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***Knight of the Year
Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.***

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Chaplain Thoughts

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“When eight days were completed, he was named Jesus”

by Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.



Mary and Joseph obeyed the law of Caesar by going to Bethlehem to register for the Roman census. Now, they were obeying the law of God by dedicating their Baby to Him, by circumcision, eight days after His birth and naming Him Jesus. Mary was only doing what her Jewish religion required, so why do we honor Mary on the Octave Day of Christmas in this Solemnity, as the Mother of God?

Mary's role is integral to our salvation. By Mary saying “yes” to the Angel Gabriel, Jesus, the Son of God, became the Incarnate Word of God, as a man. When we honor Mary, we give glory to her Son, Jesus. He honored His mother at the end of her earthly life, by assuming her body and soul into heaven and crowning her Queen of heaven and earth. This Solemnity of Mary honors her, because of what she became when she said “yes” to the Angel Gabriel. She not only became the mother of Jesus, the Son of God, in His humanity, Mary also became the Mother of God!

Jesus is fully human, because He is born of Mary. In becoming human, Jesus did not lose what He is already, the infinite GOD! Therefore, Jesus is fully God and fully Man. He is

one Person with two natures, Divine and Human. Mary is the mother of that one Person, Jesus; therefore, Mary is the Mother of God! Through our baptisms, we have become members of the Body of Christ, the Church. Mary is the Mother of Christ; therefore, Mary is also the Mother of the Church. Mary is our mother!

How much should we rely on Mary as our Mother, to guide us through our earthly lives? Mary, the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church, our Mother, means more to me than I can put into words. At my Ordination, I dedicated my Priesthood to the honor of our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary! Every morning, I rededicate my priesthood to her honor. I pray that she guides me through this New Year and every year of my ordained ministry.

May each of you live in the love and intercession of Mary, the Mother of God. May each of you have a holy and blessed New Year!

Grand Knight's Chronicle

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***“How marvelous would it be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say:
I have performed an act of charity towards others.” --- Pope Francis***



A New Year is here. A time to make changes, it's a time to resolve to be better and to act with kindness towards family, friends and all of humanity. Brothers, as Knights and Christians, to be compassionate towards others is what we should always strive to achieve.

This year, 2017, is the 135th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus by Father Michael J. McGivney. Fletcher Council will continue to exemplify the principles of our order by focusing on the needs

of our members, their families, our church family and our community.

My brothers, please reach out this year to our fellow council members and their families. Visit them, bring them communion, and take them to dinner, to the store or to their doctor's appointments. Offer to bring them to church, to council meetings or be there just to talk with them. This past year, we have lost a number of council members and their wives. Their families have expressed their sincere gratitude for the kindness and compassion Fletcher Council provided their loved ones during their lives and at their passing. Please continue these acts of charity. Remember our motto this year, ***“CHARITY IS LOVE.”***



“God's heart has a special place for the poor.”
— Pope Francis



State Deputy's Report



Stephen M. Cohen
State Deputy

My Brothers All,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's Holiday. Now we begin the second half of the Fraternal Year. January 7, our Mid Term Meeting, will be full of information to keep us charted on the right course and to achieve our goals. Let me say Thank You to everyone for making the first half of the year a success and I now I can count on each of you to continue to step up and make Maryland the best.

Please keep up the good work that we are doing in Membership. Each day we continue to increase our intake numbers. Retention has also been good so far. Let's keep it up. You will hear considerably more about membership at the Mid Term Meeting.

Congratulation to our newest council in Maryland - San Juan Neumann de Baltimore Council at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Highlandtown. The council was instituted on December 18th. Thanks to all who showed up to support this new council. We will be welcoming another new council in January in the Silver Spring area. Much thanks to Ron Hassan and Charles Hayes and their District Wardens, along with the New Council Development Team for getting these councils up and running.

As you know, the Baltimore City Council voted on changing the name of Columbus Day, and we along with Italian American groups and the National Christopher Columbus Association were instrumental in defeating their Bill. It is believed that this will be attempted again in the very near future. Please stand by to help in any way that you can.

Don't forget the March for Life is quickly approaching. Lets show everyone that Maryland is Pro Life and be in DC on January 27 for the March. Also, in December, Our 19th Ultrasound Machine was donated at Mary's Center in Glen Burnie. Number 20 will be donated very shortly.

Continue to recruit, continue to hold Admission Degrees and continue to make your council interesting for our members. Strive for STAR Council. Ensure all forms and reports are turned in on time. If you have questions, please contact any member of the State Team for assistance.

We Are Advocates of the Lord - In everything that we do.

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>

District Deputy Report

Brothers Knights,



G. Emeka Onwezi

My wife Chizoba and I wish everyone Happy New Year. Believe it, 2017 is here and 2016 is gone. Our fraternal year is half done. I will like to use this opportunity to congratulate all the Grand Knights and the council officers in District 2 for what you have done so far. If you have gotten to this far, you can finish the run by June 30th 2017.

Please do something different this year. Check on brother knights that you did not see last time or for so long. Reach out to them and show that you care. We are our brother's keeper and we must show it with our actions.

Words alone are not enough! Offer to give the brothers who cannot drive a ride to council activities or to church. This is a challenge to every member of the councils in District 2.

Further, use this month to reflect what you have done this past 6 months in this fraternal year. As a council officer, ask yourself if your council is better off today than in July 1st 2016 when you assumed your position as a fraternal leader. If your answer is in affirmative, then push on and continue in the right direction. If your answer is in negative, do not loss hope. You still have time to turn things around.

Also, use this time to reflect if you are on the right path to achieve your recruitment goals. Remember, our Supreme Knight said that as Knights, we have an obligation to ask any Catholic man to join our ranks. Some councils are doing well in this area already. Some are close to achieving both their membership and insurance quota alone. At least recruit one member to be an active council in Maryland jurisdiction.

As we have six more months to go before we end this fraternal year, we still have so many activities to keep us busy as council, brothers, families and leaders. First, the State Mid-Term meeting will be on January 7th and all Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights must attend this meeting. The State Council Convention will be from May 5th through May 7th in Ocean City. Also, the March for life is coming up in March. Councils should plan to be part of this event aim to protect the rights of the unborn.

I and my District Warden are looking forward to working with all of you during this remaining period, so that you can achieve your goal of making your council better and vibrant.

Vivat Jesus

COME PRAY WITH US



All Council Members

Are Invited To

Knights Sunday

Every 3rd Sunday

Of The Month

At The 11 A.M. Mass



Supreme Knight's Message

New Deputy Supreme Knight Appointed by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

Patrick E. Kelly, a Past State Deputy of the District of Columbia, was appointed Deputy Supreme Knight by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors on December 13. A Knight for 33 years, Kelly became the Order's Vice President for Public Policy in 2006 and since 2011 has also served as Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. He was elected to the Order's Board of Directors in 2013. Earlier this year, he retired with the rank of Captain from the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps Reserve, where he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the United States Naval War College. Previously, Kelly had a long career of public service that included advisory roles to Congress and the Department of Justice. Kelly also served as Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department. His responsibilities included serving as the Department's principal interlocutor with the Holy See and other nations on religious freedom issues.



wig served previously for two years as Supreme Treasurer and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2007.

Kelly has served as the first Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, which is adjacent to The Catholic University of America. He has overseen the renewal of that facility, previously known as the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, which was purchased by the Supreme Council in 2011. During his tenure, the Shrine has developed a world-class permanent exhibit, called "A Gift of Love: The Life of Saint John Paul II," and created two new worship spaces that feature the mosaic artwork of Jesuit Father Marko Rupnik — the Redemptor Hominis Church and the Luminous Mysteries Chapel, which enshrines a first-class blood relic of St. John Paul II. As Deputy Supreme Knight, Kelly will continue to oversee the Shrine's operations.

He holds a law degree from Marquette University Law School and a master's in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America. He and his wife, Vanessa, have three young daughters.

He succeeds Logan T. Ludwig, who is retiring at age 70 after serving as Deputy Supreme Knight since 2013. Lud-

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 16, 2017



During his lifetime, Dr. King sought to forge the common ground on which people from all walks of life could join together to address important community issues. Working alongside individuals of all ages, races and backgrounds. Dr. King encouraged Americans to come together to strengthen communities, alleviate poverty, and acknowledge dignity and respect for all human beings. Service he realizes, was the great-equalizer.

On January 16, 2017, as we celebrate the 31st anniversary of the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday, Americans across the country will celebrate by honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Hundreds of thousands of Americans will remember and memorialize Dr. King by participating in service projects in their communities. Together, they will honor King's legacy of tolerance, peace, and equality by meeting community needs and making the holiday "***A day ON, not a day OFF.***"

"when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual:

***Free at last! Free at last!
Thanks God Almighty, we are free at last!"***



Our Strength

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OUR STRENGTH

A FORTUNE 1000 COMPANY BORN BENEATH AN ALTAR.

The Knights of Columbus is one of the largest life insurers in North America, and the largest Catholic life insurer in the world. *
Five numbers tell the story of Knights of Columbus strength:

\$100 Billion *of Insurance in Force*

In November of 2015, the Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force.

Insurance in force is a calculation of the total amount of money owed to policy holders. Put differently, \$100 billion of life insurance in force means that the Knights of Columbus has a \$100 billion promise to members and their families.

\$22 Billion *in Assets*

The Knights of Columbus manages \$22 Billion of assets from their international headquarters in New Haven, Conn.

The Knights of Columbus manages its assets in an ethical and responsible way. The Knights does not invest in companies that deal in: abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

\$875 Million *Distributed to Members*

In 2015 alone, the Knights of Columbus distributed to members and their beneficiaries in benefits, claims, maturities, annuities and dividends.

2 Million *Contracts in Force*

The Knights of Columbus has more than two million active contracts in force. That means that hundreds of thousands of brother Knights have elected to help protect their families and their futures with the Knights of Columbus.

15 Consecutive Years *of Sales Growth*

Despite a rough economic climate, the Knights of Columbus has experienced 15 consecutive years of sales growth.

Remarking recently on the streak, CEO and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said:

I firmly believe that our moral compass has helped guide us through a turbulent decade and an uncertain economy. While other companies were making ethically questionable and unnecessarily risky decisions, we were not. While others were looking for novel ways to do business and to increase profits, we were not....We stayed true to our principles and knew that if we did the right thing for the right reasons, we would get the results that we wanted — and we have.

41 Years *of Ratings Excellence*

For 41 consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has earned the highest possible rating for financial strength, currently: A++ (Superior) from ratings agency A.M. Best.

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

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



Bishop Walsh Assembly News



Ikechukwu R. Agbim
Faithful Navigator

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very nice and restful holiday.

We are at Mid Fraternal year, a time to reflect on our stewardship thus far, and plan for finishing up the year and a smooth transition for incoming officers.

The first 6 months of our Assembly Fraternal year has been very eventful. I would first like to offer on behalf of the Membership of this Assembly our most sincere and deepest appreciation to our Faithful Friar Sir Knight and Reverend Father Joe Jenkins for his continued support of the Assembly. Also, we appreciate our Associate Faithful Friar and Deacon Turner for his support and cooperation with Assembly activities and thought provoking reports at meetings. Again I thank, Sir Knight Bill Malkowski who has demonstrated very worthy commitment and dedication in providing meals and drinks for our meetings at no charge. This, he has done for several years, in addition to "Good of the Order" responsibilities.

All the Officers, Trustees and members of the Assembly have really shown great unity in carrying out the programs of the Assembly, meetings and other activities. The Color Corps has also been very busy with an average of 2 turnouts per month for the last 6 months.

Few notes on upcoming major events:

1. Renewal of Obligations: February 13, 2017.
2. Flag ceremonies: to be completed in four Catholic schools by January 31st, 2017.
3. Archdiocese of Washington 4th Degree Exemption, March 4, 2017.



As we leave Advent and approach the Season of Lent, we are constantly asked and reminded to prepare and make ready and to recognize that there are many times when we face hardships and troubles and many over which we have no control; but we are also assured that with God on our side nothing can come between us, and that with this love that God has for us there is nothing that we cannot handle.

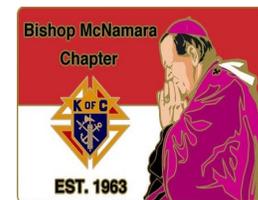
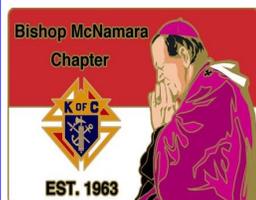
I need a couple of Members to be part of a New Committee, to be headed by the Faithful Comptroller, that will help clarify and better define the disposition of any gift/Resolution that this Assembly provides upon the death of a Sir Knight in good standing. I do have the commitment of 2 Sir Knights already, and with the input from many sources we should be able to provide this Assembly with more timely response in the unfortunate incidence of the death of a member.

McNAMARA CHAPTER

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Happy New Year! You are invited to join us at the next meeting of the McNamara Chapter on January 21, 2017 at the Our Lady Star of the Sea Council 99258, 14400 Solomons Island Road, Mitchellville, Maryland.

The primary goal of the Bishop McNamara Chapter is to promote the welfare of its member Councils and to work for the common good of the Order. Bishop McNamara Chapter consists of councils within the Archdiocese of Washington and several adjoining areas. The Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month at member councils.

ALL District Deputies, District Wardens, Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights are strongly urged to attend and meet and greet our State Officers and Chairmen. Grand Knights are also encouraged to bring their Chair Officers and Committee Chairmen.



PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

J. Bernard Broadus, DGK

As we approach the halfway point of the fraternal year, I would like to thank all those who have responded positively to the many calls to serve the Council thus far. We have had several labor-intensive projects, such as the Flea Markets, Installation of Officers, Campaign to Help People with Intellectual Difficulties, and the Christmas tree sales. In support of and love of our Church we continue to serve as Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and at times as Altar Servers. We have also supported our Youth and Families by planning unique activities, such as the All Hallows Eve Mass and Party and the fabulous "Who's Got Talent" Night. A very special "thank you" to Brothers Peter Methodius and Joe Jenifer for the coordination and maintaining our Annual Scholarship Program.

In other words, we do a lot; and I applaud you for your effort. However, there is a lot more that needs to be done, and we can do it only if we all bring our time and talents to the Council. So, for the second half, I urge you, if you have not been active, to step forward, with fresh ideas and energy.

Some of the near-term council events opened for your help are as follows:

- January 15 Knights Sunday
- January 27 March For Life
- January 29 5th Sunday Rosary
- February 25 Mardi Gras
- March Fish Fry Series

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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We will kick off our **Lenten Fish Fry Season** in March. Council members, parishioners and community support for this event has been awesome over the years. However our main shortfall is not the food, but manpower. Although 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 the customer demands. Council members and family members are requested to come out and help during course of the day on **Fish Fry Friday** during Lent. Volunteers are welcomed to call, email me or contact a council member.



It's Mardi Gras Time !!!
"February 25, 2017"
See 'Vern or Cal' To Get Your Ticket !!!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER - PAST GRAND KNIGHT ROBINSON GARY, JR.

Lady Regina Gary and Sir Knight Edmund J. Gary participated in the Blessing of the new Electronic Votive and Memorial Candles at the 5 o'clock Mass at Joseph Catholic Church on Saturday, December 22, 2012. Lady Regina also lit the first of the Memorial Candles in honor of her late husband Sir Knight Robinson Gary, Jr. (Past Grand Knight) of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council.

The white Memorial Wall set of candles (80) are Votive Candles for your personal intentions and once lit will stay lit for 1-year in memory of loved ones. Located on the stand are the red and blue candles, Devotional Candles for intercessory prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph respectively. If you should be interested in participating in this Church program, or would like more information, please contact the Church office.



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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Congratulations all Around for a truly outstanding effort on the part of so many dedicated council members, squires and St. Joseph parishioners for their manning of the Christmas Tree Lot this season, our volunteers are listed below:

John Adeleye	John Grier
Vincent Akas	Bill Harris
Ike Agbim	John Huntley
Michael Akpan	Tim Matthews
Efrain Anderson	Peter Methodius
Fidelis Ajudua	Godwin Okafor
Jose Barbarena	Charles Okpah
Phil Beauboeuf	Errol Sanderson
Bernard Broadus	Harold Sanders
Alex Brown	Michael Saulsberry
Michael Davenport	Robert Sistare
Alan Davis	Cal Thompson
Anthony Fidelis	Michael Younger
Jim Gant	

Well, it was no surprise, it was a sellout again. We just happen to have the ideal spot for sales, an awesome sales crew and a dedicated clientele.



CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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Mark Your Calendars! In 2017, the anniversary date of the *Roe v. Wade* decision will fall on Sunday, thus the *March for Life* will be held on Friday, **January 27, 2017**. It is an annual pro-life rally protesting abortion, held in Washington, DC, on or around the anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion in the case *Roe v. Wade*. The march is organized by the *March for Life Education and Defense Fund*. The overall goal of the march is to overturn the *Roe v. Wade* decision.

Please plan now to attend. Your presence, in growing numbers every year, is the best way to draw attention to the untenable legacy of *Roe v. Wade*, and to persuade our leaders to eradicate it from America's future.

Friday, January 27, 2017

- **Meet** at 14th & Madison Dr., NW (on the Mall) between 11:00 and 11:30 AM. (Nearest Metro Stations: FEDERAL TRIANGLE or SMITHSONIAN)
- Look for the Maryland Knights of Columbus **BIG BLUE GANNER**.
- At 11:30, we will move as a group to the staging area to watch the program.

***“Every life, born and preborn, aged and young,
must be cherished and protected.
No exception! No compromise!”***



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Heads Up! The District #2 Free Throw Competition is being planned to be held on February 4th, 2017 at St. Mary's of Landover Hill Catholic School's gym. The date has not been finalized until we get approval from the school principal, which will be when the school reopens in January. This will be a District Event/District meeting and all council officers are expected to be there. The State's Free Throw Finals will be on February 19, 2017. For any of the participants to participate in the State Free Throw Competition, he or she must participate in the District Free Throw.



Maryland State
Knights of Columbus



Basketball Free Throw

February 19, 2017



Open to Girls and Boys, Ages 9 - 14
Archbishop Spaulding High School
8080 New Cut Road
Severn, MD 2114

Co-Chairmen

Joe Massimini - 240-997-0402
Michael Ragolio - 443-520-3317



MARDI GRAS



FEATURING
"THE EXCLUSIVES"

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2017
Time: 7pm 'til Midnight
Where: St. Joseph's Rosemont Room
2020 St. Joseph's Drive
Largo, MD 20774
(301) 773-4838



Menu
Seafood Gumbo w/Rice
Chicken Gumbo w/Rice
Baked Chicken
Meatballs
Potato Salad
Rice Pilaf
Green Beans
Rolls/Butter
Cake
Punch/Ice Tea
Bottled Water
"Open Bar"

Mask Optional
Or
Semiformal



"A Truly New Orleans Gala - Traditional Mardi Gras - Superb Music & Entertainment"

ADMISSION ONLY \$40.00 PER PERSON

For Tickets Call/Email - Vernon Hawkins, 301-336-0284, vhawkinsjr@aol.com

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Knights of Columbus



Knight of the Year

Thank you Fr. Roy E. Campbell for your ardent support and spiritual guidance of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 throughout 2016.

"Do whatever He tells you" - John 2:5-8

May God continue to bless you profusely as you continue your priestly journey

Vivat Jesus!

CONTACT INFORMATION REQUEST

Brothers, please make sure your correct contact information is on file with the council. This would include address, home number, cell number, and email address. If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or email address, please notify the council of the change or changes. One can contact the financial secretary, **John Grier**, with these updates at (C) 301-254-2582, (H) 301-218-0052, or email to jog610@starpower.net.



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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Family of the Month Sandra James



Sandra James was born and raised in Washington D.C. where she attended Nativity Catholic Church. She was Baptized made First Holy Communion and Confirmation and attended grade school there. In 1976 she moved to Landover Maryland and join Saint Joseph Catholic Church.

At Saint Joseph she joined different Ministries: Gospel Choir, Lector, Hospitality, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion, Good Samaritan, Altar Server, Repast, Counter, and Sodality, where she has served as its Treasurer for the past 3-years. Sandra also serves as co-coordinator of the Bereavement Support Ministry, where she helps families plan and coordinate funerals at St. Joseph Church.

Sandra has worked as babysitter, bookkeeper, and as a waitress at Georgetown University. She later served as a Paralegal Specialist for Food and Drug Administration for 34 years until retired in 2010.

Sandra often volunteers to take elderly members of the community to doctor appointments, shopping and visiting nursing homes. She loves to travel, working with caterers, singing, praying and loving the Lord. Sandra loves to travel.

She faithfully attend 8:15 A.M. Mass during the week, the 5:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday or the 6:00 P.M. Mass on Sunday.

Sandra is a true and faithful Catholic-holic, always there to serve, volunteer, assist and pray with her brothers and sisters. She provides much needed support and counseling to the bereaved during and after the death of a family member.

Sandra is dedicated to her church and graciously gives thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for His goodness, love and many blessings. Amen

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



MEMBERSHIP QUEST

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First I would like to wish the entire Council a **Happy Year**. We are about to embark on another successful year and I know that all of the Brother are ready to tackle any challenges. Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of our Council and the order. Offering a man membership in the Knights of Columbus gives him the opportunity to improve his own life and his community. Membership allows him to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to his family and faith.

Retention is as important as recruiting. Imagine you're trying to fill a bucket with water. Every drop you put in should increase its contents, but if there's a leak you may end up losing more water than you gain. Think of the membership in our Council in the same way- every new Knight you add won't help your membership in-crease and grow stronger if we lose existing members.

Words to motivate and inspire: *"Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishments"*

KC LADIES

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! At the beginning of each year we are all challenged to improve our lives through dieting, exercise and other self-improvement activities. The **KC LADIES** would like to offer the following five (5) resolutions for your 2017 consideration and hopefully each of you will add your personal resolutions to this list:

- Spend ten (10) minutes each day reading the bible.
- BEGIN and END each day with a prayer.
- PRAY THE ROSARY at least once a week.
- Be giving of your service and time to help your church and community.

Although we are all struggling, seek out those in need and **REALLY HELP**.

Coming in March will be the **Annual KC Ladies Pancake Breakfast** on March 5, 2017. Breakfast include 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.

WANTED!

CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN FOR AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFE TIME



**AS A MEMBER OF THE
JAMES C. FLETCHER, JR. COUNCIL
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE FOR ONE IN SERVICE FOR ALL
GIVE ME A CALL
ALAN DAVIS - 301-808-8009**



Please, Remember In Your Prayers



Members Who Are Ill

Howard Wynn	James Shorter
Mervyn Chancellor	William Missouri
Joseph Marshall	William Tolbert
Kenneth Hinton	Charles Ratcliff

Deceased

Dannie E. Smith



REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

Winning is Not the Same as Victory

On September 18, 1862, after the previous day's fierce fighting, Gen. Robert E. Lee withdrew his battered army from Antietam and retreated to Virginia. The superior Union forces under the command of Gen. George B. McClellan had an opportunity to re-engage and destroy the Confederate army and possibly end the war. McClellan, however, did not pursue and Lee was able to reconstitute his forces and fight for another two and a half years.

On November 8, 2016, pro-life voters helped defeat an anti-life, anti-religious freedom candidate for president. The triumphant President-elect has named a Cabinet that may be the most favorable toward life, traditional marriage and religious liberty in the history of this nation, and has promised to nominate Supreme Court justices who are pro-life and believe in constitutional originalism rather than judicial activism. The designated-nominee for: Secretary of Health and Human Services has a one-hundred percent congressional voting record on pro-life issues; Secretary of Education has received strong endorsements from national pro-life groups; Attorney General is a protector of religious liberty; and Secretary of Defense is a champion of the persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

But leaders need supporters, just as generals need troops and politicians need constituents. If a culture of life is to once again guide the policies of this nation, continued pro-life action is needed. Passivity, timidity and false compromise after this electoral success will assure that much of the current policy remains unchanged.

President Barack Obama has pursued a strong irreligious agenda from virtually the first to the last day of his eight-year administration. Three days after his inauguration in January 2009, he rescinded the Mexico City Policy, originally enacted in 1984. The regulation prohibited private organizations that received U.S. foreign aid from performing or promoting abortions abroad.

His secularist policies continued unabated – increasing federal funding for abortion; imposing mandates that force religious organizations and family-owned businesses to pay for abortion-inducing drugs, contraception, and sterilization in their healthcare plans; promoting LGBT privileges; creating gender self-identity rights; declaring that Catholic colleges, hospitals and social service agencies that hire and serve non-Catholics do not qualify for a religious exemption from certain government regulations; cancelling grants to Catholic programs that provide relief to the victims of human trafficking because the Church opposes abortion; and not defending against legal challenges to the Defense of Marriage Act which defined marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

This godless pursuit continued through December 15, 2016, when the Department of Health and Human Services adopted a rule to prevent states from prohibiting federal funds appropriated for family planning under Title X of the Public Health Service Act from going to Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers. The rule takes effect January 18, two days before President Obama's term ends.

Planned Parenthood, which performed 30.6 percent of all abortions in the United States in 2015, has enjoyed a favored relationship with this Administration. In the past eight years, its federal funding increased from \$363 million in 2008 to \$554

million in 2015.

President-elect Trump and the Republican Congressional leadership have stated that a bill to defund Planned Parenthood and dismantle Obamacare will be one of the first items on the agenda after the inauguration. The funds currently going to less than 665 Planned Parenthood facilities will be awarded to some 13,540 Federally Qualified Health Centers, which do not provide abortions, and thus will increase public access to health care services such as pap smears and breast exams.

The effort to defund Planned Parenthood is not only a financial imperative, but a moral one as well. In December 2016, the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee referred several Planned Parenthood affiliates to the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice for possible prosecution for illegally selling body parts from aborted infants.

With the change in the presidency, a radical opposition will employ every political maneuver and public relations ploy to preserve -- and even expand -- the anti-Christian, anti-life, anti-family executive orders, laws, regulations, and policies of the outgoing Administration.

LGBT activists are working to legally protect "sexual orientation and gender identity." These measures, referred to as SOGI, would empower the government to use the force of law to punish individuals and organizations that act on their religious convictions. Under these decrees, persons could incur fines, jail time and personal ruin, and organizations be threatened with the loss of grants, contracts, licensing and tax-exemption. Already, the Education Department has interpreted Title IX to require schools and colleges under non-discrimination statutes to allow students access to bathrooms and locker rooms based on their claimed gender rather than their birth sex.

The first 100 days of a new presidency are most important for getting things done. Executive branch actions are not laws and thus a new president can abolish previous ones by a stroke of a pen. It is expected that after he is inaugurated, President Trump and his HHS Secretary Tom Price, working in collaboration with majorities in both Houses of Congress, will not only repeal the Obama actions but enact new legal protections for the most vulnerable members of society.

In addition, the new President, his Cabinet, and Congress should act quickly to:

Eliminate regulations in the military and federal agencies that criminalize Christian beliefs on sexuality, marriage and religious expression

Overturn the Obamacare mandate that requires faith-based organizations to provide employee healthcare insurance that supports sterilization, contraception and abortifacients

Repeal regulations that force schools and businesses dealing with the public from allowing people to use bathrooms and changing rooms based on one's preferred gender

Nominate and confirm a pro-life justice to the Supreme Court

Electing a pro-life president was a success. But it is a dangerous assumption to consider this as the desired victory. We who are pro-life, pro-family and desire religious freedom must continue to pray and must support our political representatives in upholding their campaign promises. We must turn the success of the recent hard-fought election campaign into a complete victory and re-establish a culture of life in this nation.



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The Maryland State Council Perpetual Memorial Society which is being established this year, provides a way to remember and pray for our loved ones and friends. Anyone is welcome to enroll anyone they choose (family, friends, loved ones) in the society. The person being enrolled did not have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Next of kin will receive a letter of condolence from the Perpetual Memorial Society Chairman. The donor will be sent a email or letter of appreciation if desired for using the Perpetual Memorial Society as a way of remembering and praying for their loved ones for eternity.

The amount of the donation will never be revealed. Donations will be made to the Maryland State Council and on the memo line, include Perpetual Memorial Society. The funds raised as a result of donations will be used for Vocation Programs throughout the State of Maryland. Each year a proper accounting of monies raised will be reported at the Annual Convention.

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PERPETUAL MEMORIAL SOCIETY

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Registration Form

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Please enroll: Name _____ (Gender) Male or Female

Year of Birth _____ Year of Death _____

Enrollee was member of Council (Number) _____ Assembly (Number) _____

Donor's thank you letter requested by (Check one): E-mail _____ Mail _____ None _____

E-mail Address (If checked above) _____

Donor's Name(s) _____

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Send Letter of Condolence to: Name _____

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City, State, Zip _____

Who is the (Father, Mother, Husband, Wife, Son, Daughter, Brother, Sister, Other) of the deceased. (Circle one)

Please make your check payable to: **Maryland State Council - Perpetual Memorial Society**

Mail to: Michael Forehand

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A New Year's Wish: On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up in the local bar and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living. Well, it was kind of embarrassing. As the clock struck – the bartender was almost crushed to death.

New Year's Day Prayer for One and All: Dear Lord, so far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen.

Dieting – New Resolutions: 2006: I will get my weight down below 180 pounds. **2007:** I will follow my new diet religiously until I get below 200 lbs. **2008:** I will develop a realistic attitude about my weight. **2009:** I will work out 3 days a week. **2010:** I will try to drive pass a gym at least once a week

Lecture Tour with A Difference: On New Year's, Joe was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the parking lot and walked home. As he was wobbling along, a policeman stopped him. 'What are you doing out here at 4 o'clock in the morning?' asked the police officer. 'I'm on my way to a lecture,' answered Joe. 'And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?' enquired the police officer sarcastically. 'My wife,' slurred Joe grimly.

Redskins vs. The Cowboys: As in many homes on New Year's Day, Janet and Nigel, a happily married couple, faced the annual conflict of which was more important: the football game on television, or the lunch itself. Hoping to keep the peace Nigel ate lunch with the rest of the family, and even lingered for some pleasant after-lunch chat before retiring to the family room to turn on the television. Some minutes later, Janet looked in to see how he was and graciously even bought a cold beer for Nigel. She smiled, kissed him on the cheek and asked what the score was. Nigel told her it was half time and that the score was still 0-0. 'See?' Janet said happily, 'You didn't miss a thing.'

New Year's Eve Party – Phantom Guest: Trevor's New Year's Eve party was an annual occurrence with numerous guests arriving. During the evening, a man knocked on the door, was greeted heartily although no one knew who he was, and was led to where the drinks were, in the kitchen. He sat there happily, chatting away, for a couple of hours before a strange light dawned on his face. 'You know,' he confided to Trevor, 'I wasn't even invited to this party. I just came over to tell you that some of your guests' cars are blocking my drive.' He continued, 'My wife's been sitting out in the car waiting for me to get them moved, so that we can go out.'

Ageing In The New Year: I've sure gotten old! I've had two by-pass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

The Senility Prayer: Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

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“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”
****JANUARY****
- 2017 -

- 01 Vincent O. Agubokwu
- 03 Jordan S. Gill
- 06 Constantine Efantis
- 06 Jacques Moukouri
- 11 Dr. Donald Egbuonu
- 12 James C. Vidale
- 12 Leon F. Williams
- 13 Michael Davenport
- 18 Ansanus C. Obizuo
- 18 Moses Offiah
- 21 Henry O. Onyeador
- 26 Howard L. Wynn
- 28 Innocent U. Nwaopara
- 30 Gregory P. Harrod



**“The Joy
 Of A
 January
 Birthday”**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****JANUARY****



- 01 **Happy New Year**
- 05 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 07 State Mid-Term (GK & DGK)
- 09 Bishop Walsh Meeting
- 14 AWD Meeting, 10:00 AM
- 15 Knights Sunday, 11:00 AM Mass
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 18 McNamara Chapter Meeting-Council 9258
- 19 Fletcher Council Social Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 27 March for Life, Washington, DC
- 27-28 Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge, Sandy Point, MD
- 29 5th Sunday Rosary

Marian Title for January
**Our Lady of
 Hope of Pontmain**



Our Lady’s visit occurred at the height of the Franco-Prussian War. Pontmain lay between the oncoming Prussian invaders and the city of Laval. With the sound of gunfire in the distance, two young brothers, Eugene and Joseph Barbadette, were pounding animal feed with their father when they saw a beautiful woman above the village church. Years later, an adult Joseph (who became a priest) recounted:

She was young and tall of stature, clad in a garment of deep blue, like balls of indigo such as laundresses use for rinsing linen. Her dress was covered with brilliant gold stars. The sleeves were ample and long. She wore slippers

of the same blue as the dress, ornamented with gold bows. On the head was a black veil half covering the forehead, concealing the hair and ears, and falling over the shoulders. Above this was a crown resembling a diadem, higher in front than elsewhere, and widening out at the sides. A red line encircled the crown at the middle. Her hands were small and extended toward us as in the ‘miraculous medal.’ Her face had the most exquisite delicacy and a smile of ineffable sweetness. The eyes, of unutterable tenderness, were fixed on us. Like a true mother, she seemed happier in looking at us than we in contemplating her.

A crowd gathered to pray as word quickly spread among the anxious villagers. Children saw the beautiful Lady, and gleefully pointed up to her. Adults, however, only saw 3 stars forming a triangle! As they prayed the Rosary, the children saw the garment’s stars multiply until it was almost entirely gold. Next, the children saw a banner unfurl beneath the Lady. Slowly, a message appeared: “But pray, my children. God will hear you in time. My Son allows Himself to be touched.” Upon hearing the message read aloud, the crowd spontaneously began the hymn “Mother of Hope.” As they sang, Our Lady laughed and joined in the singing.

The children squealed with delight as her hands kept time with the music, conducting their song. When the crowd began “My Sweet Jesus,” her expression changed to profound sadness and a red crucifix appeared in her hands, with the words “Jesus Christ” above it. Her eyes mournfully contemplated the cross during the hymn. As the people sang the “Ave Maris Stella,” the cross vanished, and her smile returned, though with a touch of melancholy. Two small white crosses then appeared on her shoulders before Our Lady disappeared behind a cloud.

The apparition lasted for 3-hours. In that time, the people of Pontmain heard a lessening in the distant sounds of war. During the evening, the Prussians ceased their advance and, 12-days later, the war ended. Just as Our Lady promised, God heard their prayers for peace. Devotion rapidly spread under the title Our Lady of Hope of Pontmain and, in 1900 the Bishop consecrated a magnificent Cathedral commemorating the apparition. The tiny chapel over which she appeared remains nearby in its original state.