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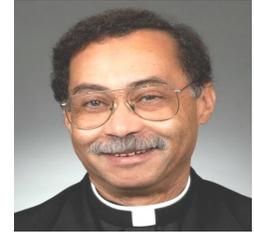
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“So faith, hope, love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love”

by Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.



“So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” Love allows us to have faith — to believe in what we have not seen. Love allows us to have hope — to look forward to receiving what we believe in faith. But, what is love? St. Paul tells us some attributes of love. Love is patient, kind, believes all things, and hopes all things. Love never fails. He also tells us some things that love is not. It is not jealous, rude, quick-tempered, or holds a grudge.

“The gifts of love,” are often used at weddings. The wedding couple uses this reading to express how they intend to show their love for each other. There is another gift of love, the gift of **giving**; we can give our love to others. The gift of love allows us to do things that may sometimes seem extraordinary, even miraculous.

So, what is this love that **gives** us faith, which gives us hope, which also allows us to do extraordinary and miraculous things? What is this love that allows a man and wife to love each other so much that they love their children even before they are born? What is this love that allows them to raise their children in a loving family, while at the same time **giving** their love to care for other family and neighbors? **THIS LOVE IS GOD!**

Jesus told the people in His hometown of Nazareth that God’s love is so great that He is bringing salvation not just to the Jews, but also to the Gentiles. He was telling them that God’s love is for everyone and Jesus’ salvation is for everyone. The Jews could not accept that. They thought that God’s love and salvation were only for them. If God loved everyone, then they would have to love everyone too. Jesus was telling them that God wants everyone to be His chosen people.

When we come to receive the Eucharist, think about how much God loves us, His chosen people. Like parents who could not bear to leave their children alone to “fend for themselves,” God cannot bear to leave **us lone**. God has given Himself to live in us in the Eucharist, so that we can live in Him and be with Him for eternity. This is true love. **THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD!**

HELP SAVE LIVES

FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 20

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and children

From February 10 — March 20, our city will join with hundreds of other cities for 40 Days for Life, a life-saving campaign made up of three components:



PRAYER & FASTING



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



PEACEFUL VIGIL

40 Days for Life is a peaceful pro-life effort ... and 675,000 volunteers in 607 cities across 32 nations have taken part. With God's help, 40 Days for Life has seen **11,165** babies saved from abortion, **127** abortion worker conversions, and **64** closed abortion centers. Pray and get involved, and **YOU** can help save lives!

COLLEGE PARK, PEACEFUL VIGIL:

LOCATION: Sidewalk 7am-7pm in front of Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic. 5915 Greenbelt Rd, College Park, 20740.

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/college-park/>

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Grand Knight's Chronicle

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"Let's continue to do the best for our faith, church and community"



The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 prepares for the new year while looking back on 2015, a year of significant achievements and milestones.

Happy New Year Brothers All!



This first month of the year, which marks the second half of our Orders fraternal year has been very eventful. Arising from a very successful first six months, we are energized for the bounty of programs and activities that are forthcoming.

State Mid-Term meeting for Grand Knights and deputies, went very well. Our Council has successfully done an

Admission degree this month, during which we brought in two new members.

The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 is proud to have donated to the church to make it possible to have a 50 plus seater bus to take Parish Youth, Knights and Priests to Washington, DC, for the **March for Life** events in Washington, DC on January 22, 2016.

We are expectantly concluding plans for a **Priests and Deacons Appreciation Dinner** on the 30th of January, designed a program to give Council and Parishioners an opportunity to appreciate the Priests, and Deacons and their families for their shepherding of our Parish community.

During the first week of March, we have the **Mardi Gras** event, another spectacular Community and Church event just before Lent. In the following weeks, during lent, our annual **Fish Fry** events will be held.

We are indeed blessed, as we continue to experience much prosperity in our works as a Council of the Knights of Columbus. We look forward to the **Cup of Joe Program** during Lent, and increased recruitment for the rest of the Fraternal year. Meeting our recruitment and Insurance quotas are paramount in our goals for the current quarter.

Our works at Fletcher Council continue to embody Charity, Church and Community support and our love for our neighbors and mankind in general.

KNIGHTHOOD BECKONS!



Joining the Knights of Columbus and becoming a member of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 in Largo, Maryland, has been one of the best decisions in my life. Not only has my faith and relationship with Christ strengthened, I have met a group of men that amaze me every day and who I now consider to be my extended family.

Through our joys and our sorrows, we are there for one another and it is so because of Christ who strengthens each of us as and as the family of James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council!

We provide substantial amounts yearly in contributions to charities and other worthy causes, as well as conduct programs that support the Church and strengthen our beliefs and Faith as Catholics.

If you are looking for a way to improve your faith and relationship with Christ, and are a Catholic man, 18 years of age or older, come join us! Christ gives us the strength and together as a council, and with Him, we can achieve many great things and change people's lives!

Ask a friend, a pew buddy, to join us and if more information is needed, have them contact me at gk11422kofc2015@gmail.com!



A MARYLAND TRADITION



State Deputy's Report



Stephen M. Cohen
State Deputy

Well, the cold weather is finally here. February is upon us and the second half of the Fraternal Year. The Maryland jurisdiction continues to be strong. I want to thank everyone for all their efforts in making Columbianism strong in Maryland.

We had an outstanding Mid Term Meeting. I have heard nothing but compliments from all those in attendance. The best was the feeling of rejuvenation amongst the participants. Continue to strive for the goal of STAR Council and continue to endeavor

for those great programs for your council, your parish and your community.

January was also the month that we gather with many other Pro Life organizations in what is the largest peaceful demonstration Washington, D.C. has ever seen. Yet there is really no news coverage. They don't want the world to see just how strong we are. Even in the snow and freezing temperatures we are there.

Don't forget Lobby Night on February 9, 2016 in Annapolis. Come and tell your legislators what you stand for and what you feel they should be standing for. Please take a look at the State Website and the Maryland Catholic Conference website, especially dealing with the Death with Dignity Act. This will be a major item on the legislative agenda this year.

Please submit the forms that are due or even past due. The Special Olympics Participation Form, your Council Audit and the Fraternal Survey. All of these are very important to both the State and Supreme.

Continue to recruit that one member per council per month. Doing so will give us more support and more assistance in our programs and endeavors. Strive to recruit the younger men and bring them and their families into the greatest Catholic, Family, Service Organization in the world. Hold the Admission Degree as soon as possible. Show the video if necessary and then have those new members come to the next Admission Degree to reemphasis to lessons being taught.

Again, I look forward to a great second half of the Fraternal Year and hope and pray for each councils continued Success.

Remember always, we are the Knights of Columbus, we are a people of life, for life, building a civilization of love.

Vivat Jesus!

Have You Visited The State Website Lately

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

Or the Maryland State Yahoo Group

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/MDstatecouncil/info?yguid=46983702>

MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL



118th Annual Convention - May 13, 14, 15, 2016

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

11:00 AM Convention Golf Tournament
5:00 PM to Pre-Convention Registration
7:00 PM (Barbados Room)

FRIDAY

9:00 AM Mass (Make Room) with Exposition of
The Blessed Sacrament until 11:30 AM
Convention Registration
4:00 PM (Barbados Room)
1:00 PM to Youth Activity
3:00 PM (Eleuthera Room)
2:00 PM District Deputy Mtg. (Caribbean Hall)
3:00 PM Grand Knights' \$1000 Olympics
for Charity (Atrium Area)
6:00 PM to Convention Registration
8:00 PM (Barbados Room)
7:00 PM Mass & Opening Session of
Convention (Caribbean Hall)
7:00 PM Ladies Activities - (Palmetto
Ballroom), Doors open 6:30 PM
7:00 PM to Youth Activity
9:00 PM (Eleuthera Room)
8:30 to Open House - Hospitality Rooms
Midnight (Atrium Area)

SATURDAY

7:30 AM to Convention Registration
10:30 AM (Barbados Room)
8:30 AM Assemble for Grand Knight March
(Sun Deck - Coat & Tie)
9:00AM Awards Program (Atrium Area)
11:00 AM Second Session of Convention
(Caribbean Hall)
11:00 AM to Youth Activity
1:00 PM (Eleuthera Room)
3:00 PM Assemble for Convention Mass
(Front of the Hotel)
3:30 PM Rosary (St. Luke's)
4:00 PM Concelebrated Mass (St. Luke's)
5:45 PM Convention Banquet (Black Tux)
(Palmetto Ballroom)
(Cash Bar - Doors Open 5:15 PM)
5:45 PM to Youth Activity
8:00 PM (Eleuthera Room)
8:00 PM to Open House - Hospitality Rooms
Midnight (Atrium Area)

SUNDAY

7:30 AM Mass (Mako Room)
9:00 AM District Deputy Meeting
(Dominica Room)
9:30 AM Closing Session of Convention
(Caribbean Hall)

REGISTRATION AND CONVENTION BADGES

Are required for admission to all Convention Activities, Hospitality Rooms and the Atrium and should be worn at all times.

Only Brother Knights are allowed to attend Official Convention sessions and they must present a current 3rd Degree Card



The Surprising New Normal in the Abortion Debate

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson



[January 21, 2016] There is a new normal in the abortion debate because what it means to be “pro-choice” in America has changed. It is a change likely to be missed in the reporting on this during the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. But it is a change that could be one of the biggest surprises in an already-surprising presidential-election cycle.

Each year about this time breathless headlines announce that the “pro-life” or “pro-choice” label is preferred by a narrow majority of Americans, yet it remains a more or less 50-50 proposition. In other words, the message is that America remains “a house divided” unable or unwilling to change the status quo.

But this narrative hides the reality that the decades-long debate over abortion actually has achieved a solid consensus.

The idea that the “pro-choice” label represents a monolithic lobby made up of half of all Americans favoring an unrestricted right to abortion is simply not true. Instead, there is a new normal favoring substantial restrictions on abortion — and that consensus is made possible because of the agreement of a majority of Americans who call themselves “pro-choice.”

Despite the rhetoric of some in politics and the media, a substantial majority of men and women — including those who say they are “pro-choice” — consistently support increasing restrictions on abortion.

Those who say they are “pro-life” reliably support abortion restrictions in overwhelming numbers.

But it would likely shock most Washington pundits that the majority of those who say they are pro-choice also support such restrictions. And yet, surveys conducted by Marist, one of the country’s top polling groups, show that this is exactly the case.

Consider the data from the most recent Marist poll on the issue: Eight in ten Americans (81 percent) would restrict abortion to, at most, the first three months of pregnancy. This include 66 percent of those who identify as pro-choice.

The idea that we should abort a seven-pound baby the day before its due date is, while political dogma in some quarters, just out of step with the vast majority of Americans. And it’s out of step with the vast majority of pro-choice Americans too — about eight in ten of them reject this extreme position.

In fact, about a quarter of those who call themselves pro-choice (26 percent) support what is commonly seen as strongly pro-life position: They would limit abortion to cases only of rape or incest or to save the life of the mother. In other words, those who identify as pro-choice are more likely to share the position of those who identify as pro-life than they are to share the position of the abortion-rights lobby and its defenders in politics and the media.

Given these numbers, it should be no surprise then that there has been such an increase of proposed legislation at the state and federal level to restrict the nearly unrestricted abortion access established by *Roe v. Wade* more than four decades ago.

Such legislation isn’t the imposition of the will of one half of Americans on the other half. It is, instead, most often a reflection of an overwhelming consensus made possible by a majority of those who say they are “pro-choice.”

No wonder that more than three-quarters of Americans (77 percent) say that laws can protect both a mother and her unborn child, and that more than seven in ten who say they are pro-choice (71 percent) agree.

Though widely unacknowledged in Washington and by the national media, unity - not division - is the new normal for the abortion debate in America.

Forty-three years after *Roe v. Wade*, the American people have reached a consensus on an issue the pundits have told us is “unsolvable.” The Marist poll, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, has been conducted on this issue for nearly a decade, and it has shown a remarkably consistent agreement of about eight in ten Americans in favor of significant abortion restrictions.

It is time for a new discussion on abortion, one not based on labels, but on the real views of the American people. It is time to talk about this issue as it is and to craft restrictions that the vast majority of us agree on, rather than trying to keep in place a legal regime the American people never asked for, and clearly do not support.



MASTER'S LOG REPORT

John F. Winfrey - Master AWD



Greetings Brothers,

As we bring in a New Year, we can't help but think about the future and what lies ahead of us. What changes will we see and who might we encounter? I ask you to add "Who might we help, and touch?"

The Sir Knights of the Maryland and Archdiocese of Washington Districts are men who do think about such things. Whether it be laying wreaths at Arlington Cemetery, or simply giving a toy to a child, the men of the Fourth Degree are dedicated to improving the lives of those who serve all of us.

As we come into the spring of the year, both Districts will be conducting Exemplifications and we invite you to join our band of brothers. The requirement for becoming a Fourth Degree member truly is a lover for our Church, our Country, and God. The other requirement is a willingness to serve them all.

If you are a Third Degree member with these passions, please reach out to a Sir Knight and ask him why he is a member of the Fourth Degree. *There is a spot for you with us.*



*The Fourth Degree - The Patriotic Degree
"God Bless America"*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT
INCLUDING FIVE COUNTIES OF MARYLAND AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

46th Annual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree
Colony South Hotel and Conference Center
7401 Surratts Road
Clinton, Maryland 20735
April 1-3, 2016

Schedule of Events

Deadline for Priests' Exemplification	Jan 29, 2016 (ceremony Feb 20, 2016)
Deadline to reserve hotel room	Feb 29, 2016
Deadline to reserve KofC events	Feb 29, 2016 No refunds or changes after this date

Friday, April 1, 2016

KofC registration (completed by Faithful Navigator & Faithful Compeller)	1:00 - 4:00pm	Breakfast	6:00 - 9:00am
Hotel check-in (7401 Surratts Road, Clinton, MD 20735)	3:00pm	Candidate check-in	10:30am
Master's dinner (by invitation)	6:00pm	Ladies' activities	10:30am
Evening entertainment	8:00pm	Exemplification commence (all Sir Knights seated by 11:40am)	12:00pm
		Ladies luncheon	12:00pm
		Banquet	5:00pm

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Breakfast	6:00 - 9:00am
Mass (1 st Sunday of Easter)	9:00am
Hotel check-out	12:00pm

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Breakfast	6:00 - 9:00am
Mass (1 st Sunday of Easter)	9:00am
Hotel check-out	12:00pm

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION SIR KNIGHT'S FORM Weekend of April 1-3, 2016

Please Print or Type All Information. **Deadline is February 29, 2016**

I am a Sir Knight and I request tickets in my name as shown below for the Exemplification April 2, 2016. My check is to be made payable to the "Master, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree"

Name: _____ (Last Name) _____ (First Name) _____ (MI)
Address: _____ Wife/Guest _____ (Required)
City/State: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
Telephone: _____ (Required) Council No.: _____ Assembly No.: _____
Email Address: _____

Sir Knights' Fee Section
(Current 4th Degree Members)

Banquet Ticket _____ (@ \$50) \$ _____
Ladies' Activity Fee _____ (@ \$30/Lady) \$ _____
Enclosed Check/MO Total \$ _____
\$25 Fee will be assessed for all Returned Checks

Mail To: SK Michael W. Thumm, FDD, PGK, PFN
19244 King James Parkway
Lexington Park, MD 20653-3627
Telephone for Information: (301) 904-4373
(Please make all Checks Payable to: Master, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree)

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CANDIDATE'S FORM Weekend of April 1-3, 2016

Candidates must submit this, along with signed Form-4 and check, to their Host Assembly for membership voting. Assembly will forward to AWD

I am a Candidate and I request tickets in my name as shown below for the Exemplification April 2, 2016.

Please Print or Type All Information.

Name: _____ (Last Name) _____ (First Name) _____ (MI)
Address: _____ Wife/Guest _____ (Required)
City/State: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
Telephone: _____ (Required) Council No.: _____ Assembly No.: _____
Email Address: _____

Candidate Fee \$70 (Priest-\$35): \$ _____
Additional Banquet Ticket _____ (@ \$50) \$ _____
Ladies' Activity Fee _____ (@ \$30/Lady) \$ _____
Enclosed Check/MO Total \$ _____

Deadline for receipt at AWD is February 29, 2016. Candidates must submit prior to Assembly's February meeting to meet membership voting requirement.

Assembly Comptroller Mail To: SK Michael W. Thumm, FDD, PGK, PFN
19244 King James Parkway
Lexington Park, MD 20653-3627
Telephone for Information: (301) 904-4373
(Please make all Checks Payable to: Master, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree)

Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

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





Your Shield of Strength

David Benjamin, Fraternal Benefit Advisor

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As the economy begins to shake off a half-decade of turbulent times, the Knights of Columbus is celebrating 14 consecutive years of insurance business growth.

We've weathered the storm when others haven't, because we know how to navigate. We've weathered the storm when others made costly mistakes, because we don't take on unnecessary risk.

Our strength is undeniable. More members than ever before see it and are using our shield to protect their families. Are you?

If you need life insurance — and chances are you do — why would you look anywhere else? Let us be your shield.

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest life insurers in North America? The Knights of Columbus has surpassed \$96 billion of insurance in force and is a member of the Fortune 1000.

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus consistently earns the highest possible ratings for its ethical business practices and sound investment strategies? A.M. Best, a global leader in the rating and analysis of insurance companies, has given the Knights of Columbus their highest financial strength rating (A++, Superior) for 39 consecutive years. There is simply no more highly rated insurance company in North America than your Knights of Columbus. Last year, the Knights was also named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute.

Did you know that providing financial benefits for members was the reason that Venerable Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus? Our founding charter from 1882 makes it clear: The Knights of Columbus' primary goal is "to render financial aid to its members and the beneficiaries of members."

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus offers a full, top-quality product line of life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement annuities? We have products and solutions to fit your family's needs and budgets. A Knight of Columbus agent is available to provide a complementary, comprehensive analysis to assess your situation.

Did you know that there are a number of products and services that you may be eligible for, just for being a Knight? Whether it's our family fraternal benefits program, our survivor benefits or our Personal Planning workbook, there are a lot of ways that the Knights of Columbus Insurance program can benefit you and your family.

Did you know that there are more than 1,400 Knights of Columbus agents throughout the United States and Canada? They are dedicated, full-time professionals, who live to serve you, your family and your community.

There might be quite a bit that you don't know about Knights of Columbus Insurance and about the fraternal and financial benefits of your membership. Join the hundreds of thousands of your brother Knights who use our shield as their protection. Contact me and let's talk about it.

WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

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Bishop Walsh Assembly's renewal of obligation is on February 8, 2016. All officers should wear black Tuxedo, black bow tie and 4th degree baldric. All other members of the assembly are encouraged to wear black tuxedo as well, or black suit.

We are still recruiting candidates to take their 4th degree exemplification that is coming up on April

2nd 2016. All 3rd degree members who are financially in good standing with their respective councils are qualified. Applications are in circulation. Ask any 4th degree member in your council on how to submit your application, or you can reach me at onwezi@gmail.com. Deadline to submit the completed application is this month.

I commend all brothers who came out for the March for Life in our national capitol on January 22, 2016. The cold and winter storm did not deter the marchers. Let continue to pray for the unborn and fight for their rights.

Also, keep our Master Sir. Knight John Winfrey and his family, whose house was damaged in house fire on January 19, 2016. We thank God that there was no physical injuries to any member of the Winfrey's family.

Do not forget to be your brother's keeper. Check up on brothers that you have not seen at the meeting, and make sure that they are doing great and find out if there is anything we can do to help in any way we can.

REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE CHANGED OUR MEETING TIME FROM 8 P.M. TO 7 P.M., WITH REFRESHMENTS SERVED AT 6:30 P.M.

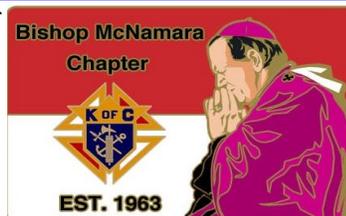
McNAMARA CHAPTER

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My Brother Knights, as many of you know, our January meeting was an abbreviated one due to hazardous weather which resulted in a nightmare for drivers. Below are comments from one of Bishop McNamara dedicated Grand Knights.



Worthy, Not being a betting kind of guy, I would not want to take advantage of the odds on the Bishop McNamara Chapter's meeting timing being a tad rough.

As for me, with leaving Hyattsville at 6:30 P.M. on January 20th, and not getting home until about 2:30 A.M. on the 21st, I would say an emphatic YES to the Knights of Columbus being "Experience of a Lifetime."

In relating that statement to the Chapter meeting, it was quite an experience, sitting on an iced-over Beltway, inching along between some people not knowing how to drive, either too fast or ridiculously slow, and then being further delayed in witness to the collision of both those behaviors.

Around 12:30 A.M., this hapless GK finally made it to the 495 & Connecticut Avenue turn off, immediately north of which, the adage holds true, "bridges ice before highways" ... or Roads ... seriously. Figuring by then that the Chapter meeting might have already adjourned, I finally surrendered to the discretion of choosing prudence —vs— perseverance ... and turned back to home.

My sincere hope is that all else possibly in attendance made it to safety unscathed as did I.

Herb Hille

GK, St. Jerome Council 5564



PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Brothers, when time is short, we have two choices we can make. We either throw in the towel and give in to the pressure of the moment, or we "**Man Up**" and face the challenges ahead.

February is the shortest month of the year in terms of days, but for the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council, it is **the most** active month in terms of Council and Church programs. The list of council and church programs this month include: **Mardi Gras Ball, Feb. 6; Black History Month Program, Feb. 7; Ash Wednesday Masses, Feb. 10; K.C. Ladies Pancake Breakfast, Feb. 14; Council Fish Fry, Feb 19; Knights Sunday, Feb. 21; Council Stations of the Cross Reading, Feb. 26 and the District/State Basketball Free Throw Contest.**

Fletcher Council members have traditionally been able to "**Man Up**" and complete such challenges such as these activities in the past. February 2106 will again prove that we are one of the most

outstanding councils in the state when our members complete all the programs listed above. I eagerly await and anticipate hearing from those brothers wishing to volunteer for one or more of our scheduled programs this month. No **one member** has to do it all if **all members** do a little. **Unity** is the key to our success.



Brothers, remember we are strongest when we are united together!
UNITY IS THE WORD FOR 2016.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

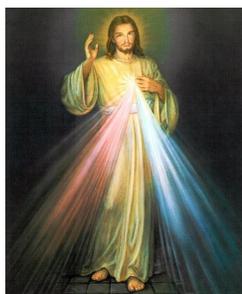
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Our Pastor, Parochial Vicar and Deacons are very active here at St. Joseph and are always looking for new ways to facilitate the growth of the spiritual life of our parish.

Several new sacramental additions have been instituted for parishioners to take full advantage of God's grace and the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. A fourth Mass at 6 P.M. on Sunday is now a permanent part of the weekend mass schedule. This Mass will benefit those who travel or work on the weekends and are unable to attend the Sunday morning Masses. Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is now available every Tuesday evening from 6 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.



Chaplet of Divine Mercy
"Jesus I Trust In You"

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will also be recited Tuesday evenings from 6:35 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from 6 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. Tuesday evening Mass follows at 7 P.M. These sacraments and services are an excellent way for us as Knights to honor Pope Francis' call to live a life of grace in the **Jubilee Year of Mercy**.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Cal A. Thompson, Council Activities Director
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Did you hear some one say **Pancakes?** It seems to be ringing in my ear, and it will happen. On Sunday, February 14th following both the 8:30 and 11 A.M. Masses the council will assist the KC Ladies with its **Annual Pancake Breakfast**. Ample helping of all the choice breakfast goodies will be served for your enjoyment. See the flyer on Page 15 for the full menu and more. Cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 9 and under. BTW, February 14th just happens to be **Valentine's Day**, which just happens to offer another opportunity to celebrate.

We will kick off our Lenten **Fish Fry** Season on February 26th. There will be one additional Fish Fry, the following month on March 11th. Parishioner and community support for this event has been awesome over the years. Although the Fish Fry has been a very successful event, our main shortfall is not the food or customers, but manpower. The KC Ladies have been consistent helpers, we often run short of men to help with the many/many chores necessary to keep up with customers demands. Therefore, council members and family members are requested to come out and help during the course of the day on Friday, February 26th and March 11th. Volunteers are welcomed to call, email me or contact a council member. Lets continue our tradition of providing the best of the best Lenten Fish Fry for the Largo community.





COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bernard Broadus, Community Activities Director
bbroadus53@gmail.com



202-359-7781

Community Sunday - Knights Sunday



That is council members Michael Akpan and Charles Okpah, in the foreground are in the midst of things on **Community Sunday** at St. Joseph Church. It is a social gathering after the 8:30 A.M. and 11 A.M. Masses. It is a festivity affair as Council and KC Ladies members serves donuts, bagels, coffee, tea and juices to the parishioners on the third Sunday of the month.

There is a need for other brothers to come out to assist with this well attended Community/Knights Sunday event. Here is another opportunity for you to share some of your time, to meet and greet your fellow parishioners. The turnout is awesome and so too are the donuts selection.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

Peter Methodius Pro-Life Activities Director
pmethodius@yahoo.com

301-728-7827



Early in the morning on January 22, 2016, members of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 and parishioners assembled on the parking lot of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Accompanying the group were St. Joseph Church Pastors, Fr. Roy E. Campbell, Jr. and Fr. Aaron Qureshi.

They were there to load a bus, provided by Fletcher Council, that would take them to the Adult and Family Rally and Mass for Life. The Mass was held at The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle (1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington, DC). The Rally kicked off at 9 A.M. and featured keynote speaker Mark Pickup. Mass followed at 10 A.M., celebrated by Bishop Mario Dorsonville, with Fr. Dan Leary as homilist. After the Mass, many of the attendees departed at 11:30 to participate in the **March For Life** on the Mall.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Phil Beauboeuf, Youth Activities Director
pabeaub@us.ibm.com



240-353-1460

On behalf of Tailor and I, we would like to thank the James C. Fletcher, Jr Council 11422, Knights of Columbus, members for their generous support in the Elizabeth Seton High School, Music Boosters fundraisers for 2015. (November 5, 2015)



GK Ike Agbim, Tailor & Lorraine Hayling

Donations received are as follows:

Dance Marathon total collected	\$210.00
Raffle Tickets bought:	\$50.00

The Music Boosters provide financial assistance in support of the music students enrolled in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Beginning Brass, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir, Chorale and Chorus. Thank you one and all for your generous support towards this worthy cause.

Lorraine Hayling,
Parishioner,
St Joseph's Catholic Church



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Gabriel O. Nmorka, Family Activities Director
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301-350-7637



Family of the Month The “Andrews” Family



The James C. Fletcher, Jr., Council 11422 of the Knights of Columbus is proud to usher in the Third Quarter of this Fraternal Year with the selection of Leon Andrews' family as its January, 2016 Family of the Month.

Leon has been a willing-to-serve Parishioner since he became a member of St. Joseph Church. During Fr. Raymond Moore's tenure at St. Joseph Church, Leon for his meticulousness was approached by Fr. Moore to assist Helen Harley with the Sunday 8:30am Mass set-up. And as time went on, his handling of the Church set-up assignments drew praises from the Parishioners. When this became noticed by the Father, Leon was graciously requested to also take over the set-ups for the Sunday 11:00 A.M. and the Tuesday 7:00 P.M. Masses.

Leon currently serves on the Church Audio Team, assisting at Masses, Concerts, Funerals and other Church events. As mentioned above his willingness to serve anytime in the Church is often times observed. One day, while attending First Friday Adoration at the Church, he was asked to assist the Father in performing the Benediction. He gladly accepted and has ever since been performing this function in our Church.

Finally, Leon Andrews is the Cameraman in our midst that takes pictures/videos of Church Events that include Church Concerts and Picnics. With his vow to keep doing God's Will in the Church, so long our Almighty God gives him the Desire, Grace and Good Health to do so. Church let us continue to pray that our Almighty Father grant him his wish in Jesus Holy Name. Amen!

EACH OF US IS A
MASTERPIECE
OF GOD'S CREATION.



MEMBERSHIP QUEST

John W. Huntley, Membership Director
jhuntley@some.org



240-441-9086



GK Ike Agbin, Michael Youngers, Efrain Andrews, DD Michael Davenport, DW Emeke Onwezi

It happened on a chilly Thursday evening on January 21, 2016 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Largo, Maryland. The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422, Admission Degree Team under the leadership of SK Harold Sanders, Jr. conducted a degree to induct two new members into the council. They each had met all the requirements for membership and successfully completed the Admission Degree (formerly titled First Degree).

I ask you to join me in welcoming to our council *Michael Youngers* and *Efrain Andrews*.

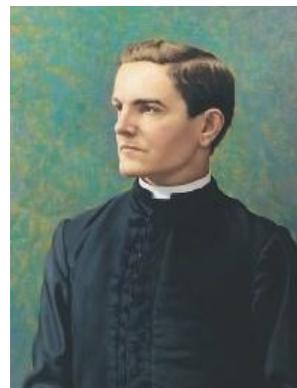
KC LADIES AUXILIARY

Cathy Gresham, President
catstew@aol.com



Mark your calendars! Spread the news! The *KC Ladies Annual Pancake Breakfast* will be Sunday, February 14, 2016 immediately following the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Breakfast includes the works: pancakes, sausage, eggs, grits and more. I'm sure you remember the delicious fried apples! It is a great opportunity to fellowship with your St. Joseph family.

Let Us Always Remember



August 12, 1852 - August 14, 1890

Fr. Michael J. McGivney

Founder - 1882

Knights of Columbus



Please, Remember In Your Prayers

Members Who Are Ill



*Howard Wynn
Mary Julius
Joseph Marshall
Ken Hinton*

*James Shorter
Hugo Braden
William Tolbert
Donald Wilson*





REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

Death With Dignity, A Dangerous Pretense

Every life has value and is worthy of continuing, regardless of how old, infirmed, ill, or limited in future duration. Yet, today, an increasing number of states are empowering physicians to assist terminally-ill people in committing suicide, so they can “die with dignity.” The movement, cloaked in an appealing euphemism, is indifferent to the sacredness of human life. All people have equal dignity simply by being human. An individual’s self-image may change as one ages, loses physical or mental ability, or suffers, but the person’s worth and inherent dignity are not altered. Life is a gift of our Creator. No person or government is entitled to take it away; no individual has the license to throw it away.

Assisted suicide is an affront to the Almighty, and denies society of the contributions the deceased could have made. Benjamin Franklin signed the Declaration of Independence at age 70, at a time when life expectancy in America was 38. Doris Haddock, an 89-year old known as Granny D, walked from Los Angeles to Washington, DC in 1999 to raise awareness about campaign finance reform. Grandma Moses (Anna Mary Robertson Moses) began painting at the age of 76 when arthritis would not allow her to hold an embroidery needle; she became a nationally-acclaimed artist producing over 1,000 paintings in the next 25 years. Stephen Hawking was diagnosed with ALS (“Lou Gehrig Disease”) at the age of 21 and given 2-3 years to live; now 74 and completely crippled, he is a preeminent theoretical physicist and cosmologist. Ludwig van Beethoven, one of the world’s greatest musicians, lost his hearing at 26 and composed some of his finest works over the next 30 years. Helen Keller was born blind and deaf, yet graduated college and became an author, lecturer and political activist. The world would have been poorer had these people been euthanized at the onset of their infirmities.

Last year, Maryland’s General Assembly considered, but did not pass, the *Death with Dignity Act*. The bill would have allowed doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of medicine at the request of a patient who had been deemed mentally competent and received a terminal diagnosis of six months or less to live. The bill, with a less contentious title, the *End of Life Options Act*, is expected to be reintroduced in the current session.

The proposed legislation has significant flaws. First, as in the case of Stephen Hawking, the medical community cannot predict with assurance or accuracy when a patient might die. Hawking’s situation is not unique. There are many cases in which patients declared terminally ill have lived well beyond a physician’s projected life span. Many have even recovered from years-long comas.

Second, there is the question of the person being competent to make a life-or-death decision. When an individual receives a terminal diagnosis, the person often becomes fearful or distressed, especially if one’s condition will be an emotional or costly burden on others in the family. The patient may be rational, but feel pressured to die because of loneliness, depression, or family members who want to proceed with their lives.

Third, there is the societal concern for medical cost containment. The Obamacare legislation establishes an Independent Payment Advisory Board that is empowered to ration care within Medicare if the program exceeds a target growth rate. Will the stress to restrain costs influence medical personnel to encourage patients to choose assisted suicide? England has had experience with a similar cost-cutting approach. In the late 1990s, the country’s National Health Service established the Liverpool Care Pathway, a program to provide the elderly and terminally ill with palliative care while discontinuing long-term curative treatment. Stipends were provided to participating hospitals that met targets for the number of persons placed in the program. The endeavor was phased out in 2013 because it called into question the objectivity of the hospitals’ medical decisions, which hastened the death of some seriously-ill patients.

Further, there is an ethical dilemma created for a doctor when assisted suicide becomes a medical option. A physician should be devoted to healing and improving the patient’s quality of life, not promoting death. The American Medical Association, in its *Code of Medical Ethics*, states, “Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer.” The medical community even opposes a physician’s involvement in capital punishment. The American Board of Anesthesiologists voted in 2010 to revoke the certification of any member who participates in executing a prisoner by lethal injection. The physician should not become an executioner.

While the Maryland assisted-suicide bill may appear to be compassionate and narrowly focused, it is the beginning of a “slippery slope.” If enacted, it undoubtedly will lead over time to additional reasons for sanctioning procured death. In the Netherlands, where euthanasia has been legal since 2002, the number of persons euthanized nearly tripled in the period 2006 to 2014; assisted suicide for persons with psychiatric illnesses or dementia are sharply on the rise; and many of the reasons given for choosing to be euthanized are old age, loneliness and bereavement, none of which qualify as a terminal illness. Now, there is a movement in the Netherlands to legalize euthanasia for young children. In order to meet an increased demand, a network of traveling euthanizers has been created.

When the quality of life is considered more important than life itself, when efficiency and cost containment become criteria for medical decisions, when euthanasia becomes a therapeutic option for physicians, a culture of death rules -- life is no longer considered an unalienable right endowed by the Creator. God-fearing people have an inexorable responsibility to protect life from conception to natural death.

In Maryland, the *Knights of Columbus*, in solidarity with priests and bishops, working in parishes and communities, in collaboration with groups that have similar beliefs, must combat the procurement of death and the devaluing of life at all stages. The bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide must be defeated. It will be difficult, but with a united effort, prayer, faith and the help of God, it can be done.



It Is Not Too Early To Say "Mardi Gras"

FEATURING "THE EXCLUSIVES"

Date: Sunday, February 6, 2016
Time: 8:00pm 'til Midnight
Where: St. Joseph's Rosemont Room
 2020 St. Joseph's Drive
 Largo, MD 20774

Masquerade Optional Or Semi-formal

Menu:
 Creole Seafood Gumbo
 w/ Rice Marinated Herb Pork
 Chicken Leg
 BBQ Macaroni
 Southern Style Potatoes
 Seasoned Green Beans
 Roll & Butter
 Punch, Coke
 Louisiana Coffee
 "Open Bar"

"A Truly New Orleans Gala - Traditional Mardi Gras - Superb Music & Entertainment"
ADMISSION ONLY \$40.00 PER PERSON

For Tickets Call - **Vernon Hawkins (301) 336-0284 - vhwkinsjr@aol.com**
 Sponsored By The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422
 Knights of Columbus

**JAMES C. FLETCHER, JR. COUNCIL 11422
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 KC LADIES' ANNUAL**

**PANCAKE
 BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016
After the 8:30 & 11:00 Morning Masses

Pancakes		Sausage
Eggs		Ham
Grits		Coffee
Fried Potatoes		Milk
Fried Apples		Juice

Adults \$9.00
Children, 9 and under \$5.00

**James C. Fletcher Jr. Council 11422
 LENTEN FISH FRY
 FEB 26 & MAR 11
 12 Noon - 5 P.M.
 St Joseph Church
 2020 Saint Joseph Drive
 Largo, MD 20774**

Dinner \$10.00 Fish Sandwich \$7.00

Soda \$1

DINNER MENU
WHITING FILLET or CROAKER (w/Bone)
2 SIDES
CORN BREAD / SLICED BREAD

Cake \$1

SIDES
 Potato Salad Cole Slaw
 Macaroni & Cheese
 String Beans Collards

PLACE YOUR ORDER / INFORMATION
 Cal Thompson 301-928-2157 Harold Sanders 301-390-7150
 Calls Must Be Placed Between 9 A.M. & 5 P.M. Weekday Only
 No Call in Orders Accepted After 2:30 PM Day Of The Event

**Join us for the Knights of Columbus
 Lenten Pilgrimage to the
 SAINT JOHN PAUL II
 NATIONAL SHRINE**

Saturday, February 27, 1:00-5:00pm
 3900 Harewood Road NE, Washington, DC

1:00 Lunch and Reflections by State Chaplain Rev. Mix Jordan on his service with the Holy Father.
 2:00 Tours and Confessions
 5:30 Holy Rosary
 4:00 Vigil Mass concelebrated by Supreme Chaplain Most Rev. William E. Lot, and our State Chaplain Rev. Mix Jordan

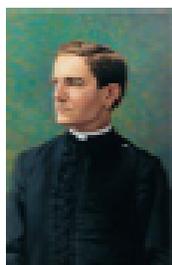
The Shrine is a place of pilgrimage housing two first-class relics of Saint John Paul II. Here, through liturgy and prayer, art, and cultural and religious formation, visitors can enter into his patron's deep love for God and for man.

From its conception, the Shrine was intended as a response to Saint John Paul II's, Pope Benedict XVI's and Pope Francis' call for a "new evangelization." It is meant to be a place of the genuine encounter with God that leads to a renewal of individuals, families, societies and cultures - a place where the God who "entered history" (John Paul II, Homily, Dec. 24, 1999) heals and renews every dimension of human life.

Space is limited, so please sign-up promptly.
 The cost is \$20 per person, up to a maximum of \$75 per family. This offsets the cost of lunch, and provides a donation to the shrine. Contact State Lecturer Jim Cooney at:
 jimcooney13@gmail.com or (240) 925-4242
 21615 Columbia St., Lexington Park, MD 20653
 Make checks payable to Maryland State Council



**Maryland State Council
Knights of Columbus
Founder's Day Mass & Awards Dinner
Sunday, March 13, 2016**



**3:00 P.M. Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church
689 Ritchie Hwy.
Severna Park, MD 21146**

**Awards Dinner immediately following at the Columbian Center
335 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, MD 21146**

Open to all Brother Knights and Guests

The Cost is \$25.00 per person

**Dinner will include:
Cheese and Crackers, Garden & Caesar Salads
Roast Pork Tenderloin
Steamed Broccoli Florets, Red Skin Parsley Potato Wedges
Rolls and Butter
Assorted Fruit and Sheet Cake
Beer, Wine, Sodas, Bottled Water, Tea, and Decaffeinated/Regular Coffee**

**All dinner reservations must be paid in advance.
No later than March 4, 2016**

NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

For dinner reservations, please mail your payment to:

**Alex Simpson
1159 Cecil Ave. S
Millersville, MD 21109
443-745-6727**

Please reserve _____ tickets at \$25.00 each. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ persons, payable to the Maryland State Council.

Name(s) _____

Title _____ Council _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please list names of everyone that you included in your ticket payment. Use back if necessary.



Smiley Central™

Why I Like Retirement !



J. Bernard Broadus

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: *NUTS!*

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

Question: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday through Friday, NOTHING..... Saturday & Sunday, I rest.



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2015 - 2016

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One of the Many Talented Members of Fletcher Council



Young Man With A Horn SK Ernest E. Bennett



“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”
****FEBRUARY****
- 2016 -

- 02 Andres M. Rivera
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**“The Joy
 Of A
 February
 Birthday”**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
****FEBRUARY****



- 01 African American History Month
- 02 Groundhog Day
- 04 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 06 Council Mardi Gras Ball
- 08 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting
- 09 Maryland Lobby Night
- 10 Ash Wednesday
- 12 Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday
- 13 Domestic Church Day
- 14 KC Ladies Pancake Breakfast - 9:45 AM to 1:30 PM
- 14 Valentine’s Day
- 15 President’s Day
- 17 McNamara Chapter Meeting, Our Lady of the Sea 9258, Alexander St./Solomons Island Road, MD
- 18 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM, First Degree
- 19 Council Fish Fry
- 22 George Washington’s Birthday
- 26 Council Reading for Stations of the Cross
- 27 Lenten Pilgrimage to JPII Shrine with Archbishop Lori

Marian Title for February
**Our Lady of
 Bearing**



The Blessed Virgin showed herself 35 times. These Apparitions of Our Blessed Lady occurred in Namur, Belgium in 1932 and 1933. In that period of time, the small town boasted about 2,400 people. It was at the convent of the sisters of Christian Doctrine of Nancy in a small replica of a Lourdes Grotto that these apparitions occurred.

The Blessed Virgin Mary told the children to “Always be good.” And it was especially important to her that they attend the Mass of the Immaculate Conception for which 15,000 people came. She told them to *“Pray, pray very much.”*

She asked several things of the children including that a chapel be built, she wished for people to come on pilgrimage, she stated “I am the Immaculate Virgin,” and she showed them her golden and Immaculate Heart.

During the final days of the apparitions, each child received a secret, none of which have been revealed. But to Finance Violin, a fifteen year old visionary, she asked, “Do you love My Son?” To which Fernanda replied “Yes.” Spectators reported hearing a loud thunderous sound and seeing a ball of fire coming from the sky as this was happening. “Do you love me?” She asked. “Yes,” Fernanda replied. “Then sacrifice yourself for me.”

Everybody hears Her say: *“Adieu!”* In the apparitions which occurred after the 29th of December the children continually see *‘A heart surrounded by rays of light’*. This is why people here call Mary: *“Mother with the Golden heart”*.

The feast day of Our Blessed Lady of Bearing is celebrated on August 22nd.

COME PRAY WITH US



All Council Members

*Are Invited To
 Knight’s Sunday
 Every 3rd Sunday
 Of The Month*

At The 11 A.M. Mass