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State Deputy's Report



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My Brothers All,

Here we are in the month of June. Soon summer will be here. Remember, we just keep moving, do not stop and restart because we are in a new fraternal year. Continue recruiting, continue to have Admission degrees and continue to do good work in our Parishes.

The State Convention was a great success, My sincere thanks to all who played a role in making it happen. My thanks also to all who attended. This has been our largest convention in many years. Congratulations goes out to all of our Award Winners, they can be seen in another part of the Newsletter.

Building the Domestic Church, While strengthening our Parish continues to be in the forefront. The State is planning a large State Sponsored Event for this program. Each council should be following the recommendations in Columbia magazine and Knightline for sponsoring events in your parish. This is our New Initiative and one in which our Holy Father truly believes. Continue to work with your Pastors to implement programs in this area.

Don't forget as we enter the New Fraternal Year, some very important reports are due. Namely, these are the Forms 185 and 365. Let's get them in as soon as possible after your council's election. In addition, your council's Credentials for next year's Convention are also due.

So what is due now. Your Report of Roundtables and of course the Columbian Award application. It is never too early to submit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a GREAT TEAM, who made this year the success that it was. Everyone chipped in and made this a great Columbian Year for the Jurisdiction of Maryland. Hopefully, when the end of the month comes, We can say that the Great State of Maryland is again in the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor. Remember, this only takes each council bringing in two new members before June 28th.

Remember Always, We are the Knights of Columbus, We are a People of Life, For Life, Building a Civilization of Love.

Vivat Jesus

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State Chaplain's Message

Reverend Milton E. Jordan



My Brothers,

Serving as the State Chaplain has been a unique experience. My only regret is that at the time that Steve Adamczyk assumed office I was also asked to serve as the Pastor of a Parish with a grammar school that had several serious challenges. Thus my K of C time was somewhat limited. However, doing as much as I could, there were countless occasions that lifted my soul and my admiration for the State Officers as well as all of the various responsibilities delegated by the State Deputy to Knights who were already so involved in local Councils etc.. At the request of the new State Deputy, I will continue to serve as an Associate State Chaplain, willing to assist whenever and wherever I am able. Thank you for all of your support. Just remember "God's great ... and so are you!!! Fooled you!

There is a rather delicate and sensitive issue that I feel the need to address following the wonderful Salvemini Show in Ocean City. I am sure that you might have an idea that I might address the matter following the convention because I do think it is the responsibility of the spiritual leader for the state. Immigration and especially the matter of Muslims in and coming to our nation. What I wish to bring to you for some personal reconsideration is what I feel to be a serious issues that reared its ugly head during the convention.

In the consideration period for the acceptance or rejection of proposals submitted by Councils, I could regret that I did not speak to the issues of the contradiction that was so evident in the "debate" or "argument" regarding the Maryland Jurisdiction's position on the immigration realities related to some of God's created children among us and the allegiance we pledge to the Holy See, especially the person of the Holy Father. Brothers, you cannot have it both ways: either we support the Holy Father and the Holy See as Knights of Columbus or we do not! Some of the remarks in essence an attack on all Muslims even those who are already citizens in this country and some of whom serve faithfully in all of our armed forces, were, in my estimate, a rejection to the Holy See and the Holy Father's clear statements in regard to immigration in general and to the Muslim case in particular.

Francis, Message to Muslims throughout the world for the end of Ramadan, July 10, 2013

Turning to mutual respect in interreligious relations, especially between Christians and Muslims, we are called to respect the religion of the other, its teachings, its symbols, its values. Particular respect is due to religious leaders and to places of worship. How painful are attacks on one or other of these!

It is clear that, when we show respect for the religion of our neighbors or when we offer them our good wishes on the occasion of a religious celebration, we simply seek to share their joy, without making reference to the content of their religious convictions.

From K of C

What Catholics Should Know About Islam ^{BY} Sandra Toenies Keating
General Editor Father Juan-Diego Brunetta, O.P. Director of the Catholic Information Service Knights of Columbus Supreme Council

In spite of the historical differences and recent focus on divisions between Muslims and Christians, in many places the bonds uniting these two faith communities have in fact been strengthened since the Second Vatican Council. As Christians we are called to continue this task, healing divisions and working together to fulfill God's loving plan for every nation. Pope John Paul II emphasized this, saying that this is particularly true of the bonds of dialogue and trust which have been forged between the Catholic Church and Islam. By means of dialogue we have come to see more clearly the many values, practices and teachings which both our religious traditions embrace: for example, our belief in the one almighty and merciful God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and the importance which we give to prayer, almsgiving and fasting. I pray that this mutual understanding and respect between Christians and Muslims, and indeed between all religions, will continue and grow deeper, and that we will find still better ways of cooperation and collaboration for the good of all.36

This, indeed, is the prayer of the whole Church today.

Brothers, indeed we face serious issues in our time. The immigration policy of nation and the call of our Gospel to recognize and welcome all of God's children.

My personal kudos to State Deputy elect Cohen for his prudence and patience in managing the debate and it vitriol.

Vivat Jesus

State Program Report

Jack Giacalone

State Program Director

June Programs Update

This is my last update as State Program Director. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 20 months as the Maryland State Program Director and I thank you all for your support and the confidence you placed in me and in our team. I congratulate each of you for a great year and wish you success in your next position as a Knight. Again I would like to thank my team, Mike, Dan, David, Jerry, Gil and Matt for a job well done. I also congratulate Mike Sallese, incoming State Program Director and his team, as they begin their term as the State Program Team. I know that all the incoming Grand Knights, District Deputies and Regional Advisors will continue to support our state and local programs and Mike's team.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

A reminder to current Grand Knights and District Deputies to begin to gather information and files you have collected and created during your terms and pass them on to the incoming GK's and DD's. This is an opportunity to have a one on one with them and take them thru the information you have that they might need to help them be more effective and efficient as they begin their terms. In addition, any Surge with Service reports that can be written up now, before June 30 would greatly be appreciated by the incoming Grand Knight.

Remember the program team remains ready and willing to help with any program needs.

CHURCH

- Fifth Sunday Rosary Program: Councils are encouraged to come together and promote devotion to Mary by leading a community rosary on every fifth Sunday that falls within a month. By conducting this program on each of the fifth Sundays during the 2015-2016 fraternal year, your council will qualify as fulfilling all four Church Activity requirements of the Columbian Award. Rosary program kits (#SR-KIT) can be ordered from the Supreme Council. These kits contain a supply of rosary rings, promotional materials and prayer cards on how to pray the rosary.

- The Usher ministry at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington staffs all the National Shrine's Sunday, Holy Day, and pilgrimage Masses as well as concerts and other special events. The usher program is seeking brother Knights who can pledge three hours of service a month to Our Lady's National Shrine. For more information please contact Chairman Pat McAleer at patrick.mcaleer@kofc.org or 301-253-3856.

COMMUNITY

- We are accepting donations to the State Wheelchair Fund. We are hoping to collect \$16,500 for a container of wheelchairs, 110, to be distributed to those in need in Md. and beyond. All this thru the American/Global Wheelchair Mission that has partnered with KoC for this program. - Food for Families is a non-stop program working to feed the hungry in our local pantries throughout the year. By splitting the chairmanship of the Food for Families program by Archdiocese, we feel that we can develop a better sense of urgency to the needs of the hungry and better serve the community at large.

This past year we donated 100,158 pounds of food. This is an increase of 56,047 from last year. Additionally, we increased the dollar amount to a total to \$22,704. This is an increase of 10,097.00 from last year. These are impressive numbers and everyone who helped in anyway no matter how big or small should be congratulated.

<u>COUNCIL</u>

- Our License Plate program is an ongoing program, please consider getting your Knights of Columbus plates to display how proud you are being a member of our order.

These plates are great if you get lost. If you see a K of C plate and you are on your way to an event and get lost. Follow it. Most likely they are going the same place you are.

FAMILY

- We have several brother knights that have asked us to help them look for work. A brief profile for each have been posted to the web site and

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additional information will be provides to potential employers. Go to the state website select Help a Brother Knight then see Brothers in Need. If you or if you know of anyone looking to hire, please look at those profiles for a skills match.

CULTURE OF LIFE

- "Thanks to all who honored mothers on Mother's Day. The MaryGold program showed a 14% increase in orders with 44 councils participating. This does not include those councils who honored mothers outside of the State program."

<u>YOUTH</u>

- Consider running a Catholic Bee at your council, Parish or make it a district event. For more information, see the State Web Site, Youth Activities.

June Activities

- Please submit your <u>FOM</u> application for May 2016 by June 15th In addition to your local recognition each month, on the 15th of every month Supreme randomly selects 100 Family of the Month reporting forms and the families chosen receive a Holy Family Plaque. This is a great way to recognize those families that are work hard to make your council successful.

Reports Coming UP

- Columbian Award – don't wait 'till June 30th to submit your report. Begin to put it together now. Your DD has "Helpful Hints for Completing the SP7" by activity. If you do not have these "Helpful Hints," please ask him for a copy. In addition, a list of Minimum Requirements for "Featured Programs" can be found at the State Web Site. Select Program Activities, State Programs Overview, scroll down to the bottom of the page and select "Minimum Participation Requirements for Supreme Council Reports. By completing these activities and meeting the minimum requirements your program may qualify to fulfill all four programs for that activity.

- Food for Families Report Form #10057 Due 6/30 and is a Featured Program

- RSVP Refund & Plaque Application #2863 Due 6/30 and is a Featured Program

INFORMATION

- Visit us and like us on Facebook "Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus" it is a public group. You will have to request to join the group. Then you can view event, pictures, notices and you will also be able to post KoC related events, pictures and notices.

- Please contact me or any of the Activity Directors if you have any questions or need any additional information on any of the above.

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MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL 118th CONVENTION AWARDS CEREMONY

The Maryland State Knights of Columbus, 118th Annual Convention proved to be another fantastic affair. At the Saturday morning Awards Ceremony we recognize the stellar performance that many of our councils have demonstrated throughout the fraternal year. The awards ceremony acknowledged 213 top performers in the following 18 categories, a complete listing of the awards and their recipients are contained in the following pages.

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The Membership Awards are:

Division "D"

There is a tie for 3rd place...

- 3rd John Jakob Raskob Council, No. 14189
- 3rd Baltimore Basilica Council, No. 15768
- 2nd Holy Face Council, No. 3849
- 1st Our Lady of Victory Council, No. 16104

Division "C"

- 3rd St John the Baptist Council, No. 11106
- 2nd Father Burggraff Council, No. 602
- 1st Fr Robert V Zylla Council, No.1965

Division "B"

- 3rd St Katharine Drexel Council, No. 14011
- 2nd Fr. Horace B. Mc Kenna Council, No. 11024
- 1st Mother Seton Council, No. 5381

Division "A"

- 3rd Annapolis Council, No. 1384
- 2nd Patapsco Council No. 1960
- 1st Commodore John Barry Council, No. 14534

Don Kutzera Membership Recruitment Award J. Everett Hansen - Commodore John Barry Council No.14534

Insurance Awards

Division "D"

- There is a 4 way tie for 3rd place...
- 3rd Piedmont Council No. 685
- 3rd St. Vincent Pallotti Council No. 14535
- 3rd St. Francis Xavier, the Missionary Council No. 10957
- 3rd Saints Philip and James Council No.14102

There is a 5 way tie for 2nd place...

- 2nd Our Lady of Victory Council No.16104 2nd St. Michael the Archangel Council No.
- 15084
- 2nd Baltimore Basilica Council No. 15768
- 2nd Fr. Sebastien De Rose Council No. 13091
- 2nd St. Benedict Council No.10648

There is a tie for 1st place...

- 1st Resurrection of Our Lord Council No. 14099
- 1st Holy Face Council No. 3849

Division "C"

- There is a tie for 3rd place...
- 3rd Fr. Burggraff Council No. 6021
- 3rd Our Lady of the Valley Council No.11703

There is a tie for 2nd place...

- 2nd Immaculate Conception Council No. 8159
- 2nd St. John the Baptist Council No.11106
- 1st Havre de Grace Council No. 2002

Division "B"

- In Division B there is a tie for 3rd place...
- 3rd Jesus the Divine Word Council No. 14775
- 3rd Our Lady of Guadalupe Council No. 12127
- 2nd St. Andrew by the Bay Council No. 11552
- 1st Mother Seton Council No 5381

Division "A"

- 3rd Holy Trinity Council No. 3413
- 2nd Pangborn Council No. 1365
- 1st Annapolis Council No. 1384

Ceremonial Awards

Admission Degree

- 3rd Cardinal Gibbons, Council No. 2521
- 2nd Fr. Maurice J. Wolf Council No.11372
- 1st St. Ignatius of Loyola Council, No. 11815
- FS Kevin Butler Sacred Heart Council, No. 2577
- Warden Larry Ches Cardinal Gibbons Council, No. 2521
- Chancellor Raymond Traube Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council, No. 11372
- DGK Karl Griffith St Ignatius of Loyola, Council No. 11815
- GK John Schmidt Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council, No. 11372

Formation Degree Teams

- 3rd District No. 16 The Bishop Mardaga Team
- 2nd District No. 31 The Ijamsville Team
- 1st District No 17 The Catonsville Team

Warden

- 3rd Michael Linder Corpus Christi Council, No. 6188
- 2nd Jim Johnson St Timothy Council, No. 12255
- 1st Scott Luco Patapsco Council, No. 1960

Financial Secretary

There was no 3rd place winner

2nd John Journell - Patapsco Council, No. 1960 There is a tie for 1st place...

- 1st Tom Classon Bel Air Council, No. 4714
- 1st Martin Luchansky St Michael's of Poplar Springs Council, No. 10525

Chancellor

There was no 3rd place winner There is a tie for 2nd place...

2 nd	Kevin McNamara - Bel Air Council, No.	
	4714	
- nd		

2^{na} Tony Viscardi - Patapsco Council, No. 1960
1st David Cadigan - St Timothy Council, No.
12255

Grand Knight

- 3rd Guy Williamson Corpus Christi Council, No. 6188
- 2nd Dick Tymoch St Ignatius of Loyola Council, No.11815
- 1st Gary Warren Patapsco Council, No. 1960

District Deputy

There was no 3rd place winner

2nd David Meneghini - Corpus Christi Council, No. 6188

There is a tie for 1nd place...

- 1st Michael Doetzer Patapsco Council, No. 1960
- 1st John Przybocki St Ignatius of Loyola Council, No.11815

Council Bulletin Awards

- 3rd Mother Seton Council, No.5381, Editor Don Aitcheson
- 2nd Patapsco Council, No.1960, Editor Rick Ostopowicz
- 1st James C. Fletcher Jr. Council, No. 11422, Editor – Vernon Hawkins.

Council Website Awards

- 3rd Resurrection Council, No. 11341, Webmaster – Drew Scurachio
- 2nd Patapsco Council, No. 1960 Webmaster Rick Ostopowicz
- 1st Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council, No. 14455, Webmaster – Rev. Joseph Jenkins

Council Lecturer Awards

- There is a tie for 3rd place ...
- 3rd Patapsco Council, No. 1960 Lecturer -Tim McCarthy
- 3rd Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Council, No. 11259
 - Lecturer William Prochownik
- 2nd Immaculate Heart of Mary Council, No. 9968
 - Lecturer Paul Ivancie
- 1st Fr. Sebastien De Rose Council, No. 13091
 - Lecturer Michael L' Heureux

Incentive Car Raffle Awards

- 3rd Cardinal Gibbons Council No. 2521
- 2nd St. Michael's of Poplar Springs Council No. 10525
- 1st St. John Francis Regis, SJ Council, No. 7914

Ladies Auxiliary Awards

Best New Activity Award

Division "C"

- 3rd I. C. Angels "Walk with Francis"
- 2nd Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville -"Effort for Special Olympic Swim Team"
- 1st The Juliennas "No Sew Lap Robes for Veterans"

Division "B"

- There is no 3rd place winner.
- 2nd Daughters of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton "Paint Nite Fundraiser"
- 1st St. Michael's of Poplar Springs Ladies Auxiliary - "Mug Sale"

Division "A"

- 3rd St. John Roses "Tabs & Items for Ronald McDonald House"
- 2nd Catholic Ladies Service Organization (CLSO) - "Autumn Harvest Basket Raffle
- 1st Ladies of the Knights "Crisis Center of Baltimore County"

Best Recurring Activity

Division "C"

- There is a tie for 3rd place...
- 3rd Belles of St. Mary's "Baskets, Cakes & Cookies"
- 3rd Our Lady of the Valley Auxiliary "Limited Edition Christmas Ornaments"
- 2nd The Juliennas "Juliennas' Autumn Bread Sale"
- 1st I. C. Angels "Baby Shower for Care Net"

Division "B"

- 3rd KC Ladies "Pancake Breakfast"
- There is a tie for 2nd place:
- 2nd Ladies of the Living Rosary "Christmas Family Charity"
- 2nd St. Michael's of Poplar Springs Ladies Auxiliary - "Gift Card Wreath Raffle"
- 1st Knight 'n Gals "Plants 'n Things"

Division "A"

- 3rd St. John Roses "Holiday Cookie Sale"
- 2nd Pangborn Ladies Auxiliary "Ladies

- Auxiliary Yard Sale"
- 1st Ladies of the Knights "Comfort Pillows for Breast Cancer Patients"

Best Ladies Auxiliary by Division:

Division "C"

- 3rd Our Lady of the Valley Auxiliary
- 2nd Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville
- 1st St. Mary of the Assumption Ladies Auxiliary

Division "B"

- 3rd KC Ladies
- 2nd Daughters of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 1st St. Michael's of Poplar Springs Ladies
- Auxiliary

Division "A"

- 3rd St. John Roses
- 2nd The Maryknights
- 1st Ladies of the Knights

Surge ... with Service Program Awards

Church Activities

Division "D"

- 3rd St. Michael the Archangel Council, No. 15084
- 2nd St. Francis Xavier, the Missionary, Council, No. 10957
- 1st Resurrection of Our Lord Council, No. 14099

Division "C"

There is a tie for 3rd place...

- 3rd Bishop Thomas W. Lyons Council, No. 9808
- 3rd St. Rose of Lima Council, No. 14297
- 2nd Resurrection Council, No. 11341
- 1st Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council No. 14455

Division "B"

- 3rd St. Peter the Apostle Council, No. 13290
- 2nd Fr. Horace B. McKenna Council, No. 11024
- 1st James C. Fletcher Jr. Council No. 11422

Division "A"

- 3rd Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council No. 6793
- 2nd Rock Creek Council No. 2797
- 1st Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council, No. 11372

Community Activities

Division "D"

- 3rd St. Michael the Archangel Council, No. 15084
- 2nd Resurrection of Our Lord Council No. 14099
- 1st St. Francis Xavier, the Missionary, Council, No. 10957

Division "C"

There is a tie for 3rd place...

- 3rd Bishop Thomas W. Lyons Council, No. 9808
- 3rd St. Paul Council, No. 11105
- 2nd Resurrection Council, No. 11341
- 1st Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council, No. 14455

Division "B"

- 3rd Fr. Horace B. Mc Kenna Council, No. 11024
- 2nd Our Lady of Fatima Council, No. 6901
- 1st James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council, No. 11422

Division "A"

- 3rd Patuxent Council, No. 2203
- 2nd Rock Creek Council, No. 2797
- 1st Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council, No. 11372

Council Activities

Division "D"

- 3rd St. Michael the Archangel Council, No. 1508
- 2nd Holy Face Council, No. 3849
- 1st St. Francis Xavier, the Missionary, Council, No. 10957

Division "C"

- 3rd Bishop Thomas W. Lyons Council, No. 9808
- 2nd Resurrection Council, No. 11341
- 1st Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council, No. 14455

Division "B"

- 3rd Our Lady of Fatima Council, No. 6901
- 2nd Calvert Council, No. 7870
- 1st James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council, No. 11422

Division "A"

- There is a tie for 3nd place....
- 3rd Patapsco Council No.1960
- 3rd Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council, No. 6793
- 2nd Ocean City Council, No. 9053
- 1st Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council, No. 11372

Culture of Life Activities

Division "D"

- 3rd ST. Francis Xavier the Missionary Council, No. 10957
- 2^{nd} St. Michael the Archangel Council, No. 15084
- 1st Resurrection of Our Lord Council No. 14099

Division "C"

- 3rd Resurrection Council, No. 11341
- 2nd St. Joseph - Taneytown Council, No. 11631
- 1st Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council, No. 14455

Division "B"

- 3rd Our Lady of Fatima Council, No. 6901
- 2nd Calvert Council, No. 7870
- There is a tie for 1st place...
- 1st Fr Horace Mc Kenna Council, No. 11024
- 1st James C. Fletcher Jr Council, No.11422

Division "A"

- 3rd Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council, No. 6793
- 2nd Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council, No. 11372
- 1st Sacred Heart Council, No. 2577

Family Activities

Division "D"

- 3^{rd} St. Michael the Archangel Council, No. 15084
- 2^{nd} St. Francis Xavier, The Missionary, Council, No. 10957
-]st Resurrection of Our Lord Council, No. 14099

Division "C"

- 3rd Bishop Thomas W. Lyons Council, No. 9808
- 2nd Resurrection Council, No. 11341
- 1st Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council, No. 14455

Division "B"

- 3rd Calvert Council No. 7870
- 2nd James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council, No. 11422
- 1st Fr. Horace B. McKenna Council, No. 11024

Division "A"

- 3rd Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council, No. 6793
- 2nd Ocean City Council, No. 9053
- 1st Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council, No. 11372

Youth Activities

Division "D"

- 3rd Father Sebastien De Rose Council, No. 13091
- There is a tie for 2nd place ...
- 2nd St. Francis Xavier The Missionary, Council, No. 10957
- 2nd Resurrection of Our Lord Council, No. 14099
- 1st St. Michael the Archangel Council, No. 15084

Division "C"

- 3rd Bishop Thomas W. Lyons Council, No.
- 9808
- 2nd Resurrection Council, No.11341
- 1st Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council, No. 14455

Division "B"

- 3rd Calvert Council, No. 7870
- 2^{nd} Fr. Horace Mc Kenna Council, No. 11024
- 1st James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council, No. 11422

Division "A"

- 3rd Rock Creek Council, No. 2797
- 2^{nd} Sacred Heart Council, No. 2577
- 1st Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council, No. 11372

General Excellence Award

Division "D"

- St. Michael the Archangel Council, No. 15084
- 2^{nd} Resurrection of Our Lord Council, No. 14099
- 1st St. Francis Xavier, The Missionary, Council, No. 10957

Division "C"

- 3rd Bishop Thomas W. Lyons Council, No. 9808
- 2nd Resurrection Council, No. 11341
- 1st Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council, No. 14455

Division "B"

- 3rd Calvert Council, No. 7870
- 2nd Fr. Horace Mc Kenna Council, No. 11024
- 1st James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council, No. 11422

Division "A"

- There is a tie for 3rd place ...
- 3rd Rock Creek Council, No. 2797
- 3rd Fr. Peter Pau Maher Council, No. 6793
- 2nd Sacred Heart Council, No. 2577
- 1st Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council, No. 11372

Program Director's Award

The Program Director's Award winner for the 2015 – 2016 Fraternal Year scoring a total of 679 program activity points Fr. Maurice J. Wolf Council, No. 11372

Honor District Award

District No. 1 District Deputy – Terry Waters District Warden – Anthony Durso

Supreme Council Service Program Awards

Church Activities

- 3rd Resurrection Council No.11341 "20th Annual Resurrection Classic Golf Tournament"
- 2nd James C. Fletcher Jr. Council, No.11422 "Priest & Deacons Appreciation Dinner"
- 1st Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council No. 6793 "Evangelization, "A Matthew Kelly Speaking Event"

Community Activities

There is a Tie for 3rd place...

- 3rd Fr. Maurice J. Wolf Council, No.11372 "Special Olympics Ice Skating Luncheon"
- 3rd Prince Georges Council No. 2809 "Point One K for Special Olympics"
- 2nd St Peter the Apostle Council No. 13290 "Because he was a Knight / Marlenes Dream"
- 1st Rock Creek Council, No. 2797 50/50 Raffle for our "Adopt a Village Program"

Council Activities

3	Fr. Maurice J. Wolf Council No. 11372
	"New Member Recruitment and Retention"
2 nd	James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council No. 11422
	"Billy's Mardi Gras"
1 st	Patapsco Council No. 1960
	"Patapsco Council's hosting of "Grace
	before Meals"
	Culture of Life Activities
3 rd	Fr. Horace B. McKenna Council No. 11024
	"40 days of Life"
2 nd	Sacred Heart Council No. 2577
	"Pro Life Murphy Family Breakfast"
1 st	John F. Kennedy Council No. 5482

John F. Kennedy Council No. 5482 "Cemetery for Unborn Children"

Family Activities

- 3rd Resurrection Council No. 11341 "9th Annual Italian Dinner"
- 2nd Fr. Maurice J. Wolf Council No. 11372 "Sr. Family Socia
- 1st Resurrection Council No. 11341 "Make a Wish with Gournet Brunch"

Youth Activities

- 3rd Calvert Council No. 7870 "The Western Dance at Calvert County Day School"
- 2nd Sacred Heart Council No. 2577 "Tools for Schools"
- 1st James C. Fletcher Jr. Council No. 11422 "The Magic of Halloween"

95 Surge with Service Participation Plaques Were Awarded to the Following Councils

- 1. St. Patrick, #370
- Cumberland Council, #586
- 3. Annapolis Council, #1384
- Westminster Council, #1393
- 5. St. Mary's Council, #1470
- 6. St. John's Council, #1622
- Brute Council, #1860
- 8. Patapsco Council, #1960
- 9. Havre De Grace Council, #2002
- 10. St. Michael's Council, #2065
- 11. Fr. Rosensteel Council, #2169
- 12. Regina Coeli Council, #2274
- 13. Archbishop Neale, #2279
- 14. Montgomery Council, #2323
- 15. Bishop Becker Council, #2427
- 16. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council, #2452
- Cardinal Gibbons Council, #2521
- 18. Sacred Heart Council, #2577
- Rock Creek Council, #2797
- Holy Trinity Council, #3413
- St. Francis De Sales Council, #3489
- 22. Holy Face Council, #3849
- 23. St. Charles Borromeo Council, #3960
- 24. Fr. O'Neill Council, #4011
- 25. St. Pius X Council, #4076
- 26. Bel Air Council, #4714
- Bishop Sebastian Council, #5058
- Immaculate Lady Council, #5208
- 29. Archbishop Francis P. Keough Council, #5263
- Mother Seton Council, #5381
- John F. Kennedy Council, #5482
- Holy Family Council, #5547
- 33. St. Joseph Manyanet Council, #5567
- Fr. Burggraff Council, #6021
- Corpus Christi Council, #6188
- Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council, #6793
- Our Lady of Fatima Council, 6901
- Fr. Michael J. McGivney Council, #7025
- Columbia Council, #7559
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God Bless America!

Brothers we are truly blessed with a great country. I am blessed with an amazing group of guys I call brothers in this order. Every time we let you know about things we are doing for our troops, this State of truly Catholic men steps up big time. When we did the cards last year you stood up by getting 5732 cards signed and we got them to the heroes over seas. When Md. State Convention youth Activities director and my secretary, Steve Ransdell, asked the kids to bring donations to put in care packages for the troops over seas, the Families of Maryland stepped up again. As many of you saw on Saturday at the convention we filled my Full size Dodge ram with the donations. We will end up with nearly 500 care packages for our brave men and women. I want to thank all of the men who reached into their pocket and donated cash to the Masters fund to pay for boxes and shipping. I don't know if I collected enough just yet but your generosity will never be forgotten. Archbishop Lori blessed all of the donated items Friday night after the mass and he prayed that every one that will receive these will be safe both physically and mentally.



I want to thank my council St. Bartholomew 9127, when our field trip to Fort McHenry was rained out, we unloaded my truck and boxed most of the donations up and we made a list of every box's items for the customs forms. Thank you to everyone for your support of the Maryland State council, The fourth degree Maryland and AWD districts and most importantly our vets, country and our military that keeps us safe.

Our Navigators seminar is scheduled for June 11th and will be at St Michaels in Poplar Spring from 10 am to 2 pm. Navigators, Comptrollers and color corps commanders are to attend. If you have not received information yet please contact my secretary Steve Ransdell for more information.

Congratulations to all of the out going officers for a job well done. Every assembly has done patriotic events and has had a color corps turn out for local and district events. Congratulations to the officer elects, I look forward to working with you to make your assembly better and our country stronger.

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Care Packages for the Military Project

Brenda and I wish to thank everyone who donated items for the military care packages during the Kids activities at the State Convention. During our sessions, the children filled 24 boxes for shipping to deployed service men and women. But, it didn't stop there. We had so many donations that we have items left over! I can't thank everyone enough for being so generous.

Over the next few weeks, we be trying to figure a way to get the reminder of your donations shipped. The first boxes will go out as soon as possible. In the meantime, if your council, assembly, chapter or ladies auxiliary wants to adopt some of the leftovers and do your own care packages, please let me know. I can supply information and plenty of goodies to put inside. If you donated cash to the project, thanks again! We will use that money to pay for the shipping.

Your support for our Troops overseas is truly overwhelming.

Thank you and thanks to our Worthy State Deputy for allowing us to be a part of it!

Vivat Jesus!

Steve and Brenda Ransdell



REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

Of Potties and Moral Culture

It almost seems a fantasy that there is a national debate about allowing people to use any public restroom they desire. In spite of the fact that only 0.1 to 0.3 percent of the population has been deemed to be transgender, 41 percent of respondents in a recent CBS-New York Times poll stated that people should be permitted into public bathrooms of their choice; 46 percent said they should be limited to bathrooms of their birth sex; apparently the remainder have no opinion or are hesitant to voice it. Not too many years ago, a scenario of men using women's lavatories would have been a spoof for late-night comedians. Today, it is only the latest indicator of the moral degradation of the country. The virtue of a nation is displayed in its laws and regulations, in the general ethos of the people, in the way its leaders govern. America was founded as a nation under God, with a belief in the inherent dignity of every person, who was endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable Rights. These convictions, rooted in Christian dogma, are embedded in the nation's founding principles, reflected in its originating documents and governing institutions, etched in stone in the halls of Congress, the Supreme Court and the iconic monuments to many of our greatest presidents, and have helped shape some of the most critical events in the country's history.

As essential as a belief in God is to America, the Supreme Court in 1942 discovered a "wall of separation between church and state," in an 1802 letter written by Thomas Jefferson. His phrase, intended to assure a group of Baptists that the government would not interfere with their religious practice, has been inverted to mean that religion must be divorced from public life. With any mention of God removed from the public schools, several generations of Americans have been taught a secularist view of life and the purpose of man's existence. As a result, Christian ideas have faded from the consciousness of large segments of the population and are being replaced by a humanistic concept of man and society - that God, if he exists, is irrelevant to society, that man is the master of his destiny, that material progress is the primary aim of existence. For too many in our nation, their behavior has ceased to be regulated by Christian principles, religious practices have been abandoned, and temporal prosperity is their driving goal. In a 2014 study by the Pew Research Center, 23 percent of American adults identified themselves as atheists, agnostics or with no particular religion. Almost 80 percent of these "nones" said they were raised in a faith, mainly Christianity, but left it. Further, their numbers are increasing, especially among the young.

America is a nation in which people govern themselves through their elected representatives. A government with power concentrated in an elected few requires a moral and upright people working for the common good. These virtues are best developed through religion. George Washington, in his Farewell Address as President, identified this precondition, stating: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." Religion and government were to have complementary roles. Government was to be secularly neutral and not favor any one religion, but allow all denominations to practice their faiths as each saw fit. Religion, in turn, was to develop a virtuous character in the people so they could govern for the common good.

Since at least the mid-twentieth century, the meaning of secularity has been mutating to isolate government from all religion, to assure that God and religious expression have no role in public affairs. Benign secularity has become an intolerant secularism, a secularism that is a religion of no God, which provides materialistic norms for how life should be lived and society operated. Secularism is now pitted against Christianity in a religious battle for the soul of the country. Cardinal Karol Wojtyla (the future Pope John Paul II), in his 1976 address to the Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, commemorating the Declaration on Independence, stated:

"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has ever experienced. I do not think that the wide circle of the American Society, or the whole wide circle of the Christian Community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church, between the gospel and the anti-gospel, between Christ and the antichrist. The confrontation lies within the plans of Divine Providence. It is, therefore, in God's Plan, and it must be a trial which the Church must take up, and face courageously..." The past four decades have shown the truth of his perception. The "battle of the bathroom," which includes unrestricted access to locker rooms and showers as well, is not about equality or tolerance. It is merely the latest stage in the effort to destroy the distinction between the sexes, to eliminate religion, to have a limitless, hedonistic society. The on-going attacks on life, marriage, family, and religious liberty are simply different fronts in the cultural war against Christianity. There will no détente, no peaceful coexistence. Accommodation will not work. This expediency may delay, but will not stop the hostility, for militant secularism allows no opposition. The Church must recognize this movement to destroy Christianity for what it is. Church leaders and its lay members must uncompromisingly oppose the nihilistic secularism and work to change the moral landscape of society. The Church militant will be significantly smaller than the cohort of people who selfidentify as Catholics, but the resulting committed minority will be able to affect society through prayer, repentance and invigorated evangelization. With God's help, those who remain faithful to His teachings will emerge victorious.

Vivat Jesus!

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