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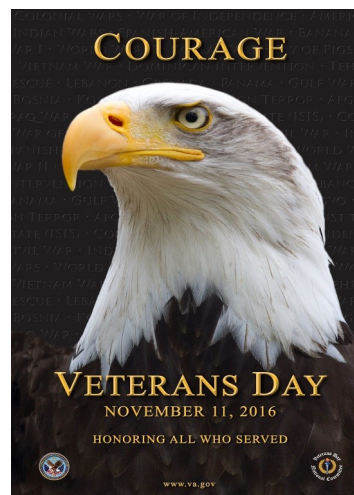
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## Chaplain Report



# Chaplain's Thoughts . . .

*"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.."*

[Luke 19:1-10]

by Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.

Today's reading from the Book of Wisdom, 11:22-12:2, praises God saying, *"But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook the sins of men that they may repent."* In today's Gospel, Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector who cheated those he collected taxes from, wanted to see Jesus. Zacchaeus was not a tall man and could not see Jesus because of the crowd between him and our Lord. So Zacchaeus dropped everything that he was doing to climb up a tree to see Jesus from a distance. Do we ever find ourselves feeling as if we are up a tree, like Zacchaeus, distantly observing Jesus as He walks by, wishing that we could just get closer to Him?

Why would we be looking from a distance? We should never be afraid to come closer to Jesus. What did Zacchaeus want when he heard that Jesus was coming by? He wanted the joy of freedom from his sins. Isn't that what we want? What kind of sinner do you think Zacchaeus was? History tells us that the chief tax collector of Jericho would likely be the most hated man in the community. This is what makes the decision of Jesus to stop, to talk, and to invite Himself to the house of Zacchaeus so remarkable.

Jesus goes out of His way to seek this lost sheep. However, this requires the cooperation and courage of the sinner, and we see this cooperation and courage in Zacchaeus. In a real and concrete way he lets go of his sinful past. He does not only use words, but he intends to act upon his conviction. Zacchaeus is willing to bankrupt himself financially to correct his wrongs. He is effectively bankrupting himself of sin. He puts that which leads him to sin out of business.

We are both encouraged and challenged by Zacchaeus' story. We are encouraged by the fact that we can never be so lost, so sinful that we can not respond to the constant call of God for repentance, conversion and His forgiveness. We are challenged to look at our own lives and determine what is fueling our desire for sin and then to put it out of business. We must file bankruptcy in that area and respond to our call to a life of holiness.

## GRAND KNIGHT'S CHRONICLE

### *Alan M. Davis - Your Grand Knight 2016 - 2017 "Charity is Love"*

*"I will show you my faith by my works, for faith without works is dead."*  
[James 2:18]



*"Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.  
Who wondrous things has done; in Whom this world rejoices".*  
The lyrics to this familiar song reflects the spiritual meaning the church assigns to the month of November. This is a month of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for our church. We give thanks to God for all He has done, is doing and will continue to do for us. And we remember those loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith who the Lord God has rewarded forever in heaven.

As Knights, we are always thankful that we have a faith that manifests itself in good works and in service to our church, clergy, community and family. We also remember those less fortunate than us, family members living and deceased and those who need our protection from the sufferings and peril of this world.

This month Brothers, please make a conscience effort to attend the All Saints Day Mass, The All Souls Day Mass, the Memorial Mass for our departed church and council members at St. Joseph, Daily Mass, Thanksgiving Day Mass and Knights Sunday Mass. When we celebrate Mass, we celebrate with all the members of our faith community.

Consider also volunteering for the Tootsie Roll Campaign for those with Intellectual Disabilities, assembling Thanksgiving Baskets for St. Vincent De Paul or tutoring our young people on Thursday evenings. Do not hesitate to contact me, Bernard Broadus, Deacons Steven Nash or Al Turner, Cal Thompson or Virginette Scott and join in service with the St. Joseph Parish Family. Remember the words of St. James, *"I will show you my faith by my works, for faith without works is dead."* Let our faith as Knights show in our actions.



## District Deputy's Report



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

The District Deputies and District Wardens' fall meeting was held in Cumberland, Maryland on October 15, 2016. At the meeting, new information about how to deal with recruitment and eligibility for star council were passed on. In the past, if you submit the form 100s and get your insurance application to the supreme by June 30<sup>th</sup>, your council will be considered to have met the requirement to be considered as a Star Council for that fraternal year. However, going forward, councils should not wait until June 30<sup>th</sup> to submit the necessary documents. If you do that, your

council will not qualify. For a council to qualify as a star council, the insurance quota and membership quota have to be met. That means the insurance policy must be issued on or before June 30<sup>th</sup>. It takes about 6 weeks to issue insurance policy after the documents are submitted. So all documents should be submitted at least in the first week of May and not in June, to be sure.



Talking about star Council Award, I will like to congratulate Past Grand Knight Ike Agbim and James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council for the Star Council Awards that they received for the last fraternal year. Also, another council in our district, St Jerome Council, received Star Council as well. With the two councils in our district with star council awards, our immediate past District Deputy Mike Davenport was awarded Star District. It was a great event at Star Knight gala held in honor of all the star council winners and star district winners. Congratulations to FDD Mike Davenport on his outstanding leadership during his tenure as District Deputy.

Council should continue to participate in Domestic Church program. Every council should host insurance night once a year. Ask your parish priest to see if it can be opened to the parish members. This can be a medium for recruitment as well.

I hope you all will enjoy this month of November. Please participate in the special Olympic events around the state this month.

**Vivat Jesus!**

## State Deputy's Report



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

In October, we honored our namesake and patron Christopher Columbus. The State Council along with many members of our local councils participated in those events to honor him. The Columbus Day Parade in Baltimore, the Columbus Day Ball. The DC Celebration for Columbus Day all kept us busy during the month. My thanks to the organizers for these events: Don Keen, Steve Upton, Sean Smith and Alex Simpson for all of their hard work and time. These brothers all did an outstanding job. In addition, my thanks to Andy Gleeson for his work on the Columbus Day Ball Program Book.

Also, October was the culmination of our Annual Incentive Raffle. From all indications our totals are all over those from last year. My congratulations and thanks goes to Bill Van Horn and Lou Woods for a spectacular job. My thanks to all of our Council for all of your hard work for this program and those less fortunate.

Our campaign for the Intellectually Disabled (Tootsie Roll Program) also got underway. Please make sure that your reports are submitted to Mike Thumm as soon as possible.

Order wide, this first quarter has been an outstanding membership quarter. Please keep up the good work. Continue to ask those eligible Catholic men to join our ranks. Please continue to recruit one member per council per month. Please continue to hold one Admissions (First) degree per District per month.

Our Coats For Kids Program is shaping up to really be another great year as well. I want to thank Mike Jacobs and the Seton Chapter for all of their hard work in the Western Vicariate with this project. Mike and his wife Robyn work tirelessly to get the donations needed to cover this expense. Under the direction of Dan Ward, we will also be working with Catholic Charities of Baltimore to deliver 1100 coats on Black Friday to those in need. The Supreme Council has give us 600 of these coats and through the generosity of the Baltimore, McNamara and Seton Chapters, many Districts, Councils and individuals, we were able to purchase the other 500 coats.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to thank each and every one of our members and families for all they do to help promote the good works of the Order. Without each one chipping in at your council, at your church and in your community, it would not be possible to do the things we do.

Always remember, We are the Knights of Columbus, We are a people of Life, For Life, Building a Civilization of Love.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of the State Officers and our Wives.





## SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight

### *A 'Prophetic Flame' Of Charity The Ongoing Work of the Order Testifies to the Laity's Vocation and Mission in the Church*



THIS PAST JUNE, I had the privilege of attending the 28th plenary assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Laity. I had been appointed a member of the council by Pope John Paul II and reappointed by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

At the start of the meeting, the president of the council, Cardinal Stanisław Rylko, observed that Pope Francis recently reminded us of a phrase that was popular following the Second Vatican Council: "The hour of the laity has come." But then, the pope added, "it seems that the clock has stopped."

In his direct and often provocative way, the Holy Father was raising the issue of whether the laity today lives up to its vocation and mission in the Church. He went on to say that the laity is called to many initiatives exhibiting "the necessary boldness to enable the Good News of the Gospel to be brought to all areas of the social and, above all, political sphere."

Pope Francis rejects a view that minimizes the role of the laity and "gradually extinguishes the prophetic flame to which the entire Church is called to bear witness."

Reflecting on these words, Cardinal Rylko stated, "The missionary Church, a Church that goes out with courage toward the peripheries of the world, sees the urgent need to rekindle the flame that animated the life of the prophets. In order to do this, lay Christians must rediscover the beauty of their prophetic vocation in the world! They must allow themselves to be inflamed by this fire and missionary zeal."

Obviously, there is much here for us to think about. But the first thing we may say is that the clock has not stopped for the Knights of Columbus. To the contrary, as the world's premier organization of Catholic men, we are in many ways ahead of time.

That is to say, we continue to hold high "the prophetic flame" to which Catholics are called to bear witness.

Our Ultrasound Initiative, for instance, has placed 600 state-of-the-art ultrasound machines in pregnancy resource centers that are saving thousands of lives every month.

Our programs to strengthen Catholic family life, such as Building the Domestic Church, the Holy Family Holy Hour, and family consecration to the Holy Family, will help develop a network of family friendly parishes in all the countries where we are active. These programs will encourage millions of families – many of whom are wounded and struggling – to more fully live the joy of the Gospel. Our efforts to protect religious liberty and end the scourge of Christian genocide have already achieved important results, not only in the courts but also in the U.S. Congress and the State Department. And we have become a leader in providing direct aid to and raising awareness about persecuted Christian refugees in the Middle East.

Each year, our councils undertake many thousands of locally inspired programs at the parish level, making life better for millions of people. And all of this is the legacy of our founder, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, whose spiritual genius inspired generations of Catholic men to step forward with courage to confront the challenges of their day by living out the principles of charity, unity and fraternity in a distinctly Catholic way.

The prophetic flame that Pope Francis speaks about continues to burn bright in the hearts of our brother Knights around the world. That flame ignites in them a true sense of Catholic charity – a charity that evangelizes and that brings, in a very concrete way, a light to the nations.



BUILDING THE  
DOMESTIC CHURCH  
While Strengthening Our Parish





## FRATERNAL BENEFITS

# Protect Your Family With Knights of Columbus Insurance What You Don't Know Can Hurt You Debunking Common Misconceptions About Life Insurance

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**Myth 1: I am single and have no dependents, so I don't need any coverage.**

Even a single person will likely leave expenses, which may include medical fees, funeral costs and any unpaid debts, which may be passed on to other family members. Life insurance protects your loved ones from the burden of these expenses, if something happens to you.

**Myth 2: You should buy life insurance equal to five times your salary.** Unfortunately, this simple calculation is not accurate. In a basic sense, the amount of life insurance you should buy is based on your family's immediate needs, ongoing obligations and future plans. Immediate needs and obligations include funeral costs, mortgage payments, food, utilities and taxes, while future plans may include children's educational costs. The life insurance calculator at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) can give a general idea of your needs, but your specific details and coverage can be determined only by meeting with an agent.

**Myth 3: My employer provides all the coverage I need.** Having some employer coverage is nice, but it is likely insufficient for your needs. In addition, if something happens to your job, or the company changes its policy, you could be left with inadequate coverage. Supplementing your employer's insurance with a personally owned plan will keep your finances protected.

**Myth 4: Only breadwinners need life insurance coverage.** While the breadwinner brings monetary income to the family, consider the financial value a stay-at-home parent provides. Costs of childcare, household management and other domestic duties can be expensive to replace. A parent who chooses to stay at home and forgoes a paying job contributes a tremendous service with actual value.

**Myth 5: My spouse has a policy, so I don't need one.** What happens if you die before your spouse? You may leave him or her with financial burdens that are too expensive to handle. If you each have a policy, both of you are covered when the need arises.

**Myth 6: I should always buy 'term' insurance and invest the difference.** Some financial advisors believe this is the right way to approach life insurance. Unfortunately, many well-intentioned investors never actually get the "difference" invested, while those who do leave themselves open to potentially volatile swings in the market that can decrease the value of their investment, reducing what they hoped would be their "insurance." On the other hand, a whole life policy is guaranteed to increase in value as you pay your premiums. Also, term policies can increase in cost as you age, and you may become uninsurable over time.

**Myth 7: I only need life insurance when my kids are young and my financial obligations are the greatest.** It is true that your need for insurance is tied to your obligations and tend to be higher when your children are young. Yet, as your family ages, these obligations evolve. For instance, your policy could help pay for the educational costs of future grandchildren or help your child pay for a home. You may even be able to borrow against the cash value accumulated in your maturing policy.

**Myth 8: If I buy a term policy and still need protection when the term ends, I can always renew the policy.** That's true if your plan is renewable – some aren't and renewal premiums are usually very expensive. With regards to term insurance, keep in mind a few important factors. First, you will be older at the end of your term life



insurance which guarantees a higher premium upon renewal. Second, your health conditions may have changed, making you potentially uninsurable. Speak with an agent to evaluate your family's needs before making a decision that may seem cost-efficient today but could prove costly in the future. Term insurance is an excellent choice when coverage is needed only for a short period of time.

**Myth 9: I should not buy insurance policies on my children.** No one wants to consider the possibility of losing a child, but what if the unimaginable happened? How would your life change? When would you go back to work? But beyond the unthinkable, buying insurance on your child can be an important building block in his or her financial life. Such a policy can protect your child's future insurability and offer accumulation of cash values that can be accessed later in life. Also, a Guaranteed Purchase Option (GPO) ensures the right to purchase more coverage even if a child's health changes.

**Myth 10: Permanent life insurance is too expensive.** It is often true that purchasing permanent life insurance is more expensive than term insurance in the short term, but there are long-term cost advantages to buying permanent coverage. In fact, permanent life insurance can be the most cost-efficient way to provide financial security for your family. A professional agent can help you decide what plan is right for you.

**Myth 11: I am better off investing my money than buying life insurance of any kind.** This is only true if you have time, expertise, and favorable market conditions, three risky propositions. Premature death, poor investing decisions and instability in the markets could adversely affect this plan. Permanent life insurance offers guarantees that investments cannot.

**Myth 12: Since I am young and healthy, I should wait until I am older to get insurance.** A period of good health is actually the best time to consider buying life insurance. As you age, your premium costs will increase, and it is more likely that your health will decline. Waiting is often a costly mistake.

**Myth 13: With my health history, there is no way I can get life insurance.** Life insurance customers are placed in a variety of health categories, ranging from a low-risk "preferred" candidate to high-risk. A serious illness, such as diabetes, will not necessarily disqualify you from buying a life insurance policy, but it may place you in a somewhat higher-risk category. The best way to know if you can be insured is to speak to your agent.

**Myth 14: My financial adviser will handle my insurance needs.** Everyone should have a competent financial advisor in his life. Everyone should also have a competent professional insurance agent to review policies and verify that your family is protected. Having a second opinion is important to getting a complete picture.

**Myth 15: I don't have time to meet with an agent to discuss my coverage.** Sitting with an agent takes less time than you might expect. A Knights of Columbus agent can come to your house when your schedule allows and do a complete insurance review. With his expertise, he can analyze your family's needs and make recommendations that you would otherwise have missed. Our members find this is time well spent.

**There's a lot to learn about life insurance and your Knights of Columbus field agent can help you decide on a life insurance plan tailored to your specific circumstances.**



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## Chapter Crab & Shrimp Night

The Bishop McNamara Chapter Annual Crab and Shrimp Feast was the “happening” last month. The host was the members of Calvert Council 7870 in North Beach, MD. In attendance were all comers from throughout the State of Maryland. A BIG thanks to Past Grand Knight Thomas “Tim” Matthews of Fletcher Council who brought along 30 guess, including Cal Thompson and Lady Sharon, Harold Sanders and Lady Alicia, and dressed in her fantastic “Dallas Cowboys” jersey for the festivities was Fletcher Councils very own Lady Etoile Hawkins. The overall turn out was outstanding, 150 people attended the event. And, yes, we will do it again next year on October 18th, same place, same time. Suggest that you put it on your bucket list for 2017.



*Some folks, Harold Sanders, had to double-down to consume enough crabs, they were just that good.*

*Others, like Cal Thompson and Lady Sharon, Lady Gloria and friends just smiled, hammered, picked, chewed, and enjoyed every mouth full.*





## WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

Ikechukwu R. Agbim - Faithful Navigator



Council 4076. It was held at Sarto Hall in Forestville, Maryland.

We are almost half way through our fraternal year and the programs we put in place for this fraternal year are in full force, especially partnering with councils, making 4th degree presence known in our community and patriotic support for veterans. First, we had a successful Religious Night on October 27, 2016, honoring Priests and Nuns in our area. The event was co-sponsored by Bishop Walsh Assembly and St Pius X Council 4076. It was held at Sarto Hall in Forestville, Maryland. The event was well attended by priests, nuns, Knights and their families. We were blessed with more than six priests in attendance and more than 50 nuns presence. Some of the nuns came from Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus, Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Our Lady of Guadalupe, Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul, Mother Teresa Navarro, and Religious of Mary Immaculate Centro Maria. Some of the priests at the event were, our Faithful Friar Fr. Joseph Jenkins of Holy Family Church, Fr. Thomas LaHood of St. Mary of the Assumption, Fr. Aaron.

The event was to honor the Priests and Nuns. It is a saying that when you honor one priest, you honored the priesthood. In the same manner, when you honor one nun, you honored all nuns. We had more than 150 guests at this event. We hope to make this an annual event and next year event will be bigger and better.

*Vivat Jesus!*

## Veterans' Day



*Remember, November 11<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> at Sarto Hall, commencing at 7:00 P.M. Refreshments available at 6:30 P.M.*

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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I would like to extend my sincere thanks to my brother knights for their support of a multitude of events in October, from the Walk for the Homeless to the Children's Halloween Party. My brother knights were there. And I am confident that you will continue to be there as we continue to help those in need during the coming months.

Thanksgiving is on the horizon, and we will be there to help the St. Joseph St Vincent DePaul Society, we will be there to support the many Advent events, and we will be there throughout the fraternal year to provide assistance and prayers for our brothers and sisters. Charity is the first principle of our Order, may you never forget. **Now, lets get out the VOTE!**

**Election Day is November 8th, please get out and cast your vote. Early voting is available from October 27 to November 3. The polling hours for the early voting are 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. Some of the early voting locations include the following:**

Wayne Curry Sports & Learning Center  
8001 Sheriff Road  
Landover, MD 20785

Upper Marlboro Community Center  
5400 Marlboro Race Track Road  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Bowie Gymnasium  
4100 Northview Drive  
Bowie, MD 20716

**Early voting can be done at any of the locations listed. For additional early voting information, contact Prince Georges County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300. If you vote by absentee ballot, you cannot vote early or on Election Day.**

**The Presidential General Election again is November 8th. One should vote at their assigned polling location. During the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election, the polling places open at 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.**

***Perform Your Civic Duty, Please Get Out And Vote!!!***





## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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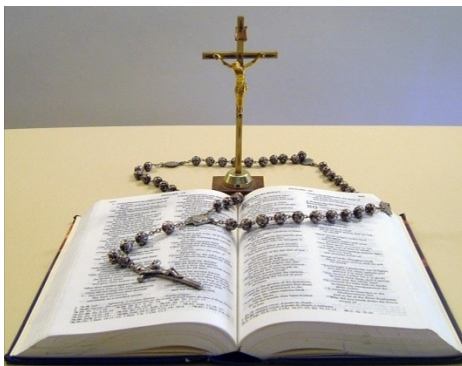
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### 5th Sunday Rosary, October 30, 2016 - 10am - 10:15am

**Brothers**, let us embrace this spiritual gift giving to us by Our Lady, Mary, Queen of the Knights, by coming together after the 8:30 mass and saying the rosary with our brothers and parishioners. A little history on our rosary .....

The **Rosary** (Latin: rosarium, in the sense of "crown of roses" or "garland of roses"), usually in the form of the Dominican **Rosary**, is a form of prayer used especially in the Catholic Church named for the string of prayer beads used to count the component prayers. When used of the form of prayer, the word is usually capitalized ("the Rosary"), as is customary for other names of prayers, such as "the **Lord's Prayer**", "the **Hail Mary**", "the **Magnificat**". When referring to the beads, it is normally written with a lower-case initial ("a rosary").

The prayers that essentially compose the Rosary are arranged in sets of ten **Hail Mary's** with each set preceded by one **Lord's Prayer** and followed by one **Glory Be**. During recitation of each set, known as a decade, thought is given to one of the **Mysteries of the Rosary**, which recall events in the lives of **Jesus and Mary**. Normally, five decades are recited in a session. Other prayers are sometimes added after each decade (in particular, the **Fátima Prayer**) and before (in particular, the **Apostles' Creed**), and after (in particular, the **Hail, Holy Queen**) the five decades taken as a whole. The rosary as a material object is an aid towards saying these prayers in the proper sequence.



A standard fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary, based on the long-standing custom, was established by Pope Pius V in the 16th century, grouping the mysteries in three sets: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries. In 2002 Pope John Paul II said that it is fitting that a new set of five be added, called the Luminous Mysteries, bringing the total number of mysteries to twenty.

For over four centuries, the rosary has been promoted by several popes as part of the  **veneration of Mary in Roman Catholicism**. The rosary also represents the **Roman Catholic** emphasis on "participation in the life of Mary, whose focus was Christ", and the **Mariological** theme "to Christ through Mary", taught by **Saint Louis de Montfort**.

Rosaries will be available to all in attendance.

Important upcoming **\*Solemnity Liturgical dates**.

(\*a solemnity is a feast day of the highest rank in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Rites)

November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints\*

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls \*

November 20<sup>th</sup> – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe\*

November 27<sup>th</sup> – First Sunday of Advent

*Vivat Jesus*



## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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### A CAMPAIGN WITH TOOTSIE ROLL REWARDS



Fidelis Ajudua

We have started! And intend on going on until the last date. **Please volunteer to 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."*



Calvin A. Thompson

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 fund-raising drive, but distribute other items.

**Volunteers are needed.**

**Please call Bernard Broadus 301-262-2350 or**

**Cal Thompson 301-928-2157 to sign-up.**

**And please do it Right Away.**



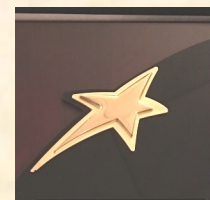
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## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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# STAR KNIGHT

The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 is the recipient of the prestigious Star Council Award. It was presented to Past Grand Knight (PGK) Ike Agbim on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at the Maryland State Council's "Star Knight" Award Ceremony. Also, our Formal District Deputy (FDD) Michael P. Davenport was the recipient of the Star District Award for the 2015-2016 fraternal year. The presentations were made by the Maryland State Deputy, Stephen Cohen. Congratulations all around for this honor and a fantastic 2015-2016 star-struck year.







## FAMILY ACTIVITIES



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### *Edwina B. Love*

#### *October Family of the Month*



**Edwina B. Love** was baptized in St. Cyprian Catholic Church when she was 9 years old. She became a member of that church for the next 16 years until the family moved to northeast Washington where she became a member of the Church of the Incarnation. She was married in the church and is blessed with two grown daughters and a son –in-law. She continues to work in the Prince George’s County Public School system as she has been for over 45 years. She was a full time teacher before her retirement and now serves as a long term substitute and educator. She is a Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and works diligently for the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council Charities Scholarship Committee where she assists in interviewing deserving students for the Knights Scholarship Fund.

Edwina has been a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church for over 35 years. She was one of the founding members of the Good Samaritan Ministry and is also an active member of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Lector Ministry, Church Picnic Committee, Divine Mercy Chaplet Team and assists with RCIC and Youth Ministry.

Her granddaughter is a freshman at Elizabeth Seaton High School, where Edwina knows she will receive an excellent religious education.

Ms. Love recently celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this past July and was blessed in church by Father Steven Wyble at Mass. Her life’s work has been her devotion to Education and her passion is to help her students succeed in their studies and future endeavors. Edwina is dedicated to her church and graciously gives thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for His goodness and love. *Amen*



### *“Thank You Fidelis”*

He is one of a selected member of the St. Joseph Church Audio/Visual Team, he is also a dedicated and an active member of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council, Knights of Columbus.

Thank you for all you do,  
Sir Knight Fidelis E. Joseph



## CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE



40 Days for Life (September 28 - November 6) is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. It draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer and fasting, Constant vigil, and community outreach.

Throughout this 40 Day cycle, prayers are offered daily from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. in front of the Metropolitan Family Planning Institute (MFPI) at 5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park, 20740. Fletcher Council members are requested to join the prayer vigil during the remaining 40 Days for Life, which **concludes on November 6th.**

The Closing Memorial Prayer Service will be held on Sunday, November 6th, 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. This is the traditional large gathering closing prayer service at sidewalk in front of MFPI abortion facility at 5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park, MD. A local ordained minister will lead us. Sacred hymns will be sung at opening and closing of this prayer service. Please arrive by 2:45 P.M.



## MEMBERSHIP QUEST

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Fletcher Council is gearing up for its first Admission Degree/First Degree for this fraternal year. It is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 17th. Now, I ask **YOU** to get the word out to family member, friends and those gentlemen who share a pew with you, etc.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

Pick up an application (Form 100) from the Knight's box in Classroom #3 at St. Joseph or contact me for copies. We have a need for new members to help with the many events relating to: Church, Council, Community, Family, Cultural of Life and to our Youth. If you should need help in recruiting a member, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am just a phone call or an email way.



## SQUIRES CIRCLE REPORT

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The leaves are turning and falling. Not only is Summer over, SCHOOL is here. The **Martin Luther King Jr. Squires Circle 04712** had a slow year last year but we hope to step it up with the announcement of a new Chief Counselor! We don't know who he is but.....he's coming.

This year an installation of officers is forthcoming. Squires installations are very important and continue a unique partnership between the Squires, their parents and their Knights. Success is the only option. **Chief Squire Isaiah Scott** has been a pillar of strength for the Circle. That should sound familiar as we as Knight are pillars of strength for the Catholic Church. As a participant in the **Domestic Church** initiative the Squires play an important role in serving other Parish ministries. A few members are already a part of the St Joseph Youth Ministry as well and Alter Servers and assistance to Knights functions.

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 night, and Fundraising for various charities. Parents will be included and will be able to see the results of what we expect from our Squires. The Knights of Columbus, Maryland State Council has

adopted as its motto "**We Are Advocates of the Lord**" and the James C. Fletcher Jr. motto is "**Charity**" is born of the call of a God who continues to knock on our door, the door of all people, to invite us to love, to compassion, to service of one another". The **Martin Luther King Jr. Squires Circle** will be opening its arms as advocates of the Lord with compassion, with service of one another to all of the Parishes of District #2. This is an all call to our Brother Knights to participate and watch them grow!





## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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### *Maryland State Council High School Scholarship Programs*

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus is the sponsor of several High School scholarships for its members and for Catholic Students in general. Below is the complete information on these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards. Awards may be applied to tuition payments only.

Application period is from October 1, 2016 to February 1, 2017. All applications must be received in their entirety by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2017. Scholarship information and application information is included below (preferred) or write to:

*Maryland State Council  
Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee  
c/o Phil Asplen  
2525 Pot Spring Rd, L-503  
Timonium, MD 21093*

#### *The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship*

Designed to assist members of the Knights of Columbus holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools, two (2) grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years, and one (1) additional grant of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years funded by the Maryland Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors, will be awarded. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. Continued support after the first year is contingent on continued academic success. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death. Funds are applicable to tuition only.

#### *The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship*

Three (3) grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. Eligibility for a grant under this program is open to Catholic Students who are residents of the State of Maryland. Affiliation with the Knights of Columbus is not required. However, children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland are also eligible. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. Continued support after the first year is contingent on continued academic success. Funds are applicable to tuition only.



## *REFLECTIONS*

*Lawrence P. Grayson*

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### *Who Ya Gunna Vote For?*

Imagine a terrorist attack in which every man, woman and child in the states of Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Delaware, Alaska, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota was killed. As horrendous as this would be, fewer people would have been slaughtered than the number of children aborted in the United States in the last eight years.

The abominations to the sanctity of human life and the indifference to the teachings of the Catholic Church in this period extend well beyond abortion. There have been restrictions on religious liberty, coercion of individual conscience, the approval of same-sex marriage, a growing legality of physician-assisted suicide, sanctions on public prayer, the creation of special "rights" for LGBT individuals, the elimination of a distinction between genders in accessing public bathrooms, a movement towards creating children with three genetic parents, and experimentation with human-animal chimeras. God has been largely marginalized and religion is being driven from the public square.

How many more societal and governmental abuses can the Church sustain and still carry out its mission to evangelize and minister to the faithful? How much more repression can it bear and still remain an influence on public matters, helping to develop the moral underpinnings necessary for a government of and by the people?

On November 8, we will have an opportunity to change course by voting for the next leaders of this nation – those who will set its direction and shape its culture. This election is about much more than jobs, the economy, immigration, health care, defense, and foreign policy, as important as these are. It is about the future and, by means of lifelong appointments to the Supreme Court, what will happen in the next 40 years or more. It is about the values that underlie our society, and the kind of country we wish to pass on to our children and grandchildren.

From a moral perspective, the most important issue facing the nation is assuring the sanctity of human life. The Catholic Church has an immutable position opposing the wanton destruction of human life through abortion and euthanasia, actions which it calls intrinsic evils, and on redefining the source of life as anything but the union of one man and one woman. On these moral items, there are sharp differences between the positions of the two major presidential candidates, their vice-presidential running mates, and their party platforms.

Fr. Peter M.J. StravinskisFr. Peter M.J. StravinskisOne candidate believes unequivocally that every woman should have access to abortion, the other affirms that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be violated. One stood arm-in-arm with the president of Planned Parenthood and told her: "I will always have your back," the other will prohibit Planned Parenthood from receiving federal funds. One will retain the Obamacare mandate that employer health plans must include coverage for contraceptives, sterilizations and abortion-inducing drugs, regardless of any moral or religious objections, the other will get rid of the mandate.

One has promised to nominate Supreme Court justices who will ensure that abortion and same-sex marriage remain legal, the other will nominate justices who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human

life. One wants to repeal the Hyde and Helms Amendments which prohibit the use of certain federal funds for abortions, domestically and abroad, and the other wants to make them permanent.

One will continue the current executive action allowing people to use public bathrooms, changing rooms and homeless shelters matching their gender identity, the other believes the states should decide the matter. One will urge Congress to make gender identity and sexual orientation a protected right in every aspect of public life, the other opposes this action. One will continue special considerations for gender and sexual self-identity in the military, the other wants the development of a military based on competency. One believes that religious teaching should change to accommodate LGBT rights, the other told Catholic leaders: "I will fight for you...I will defend your religious liberties."

Which of the two candidates is more likely to continue the current Administration's view that Catholic schools, hospitals and charities are not sufficiently religious to qualify for the Obamacare mandate's narrow "religious exemption"? Which one is more likely to continue efforts to force pharmacists, doctors, nurses and other health professionals to violate their consciences and provide abortion-producing drugs and abortions? Which one is more likely to restrict the rights of military chaplains to preach and counsel in accord with their religious beliefs?

When you consider their vice presidential running mates, would you prefer one who is Catholic but has a record of voting for abortion and same-sex marriage, or one who is an Evangelical Protestant and who as governor passed some of the most restrictive laws against abortion in the nation? Would you prefer one who as a senator received ratings of 100% for his voting from both NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) and Planned Parenthood and a 0% from the National Right to Life Committee, or one who as governor received 0% ratings from both NARAL and Planned Parenthood and a 100% from the National Right to Life Committee? Further, the party platforms on which they are running are polar opposites regarding moral issues that the Catholic Church considers immutable. One party is opposed to the Church's positions, the other is in agreement.

Unfortunately, both of the two presidential candidates have major character flaws, and the morality of some of their past actions is repugnant and reprehensible. If judged only on character, the choice of whom to vote for is difficult. Their stated positions, running mates and party platforms, however, should also be taken into account.

One of the two candidates will become president, and each of us will bear some responsibility for the outcome. Our choice is limited, for a Catholic in good conscience cannot vote for a candidate who promotes an intrinsic evil. The person who does not vote or votes for a third party nominee will only help elect the less desirable candidate.

Before you vote, strengthen your understanding of the Church's positions on moral issues, those that are non-negotiable and those that allow prudential judgment, learn the views of the candidates, give the matter prayerful reflection, and then – and only then -- cast your ballot.

#### *Please, Remember In Your Prayers*

#### *Please Pray for the Sick*

<i>Howard Wynn</i>	<i>James Shorter</i>
<i>Roscoe Campbell</i>	<i>William Missouri</i>
<i>Joseph Marshall</i>	<i>William Tolbert</i>
<i>Kenneth Hinton</i>	<i>Donald Wilson</i>
<i>Mervyn Chancellor</i>	<i>Charles Ratcliff</i>

#### *Recently Deceased*

<i>Mary Julius</i>	<i>Florence Spriggs</i>
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To my Brothers of James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 and the Ladies of the KC Ladies Auxiliary I send my sincere thanks for your visits, prayers and cards.

My illness has been severe, but I have persevered. I have gone through several operations, medication procedures and now rehabilitation therapy.

It has been a long journey, nevertheless, I have made significant progress and am now at the Malta House Rehabilitation Center in Hyattsville, Maryland.

*Please Continue Your Prayers, I Love You All*

*Mervyn Chancellor*





*Incentive - Car Raffle  
Maryland State Council, MD*



***Congratulations to the 2016  
Incentive Raffle Program winners.***

**1st (2017 Ford Mustang or \$18,000.00)**

***Kate Johnson, MD***

**2nd (IPAD Air)**

***John Welsch, Frederick, MD***

**3rd (\$200 Gas Gift Card)**

***Rita Marcus, Derwood, MD***



# MARDI GRAS



## FEATURING "THE EXCLUSIVES"



**Date:** Saturday, February 25, 2017  
**Time:** 7pm 'til Midnight  
**Where:** St. Joseph's Rosemont Room  
2020 St. Joseph's Drive  
Largo, MD 20774  
(301) 773-4838



**Mask Optional  
Or  
Semi-formal**

**Menu**  
Seafood Gumbo w/Rice  
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Baked Chicken  
Meatballs  
Potato Salad  
Rice Pilaf  
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Punch/Ice Tea  
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# ***CHRISTMAS TREE SALE***



***NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 24  
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PARKING LOT  
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LARGO, MD 20774***

***WED-FRI 12 PM - 7:00 PM  
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***6' - 8' FRESH-CUT  
FRASER FIRS  
CHRISTMAS TREES***

***\$39.00 PER TREE***



***PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE BENEFIT THE  
JAMES C. FLETCHER, JR. CHARITIES, INC.  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM***



Joe sets up his friend Mike on a blind date with a young lady-friend of his. But Mike is a little worried about going out with someone he's never seen before. "What do I do if she's really unattractive?" says Mike. "I'll be stuck with her all evening."

"Don't worry," Joe says, "just go up to her door and meet her first. If you like what you see, then everything goes as planned. If you don't just shout *'Aaaaaauuggghh!'* and fake an asthma attack."

So that night, Mike knocks at the girl's door and when she comes out he is awe-struck at how attractive and sexy she is. He's about to speak when the girl suddenly shouts: *"Aaaaaauuggghh!"*

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A man in Rhode Island just grew the largest pumpkin in North America, weighing over 2,200 pounds. The only downside is, the man's wife no longer thinks it's cute when he calls her "pumpkin."

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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!"*

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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."*

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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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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."*

## 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 Mukangan-go. 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.





# "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

## \*\*NOVEMBER\*\*

### - 2016 -

- 02 Maurice E. Sutton
- 05 Eric Harder
- 05 Justice Delcarmen
- 15 Mark E. Blenkle
- 18 Ikechukwu R. Agbim
- 19 Rev. Roy E. Campbell
- 20 Alan M. Davis
- 20 Kingsley N. Anuruawo
- 20 Harold F. Sanders, Jr.
- 22 Terrance Holmes
- 24 Vincent U. Akas, Jr.
- 24 Joseph L. Marshall, Sr.
- 29 Fidelis Ajudua
- 30 Dannie E. Smith, Jr.



*"The Joy  
Of A  
Birthday"*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### \*\*NOVEMBER\*\*



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

- 03 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 06 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 06 St. Joseph Gospel Choir 46th Anniversary Celebration
- 08 **Election Day**
- 11 **Veteran's Day**
- 14 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 16 McNamara Chapter Meeting (Memorial Mass&Auction)  
Sacred Heart Council 2577, Bowie, MD
- 17 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 20 **Knights Sunday, 11 A.M. Mass**
- 24 **Thanksgiving**
- 27 MD State Council Memorial Mass, St. John Nuemann Church, Annapolis, MD