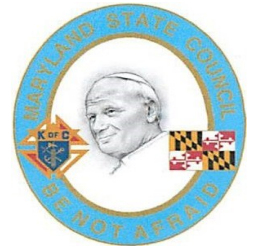




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VERNON HAWKINS, JR., DAVID D. MARTIN & CARLTON L. WILLIAMS
"BE NOT AFRAID, OUR FAITH IS OUR COURAGE"



A Priest Walks Amongst Us



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Every third Sunday at the 11:00 Mass, the members of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 serves all the ministry and liturgical positions. Knights Sunday gives the council an opportunity to serve the church, clergy and parishioners. On Knights Sunday, September 21, 2014 the council honored the anniversary of our chaplain, Father Roy C. Campbell, Jr's installation as pastor of St. Joseph. Father Campbell was installed by Cardinal Donald Wuerl on September 19, 2010. He has supported every council activity, is also a fellow knight and serves as the council's chaplain. Grand Knight Thomas Matthews presented Father Campbell with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the council in the tradition of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. Father Campbell was ordained a priest by Cardinal Donald Wuerl in 2007 and has served St. Joseph in kindness and humility. Our council is proud to have such a dedicated and caring man as our chaplain. The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council thanks Father Campbell for his service to our God, our parish, our council and our faith community.

GRAND KNIGHT'S CHRONICLE

Thomas F. Matthews, II - Grand Knight



We have come a long way my Brothers. The first quarter of this fraternal year has passed and we have accomplished a great deal. All reports due to State have been submitted, the three annual Flea Markets were a great success and we were allowed to express our Right to Life commitment by displaying the *Cemetery of the Innocence*.

I want to thank our Pastor, Fr. Roy E. Campbell, Jr., for the opportunity to display the *Cemetery of the Innocent* at our church, so that the St Joseph Community and visitors to our area can see what is happening to the unborn children. The crosses have been passed on to the next council. I want to thank all that participated in this meaningful endeavor. You might have been there to erect the crosses, you might have been there to assist in taking them down but if you couldn't be there and stopped and said a prayer you were just as much a part of this demonstration as the ones who did.

The Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights held its Annual Crab Feast at the Calvert Council 7870 in North Beach, Maryland on September 17, 2014. James C Fletcher, Jr. Council was well represented with 18 guests representing our council. The guest consisted of our Worthy DD Michael Davenport and his wife Valencia, the current Grand Knight, Worthy Brother Vernon Hawkins FDD along with 14 other friends and family member of our council. All attendees enjoyed the crab feast and want to thank the McNamara Chapter and Calvert Council 7870 for their hospitality and great food.

Thanks to our New First Degree Team Captain, SK Harold Sanders and his Team, we have had two successful First Degrees and installed 5 new members into Our Council. This puts our council where State wants all council's to be, **"One new member per council, per month."**

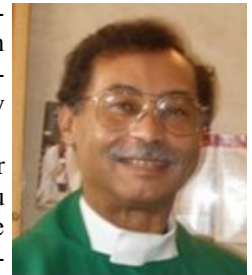
There are several items quickly approaching us. We must support the upcoming KC Ladies Dance. After all, we would be nothing without their assistance. The Soccer Shootout is quickly approaching us, we need to recruit several kids so that we can be well represented. The annual *Halloween Party* for the church community will soon be upon us. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Squires Circle has agree to assist us in this endeavor. The *Christmas Trees* will be here before we know it and we need to plan for the Council Christmas gathering.

The Family of the Month program has been a Hugh success this Fraternal year, thanks to Our Worthy Brother Gabriel Nmoraka, who has done a wonderful job in making this program continue to be our number one priority in recognizing members of our church community.

Remember as long we work together and everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot.

CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

Fr. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.



Quite often, the love, forgiveness and patience that parents have for their children are a direct reflection of the love, forgiveness and patience that our heavenly Father shows to His children on earth.

One of the first words that a toddler learns is NO! As a parent, how would you feel if you asked your child to "mow the lawn" and your child said no, disappointed? In today's Gospel parable, that is just what one son tells his father when asked to work in the father's vineyard.

He changed his mind and went. "

As a parent, how would you feel if you then asked your other child to "mow the lawn" and that child said yes; however, when you look at your lawn an hour later, it has not been mowed? You might feel not only disappointed, but a little deceived by your child's agreement to do what you asked and then did not do it. In today's Gospel parable, that is just what the other son does when his father asked him to work in the father's vineyard.

Later, you find out that your first child actually had a change of heart and mowed the lawn. You are elated! That is Jesus' message to the chief priests and elder of the people: change your hearts! It means nothing if we say yes to God, but do not do what He asks.

Yet, even those who at first say no to God, but have a change of heart and do as our heavenly Father ask, will enter the kingdom of heaven before those who give only "lip service" to His commands.

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



Be Not Afraid Our Faith is Our Courage.

As we conclude the installation season, for myself and the State Officers and Representatives, I wish to thank the Grand Knights, their wives and council members for their warm and welcoming hospitality. The pride and accomplishments of each council were well represented in its membership.

I have asked that each council participate in a state-wide salute to Special Olympics by holding some type of fundraiser on September 27th and donating the proceeds to Special Olympics. These funds will be dedicated for the Special Olympians training for the World Games in Los Angeles, CA next year. The results of the fundraisers are still coming in, however, if the early reports are any example, it was a very successful venture.

I wish to thank those who will be participating in the Columbus Day Ball on October 11, 2014. With a shorter deadline this year, everyone pulled through and met the challenge and I am grateful. Any questions concerning the Ball, Steve Upton is the main contact. Also, thanks to those councils, assemblies and organization that placed their ad in the Ball Program Book.

Recruitment is 365 days a year. Check your membership supplies and be ready for the church drives scheduled this month and next. If you need help, ask your regional director and/or the Membership TEAM. However, **do not ask them to RUN your recruitment effort ...** they are more than happy to assist, but not RUN the drive.

After meeting with the Fraternal Benefits Advisors, and their request to be part of each council's **SUCCESS**, we are challenging each council to provide **five prospective member names**, and the advisors will assist in recruiting these prospects.

How are you progressing on your **Road to SUCCESS**? Have you recruited one member, per council, per month? Do you need help planning a strategy? The State Officers, District Deputies, Regional Advisors, Membership & Programs **TEAM** want to help you, "Accelerate Your Success!" We are waiting for your call for assistance. Lastly, remember your 1st degree promise. Do you have your rosary and do you pray it often?

Vivat Jesus.

Have You Visited The State Website Lately?

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Michael P. Davenport - District Deputy



Brother Knights, ignited with the Holy Spirit, fueled by Divine oxygen, we are proud to be a Knights!! "Be Not Afraid Our Strength is Our Courage." Our lives are founded in Christ, therefore our lives are bound together, and therefore we must love.

Christ is alive and among us! "Be not afraid our faith is our courage." Fletcher Council is on its way and has much to be thankful for. Meeting attendance is high, membership is ahead of States expectations and your Grand Knight is energized and prepared to take you to the next level. With the blessings we receive it's easy to fall back on human values, pride, overconfidence, and contentment.

This is not the time to sit back. It's time to shift gears and move forward. The history of the Council is over achievement. The future is excellence. We must give to each other as we would in the Jesus ministry of refreshment. Be the type of person who sits down with another in the office of the ministry of refreshing.

We have a "Program for Success" with the councils this year. Our State Deputy has emphasized that we should not cancel degrees. It is most embarrassing to the council when potential members to a degree are notified that it is cancelled. There is a possibility the member may not come back. Invite the benefits advisors to the first degrees. They are volunteering to help the council by sending the paperwork to Supreme with a copy to the council for their records, fast and efficient. The Financial Secretary (FS) of the council can sign men up for the \$100 annuity form as long as they have copies of the W-9 form that must also be completed. These can be emailed or faxed to you from your agent ahead of time. Not to mention the Star Council new member and insurance requirements are helped. Our agents **ARE** committed to the same goal as the Leadership TEAM. Success for every council....every council a Star. Membership is always a priority. One Member, Per Council, Per Month. Our Goal is the Council's **SUCCESS**. Failure is not an option. Losers quit when they fail, winners fail until they succeed!! Our Worthy Grand Knight has a table of 10 at the Columbus Day Ball. I hope to see you there!!

Be the brother Knight who speaks to a brother and makes the brother feel comfortable and refreshed as if they had a cup of cold water. As a District Deputy, I have the opportunity to see many things. Last month I witnessed a Grand Knights attempt to step down. I witnessed a council's forgiveness and refusal to accept the resignation. I witnessed a Knight stepping up to bear the burden of his brother Knights cross. I witnessed the testimony of our State Deputy's vision. One mission, one Knighthood lifting our brother Knights as true brothers.

Vivat Jesus!

SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight

Public Responds to Knights' Initiative and Add \$1 Million to Christian Refugee Relief Fund

Knights' twin efforts to help those suffering religious persecution in Iraq includes \$2 million in aid and a prayer campaign for peace.

In just over three weeks, the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief initiative has raised more than \$1 million in public donations for those suffering persecution in Iraq and the surrounding region. Combined with the \$1 million donated by the Order, the fund now stands at more than \$2 million, which will be distributed to support humanitarian assistance to refugees fleeing from the ongoing persecution.

Expanding its support for persecuted Christians — and those from other religious minorities in Iraq — the Knights of Columbus is also adding a spiritual dimension to its response to the humanitarian crisis, urging Knights and their families, as well as the public, to recite the "Prayer for Those Persecuted in Iraq," written by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore.

The prayer, available at: <http://kofc.org/un/en/resources/communications/prayerforiraq.html>, asks for a spirit of "perseverance and courage" for those under attack, and asks the "God of all the nations" to "look with mercy on your servants in Iraq who are persecuted for their faith." It pleads that wisdom may be given to "leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples."

"Our twin efforts are a concrete response to Pope Francis' request for prayers and material assistance for those affected by this terrible persecution," explained Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. He added, "We are asking our members, and all people of good will, to pray for those persecuted and to support our efforts to assist them by donating to this fund."



The supreme knight also noted, "It has shocked the conscience of the world that people are systematically being purged from the region where their families have lived for millennia simply for their faith. It is imperative that we stand in solidarity with them in defense of the freedom of religion and conscience, and provide them with whatever relief we can."

The Order has a long history of providing humanitarian relief and has long supported persecuted Christians. Throughout the 1920s, for example, the Knights provided humanitarian assistance and created international awareness of the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico.

Those wishing to assist with the relief efforts in Iraq can donate to Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief by visiting www.kofc.org/Iraq, or by sending checks or money orders to: K of C Christian Refugee Relief, Knights of Columbus Charities, P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., is recognized by the IRS as a charitable organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, and 100 percent of all donations collected by Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., will be used for humanitarian assistance for Christians and other religious minorities being persecuted or displaced in Iraq and the surrounding regions.

BISHOP WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

Francis P. Blidi - Faithful Navigator



The 45th Annual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree for the Archdiocese of Washington District (AWD) will be held Friday, April 10, 2015 at 1 P.M. - Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 12 P.M. (EDT at Colony South Conference Center in Clinton, MD. Requirements, registration information weekend schedule may be found at the following URL:

<http://awddistrict.org/index.php/exemplification/online-registration>

The next Walsh Assembly meeting will be held on Monday, October 13th at St. Piux X Council, Sarto Hall, 3611 Stewart Road, Forestville, MD 20747-1747. Join us, the meeting starts promptly at 8 P.M.

BISHOP MCNAMARA CHAPTER

Richard Earenfight - Chapter President



The Bishop McNamara Chapter Annual Crab Feast was duly supported by the James C. Fletcher Council members and their guest. There were crabs aplenty, and boy did we enjoy and stuff ourselves.

The next McNamara Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15th at Rock Creek Council 2797 in Bethesda, MD. The meeting starts promptly at 8 P.M.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Good tidings continue at James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council this Fraternal year!

Grand Knight Tim Mathews has called for ideas on ways we can improve our programs. Please send in any suggestions to me. All ideas are welcome!



Key Current Programs

Council Website:

We have chosen the U Knight Platform to host our new website. We are now in the process of collecting materials for inclusion in the website. Any documents, photos and information should be submitted to me or Mike Akpan for possible inclusion in the website. Links will be provided on our homepage for the Squires Circle, and to Supreme and State websites.

Forty Days for Life:

From September 24 through 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 10am 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 Pro-Life coordinator - Peter Methodius (301-728-7827) Local 40 Days for Life campaign coordinator - Tom Trunk (240-593-6982) or E-Mail: 40daysforlifeMD@gmail.com.

Council Awards and Plaques Display Wall:

The Council Awards Plaques display case is in progress and will be completed very shortly. We are very excited! Watch out for further announcements.

Redskins Concession Stand:

Join me in congratulating **Brother David Martin** who successfully completed his training and is now a member of the **Fletcher Council Redskins Concession Stand Team and has participated in one game**. Our team is growing and there remains several positions open to council members.

Thanks to Brothers Chris Aguocha, Chris Nwabine, Mathew Koker, and PGK Emeka Onwezi for their continued participation in the concession stand service. We are excited that our Council is doing more working during games and events at the FedEx Field.

Discussions are ongoing as to how best to advertise our stands to let customers know that ours is for Charitable organizations (Knights of Columbus and Rotary). Our leader, Bob Grill is seeking ways of effecting this within the guidelines of the FedEx Field management.

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. I gave it a try and found it to be both rewarding and a good way to contribute to our Council's yearly revenue. Our goal this Fraternal year is 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.

Grand Knight Tim Mathews also intends to make a special council white Polo embroidered with the third degree logo and our Council name for the use of concession stand volunteers.

This month we will be starting: the Tootsie Roll Campaign and The "Cup of Joe" Breakfast Program. Volunteers are needed to assist in these works of charity of our Council. Contact me if you're interested in volunteering.

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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Alan Davis, Church Activities Director
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Veneration of Relics: The date for Veneration of the Relics is Saturday, November 8th. Since this is the first Friday of the month, Adoration and Benediction will take place as well. The service and reception will take place at the same time following the 5 P.M. Mass. The council has always provided refreshments for the reception after Veneration and two Color Corps members to stand in honor.



Sir Knight Deacon Curtis B. Turner, a former James C. Fletcher, Jr. 11422 council member will speak at the reception in the Rosemont Room. We will need council members to help with food preparation, serving and clean up and to serve as Hospitality Ministers if needed. Please mark your calendar and come join us.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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Star Council Award Presentation



It is for real, richly deserved and is the culmination of a fantastic year for the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council for the 2013-2014 fraternal year, the Star Council Award. It is an award for overall achievement in membership recruitment and retention, insurance promotion and "Surge...with Service" programming activities (Church, Council, Community, Family, Youth and Pro-Life). The award was presented on September 18th by Former District Deputy Charles Springmann and District Deputy Michael Davenport. Accepting on behalf of Past Grand Knight John W. Huntley and the council was Grand Knight Thomas F. Matthews. PGK John W. Huntley was unable to attend the presentation, however, he will be recognized at the council meeting in October.

Accompanying the plaque was the following letter from the Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson:



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

Dear Brother Knights:

On behalf of my fellow Supreme Officers and Board of Directors, please accept my sincere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. The dedication to the principles and aims of the Order shown by your officers and members is exemplified by the high standards of excellence you have achieved.

May this award be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of your council to continue to promote the ideals of Columbianism for the good of the Church, your community and the Order. I encourage you to carry forward your enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the new millennium.

Fraternally yours,
Carl A. Anderson
Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Of the many charitable works we perform during the year, none is more rewarding than our "Tootsie Roll Campaign", "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities". If you have never stood in the front of a Safeway or Giant grocery store with your yellow vest and collection can and experienced the smiles and gratitude's of your neighbors as they donate, you are missing something special. You will feel that your neighbors welcome you; want to support such a worthy cause; and are thankful that you gave of your time to make it possible.

For those who have experienced this feeling, I'm looking forward to your continual support. To our brothers who are new, and for those who have not participated thus far, let us remember that "Caring is our business", and we show our concern for the less fortunate by donating all collected funds to **local organizations** that provide specialized services and training for those who have intellectual disabilities. So lets make this year campaign the best ever. We will do our collections on the weekends during the month of October and November. So please mark your calendars and set aside a couple of hours to do this valuable work of charity. **Please call Ike Agbin 202-276-7796 or Cal Thompson 301-928-2157 to sign-up. And please do it Right Away.**

MEMBERSHIP QUEST

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From time-to-time, there are family moments that makes one proud. Grand Knight Thomas "Tim" Matthews, III recently experienced such a moment when on Friday, September 19th two of his immediate family members became members of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422, Knights of Columbus. His son Thomas F. Matthews, IV and his son-in-law Francis Somerville successfully completed the First Degree of the Order.

Pictured above, from left to right are: GK Thomas "Tim" Matthews, Thomas F. Matthews, IV, Francis Somerville, and District Deputy Michael Davenport. Please welcome our new brothers to the council.

Knights of Columbus
An Experience of a Lifetime

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Gabriel O. Nmorka, Family Activities Director
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September marks the end of the first quarter of the Knights of Columbus fraternal year and the James C. Fletcher Jr. Council 11422 is elated to recognize the family of Ike Agbim as the top Family of the Month for their exceptional contributions to the Church, Community and/or Council.

Ike and his spouse Nkem Agbim became members of St. Joseph's Parish in 2001 and have been good Christian parents of Nwamaka, Echezona, Chioma, Ifeoma, Obiechina and Chukwuka. Despite his busy work schedule and large family size, Ike Agbim still finds time to participate in both Church and/or Council activities. In addition, it's worthy of note that for this new fraternal year, he was elected to serve the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 as the Deputy Grand Knight.



Ike Agbim is active in the Hospitality Ministries and Youth activities in the Church. The family supports the Council as Members and Counselors in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Squires Circle. He also lectures at Sunday Masses and serves as Church Usher on Knights Sundays. He always encouraging other fellow Knights to step up and serve in Knights' programs and in Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. We are proud to have this family with such energy and willingness to serve in the Church and our Council.

God bless the Agbim family.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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The Soccer Shootout is set to coincide with the Saint Edward's Church Fun Day on October 5th. District 3 and District 32 will be working together to have a combined District Level Soccer Shootout. Steve Kemp has put together a shirt for this year that includes advertisements. Those who volunteer to work should get a shirt to remember the event.

We will need help setting up before the event, registering participants, keeping score, catching balls, presenting the awards and cleaning up the field when we are done with the event. We will need a lot of people to help with this event. Last year we had over 50 children participate and we had three children from the event win at the State level. We expect more children this year with the addition of four more councils sending children to the event. The more help we have, the better things should run on the day of the event. If you can please show up at Saint Edward the Confessor Church at noon to help with the set up.

**SOCCER
SHOOT-OUT**

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Dr. Peter Methodius-Ngwodo, Pro-Life Director
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The Ice Bucket Challenge

Two months ago, when the Ice Bucket Challenge went viral on social media, it was a fund-raising bonanza for ALS Association. In one month, it raised \$31.5 million compared to \$1.9 million raised in the same period last year. The funds are to support research to cure Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, a very debilitating disease that attacks the nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord that control voluntary motion.

Unfortunately, the ALS Association supports some research using embryonic stem cells, which destroys those cells and goes against Catholic teaching. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati suggests that those who wish to support ALS research give their support to the John Paul II Medical Research Institute, which conducts research using only adult stem cells. They can be reached at jp2mr.org, or sending a check made payable to: "John Paul II Medical Research Institute", and sent to the Institute at 540 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 202, Iowa City, Iowa 52254.

Christopher Columbus fleet had three ships on his first voyage. What were their names?



FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

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Today is the Start of Your Future

Experience teaches that decisions made today often have long term consequences. What we decide today can affect us and our families far into the future. So, it is very important that we seek information from a variety of sources, shift through the dross, seek options, reflect and then make informed decisions.

Where to start? Information is available from a number of sources. *Financial Beacon* is an excellent quarterly publication. The local newspapers publish articles on financial matters. For those of us eligible for membership in AARP, we receive publications that offer advice about all areas of aging, and an increasing number on financial matters. There are also a number of periodicals that cover financial topics; the library subscribes to many of them, saving you the expense of subscription. Also, I cover this topic in my monthly articles.

What to do with the information you gain from this reading? Look at your plans for the following:

- ◆ Insurance - do you have the right coverage for your family?
- ◆ Annuities - what is the return on your savings, 401(K)s, IRAs?
- ◆ Income Protection - when you cannot work, how will the bills get paid?
- ◆ Long Term Care - what plan do you have in place when you need assistance to perform activities of daily living?

Remember: the Knights of Columbus has the right products to answer the above questions, and most of the others that you may have. Let's talk now about your family's future, in order to have good consequences for decisions made today and tomorrow.

Remember that now is a good time to review your portfolio. Autumn brings cooler temperatures and raking leaves reminds us of the temporal nature of life. Write down your goals for this year and the next. Our Order can help you achieve them; let's talk.

K C LADIES AUXILIARY

Cathy Gresham, President

301-868-5795

It seems like spring was yesterday; however, the K C Ladies are ready for a busy year. First, we extend our congratulations to our new Grand Knight, Tim Matthews and our thanks to Past Grand Knight, John Huntley, for his leadership and support. As always, the K C Ladies will be available to assist in all Fletcher Council endeavors. To begin, our first event:, see flyer below.

KC Ladies Auxiliary
"Annual Fall Dance"

Saturday—October 4, 2014
9:00 PM—1:00 AM

St. Joseph Church—Rosemont Room
 2020 St. Joseph Drive, Largo, MD 20774

\$30.00 per person -Dinner—Open Bar
"Music by DJ Cowboy"

For tickets call:

Sharon Thompson	301-249-2955
Deborah Robinson	301-332-1793
Gale Bell	301-499-0877
Sheila Hinton	301-390-8472
Etoile Hawkins	301-366-0284
Catherine Gresham	301-868-5795
Val Davenport	301-883-0281
Christine Fidelis	301-808-7806

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, St. Joseph Church

A successful **Fall Dance** will allow us to achieve many of our annual goals. Tickets can be purchased from any K C Lady. We hope each Knight will support this event.

As we plan for our **FALL DANCE**, we will also be recruiting new members. We are asking each Knight to encourage his wife to join us. At present, we meet on the Second Thursdays of the month at 7 P.M. However, the day/night and time is negotiable. Call Cathy Gresham at 301-868-5795 if interested.



Tickets Will Go On Sale For The
James C. Fletcher, Jr. 21st Annual Mardi Gras On
November 1, 2014

Saturday
February 14, 2015



St. Joseph
Rosemont Room

"Featuring The Exclusives"

Fletcher Council - First Degree Team

Harold F. Sanders, Jr., PFN
 First Degree Team Captain

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Team, first let me "Thank" each of you for participating as a member of the **Fletcher Council's First Degree Team (FTD)**. Fletcher Council First Degrees are scheduled for Nov, Jan, Mar and May social meeting nights starting at 7:30 P.M. The teams show time will always be at 7:00 pm and the dress is Council uniform. If anyone needs a ceremony script please let me know ASAP. Please study your part and be familiar with the entire ceremonial script.

The First Degree Ceremony is the first real contact that a new brother has with our Order. We want him to remember his First Degree with pride and further anticipation of being a part of a great organization.

Our last degree ceremony went fairly smoothly. Yes we had a few bumps but as a team, we overcame them and got the job done. I had hoped to use the social meetings for practice but we are booked solid. Suggestions are always appreciated.

Pictured above is District Deputy Michael Davenport presenting Alan Davis his Warden Credentials, certifying him as a member of the First Degree Team. The team have several openings for new members. Listed below are current members of the team. If you are interested in joining, please give me a call or send me an email.

Team Captain

Harold Sanders, PFN

Grand Knights

Mervyn Chancellor
 Vernon Hawkins, FDD, PGK, PFN

Deputy Grand Knight

Emeka Onwezi, DW, PGK

Chancellor

Robert Sistare, PFN

Warden

Alan Davis

Aids to Warden

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Where is Christopher Columbus?

This month, we celebrate our namesake Christopher Columbus. But in spite of his accomplishments, not many know of the man. Did you know there is still even a question as to where he is buried?

Columbus died in Valladolid, Spain, on May 20, 1506, at the age of 54. He had suffered through a long terminal illness that first showed symptoms on his third voyage eight years before.

Upon his death, Columbus was initially buried in a small cemetery in Valladolid. Shortly thereafter, his body was moved to Seville. When Columbus' eldest son and heir Diego died in 1526, he was buried beside his father. But Diego's widow petitioned the Spanish court to move both bodies to the cathedral in Santo Domingo on Hispaniola. So the remains of Columbus were moved across the Atlantic, and were buried under the right side of the altar in the cathedral in Santo Domingo. And there matters stood for two centuries.

In 1795, France captured the island of Hispaniola from Spain. By this time, the Spanish viewed the Admiral's remains as a national treasure, and wanted to prevent their capture by the French at all costs. So, relying on old records, they dug up the remains and removed them to Havana, Cuba. A century later, when Cuba won independence from Spain, the remains were moved again, from Havana back across the ocean to Seville. And so, if you visit the cathedral in Seville today, you will find the tomb of Columbus.



But that's not the whole story. In 1877, workers were restoring the cathedral in Santo Domingo and found, under the left side of the altar, a box containing human remains. The box bore Columbus's name. It immediately became clear to some that the "left" and "right" sides of the altar depend entirely upon the direction one is facing. And therefore, some argue, the body that had been moved to Havana in 1795 was really that of Diego, while the Admiral's remains had been in Santo Domingo all along. And so, if you visit the cathedral in Santo Domingo today, you will find another tomb of Columbus.

Meanwhile, one historian has argued that the wrong body was moved from Havana to Seville, and therefore, Columbus's remains are really in Havana. And another historian argues that Columbus's remains never left Valladolid! Furthermore, portions of the remains in Seville were given to the city of Genoa in 1892 as part of the quadricentennial celebration.

Recently, Spanish scientists tried DNA analysis to answer the question. As it turned out, DNA was not even necessary: a cursory examination of the bones in Seville showed that they must have been those of Columbus's sickly son Diego, not the Admiral himself. So the discoverer's final resting place is probably in Santo Domingo after all.

Marian Title for October
Our Lady of the Pillar



According to tradition, on January 2, 40 AD, in the early days of the Church, James the Greater, one of the original Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ, was evangelizing the Gospel in what was then the pagan land of Caesar Augusta, now Zaragoza. He was disheartened with his mission, making little progress having only few converts who had been traveling with him. In his despair, while praying by the banks of Ebro River, Mother Mary miraculously appeared before him and his group, comforting him and promised to help.

Mary gave him a column or pillar as a symbol, being carried by angels with an image of the Mother on top. James was instructed to build a chapel on the spot where Mary left the pillar, a place where she and the pillar would dwell forever; so that by the grace of God, will marvel those who believed and asked in their hour of need.

James returned to Jerusalem after establishing the church in Zaragoza and was ordered beheaded in 44 AD by King Herod Agrippa I. The land he left eventually became believers of Christ through the works of his disciples.

This is believed to be the very first apparition of Mary, and the only one before her assumption. Mary was still living in Jerusalem at that time, and was believed to have appeared to James through bilocation. The church established by St. James is the very first church dedicated to Mother Mary in the history of Roman Catholicism.

Let Us Always Remember



SK James M. Harley

Feb 2, 1922 - Feb 1, 2008



Please, Remember In Your Prayers

Members Who Are Ill



*Howard Wynn
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REFLECTIONS**SK Lawrence P. Grayson*****Conquer We Will — The Continuing The Effort (Part 2 of 2 Part Series)***

After almost 42 years of persistent efforts to abolish legalized abortion in this country, societal trends are in support of pro-life. Rising favorable public opinion, the steady closing of abortion facilities, aging and fewer abortionists, more restrictive state laws, expanding numbers of pregnancy care centers, and significant numbers of young people participating in pro-life events are some of the gains that have been made. Now is the time to expand these efforts to achieve a complete victory.

Every Knight, every Catholic, every person who believes life begins at conception should be involved. Some people may take full-time, very public roles. Others may do things occasionally, as their time permits. Still others may show their support in symbolic, but important ways. There are innumerable opportunities to advance the pro-life movement, with activities that can match every individual's time, temperament and ability.

Some may choose an activity that is dramatic and creative. Missy Smith, a pro-life activist, for example, qualified in 2010 as a candidate from Washington, D.C. for the U.S. House of Representatives. As such, network TV stations in that jurisdiction were legally obligated to broadcast her campaign messages. She ran two ads numerous times showing the realities of abortion that the stations would not have aired under other conditions.

Or your involvement may be less unique, but of equal importance. For the physically active, you can help erect in publicly-visible locations monuments to the unborn, either permanent ones as have been built on many church grounds, or temporary displays. In Maryland alone, the Knights of Columbus have erected cemeteries of the innocents, consisting of 721 crosses to represent aborted children, over 260 times in various locations throughout the state. You can participate in marches for life, either at national, state or local levels. You can attend a ceremony at a cemetery where the unborn have been buried on the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children each September.

You can bear prayerful witness at abortion clinics, as organized each spring and fall by *40 Days for Life*, or in a Life Chain in October, or at other public-witness gatherings. Those who prefer visual displays can participate in events aimed at educating the public through Face the Truth Tours sponsored by Defend Life, or in the Genocide Awareness Project organized on college campuses by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform. To mix in a little fun, volunteer help at pro-life booths at state and county fairs. And for the young and fit, you can participate in one of three pro-life walks across America organized each summer by Crossroads.

You can support pro-life legislation, write your congressmen, distribute pro-life literature, assist in a campaign for a pro-life candidate, and vote. You can contribute to ultrasound programs such as sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, for highway billboards erected by ProLife Across America, and for the placing of pro-life ads in local newspapers. You can volunteer at a pregnancy care center, donate baby clothing and equipment, or assist in other needed ways. Knights of Columbus

councils can create linkages with local pregnancy care centers to provide a wide range of volunteer and monetary assistance. You can aid women who choose to have their babies with housing and sustenance through the *Gabriel Project*, and aid women and men cope with the emotional distress that often follows an abortion through Project Rachael. You can join a pro-life group in church or club in school. You can donate to Live Action, an organization which exposes the inner workings of the abortion business through undercover activities, or Operation Rescue, which persistently brings the shoddy operations of abortionists to the attention of health and regulatory authorities.

If none of these opportunities suits your temperament, you can display your support for pro-life by wearing a tee shirt with a pro-life message, placing a pro-life bumper sticker on your car, affixing seals with pro-life messages to letters you mail, or simply putting a precious-feet pin on your lapel. There is a role for everyone.

In addition to public action, prayer is essential. Remember the fight against abortion is a spiritual battle being waged in a temporal arena. Organize and attend pro-life Masses, pray the Rosary, say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy -- Pope John Paul II granted a papal blessing in 2003 for those who say the chaplet for an end to abortion -- participate in the International Week of Prayer and Fasting held each fall, or attend a Holy Hour for the unborn.

Will eliminating legalized abortion be easy? No! Will it be quick? No! Martin Haskell, the co-inventor of partial birth abortion, recently closed his clinic in Ohio after operating for 32 years, due to persistent prayer and pro-life effort. The Planned Parenthood surgical abortion facility in Bryan, Texas, which was the stimulus for creating *40 Days for Life*, was closed in 2013 after 14 years of relentless praying, fasting and public witness – but close it did. And, fight we must.

You may think, what can I do? I am only one person. I cannot change the country or even my community. Yes, you can! William Wilberforce, a member of Parliament, waged a 20-year battle that eliminated the slave trade in England in 1807. Rosa Parks, a seamstress in a local department store in Montgomery, Alabama, became a national symbol for the effort to end segregation when she refused to “move to the back of the bus” in 1955. Mother Angelica, a cloistered nun with no business or technical experience, began a worldwide television and radio network. God never asks us to win battles, only to do our best in combatting evil.

No one can do everything that is needed to establish a culture of life in this nation, but everyone can do something. Be involved. Have courage. Have faith. Have hope. The battle for life will be won. As Francis Scott Key so aptly wrote in the last stanza of the *Star Spangled Banner*:

***Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
and this be our motto: “In God is our trust.”***



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The patient's family gathered to hear what the specialists had to say. "Things don't look good. The only chance is a brain transplant. This is an experimental procedure. It might work, but the bad news is that brains are very expensive, and you will have to pay the costs yourselves." "Well, how much does a brain cost?" asked the relatives. "For a male brain, \$500,000. For a female brain, \$200,000." Some of the younger male relatives tried to look shocked, but all the men nodded because they thought they understood. A few actually smirked. But the patient's daughter was unsatisfied and asked, "Why the difference in price between male brains and female brains?" "A standard pricing practice," said the head of the team. "Women's brains have to be marked down because they have actually been used."

The teacher asks little Johnny if he knows his numbers. "Yes," he says. "My daddy taught me." "Can you tell me what comes after three?" "Four," answers little Johnny. "What comes after six?" "Seven," answers little Johnny. "Very good," says the teacher. "Your father did a very fine job. What comes after ten?" "A jack," answers little Johnny.

A young officer is working late at the Pentagon one evening. As he comes out of his office about 8 P.M. he sees the General standing by the classified document shredder in the hallway, a piece of paper in his hand. "Do you know how to work this thing?" the General asks. "My secretary's gone home and I don't know how to run it." "Yes, sir," says the young officer, who turns on the machine, takes the paper from the General, and feeds it in. "Now," says the General, "I just need one copy..."

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has just released the results of a \$200 million research study completed under a Federal grant to Johns Hopkins...The new study has found that women who carry little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.



25TH ANNUAL EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL



JESUS, SHOW US THE WAY

Don't forget to come write & place your prayer intentions in the basket in front of the Acacia Tree near the altar. Your prayers and those of the other East of the River Churches will be sent up during the revival beginning:

7 P.M. Oct 6, 2014 at The Church of the Incarnation w/ Rev. Raymond Moore, 880 Eastern Ave., NE Washington, DC

7 P.M. Oct 7, 2014 at St. Joseph Largo w/ Rev. Everett Pearson (Youth Night), 2020 St. Joseph Drive, Largo, MD

7 P.M. Oct 8, 2014 at Mt Calvary Church w/ Dr. Francine Dove Hawkins (Reconciliation Night), 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD

7 P.M. Oct 9, 2014 at St. Thomas More w/ Msgr. Ray East (Closing Mass), 4275 4th St., SE Washington, DC

Assisting Churches

Holy Family, St. Luke of Avila, St. Francis of Xavier, St. Margret's of Scotland, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Assumption and Our Lady Queen of Peace.

The Revival is to "foster a spirit of evangelization in our faith communities and the wider community to whom we are called to witness and serve. It is an invitation to all believers." The ERRC is an evangelization outreach of the Southeast Deanery and its related parishes, is the largest and longest continually recurring revival in the Archdiocese of Washington.

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****OCTOBER****

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**“What, You
Are How
Old?”**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****OCTOBER****



- 02 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 P.M.
- 04 KC Ladies Annual Fall Dance
- 11 Columbus Day Ball
- 13 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting, 8 P.M.
- 13 Columbus Day
- 13 Boss’s Day
- 15 McNamara Chapter Installation, Rock Creek Council
2797, Bethesda, MD
- 16 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 P.M.
- 19 Knights Sunday, 11 A.M. Mass
- 24-26 State Fall Meeting, Cumberland Ramada, Cumberland, MD
- 31 Halloween

(40 Days for Life - September 24th to November 2nd)

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