbook and pick up a small item for your home or office or make a donation.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Current Programs:

COUNCIL WEBSITE:

Our new website is up and running! It can be reached at the following URL:

<http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=11422>

While it is currently being actively upgraded, we encourage you to visit the page regularly for updates on council and other programs. Any documents, photos and information you feel with improve the website should be submitted to SK Mike Akpan for possible inclusion.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE:

This program which started from September 24th will end on November 2nd. You're invited to join with over 625,000 people worldwide who are saving babies and protecting women from the harm of abortion. 40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, helping people in local communities end the injustice of abortion through 40 days of prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil. This peaceful prayer vigil takes place daily from 7 A.M. – 7 P.M. at the **Metropolitan Family Planning, 5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park, MD (...we gather to pray in the public right-of-way outside the center)** The Fall campaign started on Saturday September 20th at 10 A.M. with an inspiring kick-off rally at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in College Park. The guest speaker was Fr. Thomas LaHood! For more information or to get involved, please contact: St. Joseph's ProLife coordinator - Peter Methodius (301-728-7827) Local 40 Days for Life campaign coordinator - Tom Trunk (240-593-6982) or email: 40daysforlifeMD@gmail.com.

COUNCIL AWARDS AND PLAQUES DISPLAY WALL:

Updates will be posted very soon on the status of the Display wall.

REDSKINS CONCESSION STAND:

Our participation in the FedEx has continued as we approach mid-season of this year's NFL games. Thanks to all Brothers who regularly participate in the concession stand service. We are excited that our Council is doing more working during games and events at the FedEx Field. *Stadium Concession stand work is fun!* We will now get visibility mileage as well, as we have received our new white polo's adorned with our Orders 3rd degree Logo and council name!



We encourage brothers to get trained for Stadium Concession Stand work. Training sessions are short and fairly simple, but a necessary requirement to helping out during events at the stadium. This work, even though done while standing, is not as difficult as it may sound. Our goal this Fraternal year remains to have at least 10 brothers fully trained and certified to participate on game days. Even with 4 volunteers per game, we stand to raise a substantial amount of money for our Council.



“CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES”

A CAMPAIGN WITH TOOTSIE ROLL REWARDS

We have started! And intend on going on until the last date. Kindly assist us in seeking donations for this Charity fundraiser from friends, family and others who wish to make a difference to the Intellectually disadvantaged.



We are arranging with Giant Foods Largo, Walmart, Bowie to secure dates to solicit funds in their storefronts. Read more about this work from the following culled from the Supreme, Knights of Columbus Website:

“One of the most popular and successful programs conducted by Knights of Columbus state and local councils for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities is the fund-raiser in which councils collect donations outside stores and on street corners. In appreciation, the donor is offered a candy bar, often a Tootsie Roll. The high visibility of this program has led to the campaign being referred to as the “Tootsie Roll Drive.”

An understandable, but misleading nickname. Worthy of note is the fact that the Knights of Columbus has no official tie to Tootsie Rolls or their manufacturer. In fact, many Councils participate in the same fundraising drive, but distribute other items.

THE “CUP OF JOE” BREAKFAST PROGRAM



Wednesday 29th of October is the day our Council and other Parish Ministries will packed the “historic” 400 bags of breakfast, for delivery to a homeless shelter in North East, Washington, DC. This Program may be an ongoing service commitment, or a one-time program for our Council to participate in. But one which should be gratifying, in that it's a service of healthy breakfast to our neighbors who may otherwise not have that meal. The Catholic Charities Website aptly summarizes this function:

“Cup of Joe is a breakfast-packaging program that serves men and women in Catholic Charities' shelters. It is a wonderful service that provides a sustainable option for breakfast to a population who desperately needs it. Over 1,000 people stay in our shelters every single night, and the program helps to provide a breakfast to anyone who asks for it as they leave the shelter each morning. It takes a lot of volunteers to make this effort a reality though

We are proud to serve as volunteers in the assembly line. All who are interested in volunteering their time for this program can contact me to sign up.

***Remember !!give a couple of hours a month to our council. There's is no mountain we cannot climb!
Working together we can keep the flag of our Council flying very high!***

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Council members recognized for their leadership in spearheading the C Anniversary of the "East of the River Fall Revival". Fr. Roy Campbell surprised SK Alan Davis and SK Deacon Al Douglas Turner on Knights Sunday with his thanks and presented each with a certificate of ap-

preciation.

November traditionally is the month set aside by the church to honor those who have dedicated their lives in faithful service to God and his people. St. Joseph continues this tradition by celebrating the *Mass of All Saints* on Saturday, November 1st at 10 A.M. This Mass recognizes those believers who in life and death have given themselves totally to God and the mission of evangeli-

zation. Miracles and other charismatic events are usually attributed to the saints. The *Mass of All Souls* will be celebrated Saturday, November 1st at 5 P.M and Sunday, November 2nd at 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. This Mass honors those parishioners and family members of St. Joseph who have passed this year. The Bereavement Ministry will perform all the ministry duties at the 5 P.M. Mass and a reception for families will follow in the Rosemont Room.

Veneration of the *Relics of Black Saints* will be held Friday, November 7th at 7 P.M. St. Joseph will have on display relics of Black Saints during this ceremony of remembrance. A reception and talk concerning the status of *Mother Lange's* journey to sainthood will follow the service. Deacon Al Douglas Turner and Deacon Curtis Turner will speak at the service and reception. Finally, a Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 27th at 10 A.M. to give thanks for the blessings and grace God provides us each day. Please take the time this month to give thanks for all of life's blessings.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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Happy Thanksgiving from my house to your house. In the spirit of thanksgiving, it is time to conduct the council's Tootsie Roll Campaign. Helping People with Intellectual Difficulties is a great way to demonstrate that we believe in, and practice the virtue of Charity. As Past Grand Knight James Brown once said: *"that God has been good to us. One element of our Thanksgiving should be the brotherhood we share in the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council of the Knights of Columbus. This brotherhood affords us the opportunity to share our talents with those who are less fortunate than we. I was particularly proud that just a couple of Knights standing front of a local food market, in less than an hour's work, was able to collect \$100.00 for the children with Intellectual Disabilities. Just imagine what more brothers' participation in this program could do for these very special children."*

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, let's remember to give thanks to God for all that we have and for being able to live in this great country, the United States of America. **Sharon and I wish you and your families a Blessed Thanksgiving.**

SQUIRES CIRCLE

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The Martin Luther King Jr. Squires Circle 04712 had their Installation after the 5 P.M. Mass on Saturday October 25, 2014. Congratulations to the officers and members. Following the installation was a reception with family friends and council members. RSVPs were encourage so that we could get a head count for refreshments. The event POC was Michael P. Davenport, Chief Councilor (301) 523-7374.

We are very proud of the Squires turnout for the State soccer shootout last month which was a great success and collaboration between the Knights of Columbus District 32 and District 3. It was nice to see such a large turnout of young people supporting the State and competing.

The Installation was a very important event and was the beginning of a unique partnership between the Squires, their parents and their Knights. Keep up the good work and don't let anything get in your way as success is the only option.

The Squires that were able to attend and participate in the shootout are especially thanked . As young Catholic men they are measured by their devotion to charity and their individual Christ like walk. Each Squire has been chosen with a unique and special purpose to serve. It cannot be expressed enough for them to move forward like the courageous Christopher Columbus with the exploration of themselves exploration of their spirits and exploration of all of the different ways they can express their spirituality and share the unique blessings they each have received.

Future events will include a Squires - Knights Bowling Tournament night, Support of the Worthy State Deputy and Maryland State Wreath Laying Ceremony and Fundraising for various charities. Parents will be included and will be able to see the results of what we expect from our Squires.



**SK Robert "Bob" Sistare
Financial Secretary
Was Recognized
At The Second Degree
For Outstanding Service**

"He Is The Greatest"

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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“Cup of Joe”

We Prepared Breakfast For 400+ Homeless People



Cup of Joe: History Making on a Charity Matter

The Fletcher Council has made our Order and entire St Joseph, Largo Parish community very proud by an outstanding showing in service of mankind.

October 29, 2014 is a historic day! James C. Fletcher Jr. Council participated in perhaps the first “Cup of Joe” - breakfast for the homeless packaging event in the state of Maryland under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Washington, Catholic Charities.

Our participation was not weak- it was a very strong showing of 15-20 Knights, their wives and several St. Joseph parishioners! It goes to reinforce our belief in giving, loving our neighbor and exhibiting pride of strength in numbers!

This act is also an act of our stewardship- our giving our all in response to the Lords call to follow him much as a response by Christ's disciples.

In the “Cup of Joe” program, we have found an opportunity to exemplify this stewardship of our fellow man, who despite his current disadvantage is loved equally as us by God our savior! Our work of mercy wins us much grace and favor and is akin to storing a *“..treasure in heaven that no thief can reach,”* Luke 12:33.

I remain humbled by our response to this call. I remain indebted to Eileen Thomas, SK Vern Hawkins and other members of the Social Justice Social Concerns Ministry who initiated this introductory packaging session. Kevin O'Brien of the Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Washington (AWD) was very kind and encouraging. I am grateful to Worthy Grand Knight Tim Matthews who trusted the Council coordination of such a big event to me. To all our Brothers who stepped up to the call to serve, you have made our Council proud, may God reward you and your families abundantly.

SK Ike Agbim
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FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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This October, the Knights of Columbus, James C. Fletcher Jr. Council 11422 is delighted to recognize the family of Vernon Hawkins, Jr. as the top Family of the Month for their exceptional open-ended contributions to St. Joseph Church, and/or Council. Vernon and his spouse Etoile de Hawkins are long time members of the St. Joseph's Parish and devout Christian parents of three children: Rhonda Jenkins, Vernon Hawkins, III and Michelle Williams, three Grandsons and two Great-Grand sons.



In Matthew's wedding banquet parable, earning a place in God's Kingdom can be achieved through good deeds that are beneficial to others not just thoughts. Vernon and Etoile involvements in all aspects of parish life at St. Joseph appear to reflect the lesson of the parable.

Etoile currently serves as Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Fletcher Council. She chairs the Bereavement Support Ministry and is the Administrator of the outside Memorial Wall. She is also a member of the Good Samaritan Ministry and is

involved in several other Church ministries and organizations.

Additionally, Fletcher Council records show that Vernon has served as the District Deputy for the Knights of Columbus, District 3, Past Grand Knight of the Fletcher Council and Faithful Navigator of Bishop Walsh Assembly. Despite those exceptional services, his continued ascribed involvements in the Church or Council activities are also numerous. Vernon currently not only serves as an officer in the Fletcher

Council Convention Delegate as Second Alternate, he also serves in the Council's Program Activity Committees and Fletcher Council-First and Second Degree Team as Public Relations, Newsletter Editor, Historian and Communications Director.

Vernon and Etoile have established an extraordinary record of service to God, the Church and the Community. We are indeed blessed to have such a willing to serve family in our parish. May the Almighty Father continue to guide and richly bless the Hawkins family.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Fletcher Council brought out the BIG GUNS for the District 3 & 32 Soccer Shootout



***After the Storm
 Clouds Cleared,
 We Have A
 Winner!!!***



***Jordan Gill
 First Place
 15-18 Year Age
 Group***

It is just wonderful when things just fall into place. So it was with the District 3 and 32 Soccer Shootout on Sunday, October 5th at St. Edwards the Confessor Church in Bowie, Maryland. We had 22 girls and 44 boys participate this year. Members of the St. Joseph Church, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Squires Circle, were active participants. Walking away with First Place in the 15-18 age group was none other than the Circle's Chief Squire Jordan Gill. Jordan, pictured above, will be participating in the State Finals on November 2, 2014.

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**The Knights of Columbus
 Then and Now**

In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney searched for a solution to the devastating problem of families left destitute by the unexpected death of the breadwinner. He had also experienced the effects of such a loss in his own family. After careful research, reflection and prayer, he conceived a solution – a fraternal benefit society grounded in the Catholic faith and anchored by insurance for members.

In 2014, we live in a very different age. Yet the need to protect families and children remains. It is our responsibility to take advantage of the resources available through our membership (insurance, income protection, long term care, annuities) to take care of the ones we love.

On June 24th for the 39th consecutive year the leading review company – A.M. Best - reaffirmed the Order’s rating of A++ (Superior) for financial strength. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted: “Our top rating from A.M. Best underscores our commitment to our members and their families. We were founded to protect the financial futures of our members and their families, and we take that obligation seriously. In our sales, operations and investments, we keep in mind that Knights and their families are more than customers, they are members of our fraternal family.”

The A.M. Best rating reflects the Order’s strong fraternal and insurance presence in Catholic communities, its strong risk-adjusted investments, its consistently strong statutory operations, charitable programs and portfolio of life insurance and annuity products.

In 2014, the Ethisphere Institute recognized the Knights of Columbus as a World’s Most Ethical Company. Again, affirmation of the principles under which our Order conducts business.

The years have passed, and much work remains. Father McGivney’s vision continues as our guide and inspiration. His founding principles have not changed over the years. Contact me today to learn how his vision can help you prepare for your future and that of your family.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

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40 Days for Life continues through November 2nd. You are invited to join other Christians in prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Metropolitan Family Planning, 5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park, Maryland.

For more information or to get involved, please contact: St. Joseph’s ProLife coordinator - Peter Methodius (301-728-7827) Local 40 Days for Life campaign coordinator - Tom Trunk (240-593-6982) or email: 40daysforlifeMD@gmail.com.



K C LADIES AUXILIARY

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After a year of several major interruptions, the K C Ladies planned its 2014 Annual Fall Dance as its kickoff event. October 4th was the big date. Fliers and tickets were slow at the starting gate, however, **THE LADIES** were determined to make this year’s event a big success.

We decided to save money therefore the “ladies” did all the preparing. That meant almost twenty-four hours of cooking and cleaning. In the end, we were really proud of ourselves. Special accolades go out to the following:

- Sharon Thompson shopped for ALL the food
- Deborah Robinson for managing/distributing the flyers and tickets
- Gale Bell, Deborah Robinson, Sharon Thompson, and Etoile Hawkins were top ticket sellers
- Fletcher Council Knights for managing the bar,
- Grand Knight, TIM MATTHEWS, who promoted the event and sold/ bought a plethora of tickets, and
- Alison Robinson, won the 50-50, and donated ALL her winnings to the K C Ladies.

MEMBERSHIP QUEST

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Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of your council and the Order. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community. Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and faith.

The growth of the Knights of Columbus depends not only on recruiting new members, but also on retaining current ones. These retention efforts for new members begin once he joins the Order. In addition efforts must be made to retain longstanding members and to keep them enthusiastic about the Order.

My Brothers let’s continue to follow our theme, ‘one member, per Council, per month. We have a great Council, with great members. Let’s reach out to all the good brothers in our parish that are not members of the Knights of Columbus and offer them the opportunity to become members of our great Council.

Yearly Quota 14

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A Day At The Columbus Day Parade

By Edmund Gary, PFN



On Saturday, October 4, 2014, Columbus Day Parade coordinator Patrick Ruckle sent out a reminder e-mail to the Maryland State Council family to participate in the 2014 Columbus Day Parade on Sunday, October 5th. The Maryland District Fourth Degree was well represented. Members from Archdiocese of Washington District, Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly and James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 were District Deputy Michael Davenport, PGK and me. Davenport, along with members of Knights on Bikes, was leading the parade. I was riding



on one of the floats. The Maryland State Council had two floats. I was filming the parade and tossing *Tootsie Rolls* to the enthusiastic people, who came out that afternoon to watch us. I was accompanied by State Treasurer, Dale and Lady Linda Trott, State Membership Director, Bryan Adamczyk and his fiancée.



The parade route started at the corner of Key Highway & Light Street in front of the Maryland Science Center. It headed north on Light Street and proceeded east on Pratt Street. It continued to Baltimore's Little Italy section, passed the observation stand and St. Leo the Great Church. The parade turned south on Exeter Street and ended on Bank Street.

The Columbus Day Parade is not a Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus event exclusively. The Knights is one group which participates every year in the parade. Other participants were the Sons of Italy, the Boumi Temple Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (aka. Shriners), Knights (of Columbus) on Bikes, Iacoboni Site Specialists,



Towson High School's Marching Generals, Ojczyzna Dancers, Roma Gourmet Sausage, of Baltimore, Maryland, etc. The parade is one component in the Baltimore, Maryland Italian community's celebration of Christopher Columbus's voyage to the Americas. Baltimore's Columbus Day Parade is the longest continuous observance in the United States, 2014 marks the 124th year of this observance. This is my fourth time participating in



the parade, my first time riding on the float. Parking was available at the Arrow Parking garage at 11 E. Lee Street.

Sources:

1. Reminder e-mail, from Parade Coordinator Patrick Ruckle (Saturday, October 4, 2014)
2. <http://www.littleitalymd.com>
3. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Baltimore-Columbus-Day-Parade-Commemoration>

Marian Title for November

Our Lady of Kibeho



The apparitions of Our Lady of Kibeho began on November 28, 1981 in the African college of Kibeho, Rwanda. The Virgin Mary repeatedly appeared to Alphonsine Mumureke, NTHALIE Mukamazimpaka, and Marie Claire Mukangango. The apparition identified herself in the native Rwandan dialect as “*Nyina wa Jambo*”, (“*Mother of the Word*”) which is synonymous to “*Mother of God.*”

The apparitions communicated various messages to the schoolchildren, urging the people to love each other, and warning of an apocalyptic vision of Rwanda descending into violence and hatred, foretelling the 1994 Rwandan Genocide. In 2001 the Holy See released a declaration approving the apparitions. The Marian sanctuary at Kibeho was named “*Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows*” in 1992, two years before the genocide. An estimated 500,000 pilgrims visit the site every year.

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SK Lawrence P. Grayson

Faith and the Ballot Box

On November 4, 2014, people across this nation will have an opportunity to vote for those who will represent them at the federal, state and local levels. The work of these representatives, who will enact the laws and regulations under which we live, will significantly affect our lives for years to come.

The challenges before the nation are serious, highly political, and profoundly moral. There is the continuing destruction of unborn children through abortion and new efforts to eliminate the elderly through euthanasia and assisted suicide; movements to coerce Catholic health care, education, and social service ministries to violate their religious beliefs; efforts to undermine marriage as the permanent union of one man and one woman; and restraints on religious liberty and the exercise of individual conscience; among others. Many compelling moral concerns are dealt with at the state, as well as national level, and so votes cast for state senators and delegates can be as important as the votes for national office.

All issues are not morally equivalent. Some involve fundamental principles, such as the right to life, that can never be violated, even to achieve a good end. Others require prudent judgments about the best way to apply Catholic teachings to deal with compelling societal problems. It is a mistake, therefore, to make no ethical distinctions among the issues. The right to life is not simply one of a multitude of concerns of equal importance that should be acknowledged when deciding for whom to vote.

Abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, destruction of human embryos, and same-sex marriage are intrinsically evil, that is, the acts are immoral in and of themselves, regardless of the motives behind them, and must always be opposed. Certainly, health care, education, immigration, jobs, taxation and national security are also important concerns and should not be neglected. Advancing the benefits of these issues, however, cannot compensate for disregarding the value of a human life. The strongest economy, finest health care system, fairest immigration laws, and soundest economy do nothing for the child who is never born.

Pope St. John Paul II, in his 1988 apostolic exhortation *Christifideles Laici*, stated: *The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition of all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.*" If one must choose between improving the quality of life and protecting life itself, human life must take precedence.

In matters of lesser moral definitiveness, there may be legitimate diversity among individual prudential judgments. Catholics may differ on approaches to reduce poverty, stimulate the economy, the best immigration, health care or housing policies, or on a decision to wage a just war because these judgments do not involve the direct choice of an intrinsic evil, while promoting various human benefits. This does not mean these issues are of lesser moral interest or can be summarily dismissed. They are significant concerns that challenge consciences and

require action, but they are open to principled debate that may result in differing, even opposing, views.

Catholics not only have an obligation to exercise their right to vote, but have the additional responsibility to do so with a well-formed conscience, guided by the tenets and teachings of the Church. They are tasked to bring faith-refined principles, augmented with informed prayerful reflection, to the consideration of and decisions about candidates and issues. This duty is more than preparing to vote in a given election. Developing a well-formed conscience is a lifelong effort in order to deal with the changing conditions, issues and circumstances of the world.

When candidates support actions or programs that are intrinsically evil, they should be considered less acceptable for public office. As *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, an election guide issued every four years by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, teaches, "*Those who knowingly, willingly, and directly support public policies or legislation that undermine fundamental moral principles cooperate with evil.*"

The failure to protect life in its most vulnerable stages, or to support other intrinsic evils, renders suspect a candidate's positions on all matters affecting human dignity. The right to life is a fundamental precept inscribed in America's Declaration of Independence. If a candidate disregards a foundational principle of the nation and asks voters to violate their moral consciences, people have the obligation to cast their ballots for someone else.

With the duty of voting comes the responsibility to know where the candidates stand on the issues. One rarely finds a candidate with whom he agrees on everything. The key question is the relative importance of the issues on which the two disagree. A voter will have abetted a candidate's future immoral actions if he helps elect a person who favors programs that are intrinsically evil when there is a morally acceptable candidate on the ballot.

What does one do, however, when there is no such alternative? Deciding not to vote is often not the best solution. When all candidates support an intrinsic evil, it is morally permissible to vote for the candidate who poses the least threat to human life and dignity and thus limit the harm. It is important, therefore, to vote with a well-formed conscience that perceives the proper relationship among moral goods.

In the coming election, every voice will matter, every vote count. Cast your ballot. Exercise your cherished right and solemn duty as a Catholic American citizen, faithful to the teachings of our Church.





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The husband picks up a case of Budweiser and puts it in the cart. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the wife. "They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans" he replies. "Put them back, we can't afford them," demands the wife. They carry on with their shopping. A few aisles farther on, the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the husband. "It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," replies the wife. Her husband retorts, "So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it's half the price."

The owner of a drug store walks in to find a guy leaning heavily against a wall. The owner asks the clerk, "What's with that guy over there by the wall?" The clerk says, "Well, he came in here this morning to get something for his cough. I couldn't find the cough syrup, so I gave him an entire bottle of laxative." The owner says, "You idiot! You can't treat a cough with laxatives!" The clerk says, "Oh yeah? Look at him, he's afraid to cough!"

Two bowling teams, one of all blondes and one of all brunettes, charter a double-decker bus for a weekend bowling tournament in London. The Brunette team rides in the bottom of the bus. The Blonde team rides on the top level. The Brunette team down below is living it up having a great time, when one of them realizes she doesn't hear anything from the Blondes upstairs. She decides to go up and investigate. When the Brunette reaches the top, she finds all the Blondes frozen in fear, staring straight-ahead at the road, and clutching the seats in front of them with white knuckles. She says, "What the heck's going on up here? We're havin' a grand time downstairs!" One of the Blondes looks up and says, "Yeah, but you've got a driver!"

I stopped at a friend's house the other day and found him stalking around with a fly-swatter. When I asked if he was getting any flies, he answered: "Yeah, three males and two females." Curious, I asked how he could tell the difference. He said: "Three were on a beer can and two were on the phone."

A man was very proud of his guard dog, he would leave it to roam free in the garden to sow the world his house was guarded. One day a woman knocked at his door. "Is that your big dog outside?" Wondering how she had got past him he said: "Yes why?" She said "I'm sorry but my dog just killed him!" "What?" Roared the man "What kind of dog have you got?" "A Peke" Replied the woman. "A Peke? How could that little thing kill my big fine guard dog?" "I think it got stuck in his throat!" replied the woman.



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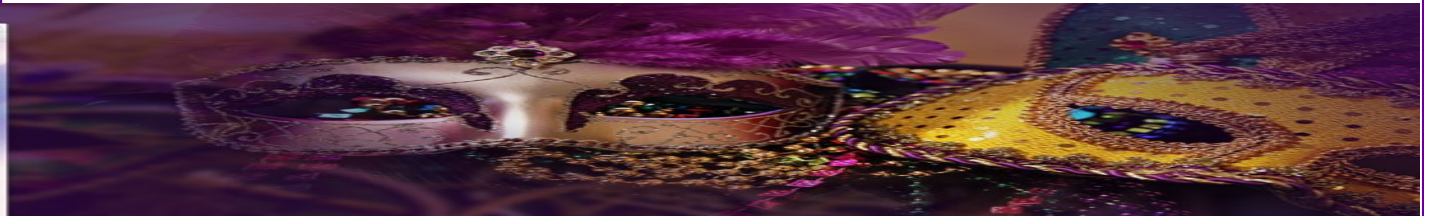
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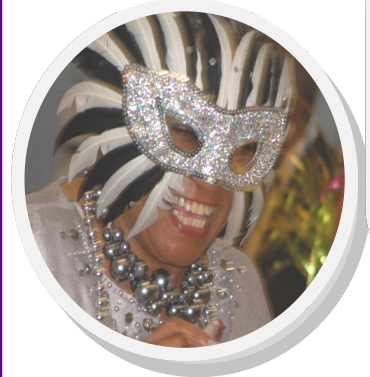
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**“What, You
Are How
Old?”**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****NOVEMBER****



*Happy
Thanksgiving*

- 01 All Saints Day
- 02 All Souls Day
- 02 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 02 MD State Soccer Shootout
- 04 Election Day **“Vote”**
- 06 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 P.M.**
- 08 MD State Council Wreath Laying Ceremony, Arlington
- 10 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting, 8 P.M.
- 11 Veterans Day
- 15 Navy vs Georgia Southern Football Game
- 16 State Memorial Mass, Holy Family Catholic Church
- 16 **Knights Sunday, 11 A.M. Mass**
- 19 McNamara Chapter Installation, Mass & Silent Auction
Sacred Heart Council 2577
- 20 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 P.M.**
- 23 Christ The King
- 27 **Thanksgiving Day**
- 30 First Sunday of Advent

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