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## *Family of the Month “The Robinson Family”*



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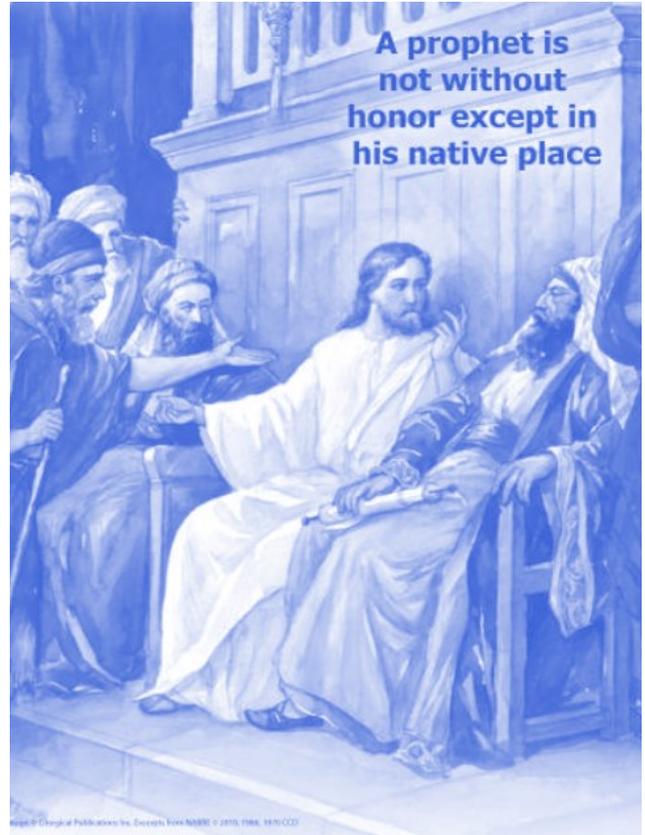
*Learning The Faith, Living The Faith*



*Fr. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.  
Chaplin Report*

***“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.”***

God give us all that we need, but He does not force us to accept what He gives. He gives us free will and we must choose to accept all that He wishes to give us. We do not want to imitate the people of Nazareth, who rejected what they saw Jesus do and could not hear, nor understand what Jesus said. We want to imitate the Saints who gave their lives to Jesus. We want Jesus to live in us, so that we can live in Him, a life that will last forever.



I wonder if Jesus thought His “hometown” people would accept one of their own, who had performed great miracles of healing in other towns? Unfortunately, the people of Nazareth could not accept what He said and did, for two reasons. First, they thought that they knew who Jesus was, the carpenter, Mary’s Son.

Second, they did not have faith. They would not believe that the miraculous deeds and the words. He spoke were from God. If they believed that what Jesus did and said was from God, it meant that they would have followed Jesus’ teachings and changed the way they lived, and they did not want to change. Instead, they actually took offense at Him.

Because of their lack of faith, Jesus could not perform the mighty deeds that He wanted to, for them. The people of Nazareth had to make a choice to listen to and follow Jesus. God does not force His loving care on anyone, but only to those who accept it. If we do not listen to Jesus, in His Gospel and in His Church, if we do not hear and believe in how the Gospel and Church instruct us to live in the love of God, then Jesus cannot work mighty deeds in our lives, any more than He could in Nazareth.



***COME PRAY WITH US***



*All Council Members  
Are Invited To  
Knight’s Sunday  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
Of The Month  
At The 11 A.M. Mass*

## *The Pilgrimage of the Silver Rose*

*A silver rose is carried by Knights to the feet of Our Lady of Guadalupe and presented to Pope Francis as a sign of unity*



In a powerful expression of Marian devotion and inter-continental unity, a Knights of Columbus Silver Rose was presented to Pope Francis at the conclusion of a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica celebrated in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12, 2014. Cardinal Norberto Rivera, archbishop of Mexico City and a member of the Knights, was among the concelebrants.

The Holy Father received the silver rose from Msgr. Eduardo Chavez, postulator of the cause for canonization of St. Juan Diego and a canon of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, at the symbolic culmination of his 55th annual Silver Rose program. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who was also present at the Mass with his wife, Dorian, and other Knights of Columbus representatives, had asked Msgr. Chavez to present the rose to Pope Francis on behalf of the Order.

Since 1960, the Silver Rose program, originally called Operation Rose, has gathered Knights and Columbian Squires from Mexico, the United States and Canada under the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. In the mid-1990s, it was adopted as a Supreme Council initiative, which grew to encompass multiple pilgrimages routes and reaffirm the Order's commitment to the sanctity of human life.

Before arriving in Rome in December, the silver rose had undertaken a remarkable 9,000-mile pilgrimage. Starting in British Columbia April 27, 2014, Knights and Squires transported the rose south through the United States to El Paso, Texas, crossing the Mexican border into Ciudad Juarez November 2. For the first time, a silver rose was brought not to the Old Basilica of Guadalupe in Monterrey, but to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, near the site of the apparitions to St. Juan Diego in December 1531.

Presenting the silver rose, Msgr. Chavez addressed Pope Francis:

*"Your Holiness, thanks to the Knights of Columbus, this silver rose has been taken on pilgrimage from Canada, the United States and Mexico; it has traveled to the Basilica of the Virgin of Guadalupe and has continued its pilgrimage here to Rome. This rose has collected the sadness and suffering, the pain and weariness of so many of our brothers and sisters, but also their joys and hopes. It is true, Holy Father, God wished to come live among us through Holy Mary of Guadalupe, and this rose is the sign. Please receive it."*

Pope Francis then smiled and kissed the rose. He said "yes" with a nod of his head and then asked Msgr. Chavez to pray for him.

*"The smile of Pope Francis was incredible," Msgr. Chavez later said, reflecting on the encounter. "I will never forget his smile, his kissing of the silver rose, and how he looked at me. His eyes were wide open, especially when he understood that the words I had spoken were reminiscent of St. Juan Diego's own words."*

*Learning The Faith, Living The Faith*



*Dear Friends,*

Earlier today, the announcement from the Holy See confirmed and offered details concerning the schedule for Pope Francis apostolic journey to the United States in September. It is a joy to share this information with you.

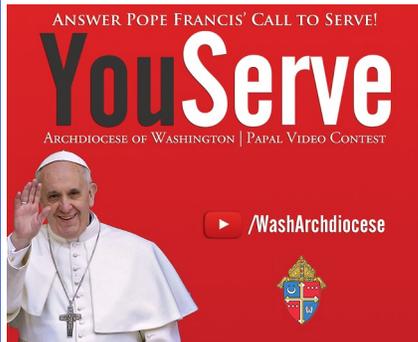
Our Holy Father will begin his first visit to this country as Chief Shepherd of the Church Universal here in our nation's capital. The theme of his visit to our local Church is "Share the Joy, Walk with Francis." As we look forward to his time of grace there will be abundant opportunities to share our joy with others and join our Holy Father in bringing Christ's love to those we encounter in our pilgrim journey.

Our joy is rooted in the realization that Pope Francis is the successor of Saint Peter in his ministry as head of the Church and Vicar of Christ. In his voice we hear the echoes of Peter's proclamation of the Good News.

Pope Francis will arrive in Washington on the evening of September 22. The next morning, he begins a busy day with a visit to President Barack Obama at the White House. From this encounter he will journey to the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle where he will meet with the bishops of the United States. In the afternoon of that same day, September 23, our Holy Father will celebrate Mass on the East Portico of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with adjoins the campus of the Catholic University of America. Junipero Serra will be canonized at this Eucharistic Liturgy, which will be celebrated in Spanish, the native language of this extraordinary evangelize and millions of people in the Americas. Provision is being made to accommodate a large number of people on the campus of CUA. Once the Mass and visit to the Shrine are concluded, the Pope will make his way to Saint John Paul II Seminary for a brief stop to greet our seminarians before he continues on to the Apostolic Nunciature for the conclusion of the day.



On Thursday, September 24, Pope Francis will address a joint meeting of both Houses of Congress in the morning. From there, our Holy Father who calls us to see the face of Christ in those on the margins will go to Saint Patrick's Church in downtown Washington and to the headquarters of Catholic Charities to meet and minister to some of our needy sisters and brothers.



There are many ways to get involved now in the excitement of our Holy Father's visit - to rejoice in the love of God and show how we join with the Pope in his commitment to mercy and the building of a culture of inclusion and solidarity. The archdiocese will be announcing in the coming weeks a variety of initiatives and programs for individuals, groups, parishes, schools and businesses to further participate in this time of grace and opportunity.

From Washington, our Holy Father will speak to the United Nations on September 25, before moving on to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families. The theme for this latter gathering is "Love is our Mission" and here we will be reminded of the love that God has for all his children and how we are called to share that love with all our sisters and brothers in the human family.

Regarding the events mentioned in this letter, more information will be provided as it becomes available. At a later date, an invitation will go to priests around the country to concelebrate at the September 23 Canonization Mass at the Shrine and information will also be sent to the parishes concerning tickets that are available for that same Mass. As soon as a final determination is made about the number of seats that will be open to the archdiocese, the invitation to parishes to obtain tickets will be sent to pastors.

As we look forward to the arrival of Pope Francis, the 265th Successor of Saint Peter, I encourage you to follow along on archdiocesan social media, including #PopeInDC, and to visit our archdiocesan website, [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org), for papal visit information and to sign up to receive updates via text or email.

*With every good wish for you and your family, I am*

*Faithfully in Christ,  
Donald Cardinal Wuerl*

**GRAND KNIGHT'S CHRONICLE**

***Your Grand Knight  
For The 2015 - 2016  
Fraternal Year***

*The Council to continues its charitable support  
for its Church and Community*

*By Grand Knight Ike Agbim*



**I AM IN DEEP GRATITUDE** for your confidence in electing me as the Grand Knight for the 2015-2016 fraternal year. My tenure as Deputy Grand Knight was very enriching and gave me the opportunity to work closely with the many wonderful and dedicated brothers of our Council, and members of the Saint Joseph Church Community at large. It has been equally very rewarding assisting Grand Knight Thomas "Tim" Mathews as the Council soared once more in many areas of service to Church and Community.

The new fraternal year will, once again, be a busy one for us as we strive to maintain and exceed the already high standards of service of our Council. Our Council succeeds because of the work and efforts of our members. I will be calling on more members to assist in one area or the other. Our numerical strength will thus come to play as we maintain old programs and embark on new programs, especially in the areas of Pro-Life Support, Charity and direct support of the Church/Community.

We pray for success, we pray for increased generosity in doing the works of charity, in supporting one another and in being living examples of our creed.

We pray: *"As we strive to be our brothers keepers and serve the Holy Catholic Church, O Lord, bless the works of our hands so that they will remain edifices to glorify your Holy name."*

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

**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**



*On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted.*

*May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price.  
My freedom cost others their very lives.*

*Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom.  
With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.*

*Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord.*

*Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today,  
and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ.*

*Amen*

*State Deputy's Report*

Well it's a new fraternal year. I am looking forward to working with the new Grand Knights and the seasoned ones who have stayed on for a 2nd year. Our goal remains the same, ***"This will be your council's Best Year Ever"***! The State Officers, Membership, Retention, and Programs TEAMS are here to assure that every council achieve SUCCESS! How can we guarantee your **SUCCESS** you may ask? Put us to the TEST! Ask for help and guidance and see where you are at the end of the year. I think our statistics speak very well that Maryland can be **SUCCESSFUL** when put to the challenge!



*Stephen J. Adamczyk*

*State Deputy*

Installations will be taking up most of the State Officers and State TEAM weekends for the next three months, but do not hesitate to call if you need help. Between the program seminars and personal council visits, all of us are available to consult on your **SUCCESS**.

Columbus Day Ball promises to be another sell out this year so get your requests in for tables/tickets. First to register and pay will be guaranteed tables close to the dance floor. The venue and band will be the same so an enjoyable night is assured. Join us for the rest of the festivities planed around the Columbus Day celebration as well.

God Bless you all as you embark on the new fraternal year journey. I ask that you pray for the State Officers and TEAM that we may always lead with Fr. McGivney's vision and principles in our focus.

I congratulate all the councils that reached STAR Status last year and will benefit from the per capita credit. Let's put that money toward new and exciting programs, get new members interested, and promote the Order and Fr. McGivney's vision. Building our Order and making the Knights of Columbus an integral part of the lay ministry of our church, is one of the greatest ways we can exemplify our Solidarity with our Priests and Bishops.

*District Deputy's Report*



*Michael P. Davenport - District Deputy*

Worthy Brother Knights, it was an honor and a privilege to be recognized and again be asked by our State Deputy, Steve Adamczyk to be the District #3 Deputy for

the 2015-2016 fraternal year.. Reluctant at first, humbled on reflection and now determined in execution I will continue to give you my all. The famous Past Grand Knight Emeka Onwezi himself will continue to be my District Warden. We've been a Team for a few years now in various Knights of Columbus positions and will now continue to pool our energies as a dynamic Team supporting you.

This term District #3 is comprised of four Councils: St. Mary of Landover Hill, James C. Fletcher Jr., St Mary of Assumption and St Jerome Council. As you are aware I am a member of your Council, James C. Fletcher Jr. Council 11422. The motto of this year is ***"Be not afraid, our faith is our courage."*** Fear, my brothers is simply not an option. Anxiety builds when we feel we are going to fail, however to echo a message from our State Deputy ***"EVERY COUNCIL IS A STAR COUNCIL"*** and will be for this year.

A new approach is on the horizon as we support each other and each other's Councils as Knights for a stronger brotherhood. Attention to our widows and revival of Squires Circles across our Councils is paramount. We will have State Regional Advisors whose purpose will be to assist all District Deputies as needed in our service to you. We will be performing semi-annual evaluations twice a year in which we will be looking at many different Council protocols and ensuring quality and adherence. We are in this together and as your mentor, advisor, friend and brother I will give you all of the rope you need and if you hang yourself, I'll cut you down and we'll start again. The *Grand Knight College* is now known as the *Maryland State Council Leadership Seminar* and will be located at Solomon Island, Maryland from July 11 thru 13th at the Holiday Inn. Guidance for installations is forthcoming and degree dates have been established.

So ***"Be not afraid."*** Our God has filled us, as Knights with grace, favor and courage. We cannot fail because every breath we take that's filled with hope and faith is already a battle won. This year will be filled with abundance, growth and visual strength of spiritual men based on faith and fearlessness. I look forward to another fantastic year.

*Vivat Jesus*

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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As I begin my tenure as Program Director, I would like to thank PGK Thomas "Tim" Matthews and his administration on a job well done in 2014-2015. Grand Knight Ike Agbim and myself, along with the officers and Activities Directors promise to uphold the high standards the James C. Fletcher, Jr. council has earned locally and nationally over the years.



member to discuss programs and activities we as a council can pursue. Remember our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism and our devotion to the Blessed Virgin this fraternal year. Please feel free to contact me.

**Mark Your Calendars for September 19, 2015.**

Fletcher Council will host the Men's Prayer Breakfast at St. Joseph Catholic Church. See the flyer for details and registration information. Remember, Fletcher Council is the host and I will be calling on you to provide assistance for this event.

There are a variety of events planned for this fraternal year, some old and others new, focusing on Church, Council, Community, Family, Youth and Pro-Life. I am confident brothers, that as I reach out to you for support that you will respond in the affirmative "Yes", I can help.

Our new fraternal year hits the ground running with our Summer Flea Markets set for July 25, 8th and 22nd August. Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday, August 23 after the 11:00 Mass. I know council members will support these activities as they have done in the past. However brothers we have many other activities planned for the coming year and I am imploring all members to participate in the cultural, educational and spiritual events of the council. I will also be personally calling members to solicit your involvement in these events. Each member of the council should participate in *at least one activity* this year, especially our monthly Knights Sunday Mass. New ideas are always welcome and I am available to meet with any

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

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**Brothers,**

Summer is upon us and many of our members will be heading off to vacation destinations while others will spend time locally with family and friends. Church attendance by our regular parish family members will decline in the next few months.

Council member attendance will also decline during this time, but this means it is even more essential for our available members to serve and participate at Knights Sunday during the summer season.

Visitors on vacation and relatives of parishioners may have their first and only encounter with the Knights of Columbus at Knights Sunday Mass and we as a council must project a positive image of our parish and council. Being an active part of ministry and greeting church goers will help bring the welcoming spirit at St. Joseph to all who attend our service.

Brothers, Knights Sunday Masses this summer are on July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>. All members and ministers who can attend should come to celebrate Mass and represent the welcoming spirit of St. Joseph Church and the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council.

**Have a blessed and safe summer.**

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

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**Redskins Concession Stand:** We encourage brothers to get trained for Stadium Concession Stand work. Training sessions are short and fairly simple, but a necessary requirement to helping out during events at the stadium. This work, even though done while standing, is not as difficult as it may sound. I gave it a try and found it to be both rewarding and a good way to contribute to our Council's yearly revenue. Our goal this Fraternal year is to have at least 10 brothers fully trained and certified to participate on game days. Even with 4 volunteers per game, we stand to raise a substantial amount of money for our Council.

**Council Installation:** You are invited to join your fellow council members and their families as we welcome a new fraternal year at the installation of council officers, as well as those of the KC Ladies Auxiliary. The installation will be held on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

The installation ceremony will be conducted immediately after the 11 A.M. Mass followed by a reception in the Rosemont Room. The dress for the day is our council attire or business suits for the men and afternoon wear for Ladies. Please RSVP by August 10<sup>th</sup> to Alan Davis at 301-808-8009, or email him at adavis1960@verizon.net.

Have You Visited The Fletcher Council's Website Lately?

<http://www.council11422.org>

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

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**Sorry! I Am So Upset. We Had To Cancel  
 The Flea Market For June  
 Due To Rain.**

**We Will Make It Up In August.** The next scheduled Flea Market will be held on July 25th follow by two in August 8th and 22nd.

How about that Church Picnic on Sunday, June 28th. It was another wonderful cooperative event supported by church ministries, organization and parishioners. My brother knights were everywhere: set up, fish fry team, grill team, server team, snow cone operators, popcorn poppers, beverage dispensers, football and basketball heroes, water balloons, clean up, you name it, our brothers were involved.

With this being my first article for the start of this fraternal year, I would like to salute Past Grand Knight Thomas “Tim” Matthews for an outstanding year. He has done us proud. And, to our new and impressive Grand Knight, Ike Agbim, you have my full support, and we will continue the excellent track record of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council.

*Vivat Jesus*

**CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES**

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The St. Joseph Church Women’s Ministry has incorporated the **Gabriel Network** into their outreach program. St. Joseph has become part of a network of churches and other organizations inspired by Christ to offer service to women and families in our community challenged with a crisis pregnancy.

The **Gabriel Network** is an alternative for women who choose life over abortion. Motivated by the belief that “*Nothing is Impossible with God*” (Luke 1:37); Angel Friends (volunteers) work alongside pregnant mothers and provide practical, emotional and spiritual support. These volunteers develop Christ-centered relationships with mothers through selfless giving that reaches beyond a mother’s pregnancy. The volunteers provide clients with transportation to doctors’ appointments, social services, the grocery store, etc. The network will even assist pregnant women in their educational goals with tutoring, scholarships, tuition, books, software and childcare assistance. If you feel you could be an “*Angel Friend*”, please contact Karen Barrington at: sjwomen@stjosephlargo.org.

**FRATERNAL BENEFITS**

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**Something To Consider**

A recent survey revealed that 75 percent of people interviewed did not have a personal financial advisor. It further revealed that 68 percent of these people viewed the current economic condition as somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable. Are you in this 75 or 68 percent group?

If so, what will you do about this situation? Do you believe you should do something about this situation? I would like to ask, “Can you ignore the consequences of doing nothing, today?”

Several questions need to be asked by you and your spouse; each of us must answer truthfully. This is our responsibility as Catholic gentlemen and gentlewomen. One, when I die, will you be able to continue to live in the style that together we created? Will you have to adjust your living style to accommodate the reduced income that will occur when I die? Even if I have a very large permanent life insurance package or a very large 401 (K) or 403 (B) or TSP or FEGLI program, will there be enough for you to live on for 10, 15, 20, or more years after I am buried? Will I become a burden to my children, or society?

Answer these questions today, or make a list and discuss them over a leisurely breakfast this summer. But, do answer them. Put answers on paper; do the math; check your figures. Then, call me. I am your Financial Benefits Advisor – trained to help you make the proper plans for your future. The Knights of Columbus was founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney for two purposes – to get men and their families to heaven and to help them take care of their families and children in this life.

***I am here to serve you. Put me to work, on your family’s behalf.***

**MEMBERSHIP QUEST**

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It is another “Family Affair” as Sir Knight Vincent Akas, Sr., son Vincent Akas, Jr. successfully completed his First Degree on Friday, June 26th. It was an emotional ceremony and yet a very happy occasion to conclude the 2014-2015 fraternal year.

This event also completed the necessary qualifications for Fletcher Council to achieve the prestigious **STAR COUNCIL AWARD**.

*Family of the Month*

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***The Robynson Family***  
***June Family of The Month***

***Albert and Deborah Robynson*** have been members of St Joseph Parish since meeting Father Michael King over 21 years ago. Since then they have been faithful members of the Parish along with their five wonderful children, Alex, Brittaney, Allison, Trevor and Nigel

Albert is a member of the James C. Fletcher Jr. Council of the Knight of Columbus and has been since he obtained his First Degree on April 2, 1996. He served on the very first Scholarship Committee. He has served as a member of the church's Finance Council for over 10 years, five of which he served as the chairman.

You may recognize him as the Catholic Gentleman that leads our children in the Children's Liturgy Ministry which he has done for over 15 years. He also serves as a church lector and usher. Al also leads the Annual James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council Mardi Gras parade, where he puts down some dance steps that are just awesome.

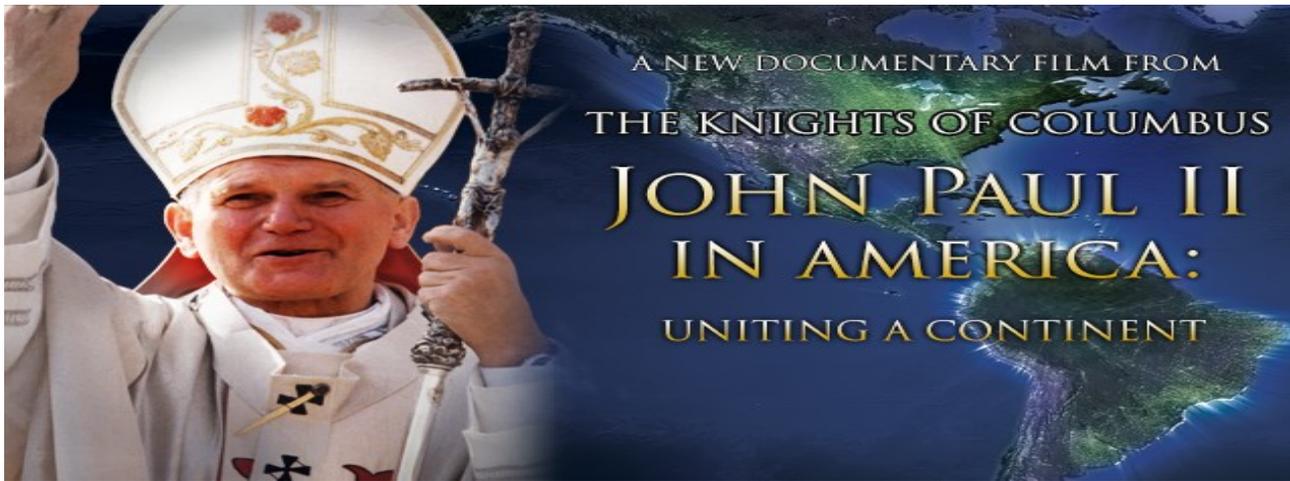
You often see Deborah (known to many of us as Al's Wife) on Community Sunday working with the Lady Knights Auxiliary serving donuts and coffee. If you haven't seen her there, I know that you have seen her at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. She the one that is always smiling.

Deborah is one of the founding members of the KC Ladies Auxiliary and has served as the Vice President for over Five years. She leads the Picture with Santa Clause event as part of the Christmas celebration for the Religion Education Group and has done so for many years. Deborah is a behind the scene person and in the past has worked with the Children Choir, the Brownies and the Girl Scouts as well as the Arts and Environment committee.

Brittaney and Allison were members of the Youth Ministry. Youth Choir and served as Ushers. Trevor and Nigel both are long serving altar servers and they too have been members of the Youth Ministry and Youth Choir. During the past year, Nigel has served as a Lector and Usher at the Parish Masses.

The James C Fletcher Jr. Council would like to recognize the Robynson Family as the Family of the Month for the month of June 2015.

*SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE*

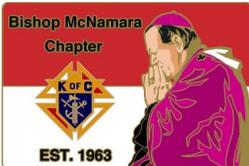


A new Knights of Columbus-produced documentary on St. John Paul II and his relationship with North and South America was screened recently on national television networks.

John Paul II: *Uniting a Continent* explores how the papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on the American continent. Driven by his singular conviction of a "United American Continent" under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, John Paul II's papal travels from Argentina to Alaska generated massive crowds, shaped an entire generation and ultimately changed the course of history.

Narrated by actor Andy Garcia, the film features rare archival footage and insightful analysis from leading figures, including Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, John Paul II biographer George Weigel and former Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls. Viewers will be both intrigued and moved by the documentary's unprecedented framework for understanding one of the giant figures of our times.

*McNAMARA CHAPTER*



On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights held its monthly meeting at St. John Francis Regis, SJ Council 7914 in Hollywood, MD. We were privileged to have in attendance the following Maryland State Council Officers:

Stephen J. Adamczyk (State Deputy), Dale Trott (State Treasurer), and Christopher Powers (State Warden). During the meeting, the following Chapter Officers were elected to serve for the 2015-2016 fraternal year:

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| President           | Tom Firestone (12127)        |
| Vice President      | Tom Santangelo (1470)        |
| Secretary           | Vernon Hawkins, Jr. (11422)  |
| Treasurer           | Joe Massimini (2577)         |
| Marshal             | Andres Padilla (14455)       |
| Activities Director | Charles P. Springmann (2577) |

Join us for the next meeting of the Bishop McNamara Chapter on July 15<sup>th</sup> at Montgomery Council 2323, 17001 Overhill Road, Derwood, MD

*WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS*



Sir Knights, we launch another fraternal year on July 1, 2015. Our record has ben in keeping the preamble of our founder, Michael J. McGivney, charity, fraternity, unity and patriotism. We have an excellent core of officers to lead the Assembly this year, and will your help we shall again persevere.

Those elected to lead the Assembly for the 2015-2016 fraternal year are as follows:

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| Chaplain             | Fr. Joseph Jenkins          |
| Faithful Navigator   | Gabriel Emeka Onwezi, PGK   |
| Faithful Captain     | Ikechukwu R. Agbim, GK      |
| Faithful Pilot       | Michael Davenport, DD, PGK  |
| Faithful Admiral     | Francis Bliidi, PFN         |
| Faithful Scribe      | John Grier                  |
| Faithful Purser      | David Martin, PFN, PGK, FDD |
| Faithful Comptroller | Andres Padilla, PGK         |
| Inner Sentinel       | Thomas F. Matthews, PGK     |
| Outer Sentinel       | Bennett Ohia                |
| Trustee 3-Year       | John W. Huntley, PFN, PGK   |
| Trustee 2-Year       | Edmund J. Gary, PFN         |
| Trustee 1-Year       | James Murry, PFN, PGK       |

Now, join us for our Assembly meeting on July 13, 2015 at Sarto Hall, 3611 Stewart Road, Forestville, MD 20747-1747.



## *Thank You From Past Grand Knight Thomas “Tim” Matthews*



**B**rothers All, It has been my pleasure and an Honor to have served as your Grand Knight for the past Fraternal Year. The trust that you had in me to lead this Council was not wasted. I only wish is that I stood up to the standards that you believed that I had when you elected me to the Position of Grand Knight. Everything I did the pass Fraternal Year was done from the Heart and for the Good of the Order. I truly believe that the James C Fletcher Jr. Council 11422 is one of the Greatest Council in the State of Maryland.

We have accomplished a lot this year for the good of the Church and the Community. None of which could have happened without the help of each and every member of the council. If you were physically there and lifted a chair, a table, a cross, fried a fish, served a member of the community or any other physical task that was performed this year, **We Saw You**. If you were unable to lift heavy objects or stand for long periods of time and you came out and just kept the member company, **We Appreciate You**. If you were not able to come out due to heath reason and you thought about us and just said a pray, **We Heard You**. Whatever you did to assist your council to succeed, **We are truly grateful**.

The James C. Fletcher Jr. Council is like a chain. We are no stronger than the weakest link. Our Council has no weak links, only strong brothers, dedicated to assisting each other along with the Church and Community. **When one brother is in pain, we all hurt, when one brother experience a lost, we all feel the pain, when one brother celebrates a happy occasion, we all smile and enjoy the event.**

We, the members of the Council worked hard the past year to maintain the standard of being called Knights of Columbus, the largest fraternal organization in the Catholic Church. This was demonstrated at the 117<sup>th</sup> Maryland State Convention which was held in Ocean City, Maryland on May 1- 3, 2015. The James C Fletcher Jr. Council was awarded and recognized with plaques and certificates in 14 different categories. Two of the categories which are very important to the council that we won first place were Church and the other was Family. The one for Church is because we realized that we are the part of the church community and without them we would be nothing. The one for Family was because we realize that without the backing of family, there would be no Knights. I want thank all the Wives, Children, Friends and neighbors that support everything that the Knight participate in throughout the year.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Our Worthy Chaplin, Rev. Fr. Roy E. Campbell, Jr., who was always there for the Council and supported us in everything we did. I also must thank the Executive Board of the Council for assisting in and supporting everything that council did this Fraternal Year. Without their ideas, support and encouragement, I don't believe I could have made it through the term.

Brothers, Go with God and remember the motto, **“If everybody does a little, nobody has to do a lot”**.

*REFLECTIONS**Lawrence P. Grayson**Made in Mans' Image*

Present reality surpasses the imaginary worlds of science fiction. Neither the life-creating, warped experiments in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* nor Aldous Huxley's description of a dystopian society in his novel *Brave New World* measure up to what is occurring today. Scientific and technological advances have allowed mankind to cure many diseases, extend life, and give comfort to the ill. They also have provided a hideous ability to create, genetically alter, and destroy life.

Rapid advances in science and technology have far outpaced evolving ethical and moral principles. These fields of endeavor have no direction in themselves; their development and use must be guided by moral principles to assure their compatibility with man's purpose on Earth. Without an understanding of why he exists, man's conquest of nature leads him to mold his world and himself to his desires for wealth, prestige, power and pleasure. As a result, regardless of original intentions, human dignity too often becomes a casualty of so-called progress. Consider the following developments.

In 2012, a startup company called MicroCHIPS Biotech developed a miniscule device to treat chronic pathologies such as diabetes and osteoporosis. Implanted under a person's skin, it can be remotely programmed to periodically discharge medication over an extended period of time. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation now is funding the company to create a semi-permanent contraceptive device. The chip can release daily dosages of levonorgestrel, a hormone used in morning-after pills, into a woman's body for up to 16 years. The hormone acts in part as an abortifacient to prevent a newly conceived embryo from implantation in the uterus. While proposed for family planning, it could be used by a tyrannical government to enforce a one-child policy or, in a hitlerian-type eugenics program, to prevent certain classes of people from ever conceiving.

A technique for DNA transfer is being developed to correct genetic abnormalities. Mitochondria, which is found in almost all human cells, creates the energy needed by the body to sustain life and support growth. When abnormal, severe organ damage and even death can result. As genetic defects can be passed down from mother to child, a method has been created to replace defective mitochondria in a mother's egg with a healthy version from a second woman. The preferred approach is to create two embryos, one using a fertilized egg from the infected person and a second from a donor free of the defect. The nuclei of both embryos are removed and a third embryo is created using the uninfected nucleus from one embryo and the enucleated egg from the other. The result is a child-to-be with three genetic parents.

While therapeutic in intent, numerous moral questions arise. Two embryonic children have been destroyed to create a third. If the three adults involved have a loving relationship and desire to raise the child jointly, should they be allowed to be married as a triple? After all, if two people of the same sex can marry, why not three genetic parents? If three, why not four or more people

who are in a polyamorous relationship? Genetic manipulation creates a set of arguments, though in opposition to Church teaching, to redefine the concept of marriage.

Laboratories are already creating customized human organs. Seven children suffering from spinal bifida have received new bladders grown from stem cells. A trachea was bioengineered for a two-year old girl to replace her defective one. Tissues can be grown and expressly designed to fit a patient's need for cartilage or to treat bone defects. Cell-infused myocardial patches can be affixed to tissues damaged by a heart attack to help it regain normal strength. It soon will be possible to manufacture livers and pancreases using 3-D printing techniques with hydrogel serving as a cell-rich biological ink.

Synthetic bioblocks of DNA sequences are being developed to be inserted into human cells and manipulated LEGO-like to produce functions that do not exist naturally, such as limiting the harmful overproduction of a given protein. Biofabrication techniques are developing to regenerate damaged skin. Sweden's University of Gothenburg is pioneering efforts to grow a uterus to treat infertile women. Kallistem, a French company, recently announced that it has created human sperm.

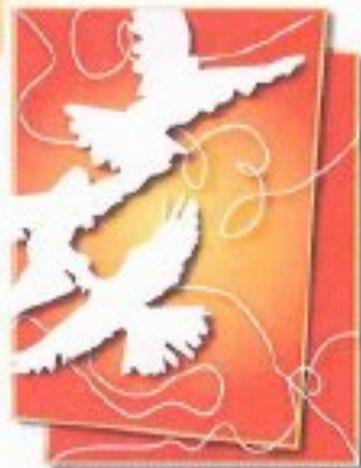
Genetic engineering, female egg manipulation, biofabricated uteri, laboratory-produced sperm -- How long will it be before the capability exists to create genetically-designed, factory-produced children? The human "hatchery and conditioning center" of Huxley's *Brave New World* may not be unrealistically imaginative.

What are needed are moral values and an understanding of how they apply to act as restraints on the unfettered applications of man's genius. The fundamental questions that should be asked revolve not around what we *can* do, but rather around what we *ought* to do.

In his desire for progress at all costs, man has developed a purely functional outlook. God has been relegated to the subjective, as something uncertain and unprovable, suitable only for private belief. Religion, and the morality and virtue which flow from it, have been removed from the public conscience. When God is forgotten, when religion becomes secondary, when the purpose of existence is unknown, anything is possible.

A public moral culture must exist so that man will use the material world for his advantage, not his destruction. This is something to which each of us can and must contribute. We must know our faith, believe it with deep fervor, and have the courage to live it, vigorously and without apologies. We must make our public behavior consistent with our private beliefs and thus help shape a societal conscience by injecting the principles of our faith into the public square.

*Vivat Jesus!*



Psalms 133:1; 1 Corinthians 1:10;  
Ephesians 4:13

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# Mission in Motion Men of Faith

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

Event

Mens Prayer Breakfast

When

Saturday  
September 19, 2015

Time

8 AM to 12 Noon

Place

The  
Rosemont Room

Hosts

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
2020 St. Joseph Drive  
Largo, MD 20774  
Pastor

Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.

Sponsored By The Knights of Columbus - James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422

Fletcher Council – Knights of Columbus

# Flea Market

St. Joseph Church - Parking Lot

2020 St. Joseph Drive

Saturday, July 25 (8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Aug 8 & Aug 22 (8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Find A Good Deal  
OR  
Buy A Space and Keep the Cash



**Vendor Info:**

- \$25.00 per Space - Bring your own table.
- Hours 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Make checks or money orders payable to "Knights of Columbus" and mail to Knights of Columbus, 2020 St Joseph Drive, Largo MD 20774.
- No cash payments accepted at church.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL**

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# Smiley Central™

*An old, tired-looking dog wandered into the yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home.*

*He followed me into the house, down the hall, and fell asleep on the couch. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out. The next day he was back, resumed his position on the couch and slept for an hour. This continued for several weeks. Curious, I pinned a note to his collar: 'Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'*

*The next day he arrived with a different note pinned to his collar: 'He lives in a home with four children -- he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'*

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*Dad, will you be able to get me a car? "Asked the boy, having just passed his driving test.*

*I suppose a car would be in order if you can raise your grades from C's to B's, you study your Bible, and cut your hair." Replied the father.*

*After contemplating for many hours, the boy decided it was a good and fair compromise. Six weeks later, the father is astonished. His son was excelling in school, he studied his Bible every day, but his hair was still long and shaggy. I am very impressed with you" said the father "You are passing all of your classes, and you read the Bible every day. But why wont you cut your hair?"*

*"After reading the Bible, I have noticed something." Said the boy "Moses, Samson, and Absalom all had long hair. There is even evidence that Jesus may have had long hair!"*

*The father replied back "Did you also notice how they had to walk everywhere too?"*

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*At a dinner party, several of the guests were arguing whether men or women were more trustworthy. No woman, said one man, scornfully, can keep a secret.*

*I don't know about that, answered a blonde woman guest. I have kept my age a secret since I was twenty-one.*

*You'll let it out some day, the man insisted.*

*I hardly think so responded the blonde lady. When a woman has kept a secret for twenty-seven years, she can keep it forever.*

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*A three year old walked over to a pregnant lady while waiting with his mother in the doctors office.*

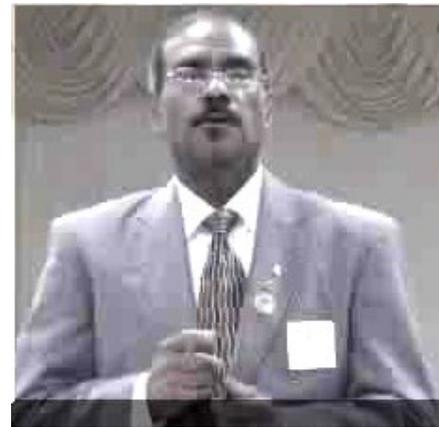
*He inquisitively ask the lady, "Why is your stomach so big?" She replied, "I'm having a baby."*

*With big eyes, he asked, "Is the baby in your stomach?" She said, "He sure is."*

*Then the little boy, with a puzzled look, asked, "Is it a good baby?" She said, "Oh, yes. It's a real good baby."*

*With an even more surprised and shocked look, he asked... "Then why did you eat him?"*

## Let Us Always Remember



**James L. Brown, Jr.  
Past Grand Knight**



**Please, Remember In Your Prayers**

**Members Who Are Ill**



Howard Wynn  
Mary Julius  
Joseph Marshall  
Ken Hinton

James Shorter  
William Missouri  
William Tolbert  
Donald Wilson



## Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

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



**“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”**

**\*\*JULY\*\***  
**- 2015 -**

- 02 Michael H. Saulsberry
- 04 Festus Nnaka
- 06 **Alex Brown, Jr.**
- 06 Kester O. Onyema
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- 30 Christopher C. Okala



**“The Joy  
 Of A  
 Birthday”**

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The officers for the Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus for the 2015-2016 fraternal year are shown below:



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 Reverend Milton E. Jordan



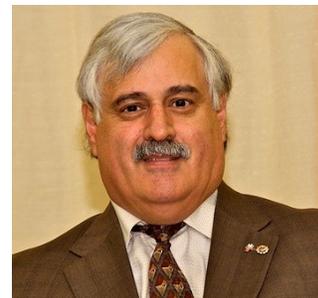
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**State Advocate**  
 Vince Grauso



**State Warden**  
 Christopher Powers

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**\*\*JULY\*\***



- 02 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 04 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- 13 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting, 8 P.M.
- 10 MD State District Deputy Seminar  
 Holiday Inn Conference Center at FSK, Frederick, MD
- 10-11 MD State Leadership Seminar
- 11 Installation of State Officers
- 15 McNamara Chapter Meeting, Montgomery Council 2323  
 17001 Overhill Rd, Derwood, MD
- 16 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 19 **Knights Sunday, 11 A.M. Mass**
- 25 Flea Market - St. Joseph Church Parking Lot
- 29 **Program Seminar, Sacred Heart Council 2577**