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“BE NOT AFRAID, OUR FAITH IS OUR COURAGE”

We Have A Winner To Last Month's Knights In Action Quiz



Quiz Questions

What are these Fletcher Council member doing? When? Where? Why?

Can you name the participants?

Which one now lives in Florida? California?

Can you identify which one served as a Past Grand Knight?

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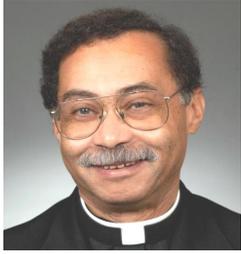
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“The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you”

by Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.

Jesus said: *“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.”* In one sentence, Jesus tells His disciples what He expects of them and what will happen when they follow His commands.

He assures them that they have nothing to fear and why they should be happy that even though He is returning to the Father, Jesus and the Father will come to dwell in them, because He is not going to leave them alone. The disciples believed Jesus, because He had given them a peace that the world could not give them. He had given them a peace that overcame their fear.

Jesus said to His disciples, *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”* That type of peace comes when we trust Jesus completely, without fear.

Just before today’s Gospel passage, Jesus told His disciples, *“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees*

nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.”

By our Baptisms, we have become members in the one Body of Christ. *“As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, is one body, so also Christ.”* All the members form one body, which with its Head is the Son of Man, who is the Son of God, who Himself with the Father and Holy Spirit, is one God. Therefore, each of us, by our Baptism into Christ, has come to share, through adoption, in the very nature of God.

Our unity in the one Body of Christ gives us the peace that allows us to always rejoice. Next, we will rejoice in celebrating the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. Jesus’ return to His Father is our hope, our joy, it is the peace of knowing that now, we too can come to the Father through Jesus.

COME PRAY WITH US

All Council Members

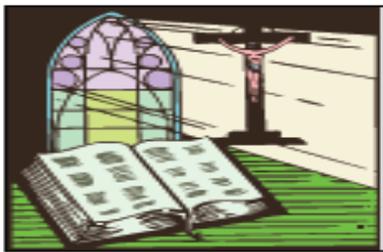
Are Invited To

Knight’s Sunday

Every 3rd Sunday

Of The Month

At The 11 A.M. Mass





Grand Knight's Chronicle



My tenure as Grand Knight is slowly coming to an end. I am so proud to have worked with such a fine group of men. We are winding down a very successful activities program year. I don't know how to thanks the wonderful jobs that our Activities Directors and our council members have provided to each program throughout the year.

Still, there remains a dire need for "more manpower" to provide the additional help needed for the remaining various events for the remainder of this Fraternal Year.

Please consider giving of your time to an event or two, to share the load. Our success depends on the participation of its members.

A **BIG THANKS** to the brothers who volunteered and assisted with the two very successful Lenten Fish Fries that were held in February and March. Many of the brothers show up to assist with the cleanup and this made the event extremely helpful to the brothers that were there all day cooking, serving and delivering the meals.

A **Big Thanks** go out to the KC Ladies, because without them and the other Ladies of the Church community the Fish Fry would not have been as successful as it turn out to be.

I am extremely proud of the very successful "Priests and Deacon Appreciation Dinner" **Cup of Joe** sponsored by the council this fraternal year. This was a new venture for the council and St. Joseph parish which provided an outstanding evening and dinner with our priests, deacons, council members and parishioners of St. Joseph Parish.

This month is the time of year when the Maryland State Convention is held in Ocean City, Maryland. I will be there representing our Council and I expect nothing less than the State Deputy recognizing the James C Fletcher Jr Council as being one of the top Councils in the State. This is only possible because of all the hard work from our members.

Coming up on Friday, May 20th, is the Youth Talent Show and June-August our summer Flea Markets.

These and several council events are on tap and welcome your assistance as we endeavor to support all of the major elements of our Order: Church, Council, Community, Family, Youth and Pro-Life.

My sincere thanks for all you do.

State Deputy's Report



Stephen M. Cohen
State Deputy

Well, May is here. Very soon we will be at the Annual State Convention where we will reward those councils who achieved so much during this fraternal year. It will be a time to socialize with old friends and meet new ones. This year's convention has shaped up to be a very good one.

May is also the time when Deputy Grand Knights or repeating Grand Knights should be making final plans for the coming fraternal year. The top of the list should be meeting with your Pastors and deciding on

activities which fit into the New Initiative - Building the Domestic Church while Strengthening our Parish. All Directors and Chairmen should know their expectations for the coming year. The council's calendar should be almost completed. Preparations for your council's organizational meeting should be in the final phases.

You should also be preparing to attend the Leadership Seminar at the end of June in Solomans Island. This will be a fun and fact filled weekend spent with the other incoming Grand Knights and your District Deputies. It will also give you the chance to meet with the entire State Team. **Don't forget, Ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.**

Membership in Maryland is still going well, we continue to bring new members into our Order and our councils. Recruiting is an ongoing effort, we don't stop in June and to a break for July and August. Recruitment is 365 days per year. We say so often, the words the new fraternal year, however it is really just the continuation of the previous year with some new leadership. The momentum must continue.

Our programs are alive and well. Continue to support your parish and your community. Ensure that we are supporting our special programs like Special Olympics, Ultrasound, the Charity Fund, and our Intellectually Disabled.

May is also the time to honor Mary, our Mother and the patroness of our Order. Please plan to do something special during the month to honor her and all of our Mothers.

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

Vivat Jesus

Have You Visited The State Website Lately
<http://kofc-md.org/>
Or the Maryland State Yahoo Group
<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/MDstatecouncil/info?yguid=46983702>



District Deputy Report



Worthy Grand Knight, Brothers All,

I bring you greetings from our State Deputy Stephen Cohan who's motto continues to be "Be not Afraid Our Faith is Our Strength".

Michael Davenport District Deputy

We are encouraged to continue to "Strive For Star" and that we should be holding admissions degrees, turning in form 100s within 2 days of the degree and meeting with Insurance Agents. As

your Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight have stated we are not recruiting to simply establish a quota. We are investing our time in seeking quality Catholic Gentlemen to be members of our Order and not just bodies for quota. I commend the Worthy Grand Knight and leadership of this Council to recognize the importance of recruiting and retaining quality members.

Programs were strong this year and I'm certain this Council will be spending a lot of time next to the podium as it is applauded for its success. Please turn in 185, 365, and Credentials for next year right away and Worthy Deputy Grand Knight there will be a Leadership Seminar the last weekend in June at Solomon's. For all who attend, **please bring your wives or significant others.**

Whether we're warming up in Spring or getting ready for Summer we should always be self evaluating just as we ask our Mother, Mary Queen of the Knights to make us aware that we are constantly observed as our Faith is judged. What do you have in your life to anchor your connection spiritually and fortify your Faith. Why not crowd your life with reminders and connections and activities surrounding fraternity spirituality and grounding in Christ. You can do this consciously and it

will eventually become a subconscious reflex. It has with me and I find it difficult to say no to invitations of involvement. My affiliation with the Knights of Columbus grounds me fraternally and connects me to activities and fellowship with brothers that share a common goal of charity. A connection with Cursillo is a grounding of deep spirituality sharing testimony with brothers and sisters of true faith. Connection and attendance to Mass nourishes me with the Eucharist in the celebration of the rising of our Lord and Savior. Still I am human. I do human things that separate me from my calling and continuity with our Father above. I can barely imagine the deep dark solitude that a person must feel by not being involved compared to the embracing faith filled light, love and hope that I feel every day simply because I can't say no.

Building in components of spirituality is a no-brainer and makes us accountable to continue doing, believing, loving and being everything that He created us to be. The vast majority of us house the seed of Grace but we need reminders that we are farmers of not just our seed but the seed we plant in others. There are days when the relentless roaring and distractions of the evil lion torment our spirit with human frailties and desires but the trio of fortification and nourishment, our Father, His Son and the Holy Spirit along with Church, Parish and my brother Knights is always there to tag team and bring home the trophy of triumphant reconnection to God's will. This is the last leg of our race to glory at the ocean. Many of us join the race and charge forward with Faith. Few of us realize that we've already won. Please continue to pray for our brother Bob Sistar during this time of loss. The most difficult days are coming and we will be there for him.

"Be not Afraid Our Faith is Our Courage"



Knights Lending A Helping Hand



Stop The Genocide by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson



The United States must act not only to help stop the genocide of Christians and others now taking place in the Middle East, but also to prevent its recurrence and ensure the future of the affected communities, according to testimony offered to members of Congress by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, head of the Knights of Columbus.

“Their future affects not only the fates of Christianity and other minority religions in Iraq and Syria,” said Anderson, testifying before Congress’ Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission on April 19. “It also implicates the national security of the United States.”

In the wake of Secretary of State John Kerry’s March 17 declaration that a genocide is taking place, Anderson, whose organization produced a nearly 300-page report for the State Department on the ongoing genocide, recommended that U.S. policymakers follow up on the designation by focusing on five key areas.

First, as lands are liberated, he said, proper planning must be in place to assist those evicted by ISIS and those who will flee the military actions that liberate lands under its control. Genocide victims who wish to return to their home areas should be helped to do so.

Second, Anderson argued that genocide survivors who wish to come to the United States must not be put at the back of the line. Of the 1,366 Syrian refugees admitted to this country in 2016, fewer than 3 percent came from the groups targeted for genocide.

“It is wrong to exclude those who faced genocide — often on the basis of bureaucratic oversight,” said Anderson.

In his third recommendation for policymakers, Anderson said Christians and other minorities who wish to remain in Iraq and Syria should also be able to do so.

“The United States cannot help defeat ISIS without defeating its genocidal antecedents — the malignant idea that discrimination and second-class status are the lot of religious minorities, and that those who offend Islam, whether Muslim or non-Muslim, must be eliminated,” he said.

“If [Christians and other religious minorities] disappear, pluralism and stability leave with them,” said Anderson. “Iraq and Syria will at best become unstable majoritarian tyrannies.”

Talking about his fourth point, Anderson said that American legal concepts of equal protection, free speech, freedom of the press and assembly, and the free exercise of religion are critical to achieving real pluralism in the region. He pointed out that such principles are also contained in the United Nation’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

“Finally, we must help create the interpersonal relationships that bind society together,” Anderson said as part of his fifth insight. He cited Northern Ireland and South Africa as places where deep divisions gave way to peaceful reconciliation. According to Anderson, a spirit of forgiveness already articulated by the Christians of the Middle East could form the basis for a commission of reconciliation and mercy.

“Peace, equality and stability, rather than religious terrorism and genocide, can be the legacy of these countries and of our involvement there,” he said. “Our leadership can help these societies, the Middle East and the security of the American people.”

The US must act to stop genocide, support peace and ensure equality for survivors, Supreme Knight tells Lantos Commission.





Fraternal Benefits

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In March, the Knights of Columbus was named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute for the second year in a row. All Knights should be proud of this tremendous honor and achievement. You are part of a fraternal benefit society that puts integrity above all else.

Tremendous though it is, being one of the world's most ethical companies is not just an achievement; it's our legacy and our responsibility. We owe it to our founder, to our Church, and to our members.

As a business, the Knights of Columbus holds a unique place in the world. Writing in the March edition of *Columbia*, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson reflected on that uniqueness, noting that:

Whether we consider the development of our insurance products, the investment strategies that support them, or the outstanding agents who make them available to our brother Knights, our Catholic fraternal "business" model is truly unique in today's marketplace. We do not divide the world among consumers and customers, shareholders and stakeholders, union members and management. Instead, our business decisions are measured by a fraternal calculus: What is best for our brother Knights and their families?

It's an approach that runs counter to modern cultural expectations, which is one reason why so few companies earn the "World's Most Ethical" distinction. "Some may say that this is a kind of idealism that cannot compete in the real world of business," Supreme Knight Anderson continued. "On the contrary, the tremendous success we have achieved in recent years demonstrates that our approach is the height of what I would describe as Catholic realism. We deal with real persons, not with economic abstractions. Our focus is on the person who is always worthy of respect and who always should take precedence over profit."

The focus stems from our roots. It is our responsibility to continue the business in the way that Father McGivney intended. He found-

ed this organization so that a caring community of Catholic families could come together and protect widows and orphans from financial devastation upon the death of the breadwinner. Our mission remains the same 133 years later.

That's why, from our founding to the present day, we continue to be unapologetically Catholic.

For us, this means that we must conduct our business in accordance with Catholic principles. We have established a strict screening process for our investments, and we refuse to invest in companies that provide or fund abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research and pornography.

We are an organization by brother Knights, for brother Knights. We don't worry about stock price, shareholders or corporate takeovers. We don't obsess over profit margins and golden parachutes. We worry about doing what's right for our members and their families. We rigorously train our agents and hold them to the highest ethical standards. Each agent must sign a code of ethics, which affirms that they agree to always present facts honestly and accurately for the benefit of our members' decision-making.

"Our fraternal ties to our members," it states, "make it more incumbent on us, in our dealings with them, to assure that their interests are uppermost in our minds as we provide solutions to their financial needs. It all boils down simply to the golden rule — do unto others as you would have them do unto you." After all, we are our brother's keeper.

That's our commitment to you. That's our commitment to conducting our business in line with Church teaching, and in line with the vision of our holy founder.

We are honored that the Ethisphere Institute has yet again acknowledged this commitment. It is what makes doing business with the Knights of Columbus truly different.

Discover the benefits of doing business with one of the world's most ethical companies. For more information,

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MASTER'S LOG REPORT

John F. Winfrey - Master Archdiocese of Washington District

Properly Honoring our Veterans this Veterans Day: The armistice (cessation of hostilities) between the Allies and Germany in WWI (then 'The Great War') took place on November 11, 1918 - at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Since that time, beginning with the declaration by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919, Armistice Day (now Veterans Day) has been celebrated each November 11th beginning at 11 A.M. The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 A.M.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a Concurrent Resolution on June 4, 1926, and Armistice Day was created as a legal holiday by an Act of Congress on May 13, 1938. On June 1st, 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed Public Law 380 renaming the day Veterans Day, a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs points out that many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL those who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. In fact, **Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for their service**, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

As Catholic American Citizens and Knights of Columbus, we should seek prayers of thanksgiving for our Veterans - and attendance at Mass is a particularly great way to honor those who have served. Prayers of healing for those who have suffered service-related injuries - whether visible, catastrophic, or invisible, is a particular charism of the Knights of Columbus' 4th Degree - especially through our **Warriors to Lourdes** Program. Be sure to take time out of your day - particularly at 11 A.M. - to remember those who have fought and to thank those who have served our nation in uniform and who now live with us as fellow civilians and citizens.



WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

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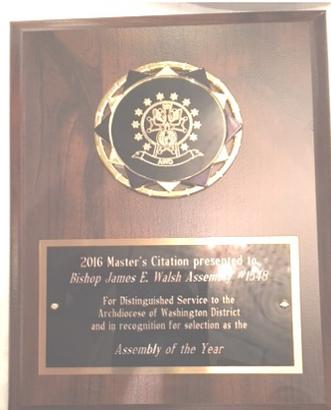
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The month of April was a busy month for Bishop Walsh Assembly 1548 Fourth Degree, starting from April 2, 2016 when the Assembly participated fully in the 47th Knights of Columbus Archdiocese of Washington District Fourth Degree Exemplification that was held at Colony South in Clinton, Maryland. The class of 130 new Sir Knights, 14 of them came from Bishop Walsh Assembly.

Our assembly was one of the few assemblies that produced more new members for this year exemplification. The total new Sir Knights brought in by our assembly this fraternally year is 16 Sir Knights. There will be New Knights Appreciation Dinner for these new Sir Knights and their family on July 31, 2016 at the Holy Family Church in Mitchellville, Maryland.

At this year Fourth Degree Exemplification dinner, the prestigious 2016 Master's Citation was present to Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly 1548 for distinguished service to the Archdiocese of Washington District and in recognition for selection as the *Assembly of the Year*. I was present to accept the award for the assembly. This would not have been possible without the tirelessly dedication of members and our Color Corps.



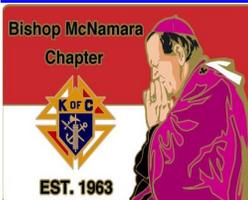
Talking about Color Corps, Bishop Walsh Assembly's Color Corps is one of the active assembly Color Corps within the Archdiocese of Washington District. You probably have seen them around at Churches around you, from Sunday Masses, to Knight Sundays, to Confirmation, to Christian burial, to retiring of American flag. Members of Color Corps are active Fourth Degree members. For those that are Fourth Degree Members, who are not Color Corps members, you are encouraged to join so that our assembly will continue to meet up with the demands and requests for Color Corps turn outs.

As my administration is coming to an end by June 31, 2016, our assembly is nominating members for the position of the assembly's officers. Our nomination committee is accepting nomination. Please contact myself or the nomination committee Chairman Sir Knight Dr. Reginald Grier for more information.

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It is election time throughout the United States as well as right here in "River City". Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights officer elections for the 2016-2017 fraternal year will occur at our Chapter meeting at Columville Council 5317 on May 18, 2016. Columville Council is located at 1633 Tucker Road, Ft. Washington, MD 20744-4334. The meeting will commence at 8 P.M.

Nominations will be accepted at our May meeting followed by the elections. Thus far, the nominating slate is as follows: Chaplain Fr. Joe Jenkins, Assist. Chaplain Deacon Jim Dominic, President Tom Santangelo, Vice President Vernon Hawkins, Jr., Secretary Joe Massimini, Treasurer Andres Padilla, Marshal Pat Springmann, Jeff Koscho and Jack Giacalone.

Due to schedule conflicts the Annual Past Chapter President will be held on May 1, 2016 at Sacred Heart Council Home in Bowie.

Vivat Jesus!



PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Brothers,

We have successfully completed all of our scheduled programs for this fraternal year and have added new programs which will become part of the next year's fraternal schedule. These include "The Men's Prayer Breakfast" and "The Priest/Clergy Appreciation Dinner."

Ideas and suggestions for new and exciting programs are always welcomed by the Grand Knight, the Executive Committee and by all of our Activities Directors

We are always seeking new Activity Directors and co-chairs of committees to assist or replace those long serving members who wish to relinquish or share their positions. The council is currently seeking chairs for the *Too-*



tie Roll Campaign, Christmas Tree Sales, Christmas Party, Car Raffle Campaign and Mardi Gras Ball.

We are also seeking help or chairs for *Church Activities Director, Youth Activities Director, Council Director and Council Lecturer.* Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. You will not be left alone as the members of these committees and the Directors you are replacing will *always, always* assist you.

Remember, *you will never be alone in service to the council.*

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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Brothers, the month of May is upon us and during this month, the Catholic church honors our Blessed Mother, *The Queen of the Knights* with devotionals and with an emphasis to pray the Rosary every day. Most of us ask why pray the Most Holy Rosary?

The Holy Rosary is simply the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a request for her intercession as our Virgin Queen and Mother. When she appeared to Saint Dominic in the 13th century, she gave specific instructions on how to pray her Psalter, even though Psalters had been in use before. The rosary we pray today is a meditation on the lives of Jesus and Mary.

As Knights, we have a special devotion to Mary and are dedicated to constantly pray for her intercession for our sake to her son, Jesus. The rosary prayer is recited at St. Joseph before each Sunday morning Mass and I invite all members of this council to join in this prayer, especially this month, the month of our Lady, the *Queen of the Knights*.

*"Pray the rosary every day...
Pray, pray a lot and offer
Sacrifices for sinners...
I am Our Lady of the Rosary
Only I will be able to help you
...In the end My Immaculate Heart
will triumph"*

Our Lady of Fatima

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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The Archdiocese of Washington *Birthing and Care Program* provides assistance and resources to women in difficult pregnancy situations. Help is available when challenges such as unemployment, lack of health insurance, immigration status, financial difficulties or the fear of telling the baby's father or loved one about the pregnancy make it difficult for a woman to choose life for her unborn child.

The Birthing and Care Program provides emotional and spiritual support, crisis pregnancy information, help with prenatal care, labor, and delivery services, information and referral to various programs such as Medicaid, WIC, mother and baby classes, and post abortion information and referrals. The center is located at 4700 Berwyn House Road, Suite 240, College Park, Maryland 20740, telephone 301-441-1472.

The St. Joseph 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 mothers' 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 Friends", please contact Karen Barington at: sjwomen@stjosephlargo.org.



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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“Yes! WE HAVE A WINNER”

Congratulations go out to ***SK Edmund J. Gary***. He not only knew what was taking place, he was able to identify all of the council members in the above photography. What were they doing? Activity Council members were building the shed at the southern end of the parking lot of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Largo, Maryland. What was its purpose? It served and continues to serve as the corner stone for the Annual Christmas Tree Sales. Would you believe that the shed is 19-years of age? Yes, it was constructed in 1997 by the above James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council members.



Retrieval & Replacement Of The American Flag At St. Joseph Catholic Church



*Bishop James E. Walsh
Assembly 1548
Color Corps*



April 22, 2016



*Participants
SK Michael Davenport
SK Michael Akpan
SK. James Agboli
SK Francis Blidi*



*Happy
Mothers Day*

Thanks for always being there...





It Is That Time - Almost

Brothers,

Spring has sprung and Summer is just around the corner. That means it is **almost** time for the council's **Annual Flea Market**. This years Flea Markets will be held on the last Saturday of June, July and August. Please put these dates on your calendars. Come out and spend the day or just a couple of hours. Everyone's help is needed and appreciated to ensure another successful year. *What say you? Yes! I will be there!!!*

Fletcher Council – Knights of Columbus

Flea Market

St. Joseph Church – Parking Lot

2020 St. Joseph Drive

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

Jul 30 (8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Aug 27 (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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MEMBERSHIP QUEST

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WANTED!

CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN FOR AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFE TIME



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

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Youth Talent Show

Friday, May 20, 2016
7 PM - 9:30 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church - Rosemont Room
2020 St. Joseph Drive, Largo, Maryland 20774

BE A PERFORMER!

Calling all singers, musicians, dancers, actors, poets, and performers! Share your talent with the community and win prizes! Solo and group acts are welcome!

Participants: Youth ages 7 to 18 years

Performers must be pre-registered by April 21st.

Short auditions will be held April 22nd, 7:30 p.m. and April 29th 7:30 p.m.

SEE THE SHOW!

Vote for your favorite act!
Enjoy a great night of entertainment

**Prizes
Awarded!**

Free will donations are requested to
benefit the Youth and Charities.

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March Family of the Month The “Shorter” Family



James W. and Dorothy Shorter have been married for over 52 years. Out of this blessed union came seven children, 3 boys and 4 girls. A host of grandchildren and great grandchildren are also a part of this loving family. The Shorter family resides in Lanham, Maryland and both James and Dorothy are retired. They enjoy spending time with their extended family and in their youth, they both loved to go dancing.

Sir Knight James Shorter has been a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church for over 30 years. He is a longtime member of the Hospitality Ministry, greeting parishioners at the 11 o'clock Mass, and is a member of The Men's Club.

He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 20 years and has served in all facets of council activities, including Church, Council, Community, Family, Youth and Pro-Life. He is a mainstay and supporter of the council's Annual Mardi Gras where he has served as bartender. Jim is always in the fore front of the Church Picnic, serving as its Grill-Master. He continues his cooking skills during Lent as a cook for the Fish Fry and throughout the summer at the Flea Markets refreshment stand.

James was the recipient in 2005 of the Archdiocese of Washington Order of Merit Medal. An award established by the Archdiocese to recognize ordinary parishioners for service to their parish and the Archdiocese of Washington.

Jim and Dorothy are loving parents and a true example of a Christians who devotes their time, talent and treasure building up the Kingdom of God everywhere he goes.

For these notable services to St. Joseph Church and the Community, the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 of the Knights of Columbus would like to acknowledge James and Dorothy Shorter as the April, 2016 Family of the Month.

Heavenly Father, guide and richly bless James and Dorothy forever and ever in Jesus Holy name. *Amen!*

April Family of the Month The “Ihediohanma” Family



This is indeed the most wonderful time of the year, Spring, Summer and no snow. This Knights Sunday, the James C. Fletcher, Jr., Council 11422, Knights of Columbus has selected the Family of Daniel and Agnes Ihediohanma as its April, 2016 Family of the Month. Daniel and Agnes are religious parents of five (5) children and have been active members of St. Joseph Catholic Church since 2005. Daniel & his family have served in different ministries at St. Joseph Catholic Church Largo.

Daniel is a member of the St. Joseph Emergency Response Team (SERT), directing traffic before and after the 11:00 A.M. Mass since 2012.

Lady Agnes has been an active member of St. Joseph Gospel Choir since 2007.

Anne, the oldest daughter of the family was a member of the Ministry of Hospitality from 2006-2007. Anne assisted in Youth Lock-in 2010-2011. Anne assisted in the children program during the Vacation Bible School in Summer 2014. Currently, Anne assists with the Youth Program that meets every 2nd & 4th Sunday's of each month. She is also a volunteer for the Welcome Home Reentry program for returning citizens.

Daughter Juliet was a member of the ministry of Hospitality Ministry from 2010-2013, and was an officer with the Youth Ministry from 2011-2013. Juliet served as volunteered for the Academic Tutoring Program 2010-2012. Juliet was the leader of the Youth Ministry performance during the Black History month of 2012.

Rita is currently a member of the Youth Ministry and was an active member of the Youth Performance during the Black History month of 2012 where she performed as a librarian.

For those outstanding services to St. Joseph Church, our Community, the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council of the Knights of Columbus recognizes the family of Daniel and Agnes Ihediohanma as the April, 2016 Family of the Month. Father Almighty, may you continue to guide and richly bless this family in Jesus name. *Amen!*



REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

Catholics and Their Coats of Many Colors

"I am Catholic." How easy it is to make that claim. Today, one in four people in the United States does so. Among these are individuals who have achieved prominence in all areas of national life, including business, the professions, the media, education, and governance. Currently, the nation's Vice President, 164 of the 535 members of Congress, including the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, five of the eight current Justices of the Supreme Court, and 11 of the 34 individuals President Obama has appointed to serve in his Cabinet claim Catholicism as their religion.

With the degree of influence that follows from this preeminence, Catholic teachings should be having a significant effect on the culture, policies and laws of this nation. But they are not. Abortion is widespread, same-sex marriage is legal, assisted suicide is gaining acceptance, pornography is rampant, and freedom of religion – especially Christianity – is being curtailed.

Why is this so? The answer is plain. Too many self-proclaimed Catholics do not practice the faith. They do not live their lives according to the precepts of the religion they profess, and they certainly do not let the faith affect their drive for material success. They have melded into the secularist American culture so completely that their views on moral issues and their behaviors, public and private, are indistinguishable from the population-at-large.

Of the 82 million self-identified Catholics, only 68 million are members of a parish, and of these only 24 percent attend Mass at least weekly, according to data from Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate. People who do not practice the religion will not shape their behavior according to its dogmas.

Although there is no formal splitting of Catholicism into sects, as has occurred in Protestantism and Judaism, there are wide divergences in beliefs and practices among people who call themselves Catholic. There are those who may be termed "Culturalists." They typically have been born into the faith and practiced it during their formative years. At some point, however, they stopped going to church and believing in its teachings. These people have ceased to be Catholic. They call themselves Catholic because they have found no other religion to take its place and find the Catholic label as acceptable as any.

Then, there are those who may be viewed as "Pragmatists." They relegate their faith to an occasional Mass and the rest of the time exhibit a practical atheism, living as if God has no effect on their lives. They are willing to ignore and even deny the Church's teachings, and have so compartmentalized their minds that they can say they are personally opposed to a moral evil, but will not prohibit others from engaging in it. This misguided toleration is embraced because it imposes no obligation on the individual to publicly live the faith. The ideas, attitudes, choices, decisions and actions of these cafeteria Catholics, as well as the way they set priorities for living, are indistinguishable from the general populace.

A third group are "Progressives," who advocate a practical faith responsive to the modern world. They treat Church doctrines and moral precepts as guidelines to be used flexibly depending on the individual's conscience and circumstances. Issues of peace and justice dominate their thinking, and they are much more concerned about the temporal rather than the spiritual needs of others. While frequently involved in the church's social ministries, many of these people are willing to adapt dogma to fit pastoral concerns and are accepting of women's ordination, married clergy, and same-sex unions.

Then, there are the "Adherents." Loyal to the magisterial teachings of the Church and to the authority of the pope, they accept the principles of the Second Vatican Council, but are not satisfied with the way they have been implemented. While welcoming customary devotions, they want the Mass, whether in the Ordinary or Extraordinary Form, to be celebrated with reverence and solemnity, and would like the faith to be presented in ways that relate to their own lives. Upholding traditional Catholic teaching in faith and morals, they defend traditional marriages, are pro-life at all stages, for all people in all conditions, and support priestly celibacy and an all-male priesthood.

With such a wide diversity of beliefs and commitment to the faith, it is easy to see why Catholics are not a major force in shaping the culture of the nation. Archbishop John Ireland, a leading prelate of his day, perceived the potential and the challenge for Catholics, when in 1889 he said: "[I]f great things are not done by Catholics in America, the fault lies surely with themselves – not the republic." Today, it is clear that Catholics are failing both the republic and themselves. They are forsaking the nation in not bringing the virtues taught by their religion to bear on issues of public concern. They are faithless to themselves because in their consuming drive for material success, they are abandoning fundamental precepts of their faith.

If Catholics are to change the secular culture of America, they must first become well-informed in their faith and then fully live by its teachings. True religious faith is more than a set of dogmas to be accepted; rather it is a way of life, a way whose ends are not the temporal comforts of this world, but the gaining of an eternity in the kingdom of God. It rejects the main messages of American culture: that the primary object of human effort is material gain; that success means the accumulation of power and wealth; that the world is all about us.

What Catholicism in America needs is a re-evangelization to the faith. Catholics must relearn its teachings, understand the timeless truth of its doctrines, and develop the moral values and commitment to live their lives in accord with the faith. What is needed is a massive catechization of existing Catholics, followed by an evangelization of the nation.

Every journey begins with a first step. The re-evangelization can begin with the Knights of Columbus. It could begin with your council. With you. Take the first step; pray the rosary; and with Mary at your side, there is no telling what the results might be.



Seeing her friend Sally wearing a new locket, Meg asks if there is a memento of some sort inside.

"Yes," says Sally, "a lock of my husband's hair."

"But Larry's still alive."

"I know, but his hair is gone."

In the hardware store, a clerk asked, "Can I help you find anything?"

"How about my misspent youth," joked my husband.

The clerk shot back, "We keep that in the back, between world peace and winning lottery tickets."

A pastor, a doctor and an engineer wait for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumes, "What's with these guys? We've been waiting for 15 minutes!"

The pastor says, "Hey, here comes the groundskeeper. Let's have a word with him."

"Say, George, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" the doctor asks.

The groundskeeper tells them that the other golfers are a group of blind firefighters who lost their sight saving the clubhouse from a fire and that they come and play for free whenever they want.

The group is silent for a moment.

The pastor says, "That's so sad. I will say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor says, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them."

The engineer says, "Why can't these guys play at night?"

Jim decided to tie the knot with his longtime girlfriend. One evening, after the honeymoon, he was cleaning his golf shoes. His wife was standing there watching him. After a long period of silence she finally speaks. "Honey, I've been thinking, now that we are married I think it's time you quit golfing. Maybe you should sell your golf clubs." Jim gets this horrified look on his face. She says, "Darling, what's wrong?" "There for a minute you were sounding like my ex-wife." "Ex-wife!" she screams, "I didn't know you were married before!" "I wasn't!"

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, "I wish you guys could get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you."

A husband was trying to prove to his wife that women talk more than men. He showed her a study which indicated that men use about 10,000 words per day, whereas women use 20,000 words per day. His wife thought about this for a while. She then told her husband that women use twice as many words as men because they have to repeat everything they say. Her husband looked stunned. He said "What?"

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This is the final edition of the ***KnightLife*** for this fraternal year. ***KnightLife*** was formatted and edited to inform you about the accomplishments and plans of the James C. Fletcher Council and of our Order. We wanted everyone to know of the good things happening, and perhaps to learn something new along the way about our Church, our Order, and our Founder. If we occasionally raised an eyebrow or put a smile on your face, we did our job.

It is hoped that the new Fletcher Council Administration for the 2016-2017 fraternal year will endeavor to implement a new and improved version of ***KnightLife***.

Vernon Hawkins, Jr.,
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“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”

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**“The Joy
Of An
May
Birthday”**

Marian Title for May Mary, Mediatrix Of All Graces



“*Mary, Mediatrix of all graces*” is a title that some give to Mary the mother of Jesus, in line with a belief that all the graces that her son gives come through her. In suffering with Him as He died on the cross, she cooperated in the work of the Savior, in an altogether singular way, by obedience, faith, hope, and burning love, to restore supernatural life to souls. As a result she is our Mother in the order of grace.

This motherhood of Mary in the economy of grace lasts without interruption, from the consent which she gave in faith at the annunciation, and which she unhesitatingly bore with under the cross, even to the perpetual consummation of all the elect. For after being assumed into heaven, she has not put aside this saving function, but by her manifold intercession, she continues to win the gifts of eternal salvation for us. By her motherly love, she takes care of the brothers of her Son who are still in pilgrimage and in dangers and difficulties, until they be led through to the happy fatherland.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Thanks for always being there...

- 05 **The Ascension of the Lord**
- 05 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 06 **Mother’s Day**
- 09 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting
- 13-15 State Convention, Ocean City, MD
- 15 **Pentecost Sunday**
- 15 **Knights Sunday, 11 O’clock Mass**
- 18 McNamara Chapter Meeting
- 18 St. Columille Council 5317
- 19 **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 20 Youth Talent Show
- 21 Armed Forces Day
- 30 **Memorial Day**