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Chaplain Thoughts

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“Seek first the Kingdom of God.”

by Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.



I believe all of us want to live with “peace of mind.” We want to be free from worry and anxiety. Jesus tells His disciples, and us, in today’s Gospel how we can have peace of mind, but what He says seems too good to be true. Jesus tells us to stop worrying about the things we all worry about – material, worldly things, that He calls “mammon.”

Mammon is a Greek word that means material goods and possessions, the things that money can buy.

Yet, Jesus is telling us that we should not worry about bank accounts, mortgages, work, career, reputation, achievements, and success. He is warning us that those things cannot satisfy our hearts, and that if we care too much about them, they will poison our relationship with God, and keep us from the “peace of mind” that comes only from a strong friendship with Christ, our Lord and God.

How do we stop worrying about these material things? Jesus tells us to “Seek first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well.”

All of us believe in what Jesus says, but how deeply do we believe? Are we open to putting what Jesus tells us into action without reservation? Do we have the faith to trust Him completely?

When we are willing to trust Jesus completely and “Seek first the Kingdom of God,” God will give us all that we need. Often, what He gives us is received through others. So, seeking the Kingdom of God not only means that we will receive all that we need, but that we will become God’s instrument to fulfill the needs of others.

We always have the choice to be instruments of God’s good works. When we “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness,” not only will we be given all that we need, but we will be able to share our God-given gifts with others, giving them what God knows that they need.

Grand Knight’s Chronicle

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“What good is it for one of you say that you have faith if your actions do not prove it.” James 2:14.

March has always been a month of change. For our council, March is also a month of action, of movement, of progress and a time for us to take charge and give life to our role as Knights and leaders of Christian principles. This month, the council will be involved in numerous activities, events and liturgies as we begin the Lenten Season. Church Director Bernard Broadus has scheduled the Holy Family Icon and a prayer service in concert with Our Lady of Grace Sodality on Saturday, March 4 at 8:15 a.m. Brothers and Color Corps are encouraged to attend the mass and prayer service in their uniforms and Regalia.

Members will also be involved in Ash Wednesday Masses, Friday morning and evening Stations of the Cross and Tuesday Night Adoration, Benediction, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Mass. Council Director Cal Thompson is leading the Annual Fish Fry on March 17 and 31 and is co-chair for the KC Ladies Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 5. Please contact Cal to help set up, staff or to clean up these events.



Knight's Sunday is March 19 at 11:00 A.M. and Family Director Efrain Anderson will provide the narrative for the council's Family of the Month (FOM) nominee which will be read at the Mass.

We will also have nominations for council officers for 2017-2018 at our business meetings. Please consider accepting a nomination for an executive position for the next fraternal year.

As you can clearly see brothers, there are numerous opportunities for you to act in charity and unity within your council, parish family and ministry organizations. Please contact **any** council officer or program director to volunteer your time and talent.

Let us show by our faith and trust in God by our actions as we enter into this Lenten Season. As Saint James has said, **“What good is it for one of you say that you have faith if your actions do not prove it.” James 2:14.**



State Deputy's Report



Stephen M. Cohen
State Deputy

I am asking that this letter be read at the next two Council Meetings in each of your Councils in the District. As I have continued to emphasize, we are doing well in the area of Membership, however we could and can do better. January and February saw us decline in our recruiting efforts Statewide. Weather, as we all know, has not been a significant factor this year. Statistically, we have fallen short of our goal by fifty new members in each of these months. The March Church Drives will prove to be very important for us, as we enter into what are historically the best recruiting months for the Order as a whole.

At this point in the Fraternal Year, if each of our 150 active councils bring in just 4.5 members we will achieve our goal towards Circle of Honor for the Jurisdiction of Maryland. Let me be brutally honest here, because I know some are already thinking he just wants to win an award. This is probably true, but only one-half of the intended purpose. We need to remember that the Circle of Honor Award is for the Jurisdiction, not the State Deputy. The recognition associated with this award is for the States' growth. We need to make and ensure that we sustain healthy councils. We need to have those that will carry on our tradition of service. We need to plan for the future.

At the Mid Term Meeting we discussed the average age of our members in Maryland, and clearly saw that we are old. We gave you the actuarial report that stated that if we do not begin to recruit younger members into the Order, we will enter a death spiral from which we cannot recover. The recruitment of men between the ages of eighteen and thirty is crucial to our continued existence.

Many said that this will be hard. Nothing is really easy. However, if we begin to change our thinking and some of the foundations that our councils have put in place, we will be in an excellent position to recruit these men. We need to move away from telling our prospective members that they need to attend one or two meetings a month. We need to focus on the services that we provide as a Council and ask for one hour of the prospective member's time each month to help. As these men become active they will begin to attend meetings. We also need to upgrade our communications with all members. A Facebook page, a Twitter account and/or an Instagram page should be considered. Publicize your service events, publicize your social events. Remember that Member Management allows you to email all of your members. We need to publicize our events at their conclusion, showing others what we do and the good works our councils complete. This will draw others to join us.

Our council Business meeting should be kept to 45 minutes and certainly no more than one hour, Degree nights are an exception. Our real work should be done at our Officers and Planning meetings and in the meeting our Parish Pastors. We need to implement the "Power of Ten" in each of our councils. This is dividing the council into ten member teams with a team leader for each team. These teams can be used for both service and membership events. In time a little competition will develop between these teams and you will see your productivity increase.

Every member of every council is a member of the Membership Team. Each should be recruiting at least one new member a year to our ranks. This job does not fall solely to the Membership Director. Each of us know at least one Catholic gentleman who is eighteen years of age or older, we need to ask them to join our ranks. We need to tell them about the good works your council does and the good work the Order does throughout the world.

Everything that we do as Knights makes us Advocates of the Lord, and by asking others to join us we are doing what our Holy Father has asked which is to evangelize in our own families and communities.

District Deputy Report



G. Emeka Onwezi
District Deputy

Brothers, as we entered the Month of March, we are marching strongly toward the end of this fraternal year. We are doing great both in state level and council level. Keep the good work. Remember to recruit new members, preferably between the age of 18 and 30 during your council's March Church Drive coming up this month. Every Knight has a responsibility to recruit at least one member in a year. Every council is District 2 is an active council. So, continue the recruitment.

By now your council should have already started the nomination for council officer's positions.

The election should be conducted on or before 1st week of May. Also, the delegates for next year Maryland State Council convention in Ocean City should be elected at the same time and credential should be sent to the State immediately after the election of the delegates.

Our Founder's Day Mass is on March 26, 2017. This is to honor our founder, Father McGivney, who founded our Order on March 26, 1882 in New Haven, Connecticut. There will be a Mass at St. Joseph's Fullerton in Baltimore, followed by dinner and awards at Columbus Gardens SK. Pat Corcoran is the chairman for reservations.

So far this fraternal year the Maryland State Council has presented donations to four pregnancy centers (20 in total), and there are several additional applications under development and more machines are needed. For each machine, the Maryland State Council contributes about \$25,000, which is matched by funds from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Headquarters. The State Council needs your help; the program is running low on funds. For more information or to donate, contact PSD Richard Siejack at RVSiejack@aol.com.

Please join in the Maryland March for Life. The 2017 March will be held Monday, March 13 at 6:30 PM, at St. Mary's Church, 109 Duke of Gloucester, Annapolis. The March will go thru downtown Annapolis, with rally at Lawyers Mall, at the State Capitol. The March will be preceded by a Youth Rally at 4:30 PM, followed by Mass at St. Mary's Church at 5:15 PM. Please stop by our table in the gym and say hello. More information is available at <http://www.marylandmarchforlife.org/>

If your council or church would like to host a pro-life Mass, the State Council is available to help with publicity, suggestions, and after-Mass speakers. Even if you do not need the State Council help, let us know of your activity. For more information, contact Mike Furst at mfurst1@yahoo.com.

Do you need a Culture of Life activity? Consider the Cemetery of the Innocents. So far this fraternal year there have been five cemeteries installed for a total of 312 since 2004, and one is available for installation. For more information, contact Chairman Jim McFillin at jimmcfillin@cs.com.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Pilgrimage will be Saturday, April 1st from 1pm to 5pm at St John Paul II National Shrine in DC (3900 Harewood Road NE WDC 20017). The cost of the Pilgrimage is \$20 per person with a maximum of \$75 per family. This fee will offset the cost of lunch and provide a donation to the Shrine. If a Council brings 10 individuals to the Pilgrimage (Knights and non-Knights) the Council can report this event as a Domestic Church Event on its Columbian Award Application. Also, Plenary Indulgences can be earned by attending this Pilgrimage. This information is also on the Maryland State Council's Website.

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>



Supreme Knight's Message

POPE FRANCIS MEETS WITH SUPREME KNIGHT

Carl A. Anderson



Pope Francis received Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in audience at the Vatican on Feb. 16.

At that audience, Supreme Knight Anderson discussed with the Holy Father the Knights of Columbus' many initiatives, especially its work on behalf of persecuted Christians in the Middle East. He also presented the earnings from the Knights' Vicarius Christi Fund, in the amount of \$1.6 million.

The proceeds are given annually to the pope for his personal charities. Since the fund's inception in 1981, more than \$57 million in earnings has been donated.

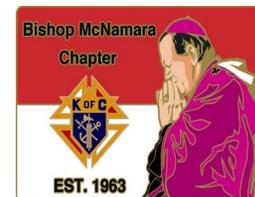
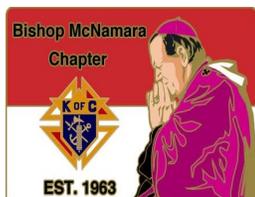
Pope Francis examines a copy of *La Madonna del Soccorso nella Basilica Vaticana* (Our Lady of Help in Saint Peter's Basilica) a new book documenting the restoration of an ancient and highly venerated image of the Blessed Mother, carried out during the Year of Faith by the Fabbrica di San Pietro with the sponsorship of the Knights of Columbus. It was the first such restoration undertaken during the pontificate of Pope Francis, and the book is dedicated in the Holy Father's honor.

McNAMARA CHAPTER

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This month's Bishop McNamara Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15th at St. Mary's Council 1470, 41605 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD 20650. The meeting will start promptly at 8 P.M. Remember all Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, District Deputies, District Wardens are strongly urged to attend and meet and greet our State Officers and Chairman. Grand Knights are also encouraged to bring their Chair Officers and Committee Chairman. Future McNamara Chapter meetings and events for the remainder of this fraternal year are listed below:

- March 15th, St. Mary's Council 1470
- March 19th, Past Chapter President's (PCP) Ball
- April 19th, Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council 6793
- May 17th, St. Elizabeth Council 12796 (Chapter Elections)
- June 21th, James C. Fletcher Council 11422 (Exchange of Jewels)
- June TBD, Regency Furniture Stadium (Blue Crabs Game)

Please note that during this quarter, the election cycle for Chapter Officers for the 2017-2018 fraternal year will commence at this month's meeting. The Election Committee will accept nominations for all officer positions, elections will take place in May.



Financial Benefits

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What Happens if You Live? The Security of Long-Term Care Insurance

Thanks to marvelous innovations in medical technology and advances in living and working conditions, many of us will enjoy long, prosperous lives. With average life expectancies on the rise, there's a lot to be grateful for and look forward to. But living longer also comes with added responsibilities that we must take seriously.

Typically, when thinking about insurance products, we think about "what ifs." For life insurance, we think: What if we die? For auto insurance, we think: What if we get in an accident? For medical insurance, we think: What if we get sick? For disability insurance, we think: What if we get injured?

But for long-term care, the question is different. It's not just what happens if something happens to us, but what if something doesn't happen? What happens if we live?

"So what?" you say. "I won't need long-term care." But the statistics tell a different story. Seventy percent of individuals over the age of 65 will need some type of long-term care service during their lifetime. And, just as you would imagine, paying out-of-pocket for long-term care is neither brief nor cheap. The average duration of long-term care needed per individual is three years, at an annual cost of \$83,000 for private nursing home care and \$60,000 for at-home nursing care.

Traditional and government medical insurance programs don't usually provide enough help, either. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare only pays long-term care services for a maximum of 100 days, and that's only if you meet certain criteria. Medicaid does pay for long-term care, but only if your income is below a certain level and you meet state requirements. As for employer-sponsored or private health insurance plans, they typically cover a limited range of services, similar to that provided by Medicare.¹



Subsequently, many of us are left drawing from our own resources or our family's resources to cover long-term care costs. It can be an expensive proposition just when cash resources need to be preserved for retirement.

That's why long-term care insurance should be considered part of an overall sound insurance protection strategy, and that's why the Knights of Columbus is proud to offer long-term care insurance to our members and their eligible family members.

Simply put, long-term care insurance is designed to help cover the cost of your long-term medical needs.

Available in 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year benefit periods, our flexible plans come with a number of different options and ways for you to customize your long-term care coverage to help fit your unique needs and budget.

You choose a daily benefit amount that the policy provides and specify whether you want to be covered for care in an assisted-living facility or at home.

You may also elect to purchase a Compound Inflation Rider, which will increase your maximum lifetime benefit by 3 or 5 percent each year.

And, should you choose to apply for long-term care insurance with your spouse, each of you will receive a 30 percent discount through our Spousal Discount program.

There are many other factors and considerations that go into the crafting of a Knights of Columbus long-term care policy. Your dedicated Knights of Columbus agent can help explain your options.

Contact me, David Benjamin today to help ensure that your family and your assets are protected from the unexpected and substantial cost of long-term care.

After all, you have always taken care of your family. You don't want to worry about what would happen to them if you could no longer take care of yourself.





Renewal of Obligations



Renewal of Obligations Exemplification

The Renewal of Obligations for Assembly officers was held on Monday February 13, 2017 at St. Pius X Council, Sarto Hall, in Forestville, Maryland. The ceremony was attended by over 20 Sir Knights and was led by the Master Archdiocese of Washington District (AWD) Fourth Degree Sir Knight Micheal W. Thumm and assisted by District Marshall, Sir Knight Joseph Feakes. The ceremony which began promptly at 7 P.M. was concluded giving way to Assembly Meeting business.

Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremony

Several applications have been submitted by candidates for the upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification scheduled for the March 25, 2017 at Colony South, Clinton, MD. So far we have 24 applications and hope to have a few more read in time for the ceremony.

Nomination Committee

As we approach the end of the Fraternal Year, a Nomination Committee has been appointed to accept nomination of officers for elections for next Fraternal Year.

Next Assembly Meeting

The next meeting of the Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly 1548 will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at Sarto Hall in Forestville, Maryland.

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

*Founders Day
March 29, 2017*





PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Fletcher Council has had a very productive year thus far in completing all of our scheduled service programs. In all six service areas, **Church, Community, Family, Pro Life, Council and Youth**, Fletcher Council has again shown why it is one of the premiere councils in the state of Maryland.

The final months of this fraternal year are full of programs which are in dire need of volunteers or coordinators to ensure a successful finish for this administration. Brother Peter Methodius is soliciting volunteers for the **40 Days of Life Campaign**. Brother Cal Thompson needs assistance for the **March 17th and 31st Lenten Fish Fry**. Brothers Bernard Broadus and John Huntley request assistance with the bread and food pickups and deliveries from Costco and Panera Bread to local homeless shelters and churches. Brother Alan Davis needs help with Church Activities, Brother Efrain Anderson with Family Activities, Brother Phil Beaubouef with Youth Activities and Brother Vernon Hawkins with the *Knightslife Newsletter*.

Remember gentlemen, we are in the **Season of Lent**, a season of prayer fasting and alms giving. If you have yet to participate in any of our activities, I urge you to contact me or any of the brothers listed above and **VOLUNTEER!!**

This council has over 150 member and I challenge all members to commit to one activity before the end of the year. Serving our fellow brothers and sisters is the essence of who we are as Christians and as Knights.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Annual Lenten Fish Fry



He is coming back as requested, with the most delicious Fish Fry venue in all of Maryland. Brother Bernard and crew will be on site for two days this month, March 17th and 31st with all the traditional vittles: croaker, whiting, corn bread, potato salad.... Dinners are \$10.00 and Fish Sandwich's are \$7.00. For more details and order information, see the flyer on Page 14.

BTW, although Bernard has a standard crew additional help is needed. Please consider putting in a hour or two and give Cal Thompson (301) 928-2157 or Harold Sanders (301) 390-7150 a call to sign up to assist in our Annual Lenten Fish Fry.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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March, is a month of change, a month when daylight lengthens and the earth begins its renewal for spring. Change always takes effort, commitment and a will of spirit. When we change for **Christ**, we allow ourselves to be open to His love and then share that love with others. We are now in the season of **Lent** and we as Catholics know we must change our hearts and souls in preparation for **Christ's** resurrection on Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday is in April this year, so any changes we make must occur before April 16th.

The church provides us the opportunity to change our souls through the sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession as it is commonly known. "The basic requirement for a good Confession is to have the intention of returning to God like the prodigal Son and to acknowledge our sins with **true sorrow** before his representative, the priest". "*The Light is on For You*," offers us the sacrament of Reconciliation each Wednesday night during Lent from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. and Saturday from 3:30 P.M. to 4:40 P.M. at St. Joseph.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is also available at St. Joseph every Tuesday evening from 6:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. and all day until 7:00 P.M. on Friday, March 4th.

Brother, please resolve to spend some time during this Lenten Season to prepare your soul for Christ's triumphant victory over sin and death on **Easter Morning**.



Come Pray With Us



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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The council's Annual Mardi Gras was a fantastic event. It was held on Saturday, February 6th in the beautifully decorated Rosemont Room at St. Joseph Catholic Church. It was a sell out, with many on the waiting list for tickets. The Decorating Committee, provided the true New Orleans décor flavor to the Rosemont Room. Bob Sistere and his crew provided exquisite bar service.



During the festivities, *Sir Knight Joseph Jenifer* was recognized for his outstanding and continuing support to the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Charities, Inc., which has awarded over \$100,000.00 in scholarships to college bound children of the St. Joseph parish. The festivities reached a crescendo with the selection of its Mardi Gras Queen, Lady Aurora. Our ecstatic King for the evening was Grand Knight Alan Davis, who proudly danced and pranced during the Mardi Gras Parade, to the foot stomping tune of "*When The Saints Go Marching In.*"

Much thanks go our to our co-coordinators *Cal Thompson* and *Vern Hawkins* for a fabulous evening. Also, special thanks to brother *William "Bill" Harris* and the *Exclusives Band* for providing just the right music and songs to keep the crowd "*a jumping*". Also, much credit goes to the Fletcher Council members and their Ladies and our guest.

BTW, folks were calling in for Mardi Gras tickets for 2017 before they were available for sale, as early as November of the previous years. We had a sell out by January 1, 2017. Now, would you believe that several parishioners have already placed ticket orders for the council's 2018 Mardi Gras? Well, it is happening.



David D. Martin

His contributions to the Knights of Columbus
are legendary.

Sir Knight David D. Martin, FDD, PFN, PGK
continues to give of his Time and Talents.

Vivat Jesus!





FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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Family of the Month Ms. Cynthia D. B. Mills



The Mills family became Parishioners at St. Joseph Church coming from Our Lady of Mercy in DC in March 1969. The family consisted of father Franklin, mother Arelia and their children Ira, Eric and Cynthia Dianne Bernadette. Arelia joined the Altar and Rosary Clubs. Franklin joined the Men's Club and Ira and Eric became Altar Servers. All three children received Confirmation at St. Joseph Church.

Since joining St. Joseph, Cynthia has graduated from Elizabeth Seton High School, received a BA in Journalism and History from Gannon University and a MA in Organizational Communication/Public Relations from Bowie State University. Once Cynthia completed college, she returned to St. Joseph no matter where she resided. Ms. Mills work (39 years) at the US Dept. of Education as a Records Manager. During her tenure, Ms. Mills has traveled to 45 states in the U.S. representing her office. She is the Executive Chief Steward for Council 252 for the Department.

While attending St. Joseph, Cynthia has taught Religious Education and CCD to our teens for four years, became a member of the Hospitality Ministry, where she served as Vice President and President for more than seventeen years. In 2014, she joined Our Lady of Grace Sodality where she organizes our parish's Bake Sales. Cynthia also proudly serves as an Adult Altar Server, is a member of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and is a member of the St. Joseph Liturgical Committee.

Cynthia is the proud mother of her son Franklin and is dedicated to her church and graciously gives thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for His goodness, love and many Blessings.

The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 February Family of the Month, Ms. Cynthia D.B. Mills.

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



CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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Maryland March For Life Annapolis

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Start Date: March 13, 2017

Start Time: 4:30 P.M.

End Time: 8:00 P.M.

Maryland March for Life from St. Mary's Church 111 Duke of Gloucester Annapolis, MD 21401 5:15 P.M. Non-Denominational Service & Catholic Mass 6:15 P.M. St. Mary's Church 111 Duke of Gloucester, Annapolis, MD - 6:30 March through Annapolis - There is a shuttle available for those unable to walk. 7:00 P.M. Rally at Lawyer's Mall - Signs with poles or sticks are not permitted on Lawyer's Mall. 8:00 P.M. Chick-fil-A and fellowship back at St. Mary's - Search and find more Pro-Life at:

- www.calendarforlife.org
- www.prolifeeventsfinder.com
- www.forLifecalifornians.org
- www.marchforlifeeventsfinder.com



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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SK Michael Davenport, with his lovely daughter and granddaughter were all wrapped up in kite flying at one of our previous outings and are ready to do it again. The windy month of March is traditionally kite flying time in the Washington Metropolitan area, and our Largo, Maryland area is right in there with our kite flying neighbors.

Our event is usually held each year, preferably in March, with early April as an option. It is called the **"Kite Flying Extravaganza."** It is open to family members of not only council members, but parishioners as well.

During the event, the council provides refreshments, music and free kites. Also, the council has an excellent pool of experts schooled in the art of kite flying to help the novice. Participants may also bring their kites. The date and time for this year's **"Kite Flying Extravaganza"** will be announced shortly.



KC LADIES

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We are coming back! Mark your calendars! Spread the news! The **KC Ladies Annual Pancake Breakfast** will be Sunday, March 5, 2017 immediately following the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Masses.

Breakfast includes the works: pancakes, sausage, eggs, grits and more. I'm sure you remember the delicious fried apples! It is a great opportunity to fellowship with your St. Joseph family.

MEMBERSHIP QUEST

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Harold M. Contee

Kennard A. Dalrymple

There is joy in the neighborhood as we welcomed two new brothers into the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422, Knights of Columbus. On Thursday evening, February 16th, a very special Admission Degree/First Degree was held. Successfully completing their Admission Degree were **Harold M. Contee** and **Kennard A. Dalrymple**. They basically hit the ground running, as they each served as members of the Fletcher Council Hospital-ity Team on Knights Sunday, February 19th. Please join me in welcoming Harold and Kennard.

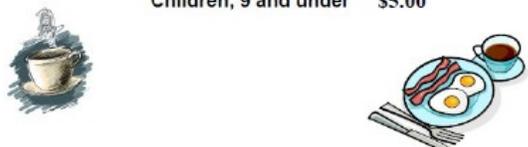
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017
After the 8:30 & 11:00 Morning Masses

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

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



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SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER TODAY!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

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





REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

A Nation Divided

"A house divided against itself cannot stand," said Abraham Lincoln in June 1858, less than three years before the Civil War began. *"It will become all one thing or all the other,"* he continued. *"Either the opponents of slavery will arrest the further spread of it...or its advocates will push it forward, till it shall become lawful in all the States."*

Today, the social compact of the United States is again being severed, not by the issue of slavery, but by race, sex, ethnicity, color, national origin, religion, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender expression, and other lines of fragmentation that can be exploited by wedge politics. As intense as the controversies arising from these matters are, they are more like lacerations on the surface of society. The underlying, fundamental chasm centers on divergent beliefs in God and the importance of religion for leading one's life.

The divide was exemplified by two recent events held days apart. On Jan. 21, hundreds of thousands of women gathered for the first Women's March on Washington and its companion demonstrations in other cities and nations. They claimed the recent presidential election insulted, demonized and threatened women. Those favoring pro-life, however, were not welcome because the core issue of the demonstration was a woman's right to abortion. On Jan. 27, hundreds of thousands of people participated in the 44th annual March for Life in Washington, with companion parades across the United States and the world. They had one message: every human life is valuable and must be protected from conception until natural death. The opposing views expressed at the two gatherings are irreconcilable.

The divergence in dealing with religiously-based issues is clearly exhibited in opposing actions of the Obama and Trump presidential administrations. Forty-eight hours before the end of Obama's term on Jan. 20, a rule went into effect to prohibit states from withholding federal funds for family planning from Planned Parenthood. Four weeks later on Feb. 16, the House voted to void the rule. Senate action and the President's signature are expected soon.

Under the Obama Administration, annual funding to Planned Parenthood increased significantly, rising to \$554 million in 2015. On Jan. 30, the *Protect Funding for Women's Health Care Act* (S.241), which would prohibit Planned Parenthood from receiving any federal funding and redirect the amount it would have received to health care providers that do not perform abortions, was introduced in the Senate.

Last August, a Federal District Court enjoined the Obama Administration from enforcing a directive ordering public schools to allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their gender choice, rather than biological sex. The Obama Administration appealed, but on Feb. 10, the day after Jeff Sessions was sworn in as Attorney General, the Justice Department withdrew the petition.

On one side of the divide are religiously-committed people who uphold the innate dignity of every human being, the sanctity of human life at all stages, marriage as only between one man and one woman, and freedom of conscience in guiding one's public actions. On the other side are the religiously-indifferent. They

overwhelmingly view human dignity as being conferred when one can function as a person, a woman to have a right to abort her own child, marriage as a union between consenting adults regardless of gender, and a religious-formed conscience as subordinate to LGBT demands. The two groups conflict not only theologically, but clash culturally and politically, as well. They allow no middle view, no room for compromise.

America is a pluralistic nation, in which people of numerous persuasions must live and work together in freedom, peace and justice. This can only occur and be sustained if the people are bound together by common principles, shared values and underlying societal mores. It is morality, not laws, which forms such bonds. Throughout most of America's history, morality and its attendant virtues were rooted in Judeo-Christian teachings. These religious ideas shaped people's beliefs and convictions, and guided their behavior. They provided the basis for the nation's social policy and law, and created a framework for the nation's public life.

The various Christian denominations have many differences, but they share more convictions than separate them. The gulf between belief and unbelief, or commitment and indifference, borders on the unbridgeable. The religiously-committed and the religiously-indifferent have very divergent perspectives on the purpose of human life, on the reason for creation. A person who believes that life on earth is transitory and that one will spend an eternity in heaven or hell depending upon how that life is lived will make vastly different choices than one who believes that the here and now is all there is.

A large and increasing component of the religiously-indifferent are nones, that is, those who are atheists, agnostics or have no religious affiliation. According to Pew surveys, the number of Americans identifying as nones was just under 23 percent in 2015, compared to 15 percent in 2007. A most distressing finding is that the largest single factor driving the rise of nones is Catholic defections. About 28 percent of nones are former Catholics. In the eight-year period between the two Pew surveys, the number of Americans claiming to be Catholic decreased by 3 million, shrinking their share of the U.S. population from 24 to 21 percent, which now is less than that of nones. Although one-third of American adults were raised as Catholics, four in ten no longer identify themselves as such. Beyond defections, there are those who claim to be Catholic, but do not faithfully practice it. Among self-identified Catholics, only 64 percent are absolutely certain that God exists, 58 percent consider religion important in their lives, and a mere 35 percent attend Mass each Sunday.

This apathy, along with desertions, has consequences. The future of religious freedom in the United States may well rest on the outcome of the struggle to establish a materialistic, religiously-intolerant society, spurred by the growth of the religiously-indifferent, or a religiously-tolerant, secular society grounded in spiritual values, advocated by the religiously-committed. Like Lincoln's view of slavery, this struggle will end only when the supporters of one of these immutable views have no further means to resist the supporters of the other.



James C. Fletcher Jr. Council 11422

LENTEN FISH FRY

MAR 17 & MAR 31

12 Noon – 5 P.M.

St Joseph Church

2020 Saint Joseph Drive

Largo, MD 20774

Dinner \$10.00 Fish Sandwich \$7.00



Soda \$1



Cake \$1

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CORN BREAD / SLICED BREAD

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, April 1, 2017, 1:00 – 5:00 PM
3900 Harewood Road NE, Washington, DC 20017

SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE



A pilgrimage is a Christian devotional practice with an ancient tradition and history. The faithful go on pilgrimage by journeying to shrines and sacred places to pray there and draw closer to God. Saint John Paul II explained, "pilgrimage was a process of conversion, a yearning for intimacy with God and a trusting plea for their material needs. For the Church, pilgrimages, in all their multiple aspects, have always been a gift of grace"



- 1:00 Lunch and Reflections by Poland Associate State Chaplain Rev. Dr. Tomasz Kraj on the St. John Paul II National Shrine and the Knights of Columbus in Poland
- 2:00 Tours and Confessions
- 3:30 Holy Rosary
- 4:00 Vigil Mass concelebrated by Maryland State Chaplain Rev. Jason Worley and Poland Associate State Chaplain Rev. Dr. Tomasz Kraj

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tomasz Kraj is the Head of the Department of Theology at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, Poland. His special interest lies in the problems associated with genetic research and includes issues of natural law, models of bioethics and ethics of virtue. He was the first Chaplain of the first Knights of Columbus Council in Poland (No. 14000 Pope John Paul II) which was established five years before Poland was organized as a State Council. He has served at the Poland Associate Chaplain since the jurisdiction was formed, and he is currently Priest in Residence at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. Fr. Kraj has said, "...the world needs more men who pay witness through their actions to what it means to be a catholic."



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For more information: ans@comcast.net or (410) 897-0670

Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus' 2nd Annual

FAMILY FUN DAY @ HERSHEY PARK



DATE: SUNDAY, April 30, 2017

TIME: 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

PRICE: \$31.00 per person Children 2 & under free. (Regular Admission Price is \$62.95)



Park is closed to the public
Everyone is invited.... family, friends, parishes,
youth groups, schools, CCD Classes

NO REFUNDS or RAIN DATE.
Free parking will be provided * Concessions open
Water Park Rides will not open until Memorial Day

Hershey provides a Cost Saving LUNCH:

All you can eat picnic lunch served 12:00 noon thru 3:00 p.m.
Price \$18.55 per person. (much cheaper than concession stands)
Lunch includes: Flame-broiled all-beef hamburger, hot dog, potato chips,
pasta salad, fruit salad, lettuce, tomato, cheese, ice cream, novelties, sodas &
lemonade. Lunch Tickets not sold after 4/23/17

How to order tickets:

CREDIT CARD – use this link and promo code <http://tinyurl.com/MDSTATECOUNCIL>
Promo Code: 71568 or GO TO OUR WEBSITE <http://www.kofc-md.org>
We have made this the easiest and best way to order tickets. After ordering, you will be able to print your tickets.

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A small boy was pushing a gasoline-powered lawnmower down the street with a "For Sale" sign on it.

A man stopped him asked if the mower would run. The boy told him it would, so the man bought it.

A while later, the boy was walking past the man's house and saw him pulling repeatedly on the starting rope with no success.

The man noticed the boy and said, "I thought you told me this mower would run!"

The boy replied, "Well you have to use some cuss words to make it start."

The Man responded, "Son, I'm a preacher; I don't know any cuss words!"

"You keep pulling on that starter rope and some'll come to you!"

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The prospective son-in-law was asked by his girl friend's father, 'Son, are you able to support a family?' 'Well, no, sir,' he replied. 'I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves.'

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General Beachmen had barely arrived in the forward area when a sniper's bullet removed a button from his shirt. He threw himself to the ground in terror. The men stood around with the greatest unconcern. The general yelled at a passing sergeant. "Hey, isn't somebody going to kill that damned sniper?" The sergeant looked down at the general and replied: "I guess not, general. We're scared that if we kill him the enemy will replace him with somebody who really knows how to shoot."

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A woman from New York was getting her affairs in order. She prepared her will and made her final arrangements. As part of these arrangements she met with her pastor to talk about what type of funeral service she wanted, etc.

She told her pastor she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Nordstrom.

"Nordstrom!" the pastor said. "Why Nordstrom?"

"That way, I know my daughters will visit me twice a week."

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FINE - This is the word women use to end an argument when they feel they are right and you need to shut up. Never use "***fine***" to describe how a woman looks - this will cause you to have one of those arguments.

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A guy tells his psychiatrist "I always have this weird dream at night. I am locked in a room with a door on which there is a sign. I try to push it with all my strength, but no matter how hard I try, it won't budge." The psychiatrist muses, "interesting." But tell me what does the sign on the door say? The guy replies, "It says, "***Pull!***"

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“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”
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- 2017 -

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- 11 Paschal I. Ejiogu
- 17 Christopher Chimezie
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- 23 Kene J. Emelife
- 23 Michael T. Scott
- 28 Paul Mensah Kane
- 29 Steven S. Kueberuwa
- 29 Christopher D. Obiogbolu
- 30 Chiedozie O. Ojimba



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****MARCH****



- 01 Ash Wednesday
- 02 Council Business Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 03 First Friday Adoration & Stations of the Cross
- 04 Rosary/Mass, Holy Icon Prayer Service - 8:15 A.M.
- 05 Pan Cake Breakfast
- 10-11 MD State KoC Spring Meeting, Kent Island
- 11 AWD Meeting, 10:00 AM
- 12 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 13 Bishop Walsh Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 McNamara Chapter Meeting-Council 9258
- 16 Council Meeting 7:30 PM
- 17 Council Fish Fry
- 17 St. Patrick’s Day
- 19 Knights Sunday, 11:00 AM Mass
- 26 Founder Days Mass at St. Joseph/Columbia Gardens
- 31 Council Fish Fry

Marian Title for March
**Our Lady of the
 Poor (Banneux)**



Our Lady of Banneux’ is the sobriquet given to the apparition of the Virgin Mary to Mariette Beco, an adolescent girl living in Banneux, province of Liege (Belgium). Between January 15th and March 2nd, 1933, Mile Beco told her family and parish priest of seeing a Lady in white who declared herself to be the ‘Virgin of the Poor’, saying *I come to relieve suffering and believe in me and I will believe in you*. In one of these visions, Mariette said the Lady asked her to drink from a small spring, telling her the spring was for healing and “for all nations”. Over time the site drew pilgrims. Today, the small spring yields about 2,000 gallons of water a day with many reports of miraculous healings.

Her claims were subject to an official investigation from 1935 to 1937 by an episcopal commission. The evidence collected was submitted to Rome for further analysis. In May 1942 Bishop Kerkhofs of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Liege (Belgium) gave a first recognition of the authenticity of the facts. Then, in 1947, approval for the apparitions came from the Holy See. It was declared definite in 1949.

After the apparitions, Beco decided to remain a private person, married and had a quiet family life. A small chapel stands where the Virgin of the Poor requested it to be built.

Mariette Beco died on December 2, 2011 at the age of 90. In 2008 she made a final statement about her role in the apparitions. “I was no more than a postman who delivers the mail. Once this has been done, the postman is of no importance any more”.



Please, Remember In Your Prayers



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