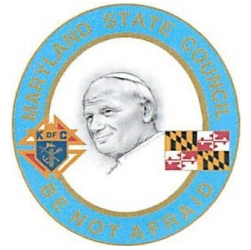




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**OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF JAMES C. FLETCHER, JR. COUNCIL NO. 11422  
HOME OF DISTRICT DEPUTY MICHAEL DAVENPORT, FORMER DISTRICT DEPUTIES  
VERNON HAWKINS, JR., DAVID D. MARTIN & CARLTON L. WILLIAMS  
*"BE NOT AFRAID, OUR FAITH IS OUR COURAGE"***

## *Pope Francis Visits Washington, D.C.*



***September 22-24, 2015***

### **Tuesday, September 22, 2015**

- Pope Francis will begin his pastoral visit to the United States with his arrival at Andrews Air Force Base in the afternoon.

### **Wednesday, September 23, 2015**

- Welcoming ceremony at the White House followed by a private meeting with President Obama.
- Mid-day prayer with the bishops of the United States at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle.
- Mass in the afternoon on the east portico of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the University Mall at *The Catholic University of America*. During the Mass, the Pope will canonize Blessed Junipero Serra.

### **Thursday, September 24, 2015**

- Address joint meeting of the U.S. Congress in the morning.
- Visit St. Patrick's Catholic Church in D.C. and meet with several clients of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington in late morning.
- Blessing and brief remarks to the clients gathered at lunchtime for the St. Maria Meals Program of the Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Washington.
- Depart for New York City from Andrews Air Force Base.



### Chaplain Report

A hypocrite is one who "says one thing," but does something else. Jesus told the Pharisees that they were hypocrites. Do we sometimes act like Pharisees, giving only "lip service" to our faith? Are our own traditions and practices more important to us than following our Lord's call to complete faith in His commandments?

The Pharisees were obsessed about washing their hands before eating. Today, most of us feel it is a good sanitary practice to always wash our hands before eating. Yet, how many of us wash our hands before eating at a restaurant or sporting event? Are these places that much cleaner than our homes? Is hand washing before eating always necessary, or just a tradition to be followed?

Jesus talks to us today about commandments and traditions that are necessary for our spiritual welfare. Yet, how many of us, for example, follow our own traditions before, during or after Mass, Holy Communion or



Fr. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.

### Chaplain Report

prayer? How important is it for us to follow OUR tradition above all else?

How often do we pay attention to what we eat, so that we can live healthier, longer earthly lives? How often do we pay attention to what we say and do, so that we can be prepared to enter eternal life? Do we believe what Jesus said: *"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."*?

Sometimes the longest journey for our spiritual growth is from our heads to our hearts. Jesus calls us to live our faith in our hearts and to put that faith into action in what we do in our lives. Jesus cares more about what happens on the inside of our lives than what happens on the outside: He wants our hearts. Jesus doesn't care about how we appear to others; He cares about what is in our hearts. And, that's what we should care about too.

***"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."***

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## Grand Knight's Chronicle

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August is a month we approached with caution; our schedule was packed, with events ranging from Installations, special meetings, two Flea Markets dates, and Family Mass.

As usual, the Knights of Fletcher Council stepped up gracefully to assist in the programs. So as we approach month ending, we are assured that our level of cooperation for events remains high.

Two months into this fraternal year, we can't but give thanks to God for his mercies and guidance on the Knights and their families.

We witnessed two very moving presentation during our last social meeting. Two groups were invited to present their missions to our Council. The first group, CHENREC, specializes in medical missions to underserved populations in DC and Africa, with a focus on training on proper nutrition, and farming. The other group, Healthy Babies



Project, is a DC based concern that primarily assists pregnant teens, providing them with housing, nutrition, medical and emotional care and even post child birth support for schooling, job training and employment placement services.

We are poised to expand our areas of work and support for Prolife and Community based works. We are determined to continue to do the things that make us stand out in our offerings to our church and community.

We continue to encourage participation of greater number of Knights in our programs; so that when we ***"...give a couple of hours a month to our council,"*** there's is no mountain we cannot climb!

***"Oh Mary, Perpetual help we beg of you;  
our souls from sin and sorrow free;  
direct our wandering feet aright and  
be Yourself our one True Light."***



## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

*Michael P. Davenport - District Deputy*

Brothers, I bring you greeting from our Worthy State Deputy Stephen J. Adamczyk whose motto is *"Be Not Afraid Our Faith is Our Courage"*

This past month was one of the busiest months of the year and the James C. Fletcher Jr. Council soared through it with the grace of a triumphant stallion at the finish line. My Brother Knights, the finish line is approaching quickly but its not here yet. The *Columbus Day Ball* is also fast approaching and seating is limited.

The first to reserve and send in their funds will be closer to the dance floor. Registration will closed on September 1st, 2015 so act fast!

On November 13th thru the 15th Maryland State Council is hosting a trip to The Knights of Columbus Museum, Headquarters and St Mary's Church where the Order began. See the monthly State Bulletin or check the State Website for details. September 13th thru 19th is Special Olympics week in Maryland. We should sponsor an activity in support of this **GREAT** cause.

As we embark on the second fraternal year your support and prayers are requested for the State TEAM that with their support we are as productive and **SUCCESSFUL** as we were last year, maintain our position in the Circle of Honor, and live up to the principles of Fr McGivney. As stated by our Worthy Supreme Knight remember that *"We have a moral obligation to offer membership in our Order to every eligible Catholic over the age of 18"*, Carl Anderson. We as an Order have the capability to offer men to become better Catholics, better fathers, and better husbands. Try not to miss an opportunity to invite any parishioner, coworker, or acquaintance to become a brother Knight. If you surround yourself with good people, you will become a better person! We should never forget to thank our wives for all the support they provide for the council!

With the beginning this year we are blessed with yet another outstanding Sir Knight and Family man at the helm as well as a sendoff from His Excellency Bishop Martin D. Holley who attended our Mass and Installation. During his Eulogy directly before the Council Installation he stressed that commitment to our Families and Gods Will is paramount. Our commitment to each other and our Order shines thru in the good things we do and the good people we attract. We cannot afford to sit passively by and *"hope"* that our membership will grow. We must be committed and make a conscientious effort to expose our Fraternity to our Church. As Knights we have the necessary tools for success. By our very makeup (which was conceived by God), we need relationships (interaction of two or more persons). A relationship of husband/wife was required to bring about our conception. A relationship of mother/child was required to bring about our birth. Our growth from newborn to adulthood is filled with relationships in school, family reunions, Church, etc. Therefore it is part of our nature to be part of various communities or groups in our everyday life. Our Council overflows with opportunity to nourish relationships that support our commitment. **WE ARE A TEAMWORK PEOPLE BY NATURE!**

Our faith, our good will, our love and our grace, are our armor. True ministry and true service is not something we do for God it's something God does through us and no matter who is the object of our service it is He that we serve. We serve using our spiritual gifts and our natural talents as tools and when we all work together there is nothing we can't do with the use of these gifts from God. Lord most precious God we, as Knights, are a service of yours. Use us to do Your will and let us not forget that the person next to us are channels which allow You to get through to us. Let us understand that Grace is an undeserved favor and with it we must be committed to be where you need us when You say to be there. *Amen.*



### James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 Council Officers

2015 - 2016

Chaplain  
Associate Chaplain  
Associate Chaplain  
Grand Knight.  
Deputy Grand knight  
Chancellor.  
Warden.  
Financial Secretary  
Recorder.  
Treasurer  
Lecturer.  
Advocate  
Trustee 3 year.  
Trustee 2 year.  
Trustee 1 year.  
Inside Guard.  
Outside Guard.  
Convention Delegate  
First Alternate  
Second Alternate

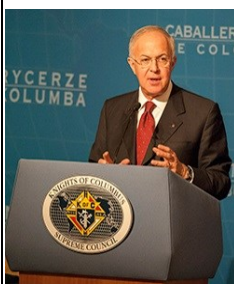
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Deacon A. Douglas Turner  
Ikechukwu R. Agbim  
Alan M. Davis  
J. Bernard Broadus  
Errol Sanderson  
Robert B. Sistare  
John O. Grier  
Harold F. Sanders, Jr.  
Michael P. Akpan  
Christopher U. Aguocha  
Thomas F. Matthews, PGK  
John W. Huntley, PGK  
G. Emeka Onwezi, PGK  
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Mervyn Chancellor  
Ikechukwu R. Agbim

## The Many Facets of Being a Knight of Columbus



## SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight*



Citing the Knights of Columbus' strong presence in Catholic communities and its members' loyalty, ratings agency A.M. Best reaffirmed the K of C's rating of A++ (Superior) for financial strength. The rating agency's announcement marks the 40th consecutive year that the Knights of Columbus earned A.M. Best's highest marks.

The Knights of Columbus has \$99.1 billion of life insurance in force and \$22 billion in assets under management. No insurer in North America is more highly rated than the Knights of Columbus.

"Knights and their families are not just customers, they are members of a fraternal family, united by their common bonds of faith and service," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Our rating is a testament to our ethical and sustainable business philosophy, which combines good business decisions with an outlook that puts people before profits."



Supreme Knight Anderson added that "a key to our organization's strength consists of our excellent agents, who are Knights of Columbus, and who view their brother Knights as family members."

Concerning the Knights of Columbus, A.M. Best noted: "Through conservative management, active fraternalism, and high-quality insurance products, the fraternal society has grown to a multi-billion dollar international insurance organization."

A.M. Best also reported: "Historically, the order's continued statutory gains from operations after dividends coupled with realized investment gains has enabled the order to build its adjusted unassigned funds in excess of needs to an exceptional level of risk-adjusted capitalization."

"As a result," said A.M. Best, "the order's investment earnings on surplus allows protection against market fluctuations and are used to produce dividends paid to policyholders, which aid in the sale and retention of its business. The currently strong risk-adjusted capitalization has resulted in considerable financial strength and provides it with substantial capital to support future growth opportunities."

### McNAMARA CHAPTER

*Tom Firestone - Chapter President*



**Thank You** James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 for hosting the Bishop McNamara Chapter's monthly meeting on August 19, 2015 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. As we expected, the hospitality and comradery provided by Fletcher Council is another example of its excellence. Join us for the next meeting of the Bishop McNamara Chapter on September 16<sup>h</sup> at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 9968, Lexington Park, MD

### WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

*G. Emeka Onwezi - Faithful Navigator*

I thank all you brother Knights for having confidence in me to lead Bishop Walsh assembly in this fraternal year. I am excited that this fraternal year will be a great one. This will be possible if everyone chips in, no matter how small. Once we work together as a team, we will be untouchable. We have so many programs to pursue this year, from being our brother's keeper to be more active in patriotism activities. We will have fun in between, like Christmas party and appreciation dinner events.

Our assembly's officers' investiture on August 16, 2015 at Holy Family Church, in Mitchellville, Maryland was great, and reception followed in the Church hall to honor the eight new members and their ladies. I thank the installation committee members that made the event, a successful one.

Out Pot of Gold initiative to encourage more attendance at our regular assembly meeting started at on our August 2015 meeting. Congratulations to our first winner, Sir. Knight James Agboli. You have to be present at the meeting to win.

I will be visiting councils within our assembly, starting with St. Pius X council. Our goal this year is to collaborate with the councils to make this fraternal year a successful one both on the council level and on assembly level.

I congratulate James C Fletcher's Jr.'s Grand Knight Ike Agbim and the council's new officers on their installation of officer held on August 23, 2015. It was a great event. I also congratulate the immediate past Grand Knight Tim Matthew and the rest of the council for attaining the prestige award of another Star Council. Congratulations all around.

**REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE CHANGED OUR MEETING TIME FROM 8 P.M. TO 7 P.M.**





## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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September for most of us means the end of summer vacation, back to school and a return to everyday routines. Brothers, let us break with that tradition and explore new ideas, programs and concepts for this fraternal year. Grand Knight Ike Agbim and myself encourage all members to submit new programs and initiatives they would like to see the council undertake.

The James C. Fletcher, Jr council will sponsor a **Men's Prayer Breakfast** on Saturday, September 19 from 8 A.M. to 12-noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church. This is a new annual event proposed and chaired by PGK John Adeleye. Men of all denominations along with men from churches in the Archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore have been invited to attend. The cost is \$5 dollars. Our former pastor, Father Raymond Moore, Jr. will be the guest speaker and prayer leader and there

will be faith and small group discussions. Council members may contact me if they wish to join the planning committee or volunteer to serve at the breakfast.

Other new activities and programs include support of **The Gabriel Network, Cup of Joe, Priest/ Deacons Appreciation Dinner** and **Medical Missions to Africa**. Please support the **Men's Prayer Breakfast** and all of the council's traditional and newly created programs. I am always available to discuss any ideas for our Council, Community, Church, Youth, Family and Pro-Life programs and eagerly await your input and participation.

*Vivat Jesus*

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Brothers, there are two very important church events scheduled this month in connection with St. Joseph. The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council is sponsoring a **Mission in Motion, Men of Faith Prayer Breakfast** in the Rosemont Room on Saturday, September 19th from 8 A.M. to 12-noon. The speaker and leader of this prayer ministry is our former pastor Father Raymond H. Moore. Men from our parish, parishes in the Archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore and other area churches will attend. Bring your bible and your prayerful spirit and fellowship with your fellow brother in Christ. Sign up sheets are in the church foyer and a flyer is in this newsletter.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis will visit the Archdiocese of Washington and celebrate a Mass at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, September 23rd at 4 P.M. Tickets are still available from the parish and will be distributed by Father Campbell before the Pope's visit. There are restrictions and conditions associated with the tickets if you happen to receive one from the parish. Please contact the church office for more information on tickets and the Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) website for more information concerning the Pope's visit.

### COME PRAY WITH US



All Council Members

Are Invited To

Knight's Sunday

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

Of The Month

At The 11 A.M. Mass

### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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Brothers, our final *Flea Market* was held August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Once again it was a sell out. Our vendors were very pleased and I received numerous "*atta boys*" for the help we provided and the way everything was coordinated and handled. They were sorry that this was our last *Flea Market* for the year and they are eagerly looking forward to next year. Alan and I would like to "*Thank*" every Brother that spent a little time on the lot with us. The Flea Market would not have been a success without your help.

We are continuing to collect donations from Costco and deliver to the different Shelters in the Maryland.

We are also partnering with Holy Family Catholic Church and Empowerment Ministries, Inc. to supply donations to them for their outreach programs.

Going forward we have been asked by Chris Thomas, President of Yahweh Outreach International, to assist / help in feeding the communities in Washington DC area. The council in Silver Springs has stepped up to collect donations from one of the stores. I am presently trying to get more information on this effort from Chris.

Have You Visited The Fletcher Council's Website Lately?

<http://www.council11422.org>

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

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# ***Our Graduates & Scholarship Winners***

*Nigel Robinson*

*Agya Adomako-Arhin*

*Ashleigh Sutton*

*Jessica Linus*

*Christina Grant*

*Jacqueline Asuquo*

*Stephen Bazuaye*

*Collins Idedevbo*

*Andrew Sutton*

*Sandra Benyella*



*Salisbury University  
 Salisbury, Maryland*



*University of Maryland  
 College Park, Maryland*



*Morgan State University  
 Baltimore, Maryland  
 Frostburg State University  
 Frostburg, Maryland*



*Howard University  
 Washington, DC*



*St. John's University  
 Queens, New York*

*Family of the Month*

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***The Poole Family***  
***August Family of The Month***

The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 of the Knights of Columbus this August would like to recognize the family of Eugene and Freddie Mae Poole as the Family of the Month for their remarkable contributions to our Council and the St. Joseph Church/Community. Eugene and Freddie, the proud parents of a daughter, Michelle and a grandson, Malcolm, an Eagle Scout, have served the St Joseph Parish in various ministries since they became members in 2002.

In 1994 Eugene began serving on the Board of Directors Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Washington, DC and was later elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities in 1996. He served as the Coordinator for the St. Joseph Church Audio Visual Committee from 2004-2013 and was responsible for upgrading the Sound System to its current state of the art level that extends to the Rosemont Room and all three Classrooms with closed circuit Television. Currently, Eugene serves on the Financial Council at St. Joseph.

Eugene and Freddie Mae were the facilitators for the Marriage Preparation Program here at St. Joseph Parish from 2003-2012. Their Marriage Program Ministry started in 1992, undergoing training at the Archdiocese of Washington and serving for over 20 years at St. Teresa of Avila and at St. Augustine's Church mentoring hundreds of couples throughout the years.

Because of the Poole's dedication to the Archdiocese Marriage Preparation Program, services to the Board of Directors for the Catholic Charities, involvement in the Cardinal Appeal Committee and other church ministries, they were selected as Family of the Year in 1992 for the Archdiocese of Washington and were privileged to accompanying Cardinal James Hickey to Rome to attend the International Meeting of Families with Pope John Paul II.

Eugene and Freddie Mae were also Coordinators for the Forward in Faith Campaign here in St. Joseph Church from 2003-2004. Due to their full commitment, St. Joseph Parish surpassed its goal set by the Archdiocese of Washington by 20% with more than 1million dollars in recorded pledges.

Freddie Mae joined the Arts and Environment Committee in 2003 and was the Coordinator of the Arts and Environment from 2008 - 2014. She also joined the Deliberate Disciples in helping to plan activities for the National Black Catholic History Month.

For these contributions, may the Almighty Father Bless you in Jesus name. Amen!

**NOTE: Recognition of the Poole family at the Mass on Knights Sunday was rescheduled due to the Church and Knights presentation of the Scholarship awards to college bound recent high school graduates. The Poole family will be recognized at Mass on September 20th.**



## CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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There has been an on-going debate among pro-life groups about the use of graphic images at public protests. Now image are having an effect in showing the dark side of the abortion industry. On July 13th, the Center for Medical Progress released on the Internet the first of a series of videos illustrating the crassness and coldness of Planned Parenthood

officials pursuing profits through the harvesting and sale of human organs gained from abortions. The videos are the result of a three-year undercover investigation. As of today, three videos have been released with the expectation that as many as nine more will follow.

The effects have left Planned Parenthood reeling. Most of the major broadcast TV and cable news shows, as well as the progressive daily papers, have given little or no coverage to the stories. The videos, however, have gotten major attention from radio talk shows, several national TV anchors, a number of Republican presidential candidates, and on social media. As a result, to-date, at least five major corporations have withdrawn their donations to Planned Parenthood, Congressional hearings have begun, several states have begun investigations of the organization in their states, and legislation has been introduced to halt the \$500 million of annual federal funding to this national abortion provider. None of this would have happened without the video images, as graphic and abhorrent as they are, of the operation of Planned Parenthood.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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A "challenged" has been issued to the councils of District 6, the gauntlet has been tossed to the ground, a hankie has been dropped and our District Deputy/Grand Knight have been called out to the **Field of Honor**. The challenge comes to us from District 32, which is composed of the following councils: Sacred Heart 2577, Mother Seton

5381, Father Peter C. Boyle 12254 and Father Michael C. Kidd. The challenge should you choose to accept it, is this, a Soccer Shootout for boys and girls of District 3 against those of District 32. Without hesitation, District Deputy Michael Davenport picked up the gauntlet and accepted the challenge.

Although the date/time has not been finalized, it is tentatively scheduled for a day in September on the **Field of Honor**, St. Matthias Catholic Church Soccer Field at 9475 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD 20706. The challenge is a competition designed for players aged 9 through 14 to demonstrate the most basic of soccer skills — the penalty kick. Each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal).

**SOCCER  
SHOOT-OUT**

## KC LADIES AUXILIARY

Cathy Gresham, President

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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, Ike Agbim and our thanks to Past Grand Knight, Thomas Matthews, 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 17, 2015**  
**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.

### Please, Remember In Your Prayers

#### Members Who Are Ill



Howard Wynn  
 Mary Julius  
 Joseph Marshall  
 Ken Hinton

James Shorter  
 William Missouri  
 William Tolbert  
 Donald Wilson

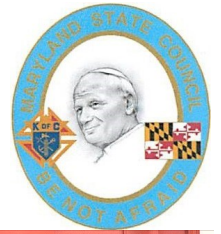






## *A Celebration in the Neighborhood*

### *James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 Installation*



On a beautiful Sunday evening on August 23, 2015, officers of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council stood proudly as the Worthy District Deputy Michael P. Davenport, assisted by



District Warden Emeka Onwezi conducted its installation. A surprising guest for the occasion was Bishop Martin D. Holley, Archdiocese of Washington. Looking on with much interest was the Worthy State Dale Trott, Lady Linda and a host of council members, families and friends. There was much excitement in the air as the DD led the ceremony, swearing in each participant starting with District Warden Onwezi, the Chaplain Father Roy E. Campbell, Jr., and each other of the council officers. Grand Knight Ike Agbim was as smooth as silk as he so graciously accepted the office of leadership from Past Grand Knight Thomas "Tim" Matthews who was wrapped in a smile all afternoon.

Immediately following the council's installation was that of the KC Ladies: Elizabeth Gresham (President), Deborah Robinson (Vice President), Etoile de Hawkins (Secretary), and Sharon Thompson (Treasurer). Each officer was presented a bouquet of flowers with color ribbons signifying their positions.

The celebration continued in the Rosemont Room with a full course dinner and reception program. End of the year awards included Service Awards to: Calvin & Sharon Thompson, Vernon & Etoile and the Knight of the Year to SK Gabriel Nmorka. Gabriel was unable to attend, his award was accepted on his behalf by SK Charles Okpah.

It was indeed a fitting end to the conclusion of one year and the beginning of another. This was so evident after he was introduced and receiving a thunderous applause, followed by the exchange of the gavel. Grand Knight Ike Agbim settled in at the podium and tapped the gavel one time and said *"let us begin...."*



## Protect Your Family With Knights of Columbus Insurance The Knights of Columbus Guarantees



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**(1) We guarantee the cash value in your whole life insurance.** The beauty of whole life — or permanent — insurance is that it is truly permanent. It's a way to insure your life for life. That's true not only of the death benefits, but of the cash value, which is guaranteed provided that you continue to pay premiums according to the contract.

**(2) We guarantee the rates on your level term insurance.** Just like permanent insurance with the Knights of Columbus is predictable, so are our level term policies. Your rates as laid out in your contract will not change. No surprises — just reliable, affordable coverage.

**(3) We guarantee a minimum interest rate on your retirement annuity.** Your retirement is not something worth leaving up to chance. A knights of Columbus annuity can help to remove some of the uncertainty. Your contract includes a guaranteed interest rate that you will continue to earn for the life of the contract. The actual rate you earn may be greater than that — and often is — but it will never be lower.

**(4) We guarantee high-quality, professional services.** We're not just an insurance company. We're an insurance company for brother Knights, run by brother Knights. We pride ourselves on the quality of service that we provide to members and their families. Our dedicated, full-time, professional agents will be there for you and your family whenever you call on them.

**(5) We guarantee not to purchase "junk" bonds or derivatives.** We do not take brother Knights' financial futures lightly. We invest carefully and make business decisions motivated not by profit or greed, but by service and commitment. Our safety, security and fiscal responsibility are the principle reasons why we have earned A.M. Best's highest financial strength rating, A++ (Superior), for 39 consecutive years.

**(6) We guarantee not to invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.** The Knights of Columbus is unapologetically Catholic both professionally and fraternally. Our faith informs our work at every level, including the evaluation of each investment we make. Father McGivney wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

The Knights of Columbus should be different than all other insurance companies — and we are. We are looking out for you in a way that no other company can because we're your brothers.

So join the hundreds of thousands of brother Knights who have chosen to help protect their future with the Knights of Columbus. Talk to your agent, and see what options are available to you and your family.



***“Congratulations”***  
***SK Onyema G. Nmorka***  
***James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422***  
***Knight of the Year***  
***2014 - 2015***



**MEMBERSHIP QUEST**

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**Brothers,**

In preparation for our upcoming scheduled **First Degree**, we are continue our efforts to recruit Catholic gentlemen to join the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 of the Knights of Columbus. **You can help with this.**



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.

Please invite all qualifying candidates for Membership in our Order. Form 100 's and other recruitment literature may be found in the Knights' Cabinet at St. Joseph Church in Classroom #1.

Comments/Questions may be directed to me, John Huntley, Grand Knight Ike Agbim, Deputy Grand Knight Alan Davis or any of the council members.

Have You Visited The Fletcher Council's Website Lately?

<http://www.council11422.org>

## *REFLECTIONS*

### *Lawrence P. Grayson*

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## *Truth Versus Myth*

Videos, recently released by the Center for Medical Progress, show officials of Planned Parenthood discussing the harvesting and sale of organs from aborted children. With their ghoulish business exposed, spinmeisters quickly went to work. The president of Planned Parenthood stated that what the organization is doing is legal, humane, and scientifically useful, although their representative did not display the organization's deep compassion for women.

Most of the broadcast TV networks and cable news programs, sympathetic to abortion, initially ignored this exposé. It would have been their lead story, no doubt, if the harvesting were done on baby seals rather than unborn children. Generalized language such as fetal tissue is used to describe what is being sold, rather than specific terms such as liver, heart, and lungs. The Associated Press characterized a taped conversation in which a doctor in the organization describes how the desired organs can be preserved during an abortion as a discussion about "the disposition of parts from aborted fetuses," while the anchors at ABC, CBS and NBC used only the term fetus to describe the aborted children. But with the release of additional videos, coverage by more conservative media, and calls for investigations by Congress and state governments, public awareness and outrage are growing.

In order to minimize the damage to its reputation, Planned Parenthood has been attacking the Center for Medical Progress, characterizing it as an anti-abortion group engaged in unethical and deceptive activities. If you can't refute the message, denigrate the messenger. Those supportive of the abortion giant are using euphemisms to blur its activities and minimize the evil that is being done, while choosing words with negative connotations to depict the organization that brought their practices to light. The abortion-friendly media are trying to frame the videos as an unscrupulous effort by a fanatical opponent, rather than as exposing a morbid, morally-deprived approach to generating profits.

No matter how Planned Parenthood and its functionaries try to spin the news, they cannot change reality. In one video, as a laboratory assistant sorts through bits of an aborted child, another cries out, "It's a boy!" In another, a person identifies various limbs and organs awash in a petri dish as coming from a twin. Even these workers realize that the lumps of tissue are elements of a disassembled infant. No amount of dicing or chopping or abstruse language can change the truth,

Unfortunately, many people act like Pilate, who when Our Lord said to him, "I have come to give testimony to the truth," responded, "What is truth?", and would not recognize it. The truth that life begins at conception is an unwelcome fact to a large segment of society. So a myth is created that the development in the womb is not a child, but only uterine material growing like a tumor which can be excised for the health or convenience of the mother. As a result, million upon millions of unborn children have been killed in the most brutal ways. The continuation of this atrocity is due to ignoring truth as an objective reality. The myth is accepted because it is convenient and soothes a person's conscience. It is easier to go along with the crowd than challenge the lie.

Reality is external and definitive. People, however, do not act on reality, but on the perception of reality. Since perception exists in the human mind, people can transform their image of reality into something that fits their interests and desires. This allows them to ignore unpleasant truths and to rationalize their actions so that they are not troubled by what they do. In like fashion, well-funded groups, such as Planned Parenthood, are trying to reshape the public's perception of humanity, and thus override the truth of when life begins.

The reality of abortion is hidden when a child in the womb is referred to as "a product of conception," the tearing apart of an unborn baby as a "dilation and evacuation" procedure, and the skull-crushing in a partial-birth abortion as "intrauterine cranial decompression." People disregard the most obvious facts in their desire not to know, exercising a willful ignorance that certain actions denigrate humanity. That same willful blindness is what allowed the holocaust to occur, gulags to exist, and mass genocide to take place in China, Cambodia, Rwanda, East Timor, and Bosnia.

In order to sustain the myth, people must not be allowed to see reality. The abortion industry and its sympathizers must continue to create false impressions and block out the real world because if a woman recognizes that the "blob of flesh" developing within her is actually her child, the myth will be destroyed.

That is why the exposé videos are so important. That is why ultrasound images are so important. That is why graphic images displayed outside of abortion clinics are so important. One of these presents the beauty of the first stages of life, with a child in the womb alive and stirring. The others show pre-born children after an abortion, now disassembled like butchered sheep. These images are emotionally upsetting. They are troubling because they jar the conscience and make it difficult to deny reality.

Reverence for human life and its protection at all stages is the key societal issue of the day. The Knights of Columbus can be a potent force in the public arena to help raise the public conscience, reverse the trends in society, and once again establish a reverence for life. Councils working with their priests and pastors, can serve an important role through education and action to prepare their members and others in their parishes and communities, and provide leadership to deal with these issues locally. Participation in a march for life, being a prayerful witness at an abortion clinic, helping to erect a cemetery of the innocents, supporting prolife legislation, and sponsoring prolife talks are a few of the ways that councils and its members can become involved.

To be successful, however, prayer is needed to bolster the efforts. The struggle to establish a culture of life is a spiritual battle being waged in a secular world. It cannot be won on a solely material level. That is why programs like the Silver Rose, pro-life Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, and the frequent and widespread recitation of the rosary are integral to any effort to improve the moral culture of our state and nation. Will your council be among the leaders for pro-life? *Will you?*





*You are cordially invited to attend*

*Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights  
Mass and Installation of Officers*

*September 13, 2015 @ 3:00 PM  
Holy Family Catholic Church  
12010 Woodmore Road  
Mitchellville, MD 20721*

*Reception to follow in the Parish Hall*

*\$25.00 per person*

*No monies collected at the door*

*Seating is limited so please make your reservation soon!*

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**BWI Airport Marriott in Linthicum, MD**

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## FAMILY PICNIC

Sponsored by Maryland State Council



Saturday September 19, 2015 1:00- 5:00 PM

Prince Georges Council #2809, 9450 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, BBQ Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad,  
Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Desserts, Soda, Iced Tea,  
Water, Beer and Wine

Back by popular demand - Music by Rajun Cajun

Horseshoes, Basketball, Volleyball,

Games for Kids

**Cost: \$16.00 Adults – Children under 12 FREE**

K of C Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Council # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Family Members Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Age(s) of Children Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: Maryland State K of C

Mail Checks and Reservation form to: Bob Heverly, Family Picnic Chairman;  
12110 Forge Lane, Bowie, MD 20715 **no later than September 1, 2015**

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Maryland State Council's  
Annual Columbus Day Ball



October 10, 2015, 7:30pm  
Baltimore Washington International Marriott  
1743 West Nursery Road  
Linthicum, MD 21090

Tickets \$65.00 per person and \$125 per Couple,  
includes:

Deluxe Chicken Chesapeake Dinner, Dancing, and 2 Drink Tickets!

Please join us as we Come Together to Celebrate the  
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Dress for the evening will be Formal, Business Suit Acceptable.

No monies will be collected at the door.

Due to Limited Seating all Reservations must be received by September 1st!  
Discounted Hotel Room rates are available should you wish to stay overnight!

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Psalms 133:1; 1 Corinthians 12:10;  
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# Mission in Motion Men of Faith

Bonded in the *Spirit* of  
Prayer, Praise and *Unity*

### Event

Mens Prayer Breakfast

### When

Saturday  
September 19, 2015

### Time

8 AM to 12 Noon

### Place

The  
Rosemont Room

### Hosts

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
2020 St. Joseph Drive  
Largo, MD 20774  
Pastor  
Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.

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## Smiley Central™

Harry walked over to the Priest after services, "You know Father, I am really stuck in a quandary I would like to attend church next week but I just can't miss the big game next Sunday, it's just out of the question." "Oh Harry Harry" said the Priest putting his arm around Harry, "don't you know? that's what recorders are for." Harry's face lit up "you mean I could record your sermon?"

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A man is overweight so his doctor puts him on a diet. "I want you to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day and repeat for two weeks and you'll lose at least five pounds."

When the man returns, he's lost nearly 20 pounds. The doctor exclaims, "That's amazing! Did you follow my diet?" The man nods. "I thought I was going to drop dead every third day from all the skipping!"

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Tom had this problem of getting up late in the morning and was always late for work. His boss was mad at him and threatened to fire him if he didn't do something about it. So Tom went to his doctor who gave him a pill and told him to take it before he went to bed. Tom slept well and in fact beat the alarm in the morning. He had a leisurely breakfast and drove cheerfully to work. "Boss," he said, "The pill actually worked!" "That's all fine" said the boss. "But where were you yesterday?"

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A woman was telling her friend, "It is I who made my husband a millionaire."

"And what was he before you married him?" asked the friend.

The woman replied, "A billionaire."

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Redskins football practice was delayed nearly two hours this morning after a player reported finding an unknown white powdery substance on the practice field. Head coach, Mike Tice, immediately suspended practice while police and federal agents were called to investigate.

After a complete analysis, FBI forensic experts determined that the white substance unknown to the players was the goal line.

Practice was resumed today after special agents decided the team was unlikely to encounter the substance again.

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Six guys are playing poker. After losing \$500 on one hand, Smith clutches his chest and topples over, dead at the table. To decide who's going to tell his wife, his buddies draw straws. Anderson picks the short one. "Break it to her gently," they all urge. "Leave it to me," He says. When Smith's wife comes to the door, Anderson says, "Your husband just lost \$500 playing cards." "How much?" the wife yells, eyes blazing. "Tell him to drop dead!"

## In Loving Memory Of Our Deceased Brothers And Sisters



Deacon Leon J. Bechet, PGK

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## Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

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



**"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"****\*\*SEPTEMBER\*\*****- 2015 -**

**"The Joy  
Of A  
Birthday"**

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04 William D. Missouri  
05 Mauricio A. Gonzalez  
05 Peter Methodius-Ngwodo  
11 Michael P. Akpan  
13 Anthony M. Akpan  
16 Christopher I. Nwabine  
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24 Alfred A. Kwentua  
30 Michael K. Mishou  
30 Charles L. Ratcliffe

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****\*\*SEPTEMBER\*\***

03 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM  
07 **Labor Day**  
11 **Patriot Day**  
13 McNamara Chapter Installation, Holy Family Catholic Church, Mitchellville, MD  
13-19 State Council Special Olympics Week  
14 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting, 7:00 P.M.  
16 McNamara Chapter Meeting, Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 9968, Lexington Park, MD  
17 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM  
19 State Council Family Picnic  
20 **Knights Sunday, 11 A.M. Mass**  
23 **First Day of Autumn**

**Marian Title for September****Our Lady of Sorrows**

Our Lady of Sorrows, the Sorrowful Mother or Mother of Sorrows, and Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows or Our Lady of the Seven Dolours are names by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is referred to in relation to sorrows in her life. The Seven Sorrows of Mary are popular Roman Catholic devotion. There are devotional prayers which consist of meditation on her Seven Sorrows: examples include the Servite rosary, or the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. Also, there is a corresponding devotion to the Seven Joys of Mary. The term "Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary" refers to the combined devotion of both the Immaculate Heart and the Seven Sorrows of Mary as first used by the Franciscan Tertiary Berthe Petit. The Seven Sorrows are events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary which are popular devotions and are frequently depicted in art:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon. Luke 2:34-35 or Circumcision of Christ.
2. The Flight into Egypt. (Matthew 2:13)
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple. (Luke 2:43-45)
4. Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary. (Luke 23:26)
5. Jesus Dies on the Cross. (John 19:25)
6. Mary Receives the Body of Jesus in Her Arms. (Matthew 27:57-59)
7. The Body of Jesus is Placed in the Tomb. (John 19:40-42)

It is common devotion for Catholics to say daily one Our Father and seven Hail Mary for each sorrow.