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“HAPPY 23rd ANNIVERSARY FLETCHER COUNCIL”

It's A Fletcher Council Tradition Annual Scholarship Awards



***The objective of education
is to prepare the young
to educate themselves throughout their lives.
- Robert Maynard Hutchins -***



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Chaplain Thoughts. . .

“You are Peter, and to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.”

by Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr.

Jesus asks His disciples “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They reply, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” When I get the time, I enjoy watching the PGA Golf Tournaments on T.V. In a tournament, a golfer’s first shot from the “tee” is meant to land in the middle of the fairway, setting up a good shot to the green, followed by a certain putt into the “cup.”

Jesus’ first question set up His disciples to answer a more specific question, by eliminating what “others” say about Him. Now Jesus shoots for the green by asking His disciples, “But who do you say that I am?” The answer His disciples give this time is a matter of personal faith. Peter speaks first, saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Peter, who struggles with the growth of his faith, has had a revelation from God the Father about Jesus.

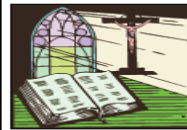
Now, Jesus is ready to “putt” into the “cup” of true faith. Jesus gives Peter the authority and responsibility of being His “Vicar on earth” when He tells Peter, “you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

The prophet Isaiah predicts Peter’s place in God’s plan of salvation when he wrote, “I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your

authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family.”

We are that family, the Body of Christ, His Church. Let us look to Peter’s faith to strengthen our own, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

COME PRAY WITH US



All Council Members

Are Invited To

Knights Sunday

Every 3rd Sunday

Of The Month

At The 11 A.M. Mass



Who Do You Say I Am?



Your Grand Knight For The 2017 - 2018 Fraternal Year

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart”

By Grand Knight J. Bernard Broadus



The Knights of Columbus.....

Our founder Father McGivney, had concerns for his parishioners and Catholic families that led him to seek practical solutions. Here’s a quote from the pamphlet, “A Model for Our Times. “In 1881, he called together a group of men in the basement of St. Mary’s Church to form a fraternal benefit society called the Knights of Columbus. The purpose,

he wrote, was “to prevent our people from entering secret societies by offering the same if not better advantages to our members” and “to aid each other in time of sickness; to provide for decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of deceased members”.

Pecuniary: consisting of or measured in money

Today his vision is carried forward by more than 1.8 million Knights in more the 14,000 local councils and a top rated insurance program that provides financial protection to members and their families.

Brothers, I am asking all knights of Fletcher Council to come together as one on a solution to insure our deceased brother’s families are rendered pecuniary assistance. We need an official council memorial fund.

Brothers, we know what we have to do and will do for Fletcher Council. Nothing has changed as far as the council’s programs. We are looking to add more council events to raise money for charities. We have a lot of talent in our council and I am hoping to tap into some of those resources.

Let me end by sharing one of my favorite scriptures with you all.

Brothers you will hear this coming from me for at least the next 10 months!

Proverbs 3: 5-6

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And he shall direct your paths*



2018 Supreme Convention

The **2018 Supreme Convention** will be held in Baltimore, MD 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.

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Volunteer Coordinator*



District Deputy's Report

State Deputy's Report



G. Emeka Onwezi
District Deputy

The summer is almost over and students are back to school. I hope you got time to take a little vacation with your family, and relax. Even though we may be on vacation individually, our council does not go on vacation and the people who need our services do not go on vacation. Continue working toward the growth of your council and our order in general, by asking a Catholic man who is 18 years old and older to join our ranks. So far, we have been doing that. We should not stop or take a break in growing our order.

I will use this opportunity to congratulate all past Grand Knights, their officers and members in District 2, for what they did for their councils last year. The result from the Supreme has come out and it is a positive one. Every council in District 2, came up with awards from the Supreme. First, St. Mary's of Landover Hill and its Grand Knight, Sir Knight Ike Onochie received the highest award. Not just the highest, but double! That council received Double Star Council. The highest award a council can get from the Supreme. Likewise, St. Jerome Council in Hyattsville and its Past Grand Knight Daryl Hendricks received Star Council Award. Both James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council and St. Mary's of Assumption council, and their respective Past Grand Knights, Sir Knight Alan Davis and Sir Knight Hugh McRandall, received Columbian Awards. Congratulations to all around!

Remember to continue your council's charitable outreach. If your council need to latch onto something, the state council has programs such as the Coats for Kids, the Food for Families, the Pennies From Heaven Campaign, the Vocation RSVP program, the Cemetery for Miscarriages, just to name a few. Also, please make sure that your council continues to participate in domestic church program.

Bishop McNamara Chapter of the Grand Knights' meeting this month on September 20, 2017, will be hosted within District 2 jurisdiction, at St. Jerome Council in Hyattsville, Maryland. I expect the Grand Knights in District 2, the past Grand Knights, the council officers, and the program chairs, to come and represent their councils at this Chapter meeting. The meeting starts at 8 P.M.

Please do not forget to participate in one or two Columbus Day activities in October. Our Columbus Day ball will be on October 7, 2017, the Columbus Day parade in Baltimore will be on October 8, 2017, and the Columbus Day activities in DC will be on October 9, 2017.

Remember what our State Deputy Steven Cohen said,

***"IT IS NOT I – IT IS WE. OUR GOAL IS ONE GOAL.
OUR GOAL IS MAKING THIS OUR BEST YEAR EVER
WE ARE ADVOCATES OF THE LORD – IN EVERYTHING
WE DO IN MARYLAND".***

Vivat Jesus!



Stephen M. Cohen
State Deputy

My Brothers All,

As we enter the third month of the First Quarter, how are we doing? We are looking good in terms of growing our councils. There are a number who still haven't recruited but I trust that now is the time. Reach out and show your parish what it is that you do and others will ask to join you.

The Maryland State Council had the distinct honor and pleasure to reactivate the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Council 13073 on August 23rd. Twenty-three men stepped up and have brought this council back to life. Fifteen of these men were new members, and ten of those entered the Order through the e-membership program. This council still has men interested in joining and by now because they are already active probably have a few more.

#-membership is alive and well. We are doing our part in the pilot program to make this a very worthwhile tool in the area of membership. We are averaging about one sign up per day and all have designated a local council they wish to join.

At our Program and Membership Seminar on August 22nd, a new Charitable Outreach program was introduced. "The Box of Joy" Program. We are partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach on this program and again have the opportunity to reach out to the peripheries and help someone in need. Along with this, you will soon receive a letter signed by both the Archbishop and myself asking to join the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the Maryland State Council in rebuilding the town in Iraq, demolished by ISIS. Our Worthy Supreme Knight has pledged that the Knights will rebuild the entire town. Our Pennies From Heaven Campaign will continue all year to raise money for our Scholarship, Ultrasound and Charity Funds.

Now is the time to start planning where you will be to celebrate Columbus Day. Here are just a few ideas, see the details elsewhere in this newsletter. Our Annual Ball at the BWI Marriott is our premier social event, please come and join us. More importantly, your presence is needed at the Columbus Day Parade in Baltimore and the DC Celebration at Union Station. We need to be out in force at these events showing that we are followers of the Great Christopher Columbus. Wear your council shirts, hats and jackets and march with us in the parade. Bring your council banners. Others will be there to tear down our namesake, we need to be there to build him up.

Thanks to all those who participated in the State Sponsored Family Picnic. What a great relaxing day. Thanks to Matt O'Hare and PG Council for the great time and food.

Don't forget our State Tours to help the State Scholarship Fund. See details elsewhere in the newsletter or contact Paul Jones for more information

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

Vivat Jesus,

Steve



SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight

DISASTER RELIEF

TEXAS HURRICANE VICTIMS NEED YOUR HELP



Many people in the Gulf Coast of Texas are reeling from the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey this weekend. Thousands have evacuated their homes, many of which have been damaged or destroyed.

The recovery process is going to be a long and painful one, and your support is urgently needed.

Please DONATE TODAY to help those suffering such devastation. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to relief efforts. This includes providing immediate needs such as food, clean water, shelter and other necessities.

For Donations by Check

Make Checks Payable to: "Knights of Columbus Charities"

Kindly specify "United Disaster Relief" on the memo line of your check.

For Donation by Check in USD:

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New Haven, CT 06509-1966

For questions regarding a donation, please contact us at 800-694-5713 M-F between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:30PM EST or E-mail info@kofccharities.org



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Can your family survive without you?

It is an uncomfortable question, but an important one. How would your wife replace your income? What would happen to the house? How would your children pay for college?

As fathers, it is our job to make sure our families are well-protected and well-prepared. Of course, this duty — along with all of the other responsibilities that come with the vocation of fatherhood — can appear overwhelming. Our vocation begins to feel like a burden; it seems we will never again experience peace of mind, let alone financial protection.

Fortunately, as members of the Knights of Columbus, you have exclusive access to a tremendous set of fraternal benefits that can help you achieve peace of mind and provide the protection that your family needs and deserves.

Life insurance is a powerful tool that — properly structured — can help you secure your family's future. As a Knight, you have access to a whole host of life insurance products that can be either permanent or temporary (called "term").

Permanent life insurance is the Knights of Columbus' signature product. It provides money to your family when you die and builds cash value while you live. It's guaranteed. It's dynamic.

Term life insurance provides affordable protection to your loved ones for temporary needs. It's simple and straightforward. Both are designed for peace of mind.

Who needs it?

Life insurance may be an ideal solution for you if you are interested in:

- Providing money for your final expenses to remove the burden from your family.
- 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 your untimely death.
- Protecting your spouse from the burden of a mortgage in the event of the unexpected.
- Enabling your loved ones to pay off your personal debt — like credit card or auto loan debt — should you pass away suddenly.
- Leaving a donation to a charity or special interest after your death.
- Supplementing an estate or mitigating estate taxes that occur after you die.

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

Permanent Options

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

10 Pay or 20 Pay Life — Pay your premiums in just 10 or 20 years, and your death benefit is guaranteed for life.

Life Paid-Up at 65 — Pay your premiums until age 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.

Temporary Options

10, 15 or 20 Year Term — Cover your family for 10, 15 or 20 years with our Accelerator Term Insurance series, which includes a unique opportunity to increase your coverage amount by 25 percent, to keep up with inflation and salary increases, for an extremely low cost.

Annual Renewable Term — Review and renew your coverage annually, with adjusted premiums and a level death benefit.

Young Adult Insurance — Start your insurance protection through this special product for Knights and their spouses ages 18-29.

Specialty Products

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).

As fathers, we simply want the peace of mind that comes with knowing our families will be okay. With a well-designed life insurance product, peace of mind is possible. By doing business with the Knights of Columbus, you have the added comfort of knowing that you are supporting a Catholic organization and business that invests ethically and gives generously.

So contact me today to help you to out a plan to help obtain peace of mind for you and your family.



McNAMARA CHAPTER

Vernon Hawkins, Jr. - Chapter President



The Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights (MCGK) Annual Installation was the place to be on Saturday, August 12, 2017. With guest from across the state of Maryland and the District of Columbus our members celebrated the occasion with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr., Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, and concelebrated by Reverent: Joseph Jenkins, Robert P. Boxie, III; and Pawel Sass. Deacons supporting the Mass included: Al Douglas Turner, Steve Nash and James Dominic. The Altar Server Team included: Harold Sanders, John Huntley, Matte Pitts, Dorothy Newman and Mary McWilliams and Sandra James. Fletcher Council members served as Hospitality Ministers. Much thanks go out to Fidelis Adjuda and Tim Matthews for their outstanding photos.

The reception in the Rosemont Room was fantastic, near standing room only. The MC was Past Chapter President Bryan Adamczyk, who did a fantastic job. Thanks to Lady Etoile for coordinating the menu and acquiring an excellent caterer.

Now back to the year ahead. The next Chapter meeting will be on September 20th at St. Jerome Council 5564, 5205 43rd Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20781. The meeting starts promptly at 8 P.M. Please join us.

WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

Michael P. Davenport - Faithful Navigator



We continue to make great strides towards our goals for the Fraternal year. Our Assembly's installation, which was held on Sunday, August 27th was very successful. We are delighted and very thankful to all those who worked tirelessly for the success of the event. We are indebted to Former Master SK Joe Murtha and Lady Brenda for their attendance and in representing the Master of the 4th Degree of the Archdiocese of Washington District (AWD). A special thanks to Joe Murtha for his magnificent conduction of the Installation of Officers.

Also, special thanks to SK Vernon Hawkins, SK Efrain Anderson, SK David Martin, and SK John O. Grier for their assistance. Our Color Corps under the direction of SK Robert "Bob" Sistare performed exceptionally. I must also commend our host, Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council 14455 for their wonderful hospitality and assistance.

Our continued gratitude to Faithful Friar, host Parish Priest, Reverend Joseph Jenkins. As we continue to pray for him.



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 Bernard Broadus and myself encourage all members to submit new programs and initiatives they would like to see the council undertake.

Some of the events coming up through December are: Cup of Joe/Feed the Homeless (September); Youth Halloween Party (October); Thanksgiving Baskets (November); and the Council Christmas Party (December).

Happy Birthday

James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422

September 1994 - September 2017

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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The final **Fletcher Council Flea Market** for this season was held Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the parking lot of St. Joseph Church. The market was sold out a month in advance and vendors on the waiting list arrived early Saturday hoping for a space. The day was perfect with the temperature about 78 degrees, a nice breeze and plenty of sunshine. The Fletcher Charities table was up and running with items donated from members and parishioners as it has been for all 3 markets. Leon Williams donated to all 3 market with clothes and toys from his grandchildren. His donations alone brought in over \$160.00 for the summer and Cal Thompson's donations brought in over \$120.00. The table was staffed by Carla Ratcliffe and Pam White for August, Cal Thompson for July and Gail Bell and Robin Saunders for June. The table took in over \$550.00 this summer for the Scholarship fund.

Big sellers at the market were women's and children's clothing, toys, shoes, jewelry, tools, towels and washcloths, paintings, dishes, bath and body products and household cleaners. Food sales and car raffle ticket sales were brisk and many members were in attendance to assist.

Those present on August 26th: Harold Sanders, Alan Davis, Gilberto Nesblett, Fidelis Joseph, Leon Williams, Mike Akpan, John Grier, Cal Thompson, Harold Countee, Ike Agbim, Mike Younger, Fidelis Ajudua, Al Robinson (vendor and helper).

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Brothers, as members of the **Knights of Columbus**, we are in the unique and visible position to represent Christ and His message of mercy, love and peace. We may ask ourselves, from time to time, how we are to accomplish this and evangelize to our fellow brothers and sisters. One way to do this is to follow the example of **St. Francis of Assisi** and preach by our actions, directed by God; and to use as words only when necessary. Remember the **Prayer of St. Francis**:

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;*

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love.

*For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning,
that we are pardoned; and it is in dying
that we are born to eternal life.*

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- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
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**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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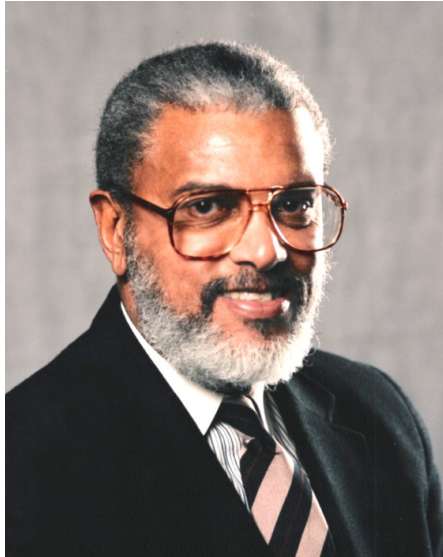


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James C. Fletcher, Jr. A Man Devoted to His Community

JAMES C. FLETCHER, JR. (May 20, 1934-June 28, 1994) was born to James Sr. and Marguerite Fletcher and was the eldest of nine children. He attended the Bowie Demonstration School, Fletcherstown School, Lincoln Elementary, Armstrong Senior High School, Howard University and the American University. Mr. Fletcher served four years in the United States Air Force. After his service in the military, he began a career with the Federal Government as a computer specialist and retired as a Management Information Specialist.

Since the early 1960's until his death, Mr. Fletcher was active in community service in Prince George's County. He was the Chairman of the Glenarden Recreation Council and President of the Civic Association. He was the Ward I Councilman for nine years prior to becoming Mayor of Glenarden, MD. He served three terms as Mayor and ran successfully for the Prince George's County Council in 1990 and was about to announce his bid for re-election. Mr. Fletcher's passions were community development, balanced affordable housing, economic empowerment and revitalization. He served as Chairman of the Public Safety and Health Committee and the Prince George's Board of Services, a member of the County Council's Fiscal Policy and Government Operations Committee, the Legislative Committee, and the Prince George's Board of Social Services.



Other memberships include the Prince George's Municipal Association and the Public Safety Committee of the Metropolitan Council of Governments. He chaired the Prince George's County Substance Abuse Council and co-chaired the County's Revitalization Task Force. He was the past president of the Prince George's Municipal Association and former member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Municipal League. Mr. Fletcher also had membership in the Maryland Association of Counties and the National Association of Counties. He was also a member of the American Legion, Glenarden Post #275.

Mr. Fletcher was a devoted parishioner of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He served as an usher, a moderator of the youth ministry and was on the Board of Directors of the Catholic Youth Organization. He was also a member of the Men's Club.

Mr. Fletcher was a devoted family man. He married Vernell Hammett and they and their two eldest children settled in Glenarden, Maryland in 1962. He was always available for whom-ever needed him. His constituents and friends knew that they always had someone who would listen and care. Jim was first a Christian and second a philanthropist. Whether with his family, or in a professional setting, Mr. Fletcher loved people. Next to God, he loved people second. People were his most important business.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
FLETCHER
COUNCIL
23-YEARS
AND STILL
CLICKING**



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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It was the family's third visit to St. Joseph Church Parish, an on that particular Sunday in 1998, after the Children's Choir sang "This Little Light of Mine", so beautifully, then, 5-year old John Singleton said to his mother, "Let's come here to church". "I don't want to go back to St. Augustine anymore". All in agreement, the Singleton and Echols family joined St. Joseph the following Sunday in April 1998. Ava Singleton, her children-Nicole, Sharifa and John, and her extended family of nieces-Felicia and Naniah Echols, and Monica and Waseme Berry, and nephews-Eric Echols and Bobby Irby have all actively participated in the various ministries of St. Joseph Church since that time.

Ava Singleton was a member of the Lector Ministry briefly. She assisted Florence Keene with the Altar Server Ministry, and currently serves as the Altar Server Ministry's Alb Coordinator.

Felicia and Eric Echols, and Sharifa and John Singleton served as Altar Servers until they graduated from High School. They also actively participated in the Youth Ministry, Children's Choir, and numerous youth programs sponsored by St. Joseph, such as the Halloween events, Retreats, SJC Lock-Ins, and Christmas plays.

Additionally, John was a member of the Grow Our Own Musicians Ministry, which he played the violin. John had the privilege of playing in the 45th Gospel Choir Anniversary. Naniah Echols is currently a member of the Grow Our Own Musicians and plays the piano. Three granddaughters- Ashleigh, Jennifer and Melanie, and niece- Naniah Echols have actively participated in SJC's Dance Ministry and numerous dance programs. Last year, the girls participated in the Liturgical Dance Ministry and represented St. Joseph's Church at the 27th annual East of the River Revival Youth Night. May 2017, Naniah, Ashleigh, and Jennifer became charter members of the Our Lady of Grace Solidarity, Marian Tweens and Teens Ministry.

A family that worship together is strong with the Spirit. May We continue to serve the Lord as a family for He showed up the way through little John. Amen.

Thank you Ava and family.

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

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GABRIEL'S

GREETINGS

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"Heaven and earth shall pass away ... But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

**Take ye heed, watch and pray:
for ye know not when the time is."**

— Mark 13:31–33

Did you register yet for the Gabriel Network 5K run/walk on September 30?

[REGISTER NOW AT](#)

<https://secure.ministrsync.com/ministrsync/event/website/home/?e=14016>

It's one of our biggest annual events and it achieves real impact in the lives of women and babies across Maryland and Washington, DC.

Speaking of impact, take a minute to review some of the stories below from this past month at Gabriel Network. Babies are being born, friendships are being made, and signs—both literal and figurative—are spreading in the community.

Pay particular attention if you know someone who'd be a good fit for our Help Line volunteers, Angel Friends program, or part-time staff position at the Maternity Home in Bowie, MD!

Whether you're running, walking, or just sitting down and watching, the Gabriel Network 5K is an excellent way to start the Fall season. Every participant makes a life-saving difference to women and babies in the community, all while spending a beautiful day at Lake Elkhorn in Columbia, MD.

Thank you for empowering women to choose Life through Gabriel Network.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Our 2017 Graduates And Scholarship Winners



Have you ever had one of those days when you say that ***“God is good, All of the time”***? When the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Charities Program Board members steps forward, it is such a day when God again shows his goodness. So it was on Sunday morning of August 13th, when at St. Joseph the Fletcher Charities Board announced and presented its College Bound 2017 Scholarship Awards to the following graduates:

Scholarship Awards

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>College/University</u>
Juan Eric Acha	University of Maryland
Tyja Massie	Florida A&M
Michael Okparaoji	Towson University
Queendalyne Ofoegbu	Morgan State University
David Omo-Taiga	Morgan State University
Leah Wilson	Stevenson University



REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

E Pluribus Unum or Not?

The recent events in Charlottesville demonstrate a pathological love of country and a distorted attempt to erase its heritage. White supremacists, neo-Nazis, the KKK and other extreme groups who practice bigotry, hatred and violence can never be condoned. They may believe they are working to protect or purify foundational aspects of the nation, but their ideas are warped and their actions reprehensible. The 20th century provided vivid examples of extreme nationalism and its disastrous results.

Similarly, destroying or defacing statues and monuments to personages deemed offensive to some in today's society cannot be tolerated. The effort to eliminate all reminders of the Confederacy is now expanding to commemoratives of other eras. Memorials to Christopher Columbus in Baltimore, Boston and Detroit have been vandalized, with a claim that the discoverer of America was responsible for the genocide of indigenous people. In Los Angeles, a statue of St. Junipero Serra was defaced; while the missions he started protected Native Californians from the abuses of the Spanish imperial army, they also altered the endemic culture through education and evangelization.

Renaming buildings, streets and schools, revising history books to eliminate undesired facts, and replacing images of persons who made enduring contributions to the nation with politically-correct, but historically less significant individuals is self-delusion. Attempts to rewrite history or eradicate the memory of disturbing events are more representative of a totalitarian state than a free people. The history of every country contains elements of virtue and vice, advancement and regression, freedom and control.

No nation and no person are without failings, especially when judged not by the mores of his own time, but by the standards of a later date. Of the first 12 U.S. presidents, 10 owned slaves, 8 of them while serving in office. Franklin D. Roosevelt illegally imprisoned hundreds of thousands of Japanese-Americans. Harry Truman decided to drop the atomic bomb dropped on the civilians of Hiroshima. John F. Kennedy was drug-addicted and a frequent womanizer. One may acknowledge the flaws of past heroes, but should praise their contributions. Recognition of a nation's past and honoring those whose achievements shaped and preserved the nation is important for the unity and future of the country.

America is composed of peoples from many lands and accepts a continuing flow of new arrivals who have different customs, languages and religions, and are accustomed to different governing, economic and social systems. If these peoples are to be one nation, one united people, they must develop and retain a pride for what America stands for, for what it is, and for what it can become. That is, they must develop a sense of patriotism for the nation.

For a country to have a future, people must commit to live together, to have a desire to accept and continue the heritage they have received and to which they will contribute. The nation's forefathers have made it what it is. Their deeds created the foundation upon which the nation rests. Their stories, the glories of the past – even if hagiographic – provide social capital to hold the nation together, to build upon and make a better future.

Patriotism, which is rooted in the past in a legacy of memories, inspires loyalty to one's country, a sense of belonging, gratitude and pride. It is an affection for one's country – for its history, traditions, values, geography, and for others who share one's feelings. Patriotism creates a bond between the spiritual and material aspects of a country, between its culture and the land. It is not blind, but neither is it apologetic. It recognizes the imperfections of the nation and strives to improve them. It is akin to love in a family. One can feel pride in the accomplishments, laugh at the foibles, correct the faults, and cry at the disappointments of another family member, but the familial love remains. One may disagree with one's brother, but defend him from the insults of an outsider. The patriot may disagree with the policies of his country and work to change them, but will defend the nation when attacked by others.

A danger occurs when nationalism is mistaken for patriotism. While patriotism is a form of pride and affection for one's country or group, it does not deny or resent the same feelings or commitment in other people. Nationalism, in contrast, is a form of societal egoism, having an undue pride in one's country or group, while being dismissive of others. It is defined by its reaction to outsiders who are perceived as enemies toward whom it is belligerent and militant. For nationalists, their group or country is always right, and others wrong. They pursue special privileges and demand special standing simply because their group is "right," the "best," the "greatest."

Today, America is splitting into subnational factions, based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and preference, and anti-religious beliefs. In the past, the country dealt with the diversity of its people through a communal toleration which led to a blending of the many customs, traditions and beliefs. Now the emphasis is on separatism, self-identity and polarization, which is splitting the nation apart, pitting one group against another. The destruction of Confederate monuments is only the latest manifestation of the resulting tribal warfare.

America needs a resurgence of patriotism to develop pride in the country, foster a national identity, and move America again towards being one nation formed out of many people.



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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 Redskins 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?"

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!"

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?"

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."

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.

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!"

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.

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****SEPTEMBER****



- 04 Labor Day
- 07 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 10 Grandparents Day
- 11 Patriots” Day
- 11 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting, 7:30 P.M.
- 15 First Quarter Reports Due
- 17 **Knights Sunday, 11 A.M. Mass**
- 20 McNamara Chapter Meeting, St. Jerome Council
- 21 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- 22 Autumn Begins
- 27 **40 Days For Life Begins**
- 30 FS Seminar, St. Pius X Council 4076

