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Chaplain Thoughts...

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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? Would you feel disappointed? In today's Gospel parable, that is just what one son tells his father when asked to work in the father's vineyard.

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 the Gospel, Matthew 21:29-31 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 elders 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 asks, will enter the kingdom of heaven before those who give only "lip service" to His commands



Matthew 21:29-31 - "What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 21:29 The boy answered, 'I will not.' But later he had a change of heart and went. The father went to the other son and said the same thing. This boy answered, 'I will, sir,' but did not go.



THANK YOU SIR KNIGHT JOE MARSHALL FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.



Grand Knight's Chronicles

Your Grand Knight For The 2017 - 2018 Fraternal Year

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding"

By Grand Knight J. Bernard Broadus



Brother Knights. I am reminded this month of what Past Grand Knight Alan Davis administration theme, "Charity is Love". Yes, it truly is. In October and coming months, we will have the opportunity to show and give much "love" to our fellow neighbors. The Box of Joy, Tootsie Roll Program, Cup of Joe and the Forestville Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Program will be our focus over

the next 90 days. As Deacon Nash said in the homily on September 24th, **"the only thing you owe anyone is love, that is the law"!** Let's begin this Fall season showing the world how much we love and care for our fellow man by going beyond the call of duty as we give from the heart to our brothers and sisters in need.

Alan Davis and Vern Hawkins will host another *Cup of Joe* event on Thursday, October 26th. Our plans are to package 500 breakfast bags for those in shelters in the Washington Metropolitan area.

Also on tap is our *Annual Halloween Party* for the youth of the parish. It is to be a magical night on Friday, October 27th.

Brother Cal Thompson and John Huntley will spearhead out *Tootsie Roll Drive* in support of those with Intellectual Disabilities. Brother Cal has secured 2 locations, Walmart and Giant, for us to collect donations. We only need You Brother Knights, to help us complete this endeavor. Please volunteer your time and love to help us at these locations.



Brother John Blake has agreed to chair our **Box of Joy Program.** We are asking our brothers to step up to the plate and work with these charitable programs. The **Box of Joy** provides Christmas gifts to children that would normally not receive anything for Christmas. We did 86 boxes last year at St. Joseph parish and our goal this year is 100 Boxes of Joy. This program will roll out with boxes being distributed to brothers and parishioners in the mid-October timeframe and boxes will be due back in the first week of November. The **Box of Joy** is a ministry of *Cross Catholic Outreach*. This program falls under the Domestic Church program, but more important, it increases the charitable efforts of James C. *Fletchers Jr. Council* to our neighbors as God has commanded us to do.

And finally brother knights, our Deputy Grand Knight, Michael Younger, will chair the *Baby Bottles Program* for the Forestville Pregnancy Center. Just getting you ready even though we will not begin until November.

And Please don't forget our 5^{th} *Sunday Rosary* this month on October 29th. I pray we will have our largest gathering and that all of our prayers are answered.



2018 Supreme Convention

The **2018** Supreme Convention will be held in Baltimore, Maryland August 6 - 9, 2018. We are beginning to recruit volunteers to assist with the various duties that will be undertaken to make the convention a success. The success of the organization of the convention and convention itself relies on the participation of Brother Knights and their families to help with pre-convention activities, hosting duties and support opportunities throughout the convention. Please take a few minutes to review, complete and submit the Volunteer Information on the Maryland State website at:

http://kofc-md.org/docs1617/Volunteer Information Sheet 2018 BaltimoreConvention.pdf

or www.kofc.org and see the homepage slide show "Supreme Convention 2018 is in Baltimore" and select "Click Here to Volunteer as Part of the Team." We will communicate all plans and schedules, via e-mail, with our volunteers as we get closer to the convention. If you have any questions or need additional information please let me know, 301-774-6338 or jgiacal@verizon.net. Thank you in advance for your participation and support.

Jack Giacalone McNamara Chapter Volunteer Coordinator

State Deputy's Report

District Deputy's Report



councils, to honor our namesake, Christopher Columbus. All councils should engage in one or more events to honor Christopher Columbus. Be out in the community and tell people who we are and what we stand for, charity! We will have Columbus Day Parade on October 8, 2017 in Baltimore.

G. Emeka Onwezi **District Deputy**

Also, we will be busy this month, conducting recruitment church drives in our parishes. Councils should allocate time after Sunday Masses to conduct this membership

drive and recruit young men from 18-years and up to join our ranks, as Knight of Columbus. We need young Catholic men to join us and help in our charitable outreach programs, like the Box of Joy program, Pennies from Heaven program, rebuilding the town in Iraq, Coats for Kids, just to mention but a few.

Councils should begin now in compiling information for the Fraternal Survey. We need to be 100% this year.

The Maryland State Council in partnership with the Knight of Columbus Insurance Advisors, are sponsoring several high school scholarships for its members and for catholic students in general. For more information, please visit the Maryland State Council website. The application period starts from October 1, 2017 and ends on February 1, 2018.

The Maryland State Council is soliciting brother Knights and their spouses to volunteer for the upcoming Knight of Columbus Convention coming to Baltimore, Maryland in 2018. For more information on how to volunteer, please see me or e-mail me at onwezi@gmail.com.

The ultimate goal for any council is to attain the prestige Star Council at the end of the fraternal year. Last fraternal year, two councils in District 2 achieved Star Council status, one being Double Star Council. Also, two other councils in District 2 will receive Columbian Award, which is the next highest award after Star Council. The council that will be receiving Double Star Council is St. Mary's of Landover Hills Council 10046. Congratulation to Grand Knight Iyke Onochie of council 10046. St. Jerome Council 5564 will be receiving Star Council. Congratulations to Past Grand Knight Daryl Hendricks of Council 5564. St. Mary's of Assumption Council 9302 and James C Fletcher, Jr., Council 11422 will be receiving Columbian Awards as well. Congratulations to Past Grand Knights Hugh McRandal of Council 9302 and Past Grand Knight Alan Davis of Council 11422. All councils in District 2 did well during the last fraternal year. The Star Council Award Ceremony will be on October 28, 2017 at Columbus Garden in Baltimore.

Please let start participating in more programs and get ready for the Second Quarter program reports.

Vivat Jesus!

October is the month that we, as Knights of Columbus, always do something within our

My Brothers All,

October is the month in which we honor our namesake, Christopher Columbus. We have many activities at the State level to help us do that; the Ball, the Parade and the DC Celebration. Hopefully many of you will attend one or more of these events. However, each council should do something to honor our namesake. In this time, when people are attempting to denounce the discoverer of the New World, we should be doing something to keep his

Stephen M. Cohen **State Deputy**

name in the forefront. If you are attending the parade please be visible, wear your council shirts, hats, jackets; carry your council banner.

On September 24, 2017 the tenth annual Zylla Cup was held at Mount Saint Mary's in Emmetsburg. This is an annual flag football game played between two of our college councils, University of Maryland and Mount Saint Mary's. This year's game was won by the team from the Mount. Congratulations to both teams for keeping this tradition going. Thanks also goes out to Bryan and Steve Adamczyk and Dirk Griffin for their help in making this event go off smoothly. This year, the Supreme Council sent a film crew to video the game, speak with college knights and alum, and show our college Knights in action. Look for this video soon on the Supreme website.

The Marvland Jurisdiction continues to do well in the area of Growth. We are weekly adding new members to our ranks. The month of October is also the month for our first Church Drives. Hopefully, your plans are made and ready to implement. This is an outstanding time to make every council in Maryland membership active. Let's make this our goal in October.

Many opportunities have recently become available to us to increase our Charitable Outreach. The hurricanes in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico have seen record donations to aid our brothers in these areas. Our Pennies From Heaven campaign continues throughout the year. We are looking forward to a great year for Coats for Kids and please see your Chapter representatives in regards to this. The Box of Joy program seems to be up and running and gathering strength. See our chairman Jimmy Williams on how to get involved. Also the Maryland State Council has partnered with the Archdiocese of Baltimore in Supremes' effort to rebuild the town in Iraq demolished by ISIS. Each council will soon receive a letter concerning this. All donations are welcome.

Financial Secretaries (FS) should be looking forward to their upcoming FS Seminars. As we have been saying for a while, if your council is not fully using Member Management, now is the time to get up to speed. Very soon, all other FS tools will no longer be supported. Let's make sure all of our FS's are fully trained.

Remember in everything we do in Maryland - WE are Advocates of the Lord.

Let us never forget our mantra that became our send off at the Leadership Seminar: It is not I - It is We; It is one goal - It is our goal; And the goal is to make this our Best year ever.

Vivat Jesus



A Message From The Supreme Knight's

Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight



Brother Knights and Friends,

As you know, many areas in the southern United States, as well as the Caribbean, have been devastated by the back-to-back hurricanes, Harvey and Irma.

Since Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas Gulf Coast Brother Knights, their families and others have contributed \$2.3 mil-

lion for victims of the recent hurricanes and natural disasters. The Knights of Columbus also has taken a leadership role in assisting those affected by these storms, including the immediate distribution of more than \$720,000 for food, water and other necessities with more funds being distributed every day.

The outpouring of generosity to our appeal has been magnificent, and I personally thank each of you who have contributed. This level of service by our brother Knights is reflective of the work done last year by our Knights in Louisiana in response to the flooding there.

Charity has always been a defining characteristic of the Knights of Columbus. Pope Francis has said, "To Love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete. It means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, and serve him concretely." Our brother Knights continue to be examples of just such concrete service to their neighbors.

Many of these volunteer Knights are men whose own homes and property have been destroyed and yet are putting the needs of others in front of their own. These are the kind of men who show just how deeply our members believe in the Knights of Columbus' first principle of charity.

Charity is the Knights of Columbus' first principle and the basis for all we do as Knights. In other words, to be a Knight of Columbus is to be a man for others. And this is what our brother Knights in Texas, Florida and other locations have shown themselves to be.

Again, my thanks to all of you who have and are volunteering and to those of you who have contributed to our relief effort. Your efforts are making a difference.

And I encourage any of you who have not contributed to the Knights of Columbus relief effort, or who wish to give more, to please do so immediately. The need is great, and the need continues.



Membership Ouest



Welcome to the Knights of Columbus. Those are the words expressed to Fr. Robert Boxie, III and brother Baffour Owusu-Adjei on September 21st. After successfully completing their Admission Degree they were officially welcomed by Grand Knight Bernard Broadus and District Warden Michael Akpan as members of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422. Smiling faces says it all.

L/R Baffour Owusu-Adjei, GK Bernard Broadus, Fr. Robert Boxie, III, DW Michael Akpan



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What is it?

Permanent life insurance is our signature product. It provides money to your family when you die, and builds cash value while you live. It's guaranteed. It's secure. It's dynamic.

Who needs it?

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- Providing money for final expenses so your family doesn't have to.
- Replacing income so that your family's financial life doesn't have to change in case you pass away suddenly.
- Providing college funds for your children in case of an untimely death.
- Protecting your spouse from the burden of a mortgage in the event of the unexpected.
- Giving a donation to a charity or special interest.
- Supplementing an estate or mitigating estate taxes.

How does it work?

Permanent life insurance – like all life insurance – is designed primarily to provide money (also known as a death benefit) to your designated beneficiary when you pass away – guaranteed.

All Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance policies (with the exception of Graded Premium – see below) have premiums that are guaranteed not to increase, so you won't have to worry about any surprises.

Our permanent life insurance policies also accrue cash value over time. Should the policy be eligible for any dividends (which are not guaranteed), you can also elect to put those proceeds back into your policy by purchasing additional paid-up insurance. Additional paid-up insurance increases your policy's death benefit and cash value. Your policy's cash value can be used as cash, either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy*, or as collateral.

What options do I have?

Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance products are flexible to fit your needs.

Product Options

Single Premium Whole Life - Secure protection and start your legacy with one, single payment.

10-Pay Life - Pay your premiums in just ten years, and your death benefit is guaranteed for life.

20-Pay Life – Pay your premiums in just twenty years, and your death benefit is guaranteed for life.

Life Paid-Up at 65 – Pay your premiums until 65, so that you don't have to worry about additional expenses in retirement.

Life Paid-Up at 100 – Pay level, guaranteed premiums until your 100th birthday.

Graded Premium Whole Life – Enjoy lower premiums for your first few years to help you get started. Premiums will then gradually increase before leveling off.

The Knights of Columbus also offers several specialty products including: Discoverer -a unique blend of the best features of both permanent and term insurance; Graded Death Benefit -a guaranteed issue final expenses product; and Survivorship Universal Life -a second-to-die policy for couples, families, or business partners.

Beneficiary Options

You decide who you want your death benefit to go to: a spouse, children, family, a trust, or even charity. You can have more than one beneficiary, and can divide up the proceeds proportionally.

Additional Features and Benefits

There are a number of special features and benefits – often called riders – that are available on Knights of Columbus products, such as the spousal waiver of premium, which pays for your spouse's Knights of Columbus premiums when you pass away.

Contact your Knights of Columbus field agent today to learn more about our permanent life insurance products, and about the safety and security that we can help provide.



McNamara Chapter Of Grand Knights

Vernon Hawkins, Jr. - Chapter President - vhawkinsjr@aol.com - 301-367-1881





You may have missed it, it was one of the most prestigious awards to be received by any of the three Maryland Chapters this year, the Chapter of the Year Award. The Chapter was so recognized for its charity work, work to support the councils of the Chapter, and dedication and service on behalf of the Maryland State Jurisdictions and our Order. The award, shown here was presented to the Chapter by the State Deputy Steven Cohen.

For over fifty years The Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights has supported the efforts of Grand Knights, District Deputies and council members as they have labored to make Fr. McGivney's vision a reality in the State of Maryland. We are heirs to that tradition and responsible to furthering that goal this 2017-2018 Columbian Year. To that end, we have two primary tasks facing us: membership growth and council support. Each meeting is gear to focus on developing the leadership capacity of knights in attendance. Therefore it is important that we have full attendance from member councils. I will take on this task through creative strategies to create chapter meeting attendance. The Chapter has been very successful with these endeavors, and through its efforts was recently recognize as the Chapter of the Year for the 2016-2017 fraternal year by the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The Chapter will continue its yearly programs this month with its Annual Crab and Shrimp Feast hosted by the Calvert Council 7870 in North Beach, MD on October 18th. See the adjacent flyer for all the details and make that call to reserve your seat.

BTW, the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights are opened to ALL council officers/directors and we do encourage that you do bring your officers and directors to our meetings. If the Grand Knight is unable to make a meeting, send a council representative. Meetings scheduled for October thru December are as follows:

OCT 18	Calvert Council 7870
	Crab & Shrimp Feast

- NOV 15 Sacred Heart Council 2577 Memorial Mass & Silent Auction
- DEC 13 Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council 14455 Christmas Party



"Do Not Procrastinate." Make Your Reservations NOW.



WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

Michael P. Davenport - Faithful Navigator



Worthy Knights, Brothers All,

"Were You There"? In the 1953 motion picture *"The Robe"* Richard Burton, a Roman Soldier asleep on a ship was tormented by the sound of the hammer nailing our Lord to the cross. He awoke shouting out the words *"Were you there"*? He was dreaming about that day of our Lords sacrifice and was in the process of his own transformation.

My brothers, it is time we awake from our slumber and shake our fellow brothers awake. It's time to bring them into the fold of the 4th Degree of Knighthood.

With the aftermath of multiple hurricane hits and family tragedy, now more than ever, we need to be there. I was blessed and honored to be deployed to the Hurricane Harvey site and ground zero as a member of a relief team. I was there and witnessed the tragedy and helplessness. The banks of debris lined the streets of homes that had been flooded out. The storm did not distinguish between rich or poor. Everyone was directly or indirectly impacted. Families walked the streets of Houston and crowded around the shelters and convention centers already overcrowded.

Please listen to the Call to help for Texas from our Supreme Knight and our State Deputy to not only support the Hurricane Relief Fund but also support our Order by increasing the membership of our Fourth Degree "*Are You There*"?



It is that time again when we salute our Priests, Deacons and Nuns. This year the event will take place on **Thursday**, **October** 26th. As you know, this is a Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly annual event. The Assembly will be joining the Saint Pius X Council 4076 Council with this event, SK Dave Martin is our chairman. *He is requesting a minimum of 20 Sir Knights dressed In full tuxedo to serve* as we have done in years gone. Each Sir Knight will be assigned to a table and will be responsible to serve our guest at that table. *This event is open to ALL*. To make your reservation and/or to serve as a host table Sir Knight, RSVP via email to Dave at: deedavid@msn.com or Cell, 301-351-8453. Please see the above flyer for the menu selections and more details.

KNIGHTS ON BIKES Michael P. Davenport - Faithful Navigator

Brother Knights,

We've endured the burdens inherent of those who do Gods will. We've endured the hate crimes splashed across the portraits and statues of our namesake *Christopher Columbus* and we maintain our rush to charitable deeds as our founder *Father Michael McGivney* did for his community.

Once again it's time to show our support and be unified at the *Columbus Day Parade*. *Knights* on *Bikes* will be there to lead the parade as we support and honor the courageousness of *Christopher Columbus*. It is very importance that we promote this event especially in light of the past few years of controversy.

Please join your *Brother Knights* and the *Knights on Bikes* as we lead the parade in Baltimore on Sunday October 8th, 2017 at 2 PM. "In God We Trust And Ride"







PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Michael Younger, Community Activities Director mrwhy@verizon.net 301-980-6779



Thanks to all council brothers in helping to achieve our Car Raffle goals. Spear headed by brother knight Fidelis Joseph, we are ahead of plan and with a week remaining we have the opportunity to overachieve even more. The Columbus Day Ball will be held this year on October 7th Don't miss the opportunity to win a 2018 Mustang Ford or \$18,000 cash option. (*I plan to give you all a ride in my new Mustang!*)

However brothers we have many other activities planned for the coming year and I am imploring all members to participate in the cultural, educational and spiritual events of the council. I will also be personally calling members to solicit your involvement in these events. Each member of the council should participate in <u>at least one activity</u> this year, especially our

monthly Knights Sunday Mass. New ideas are always welcome and I am available to meet with any member to discuss programs and activities we as a council can pursue. Remember our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Please feel free to contact me in person or at mrwhy@verizon.net and 301-980-6779.

Grand Knight Bernard Broadus and myself, along with the officers and Activities Directors promise to uphold the high standards James C. Fletcher Jr. Council has earned locally and nationally over the years. More important, we need you fellow brothers knight, to continue to answer the call(s) that has help to make our council the flagship council in our District as well as the State.

October Activities

Brothers, we will have 5th Sunday Rosary, led by our brother knights, Deacons Stephan Nash and Al Douglas Turner. All brothers are asked to participate, volunteer and to assist with the saying of the rosary.

The date and time are as follows:

- 5th Sunday Rosary, October 30th, beginning the rosary at 10:15 A.M. sharp. (After the 8:30 Mass and Before the 11:00 A.M. Mass)

202-802-8155

- Halloween Party and volunteers are requested.
- Columbus Day Ball October 8th

CHURCH ACTIVITIES





This month, there are numerous opportunities for council members to volunteer and serve the parish and the archdiocese in church events and activities. *The 28th Annual East of the River Revival* will take place beginning Saturday, September 30th, with a Youth Rally, Mass and Dance from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at The Church of the Incarnation in Washington, D.C. The 3 night weekday revival is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 2, 3 and 4 at Holy Family Parish in Hillcrest Heights, MD beginning at 7 p.m. each night. This year's revivalis is Father Roy Lee who will speak on the theme, *"Where There is Light, There is Hope."* St. Joseph is one of the 14 member churches on the revival committee and PGK Alan Davis the council's and parish's committee representative is *seeking council members to serve as ushers, greeters and parking lot attendants.* Our council Chaplin Bishop Campbell will co-celebrate the Wednesday evening Mass and Assistant Chaplin's Deacons Al Turner and Steven Nash will serve as MC and Revival Assistant.

Knights Sunday is October 22nd and after Mass the council will hold a recruitment drive for new members. Please contact Grand Knight Bernard Broadus or Color Corp Commander Bob Sistare to volunteer to serve the Mass and the Recruitment Table.

Finally, the Fifth Sunday Rosary Prayer Program is Sunday, October 29th after the 8:30 Mass. Deacon Steven Nash will lead the prayer service for peace and human rights. Contact Grand Knight Bernard Broadus for more information.





 COUNCIL ACTIVITIES
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Tickets Will Go On Sale Shortly For The James C. Fletcher, Jr. 24th Annual Mardi Gras



Saturday February 10, 2018



"Featuring The Exclusives"

St. Joseph Rosemont Room



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES Michael Younger, Community Activities Director mrwhy@verizon.net





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 me at 301-980-6779 or Cal Thompson 301-928-2157 to sign-up. And please do it Right Away.





FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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Chaplain Thelma Lucas and her husband Ernest Lucas began attending the Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Largo Maryland in 2007.

Chaplain Lucas and Ernest have one son Tracy, three grandchildren Claudetta, Tiana and Tracy Jr. Also have six great grands.

With the support of her husband Chaplain Lucas works as a Catholic Chaplain Consultant at the Saint Elizabeth Hospital for Behavioral Health in Washington DC. Thelma is the caregiver for her husband Ernest and she is also actively engaged in parish life at Saint Joseph. She's also an Extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. She is a faithful member of the Saint Joseph Gospel Choir where She is the choir assistant director, vice president and also cantor. She's is the cantor for funerals and sings for weddings. Thelma is also the parish wedding coordinator

Three years the chairperson for the Archdiocese of Washington's Martin Luther King's annual celebration and concert under the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach. She is also a member of the Knights of Peter Cleavers Ladies Auxiliary, Sister Thea Bowman Court Number 364 and member of the Sisters in the Spirit where She made a presentation at Saint Margaret of Scotts for the Archdiocese of Washington DC. On staff at Xavier University in New Orleans Louisiana for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies and conducts the Elders Retreat during the summer session. Thelma facilitated and presented a women's session on spirituality at the Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

Chaplain Lucas is currently enrolled in the doctoral program at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria Virginia for Christian Spirituality. In her spare-time she loves to travel, cook and garden. Last but not least Chaplain Lucas is simply a handmaiden of the Lord. The James C. Fletcher Council is proud to Present Mrs. Thelma Lucas as the family of the month award recipient.



FAMILY FULLY ALIVE

In founding the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney sought to respond to the crisis in family life affecting Catholics in 19th-century America. As a young man he witnessed firsthand the challenges his widowed mother faced with seven children at home. Later, as a priest he confronted on a daily basis the problems affecting the families of his parish community due to poverty, violence, alcoholism, immigration, anti-Catholic prejudice and discrimination.

Father McGivney's vision for family life was not simply that each family might find financial and material aid. He understood that holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. And, seeing as his two brothers followed him into the priesthood, we can understand how truly important the *"sanctuary of the home"* was to the McGivney family.

His family was a living example of what the Second Vatican Council later taught — that each man, woman and child is called to holiness through proclaiming the Gospel and communicating the divine gift of love through the activities of their daily lives.

When Christian families respond in this way to the design of the Creator, they become a "domestic Church" that, as Pope Paul VI explained, mirrors "the various aspects of the entire Church."



CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES Peter Methodius Pro-Life Activities Director

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How about you? Will you pray 1-hour with us.





YOUTH ACTIVITIES Phil Beauboeuf, Youth Activities Director pabeaub@us.ibm.com 240-353-1460



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REFLECTIONS Lawrence P. Grayson Praying When Disaster Strikes

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma have laid bare a latent belief in God. In spite of continuing efforts to remove all references to a Supreme Being from the public's conscience -- from displays and events in schools, courthouses, town squares, and other public venues – the disposition of the American people still reflects a religious attitude. This is especially observable in times of dire need and extreme fear. When natural disasters strike and human efforts seem futile, people turn to God.

In late August, Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas coast. In a four-day period, Houston and many other communities in the state were drenched with 40 or more inches of rain. As the storm system slowly meandered near the adjacent Gulf of Mexico, there was catastrophic damage in southeastern Texas and parts of Louisiana.

Two weeks later, on September 10, Hurricane Irma made landfall in the Florida keys and then moved up the peninsular state. The resulting floods from the two storms caused millions of people to evacuate, inundated hundreds of thousands of homes, placed tens of thousands of people in temporary shelters, and required more than 17,000 rescues. The devastation was colossal.

Man could do little, except flee. It was time to appeal to an ignored higher power. President Donald Trump declared Sunday, September 3, a National Day of Prayer for the victims of Hurricane Harvey, stating, "I call on all Americans and houses of worship throughout the Nation to join in one voice of prayer, as we seek to uplift one another and assist those suffering from the consequences of this terrible storm."

Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a similar proclamation, requesting the people of Texas "to seek God's wisdom for ourselves and our leaders and ask for His merciful intervention and healing in this time of crisis."

As Irma was arriving, Gov. Rick Scott, on a national TV news show, appealed for people to "Pray, pray for everybody in Florida." Texas Senator Ted Cruz, tweeted, "Heidi and I are lifting up in prayer all in the path of #Irma."

The prayers of government officials were echoed throughout the country by religious leaders, those in harm's way, and quite unexpectedly – at least to this writer – by a number of entertainment celebrities. Musical icon Barbra Streisand tweeted, "Florida, you're in my prayers." Pop star Cher posted, "Please keep Florida in UR prayers." Latin singer-songwriter Gloria Estefan wrote, "Let us pray! Strength, Floridians!" Musical artist Beyoncé said, "Texas You Are in My Prayers." Were these appeals to God declarations of faith or simply cultural reactions?

The values of American society are becoming highly secular, bordering on agnosticism, if not atheism. God is being driven from public life, while the country is rife with abortion, cohabitation, same-sex marriage, dissolution of family life, contraception, and pornography, with a growing acceptance of assisted suicide and euthanasia. While Christianity is being purged from public voice, irreligion is growing rapidly, especially among the young. As late as 1990, only 8 percent of Americans did not identify with any religion. In 2014, 22.8 percent of them – and 36 percent of those under age 30 -- reported their religious affiliations as "None." Catholics contributed significantly to this shift. More than one-third of American adults (35 percent) say they were raised Catholic, but only 20.8 percent currently claim the Faith, and the majority of these do not practice it consistently. Many of the defecting "cradle" Catholics are among the religiously unaffiliated, constituting 35 percent of the Nones who previously declared a religious association.

For many people, faith does not affect their ideas, attitudes, choices, decisions and actions, whether related to matters of public affairs, their drive for monetary success, tastes in entertainment, or the way they set priorities for living. Secularity has so obscured their moral consciences that faith, for them, is merely a cultural trapping, religion nothing more than a warm, vacuous feeling, rather than a deep commitment to God.

The outpouring of prayers when the hurricanes struck disclose that although religion is being driven from American society, there is a dormant belief in God that still permeates the nation's culture. Can the embers of that belief be rekindled and, if so, how?

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, shortly before his election as Pope, offered the following observation:

"Our greatest need in the present historical moment is people who make God credible in this world by means of the enlightened faith they live...It is only by means of men who have been touched by God that God can return to be with mankind."

Society will change when people truly live their Faith – when they recognize the Lord's place in their lives, practice their beliefs, and continue to grow spiritually. As a starter, prayer should not be limited to times of dire need. Gov. Scott said in response to the devastation in Florida, "I don't see prayer as a last resort, it should always be a first resort."

Leadership from the pulpit is needed, but is not sufficient. It will be lay activism that will change society – laymen guided by the truths of the Gospel acting in the world. Action is essential, but by itself will amount to nothing. Action must be accompanied by prayer in order to center our activity on what God intends us to do. Prayer and action, the love of God and charity to our neighbor, the spiritual and the temporal -- when the two are combined we can be faithful agents for bringing God into our homes, our workplaces, our communities, our recreational activities, the voting booth and, in short, into everything we do.

This change in life's focus may seem daunting, but it is attainable and will be effective. As Archbishop Charles Chaput remarked in *Strangers in a Strange Land*: "Do we believe in God or not? Are we on fire with a love for Jesus Christ, or not? Because if we are not, nothing else matters. If we are, then everything we need in order to do God's work will follow, because he never abandons his people."



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<u>Knight</u>life









A very successful lawyer parked his brand new Lexus in front of the office, ready to show it off to his colleagues. As he got out, a truck came along, too close to the curb, and completely tore off the driver's door of the Lexus.

The counselor immediately grabbed his cell phone, dialed 911, and it wasn't more than 5 minutes before a policeman pulled up. Before the cop had a chance to ask any questions, the lawyer started screaming hysterically.

His Lexus, which he had just picked up the day before, was now completely ruined and would never be the same, no matter how the body shop tried to make it new again.

After the lawyer finally wound down from his rant, the cop shook his head in disgust and disbelief. "I can't believe how materialistic you lawyers are," he said. "You are so focused on your possessions that you neglect the most important things in life."

"How can you say such a thing?" asked the lawyer.

The cop replied, "Good grief man, don't you even realize that your left arm is missing? It got ripped off when the truck hit you!!!"

"Oh my!" screamed the lawyer, looking down at his missing arm. "Where's my Rolex?"

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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."



Marian Title for October Our Lady of the Pillar

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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 Caesaraugusta, 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

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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.

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All Council Members Are Invited To Knight's Sunday Every 3rd Sunday Of The Month

At The 11 A.M. Mass

Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

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



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- 05 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 07 Columbus Day Ball
- 09 Columbus Day
- **09** Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting, 7:30 P.M.
- 13 Bible Study at St. Joseph Church (7-8:30 PM)
- 13-14 MD State Fall Meeting (GK)
- 15 Knights Sunday, 11 A.M. Mass
- 18 McNamara Chapter Mtg, Crab Feast, Calvert Council
- **19** Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 26 Cup of Joe (Breakfast for the Needy)
- 27 Halloween Party
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