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"BE NOT AFRAID, OUR FAITH IS OUR COURAGE"



Prayer For Our Pope

*O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all Your faithful people, mercifully
look upon Your servant Pope Francis,
whom You have chosen as the chief Shepherd
to preside over Your Church.*

*We beg You to help him edify, both by word and example,
those over whom he has charge,
that he may reach everlasting life together
with the flock entrusted to him.*

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

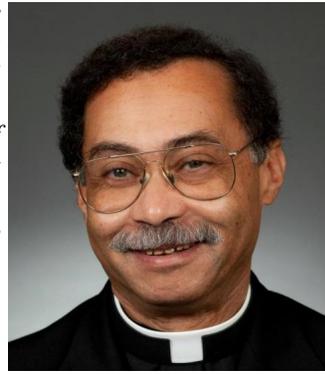
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Chaplain Report

Jesus told His disciples *"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."* Jesus told them that applied even to Himself, telling them, *"the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many."* Our Lord is telling His disciples, and us that anyone wishing to *"be served,"* is full of selfish ambition.

In today's Gospel, Jesus deals with envy and scandal. Even the Apostles had fallen victim to envy, when they wanted to stop anyone not following Jesus, from performing *"goods deeds"* in Jesus' name. They felt that only those in their group, who were following our Lord, should be able to do *"good deeds."* Our Lord tells them that there is *:no middle ground:* with God. *"For whoever is not against us is for us."*

Then there is scandal, an evil so great, that falling victim to it could cause one not to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Our Lord tells His disciples that entering the Kingdom of Heaven lame is better than to give scandal to a child, or anyone else, for that matter.



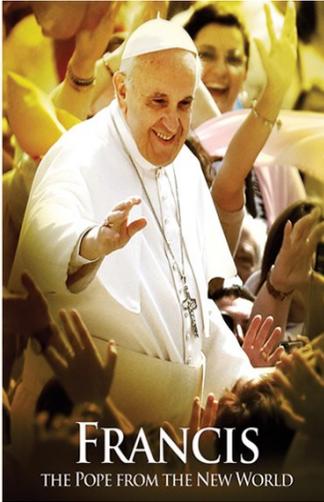
Fr. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.

Chaplain Report

Why must we avoid selfish ambition, envy and scandal? Because these evils make us turn away from God. When we give in to these temptations, we think only about ourselves, not about others. We forget that God the Father loves us so much that He sent His only begotten Son to save us, by dying for us and rising from the dead, to give us eternal life.

Let us pray to God for the grace to see Christ in each other, and the grace to love Christ in each other. Because of our love for Him and our neighbors, we should always remember the words of Jesus, *"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."*

"Whoever is not against us is for us. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off."



Grand Knight's Chronicle

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Brothers All:

Recent council programs, especially the Men's Prayer Breakfast served not only to reinforce our belief in God, but the Christian and Catholic virtue of prayer and reliance upon God almighty.

The organizers of this program have done the Council and Church Community very proud by the impeccable execution. Congratulations to SK John Adeleye, PGK for initiating this and to SKs Vernon Hawkins, Alan Davis and Bernard Broadus for their support.

As we pray for ourselves and our families, we must not forget those who are helpless: the poor, the sick, the lonely and many who are afflicted. And the unborn, who stand a chance of being denied the God given gift of life!

This is why our upcoming *Silver Rose Prayer Service* is important. On October 31st, our council will host the Silver Rose. Our prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe - patroness of the unborn will not only save lives, but demonstrate our support and solidarity for the Holy See in defense of life. As Pope Benedict XVI



(2011) said *"...Through moral conscience God speaks to each of us, inviting us to defend life at all times"*.

This month we hope to kick off the Tootsie Roll Campaign in support of those with Intellectual Disabilities, and set up structures for our upcoming and end of year programs.

It has been exciting this fraternal year, and more work needs to be done in some areas, especially recruiting, in order to meet and exceed our membership and insurance quotas.

Heads Up! The council's Mardi Gras comes quite early next year, Saturday, February 6, 2016. Tickets will go on sale this month.

We continue to encourage participation of greater number of Knights in our programs; so that when we *"...give a couple of hours a month to our council"*, theirs is no mountain we cannot climb!

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

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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Stephen M. Cohen - State Deputy



My Brothers All:

On August 31, 2015 the State Officers met and voted, as prescribed by the By-Laws of the Order and with Supreme Council guidance, concerning the State Officer positions for the next ten months of the fraternal year. At that time, in accordance with the State By-Laws our regular elections will be held. The results are as follows:

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| State Deputy | Stephen M. Cohen |
| State Secretary | Anthony Salvemini |
| State Treasurer | Dale W. Trott |
| State Advocate | Vince Grauso |
| State Warden | Christopher L. Powers |
| Immediate Past | William C. Kuchmas, III |
| State Deputy | |

Tony Salvemini understands that this election to State Secretary in no way constitutes that he will be elected to the office of State Deputy, and in fact will not be running for that position.

I am pleased to announce that Father Milton Jordan has agreed to stay on as our State Chaplain for this period. In addition, the Executive Staff and the Program Team have also committed to remaining part of the Team.

It is also a pleasure to announce at this time that Thom Partenope has been appointed and accepted the position of Membership Director. I am asking that all members of the State Team remain in their current positions and continue to do the great work of our Order.

The entire State Family thanks Steve for his dedication, leadership and support. We wish only the best for him and his family.

Our State Family Mass on August 30th was a success. Over 200 people attended. A special thanks to our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori and Father Bianco. Also, to Father Tizzio the Pastor of Saint John Nuemann Parish for allowing us to use his facility. The combined Color Corps of the Maryland District and the AWD for their participation. Thank you also goes to the Baltimore and McNamara Chapters for serving as ushers. I would truly like to thank and acknowledge our State Family of the Year, the Adeleye Family for presenting the gifts during the Mass. We look forward to an even larger crowd next year. Lots of pictures can be seen on the Maryland State Council Facebook page at:

We have another reason to celebrate now. Our Food for Families Program has done some tremendous things. This past fraternal year, \$22,704.00 was donated to this cause. This represents a \$10,100.00 increase. Also, 100,158 pounds of food was donated, an increase of 56,000 pounds over the previous year. The hours associated with project also increased by 3,000 hours. I want to thank Director Dan Ward, the District Deputies, the Grand Knights and all of the Councils which participated in this program.

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

Have You Visited The State Website Lately?

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

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



State Chaplain
Reverend Milton E. Jordan



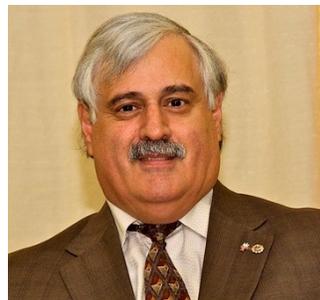
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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

Michael P. Davenport - District Deputy

Brothers All,

I bring you greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Stephen Cohen whose motto reflects the continuity of our State and order to "Be Not Afraid Our Faith is Our Courage".

September began a new school year and we have started to get going with our activities and commitment to success. October is Church Drive month. Think of new ways to serve our Church. Other dates to remember are: Financial Secretary Seminar - Sat, September 26, 9am – 12pm Fr. O'Neil Council 4011, 616 W. Seminary Ave. Lutherville, Md., the Columbus Day Parade - Sunday, Oct 4, 2015 in Baltimore, MD, the State Columbus Day Ball - Saturday, Oct 10, 2015 with the Columbus Day Program Ads due Sept 30th, the State Fall Meeting - Saturday, Oct 17, 2015 at Ramada Cumberland Downtown, 100 South George Street, Cumberland, MD, the Navy Football Game - Saturday, Oct 31, 2015 - Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, 550 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD, and the State Soccer Shoot-Out Sunday November 1, 2015 at Archbishop Spaulding High School Field, 8080 New Cut Road, Severn, MD registration starts at 12:30 and closes at 3:00PM.–

The Star Knight Awards was celebrated on Sunday, September 20 and was a blast. Congratulations to PGK Thomas "Tim" Matthews and the hard working brothers of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council for receiving the Star Council award.

This was a very special month which included a visit from our Holy Father, His Eminence Pope Francis. Attending was your District Deputy and Council brother, ME. It was truly a magnificent event and an honor and privilege to have been selected as a member of the AWD, Honor Guard to process the Bishops and other Clergy to the front of the Altar. Many remarkable and supernatural things happened on that day. There is one event that will be with me forever. A little while before His Holiness arrived the Honor Guard processed the Bishops and Priests to the front of the Altar. Eventually we received the command to sit. We waited.

The sun was beaming and it began to get hot. Something started to move, off in the distance to my right. I looked and focused and to my amazement it was the shadow of the Basilica Dome beginning to move across the front staging area where we were sitting. I looked up towards the sun which was noticeable moving to a position behind the dome as if the



shade had been commanded to fall on the clergy. The movement of the shadow was very noticeable as it crossed my lap and then the lap of the priest sitting next to me and beyond. We looked at each other speechless and could only grin in amazement. The shade continued to cross the staged area as the sun literally ducked behind the Dome. We were suddenly in a protective shade and it was no longer hot. Our Pope was close to the doorstep of the Basilica. Brothers the evening sun has set and a new beginning has arrived with the coming of His Holiness and all of

the Spirit he brought with Him. We had a Holy Mass celebrated in the heart of a baby continent and relatively young government with music carrying Caribbean drums and ethnic ambience to people of all colors and ethnicity worshiping and swaying together to the rhythm. This is what I witnessed in the crowds surrounding the collected Clergy. Accepting each other's ethnicity on all fronts has been as slow as our human shells have allowed Grace to transform skeptical differences into Grace filled compassion and fraternal love regardless of differences.

Yes, we have a ways to go but we are moving forward. We love our Pope and humanity, has been challenged to be pillars of strength for Christian beliefs just as the Knights of Columbus are called to be pillars of strength for the Catholic Church. How wonderful it is to listen to your heart, find your calling, and share it with almost 2 million brother Knights who have the same Grace filled calling. Although there will always be the human element of imperfection there are no words to describe the exposure to even a small piece of realizing the "Dream" and knowing, that regardless of how far we may need to go, We Have All Begun to Overcome. We are the Catholic Church and you my brother Knights are the rainbow of change and success performing the principles of our Order.

Remember that every time you wear the Knights of Columbus logo on your shirt, cap, tee-shirt or jacket, you are evangelizing our Order and its principles. Your actions could encourage a man to join our Order. Be ready with a Form 100 and offer him the chance to be a brother Knight and your destiny as a Knight will continue. Please keep the entire State team, along with Steve Adamczyk and his family in your prayers. And "Be Not Afraid Our Faith is Our Courage"

Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

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



SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight

A Better World, One Council at a Time



This year's 133rd Supreme Convention celebrated new record achievements in charity, membership and insurance.

Taking the podium before 95 archbishops and bishops, 11 cardinals and approximately 2,000 members of the Knights and their families from throughout the globe, the supreme knight began his annual report by announcing the international convention's theme, "Endowed by Their Creator

With Life and Liberty."

"It (the theme) is appropriate since we are meeting in the city of Philadelphia, a city steeped in Catholic history," he said. "My brother Knights, this is the 15th time that I will fulfill my responsibility as supreme knight to report to you on the accomplishments of your Order during the past year. Today, I report to you that the Knights of Columbus has never been stronger and more relevant."

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted that the fraternal year ended with \$175 million in donations and over 71.5 million hours of volunteer service.

"Our parishes and neighborhoods are better places today because of the efforts of our nearly 1.9 million members," Supreme Knight Anderson said in referring to the year's record-breaking levels of donations and volunteer service. "We are building a better world, one council at a time."

He also announced that the Order has seen impressive membership growth, especially in its newer territories; Ukraine, Lithuania, Poland and South Korea. This marks the 43rd consecutive year of membership growth, bringing the total number of Knights to

1,883,598. Supreme Knight Anderson explained that this growth, and the growth of the Order throughout the world, could only continue through the personal efforts of each individual Knight. "All of us need to make an extra effort to extend the benefits of membership to more Catholic men, so today I ask every brother Knight to recruit at least three new members this year."

Supreme Knight Anderson also highlighted the Knights of Columbus Christian Refuge Relief Fund, which has already sent more than \$3 million to assist Christians in Syria and Iraq.

"Our dollars provide housing and medical care," he said. "But we can do more. Today, I announce that the Knights of Columbus will redouble our efforts to bring aid to those victims. We will begin a new education campaign to expose the crimes against humanity that are being committed. It is time for a season of truth about what is happening to Christians."

The Supreme Knight then asked the convention attendees to join him in raising crosses, each made from olive wood from Bethlehem, as a show of solidarity for the persecuted Christians.

Supreme Knight Anderson announced that the Knights will be partnering with the group "charity waters" to build 20 new clean water wells in Africa. "As one African priest told us when he heard of our initiative, "Water is life, and I thank the Knights of Columbus for reaching out with this precious gift of life," the supreme knight said.

Finally, in discussing the Order's insurance program, Supreme Knight Anderson said that insurance in force is at \$99 billion, an amount that has more than doubled in the last 12 years, and also that the Order's insurance program has earned A.M. Best rating, A++ (Superior), for the 40th consecutive year.

Today is the Start of Your Future

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Experience teaches that decisions made today often have long term consequences. What we decide today can affect us and our families far into the future. So, it is very important that we seek information from a variety of sources, sift through the dross, seek options, reflect and then make informed decisions.

Where to start? Information is available from a number of sources. *Financial Beacon* is an excellent quarterly publication. The local newspapers publish articles on financial matters. For those of us eligible for membership in AARP, we receive publications that offer advice about all areas of aging, and an increasing number on financial matters. There are also a number of periodicals that cover financial topics; the library subscribes to many of them, saving you the expense of subscription. Also, I cover this topic in my monthly articles.

What to do with the information you gain from this reading? Look at your plans for the following:

- ◆ Insurance - do you have the right coverage for your family?
- ◆ Annuities - what is the return on your savings, 401(K)s, IRAs?
- ◆ Income Protection - when you cannot work, how will the bills get paid?
- ◆ Long Term Care - what plan do you have in place when you need assistance to perform activities of daily living?

Remember: the Knights of Columbus has the right products to answer the above questions, and most of the others that you may have. Let's talk now about your family's future, in order to have good consequences for decisions made today and tomorrow.

Remember that now is a good time to review your portfolio. Autumn brings cooler temperatures and raking leaves reminds us of the temporal nature of life. Write down your goals for this year and the next. Our Order can help you achieve them; let's talk.

McNAMARA CHAPTER

Tom Firestone - Chapter President

The Bishop McNamara Chapter Annual Crab and Shrimp Feast is happening this month. Come on down to North Beach, Maryland and enjoy. What are you waiting for? Get on board. Call in your reservations, see flyer below for details.



We were there last year and boy were they finger licking good.

WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

G. Emeka Onwezi - Faithful Navigator



We are in full force in recruiting third degree members to join the 4th degree, the patriotic arm of the Knight of Columbus. The applications and requirements are in circulation. Please ask your Grand Knight or any 4th degree members in your council about how to join the 4th degree. The 46th Annual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be on April 2, 2016 at Colony South Hotel and Conference Center.

As I stated in the beginning of this fraternal year that the assembly and the councils will be partnering together to carry out some events and activities, our first partnership is with St. Pius X Council 4076 to have a religious night on October 22, 2015 to honor and appreciate our Priests and Nuns in the area. The event will start with social at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. Free for our Priests and Nuns. There will be a choice of dinner entry of steak, chicken or vegetarian. The cost is only \$10 for a person or \$15 for couple. The location is 3611 Stewart Road Forestville, Maryland 20747.

Our Pot of Gold initiative to encourage more attendance at our regular assembly meeting started at our August 2015 meeting. Sir. Knight James Agboli won on the first draw. The person that would have won the pot of Gold in September was not present and so there was no winner and the fund when back to the pot of gold to be drawn at the next meeting in November. Talking about meeting, the assembly will not be meeting on October 12, 2015 because it is Columbus Day. Many of the brothers will be participating at the ceremony in DC on October 12, 2015.

I and the Faithful Captain Ike Agbim paid St. Pius X council 4076 a visit on September 24, 2015. Again this is one of our goals this fraternal year to visit all councils within our assembly. Our bylaw was amended to change the annual dues from \$15 to \$20. The new due will be effective January 1, 2016.

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



Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights

Join us for our annual
Crab Feast
 (and September Chapter Meeting)
October 21, 2015

Calvert Council, #7870
 Chesapeake Ave. and 1st St.
 North Beach, Maryland 20714
 Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Crabs immediately afterwards

Ladies Invited! Dress Casual!
Crabs & Shrimp \$25, Shrimp \$20

So we can plan quantities, and because seating is limited,
 Reservations are required. Please contact
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"Contributions gifts, etc. paid to Calvert Council are not deductible as charitable contributions."

Christopher Columbus fleet had three ships on his first voyage. What were their names?



PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Fall is here and as the season has changed, our council continues its strong start to the fraternal year in regards to our service programs. In September, we celebrated two Family of the month awards at our monthly **Knights Sunday Mass**. Our Family Director, Gabe Nmorka has shown great leadership and drive in helping the council honor and recognize parishioners who selfishly serve the church and community.

PGK John Adeleye lead the council committee which sponsored a **Men's Prayer Breakfast** on Saturday, September 19 for men of the Archdiocese, Knights councils and men of all faiths and denominations. The event was very well attended and was lead by our former pastor, Rev. Raymond Moore, Jr. A special thanks to all who helped make this program shine, especially John, Huntley, Bernard Broadus, Vernon Hawkins, Jr. Father Aaron and Father Roy.

This month, council members will serve various roles at the **East of the River Revival** including those of parking attendants, ushers and Revival Committee Members. Church Activities Director Alan Davis, Chaplain Rev. Roy Campbell and Associate Chaplain Al Turner serve on the committee. The Revival is sponsored by 13 churches, including St. Joseph and those in the Southeast Deanery and eastern Prince George's County. The Revival will be held at **Holy Family Church in Hillcrest Heights, October 5-8 from 7 to 9 pm**.

Finally, the council's annual **Halloween Party** under the direction of Youth Activities Director Phil Beauboeuf will take place Friday, October 30 at St. Joseph. Food, games, prizes and a Magic Show will be the order of the night.

As you can see, brothers, the council's fall schedule is off to a flying start and I hope as many members as possible *Fall* in to help us continue this upward trend.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Brothers, prayer is a conversation with God, a personal encounter each of us can have. When we pray together as a faith community, the power of prayer is shared among all believers, even those not in our presence. In light of this fact, The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council sponsored a **Men's Prayer Breakfast** on Saturday, September 19th for men of all faiths to share scripture and pray together. The morning began with a welcome from PGK John Adeleye and Deputy Grand Knight Alan Davis, followed by opening prayer and blessing from our pastor Father Roy Campbell, Jr. A delicious breakfast was then served, catered by Mrs. Gloria Newman.

The St. Joseph Men's Chorus led the praise and worship with songs of inspiration. The message for the day, *"The Joy of the Gospel and The Mercy of God"*, centered on Luke's story of the Prodigal Son. Our former pastor, Father Raymond Moore, Jr of St. Thomas More parish delivered the message and then invited the over 60 men in attendance to reflect and discuss how we as men of Christ can be merciful in our lives. The men then came forward to pray for specific needs and personal concerns.

Our Parochial Vicar, Father Aaron Qureshi lead a prayer for all the petitions of those men present. A spiritual and uplifting day filled with prayer, song and praise was enjoyed by all those present.

Thanks to the planning committee: John Adeleye, Bernard Broadus, Alan Davis, Vernon Hawkins, Jr. and John Huntley for all their work and dedication to making this event a reality.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Of the many charitable works we perform during the year, none is more rewarding than our "Tootsie Roll Campaign", **"Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities"**. If you have never stood in the front of a Safeway or Giant grocery store with your yellow vest and collection can and experienced the smiles and gratitude's of your neighbors as they donate, you are missing something special. You will feel that your neighbors welcome you; want to support such a worthy cause; and are thankful that you gave of your time to make it possible.

For those who have experienced this feeling, I'm looking forward to your continual support. To our brothers who are new, and for those who have not participated thus far, let us remember that **"Caring is our business"**, and we show our concern for the less fortunate by donating all collected funds to **local organizations** that provide specialized services and training for those who have intellectual disabilities. So lets make this year campaign the best ever. We will do our collections on the weekends during the month of October and November. So please mark your calendars and set aside a couple of hours to do this valuable work of charity. **Please call Ike Agbin 202-276-7796 or Cal Thompson 301-928-2157 to sign-up. And please do it Right Away.**

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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They just keep on coming, awards to Past Grand Knight Thomas “Tim” Matthews and the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 for a stellar 2014-2015 fraternal year. At the Maryland State Convention this year, Fletcher Council received 15 major award and enough points to qualify for the prestigious Program Directors award as the number one council in the State of Maryland. This is the second consecutive year that the council achieved such recognition.

As I said at the beginning of this article, they just keep on coming. On Sunday, September 20th, PGK Tim Matthews was presented the highest award that a council can receive, the Star Council Award. The award was presented by State Deputy Stephen Cohen at “Star Knight” at Columbia Gardens in Baltimore, Maryland. Tim said that the men of Fletcher Council made this possible, and that he and our parish community are so proud of them.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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HELP SAVES LIVES

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies. Join the 40 Days for Life fall campaign for prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion.

Pray with the College Park Campaign in front of Metropolitan Family Planning. Prayers hours are 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. September 23rd to November 1st.

To pray for an hour, contact Tom Trunk at (240) 593-6982 or email at 40daysforlifeMD@gmail.com.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

Dear Brother Knights:

On behalf of my fellow Supreme Officers and Board of Directors, please accept my sincere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. The dedication to the principles and aims of the Order shown by your officers and members is exemplified by the high standards of excellence you have achieved.

May this award be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of your council to continue to promote the ideals of Columbianism for the good of the Church, your community and the Order. I encourage you to carry forward your enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the new millennium.

Fraternally yours,

Carl A. Anderson

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 Supreme Knight

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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A “challenged” has been issued to the councils of District 3, the gauntlet has been tossed to the ground, a hankie has been dropped and our District Deputy/Grand Knight have been called out to the **Field of Honor**. The challenge comes to us from District 32, which is composed of the following councils: Sacred Heart 2577, Mother Seton 5381, Father Peter C. Boyle 12254 and Father Michael C. Kidd. The challenge should you choose to accept it, is this, a Soccer Shootout for boys and girls of District 3 against those of District 32. Without hesitation, District Deputy Michael Davenport picked up the gauntlet and accepted the challenge.

Although the date/time has not been finalized, it is tentatively scheduled for a day in September on the **Field of Honor**, St. Matthias Catholic Church Soccer Field at 9475 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD 20706. The challenge is a competition designed for players aged 9 through 14 to demonstrate the most basic of soccer skills — the penalty kick. Each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal).



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The Poole Family September Family of The Month



The James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 of the Knights of Columbus this August would like to recognize the family of Eugene and Freddie Mae Poole as the Family of the Month for their remarkable contributions to our Council and the St. Joseph Church/Community. Eugene and Freddie, the proud parents of a daughter, Michelle and a grandson, Malcolm an Eagle Scout, have served the St Joseph Parish in various ministries since they became members in 2002.

In 1994 Eugene began serving on the Board of Directors Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Washington, DC and was later elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities in 1996. He served as the Coordinator for the St. Joseph Church Audio Visual Committee from 2004-2013 and was responsible for upgrading the Sound System to its current state of the art level that extends to the Rosemont Room and all three Classrooms with closed circuit Television. Currently, Eugene serves on the Financial Council at St. Joseph.

Eugene and Freddie Mae were the facilitators for the Marriage Preparation Program here at St. Joseph Parish from 2003-2012. Their Marriage Program Ministry started in 1992, undergoing training at the Archdiocese of Washington and serving for over 20 years at St. Teresa of Avila and at St. Augustine's Church mentoring hundreds of couples throughout the years.

Because of the Poole's dedication to the Archdiocese Marriage Preparation Program, services to the Board of Directors for the Catholic Charities, involvement in the Cardinal Appeal Committee and other church ministries, they were selected as Family of the Year in 1992 for the Archdiocese of Washington and were privileged to accompany Cardinal James Hickey to Rome to attend the International Meeting of Families with Pope John Paul II.

Eugene and Freddie Mae were also Coordinators for the Forward in Faith Campaign here in St. Joseph Church from 2003-2004. Due to their full commitment, St. Joseph Parish surpassed its goal set by the Archdiocese of Washington by 20% with more than 1million dollars in recorded pledges.

Freddie Mae joined the Arts and Environment Committee in 2003 and was the Coordinator of the Arts and Environment from 2008 - 2014. She also joined the Deliberate Disciples in helping to plan activities for the National Black Catholic History Month.

For these contributions, may the Almighty Father Bless you in Jesus name. Amen!

The McWilliams Family October Family of The Month



Every week in St. Joseph, families selflessly serve in different Church Ministries of their choice. One distinguished family is of David and Mary McWilliams who after relocating to Mitchellville in 1989 registered as members St. Joseph Church. Since they became members, they have assumed some notable responsibilities in the Church and/or Community.

David and Mary have two children: a daughter, Davida and a son David Jr. whose growth in the Catholic Faith are being attributed to their parents' good and solid Religious Ethics.

Today, David's execution of his duties in St. Joseph Church, indeed exemplifies dedication to the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. He is the parishioner you observe diligently maintaining unimpeded 11:00am Mass traffic flow as worshipers arrive or departure from the church parking lot irrespective of the weather condition. The duty notwithstanding, David still finds time to serve as a member of the Hospitality Ministry.

Mary on the other hand is a member of the Lector and Bereavement Ministries. She is also a member of the St. Vincent De Paul Society and the Alter Service Team.

For their remarkable services to St. Joseph Church and/or Community, the Knights of Columbus, James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council #11422 would like to recognize the family of David and Mary McWilliams as the Family of the Month of September 2015.

For their continued services to the Church Community, our prayers go out to their family each day in Jesus name. Amen!

MEMBERSHIP QUEST



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Welcome brother Ajudua Fidelis as a member of Fletcher Council. Ajudua successfully completed his First Degree on Monday, September 21, 2015 at St. Mary of the Assumption Council 9302 in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Ajudua is our first new council member of the 2015-2016 fraternal year. He is shown in the picture below, third from the right.



Where is Christopher Columbus?

This month, we celebrate our namesake Christopher Columbus. But in spite of his accomplishments, not many know of the man. Did you know there is still even a question as to where he is buried?

Columbus died in Valladolid, Spain, on May 20, 1506, at the age of 54. He had suffered through a long terminal illness that first showed symptoms on his third voyage eight years before.

Upon his death, Columbus was initially buried in a small cemetery in Valladolid. Shortly thereafter, his body was moved to Seville. When Columbus' eldest son and heir Diego died in 1526, he was buried beside his father. But Diego's widow petitioned the Spanish court to move both bodies to the cathedral in Santo Domingo on Hispaniola. So the remains of Columbus were moved across the Atlantic, and were buried under the right side of the altar in the cathedral in Santo Domingo. And there matters stood for two centuries.

In 1795, France captured the island of Hispaniola from Spain. By this time, the Spanish viewed the Admiral's remains as a national treasure, and wanted to prevent their capture by the French at all costs. So, relying on old records, they dug up the remains and removed them to Havana, Cuba. A century later, when Cuba won independence from Spain, the remains were moved again, from Havana back across the ocean to Seville. And so, if you visit the cathedral in Seville today, you will find the tomb of Columbus.



But that's not the whole story. In 1877, workers were restoring the cathedral in Santo Domingo and found, under the left side of the altar, a box containing human remains. The box bore Columbus's name. It immediately became clear to some that the "left" and "right" sides of the altar depend entirely upon the direction one is facing. And therefore, some argue, the body that had been moved to Havana in 1795 was really that of Diego, while the Admiral's remains had been in Santo Domingo all along. And so, if you visit the cathedral in Santo Domingo today, you will find another tomb of Columbus.

Meanwhile, one historian has argued that the wrong body was moved from Havana to Seville, and therefore, Columbus's remains are really in Havana.

And another historian argues that Columbus's remains never left Valladolid! Furthermore, portions of the remains in Seville were given to the city of Genoa in 1892 as part of the quadric-centennial celebration.

Recently, Spanish scientists tried DNA analysis to answer the question. As it turned out, DNA was not even necessary: a cursory examination of the bones in Seville showed that they must have been those of Columbus's sickly son Diego, not the Admiral himself. So the discoverer's final resting place is probably in Santo Domingo after all.

Men's Prayer Breakfast Grand Knight Comments

Brothers, I thank you for being part of this prayer breakfast! We hope you founded this program nourishing and fulfilling. I want to thank those brothers that worked so hard to implement this program:

- Rev. Roy Campbell, Jr.
- Rev. Ray Moore (Keynote Speaker).
- Rev. Aaron Queschi (Prayer over Petitions).
- Mike Davenport DD (Supplied Lights and Music)
- Gloria Newman, Dottie Newman, and Theresa Bowser (Preparing Breakfast)
- Calvin Thompson, Harold Sanders and John Huntley, PGK. (Kitchen Helpers)
- Duke Kelly, James Barnes, Derrick Wilson, John Adeleye Jr. John Adeleye Sr. (Men's Chorus)
- Alan Davis, John Adeleye, Sr., Vernon Hawkins Jr., and Bernard Broadus (Planning Committee)

We are very indebted to Father Raymond Moore, the former pastor here at St. Joseph for his time and for moderating. Prayer is important and central, because it is an essential communication with God! So it is vital to our lives as Christians, and maintains for us the necessary intimate connection with God. In the Bible, Ephesians 6:18, we are admonished to *"...pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of requests..."* So, through prayer we even affirm our obedience to God; an obedience that is a natural by-product of our discipleship.

The Fletcher Council, Knights of Columbus, and the St. Joseph Parish Community is determined to do what we can to grow prayer of our men and consequently our Christian families. We pray that this is the beginning of an ongoing desire to encourage closer relationship of Christian men to God through prayer.

Thank you once more and remain blessed as we pray for one another!



*REFLECTIONS**Lawrence P. Grayson**Selective Enforcement is Persecution*

Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas and presidential aspirant, recently asked why the government is willing to make religious accommodations to Muslims detained at Guantanamo Bay's military prison, but not to Christian county clerks who abide by their faith.

Kim Davis, the subject of his concern, is the clerk of Rowan County, Kentucky. After the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriages, she refused to issue marriage licenses for such unions. Her faith holds that same-sex marriages violate God's law. Even though religious freedom is the first of this nation's explicitly stated constitutional rights and the Kentucky state constitution, which she swore to uphold, defines marriage as only the union of one man and one woman, Davis was jailed.

While bakers, photographers, caterers, and others in wedding-related industries have been fined for following their consciences and not supporting what they consider sin, Davis is the first to be imprisoned for her Christian beliefs.

Similarly, in May 2014, when a federal court ruling made same-sex marriage legal in Oregon, Marion County Judge Vance Day felt that he could not perform these ceremonies because of his religious tenets. He instructed his staff to refer same-sex couples seeking to marry to other judges. Last fall, he stopped performing weddings altogether. Now he is being investigated by a judicial fitness commission, in part because he acted on his religious beliefs.

The plight of these individuals reveals how the legalization of same-sex marriage and penalties for non-adherence are leading to crises of conscience for Christians. In contrast, significant tolerance has been shown to people of non-Christian faiths. A large and growing number of cases illustrate the differences in treatment.

At Guantanamo Bay, both men and women serve as guards. Several Muslim men, who are high-value detainees -- one of whom was an al-Qaida leader and others who are reputed to have been involved with the September 11 attacks -- have objected to having female soldiers shackle and escort them when they leave their cells because Islam teaches that a Muslim man can only have physical contact with women who are related to him. A judge initially banned the use of female guards, but earlier this year rescinded the order based on the Pentagon's gender non-discrimination policies.

In another recent case, Lt. Cmdr. Wesley Modder, a Pentecostal military chaplain for over 19 years, may be discharged from the Navy for cause. He has been charged with counseling sailors, in accord with his religious beliefs, against homosexuality and pre-marital sex. It is claimed that he is "unable to function in the diverse and pluralistic environment" of the modern Navy, even though he has consistently received glowing fitness reports and a recent letter of commendation that referred to him as the "best of the best."

The U.S. military, where uniformity and standards of dress and grooming have long been considered important to unit cohesion, is changing regulations to accommodate a variety of religious beliefs and practices. Under a recently changed Department of Defense Directive, Muslim service members can request to wear a beard and carry prayer beads; Wiccans can seek to carry "magic" wands; Jews can get permission to wear a yarmulke while in uniform; Sikhs can have long hair; tattoos can be allowed as religious body art; and piercings through the skin or body parts may be permitted.

Even with these changes, a Sikh advocacy group has complained that the accommodations are not guaranteed, but must be requested. Hence, commanders can still deny them the opportunity to wear their religiously-mandated turbans and beards while in uniform.

Last year, a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy posted a biblical verse on a whiteboard outside of his room. The Military Religious Freedom Foundation, an organization devoted to keeping the military free of religious expression, filed a complaint. Although the whiteboard was for the cadet's personal use and the quotation did not violate Air Force regulations, authorities quickly had the verse taken down. The militant foundation said that the Bible verse created a hostile atmosphere by elevating one religion, Christianity, over others represented at the academy.

The Defense Department also has begun to grant exceptions to a longstanding policy that bars military troops from wearing uniforms in public parades. In July 2012, it allowed troops to wear their uniforms in the San Diego LGBT Pride parade. About 350 service members marched, some waiving rainbow flags. When the military contingent stopped at an intersection, a Navy senior chief dropped to his knee and proposed to his boyfriend, who accepted. In another gay pride parade, two male service members held hands as they marched.

In April 2014, members of the Missouri National Guard were invited to attend an event at a local Baptist church at which children were to thank them -- as well as firefighters, police and other rescuers -- for their dedication and service in protecting this country and its religious freedom. They did not attend, citing a military regulation that prohibits their participation in any religious or ideologically-related event. Yet, a month earlier a military color guard was allowed to march in the Washington, DC gay pride parade.

Selective enforcement of policies and regulations that discriminate against Christian-related events, beliefs and actions is persecution. The nation has made religious accommodation to prisoners who are being tried for killing over 3,000 American civilians, to long-standing military dress policies to allow turbans, beards and magic wands, and to permit uniformed military to march in gay pride parades, but will not accommodate a county clerk, a cadet posting a Bible verse, or a Christian chaplain counseling sailors, each acting in accord with his or her religious beliefs.

Governor Huckabee stated that what has happened to Kim Davis is an example of the current "criminalization of Christianity." While not yet universal, a trend is developing. Christians are being penalized for living their faith in the public square.

If this movement is to be stopped, the Catholic Church must be in the vanguard with strong and visible opposition. It must begin with its own members, undertaking a major effort to catechize Catholics to the Faith. Large and growing numbers of them do not agree with the Church's teachings on contraception, cohabitation, same-sex marriage, abortion, and remarriage without an annulment. The bishops and priests must develop and lead a core of Catholics who believe in and live the Faith. There must be a Church Militant in deed, as well as in word.



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"Annual Fall Dance"

Saturday-October 17, 2015

9:00 PM—1:00 AM

St. Joseph Church—Rosemont Room

2020 St. Joseph Drive, Largo, MD 20774

\$30.00 per person -Dinner—Open Bar

"Music by DJ Cowboy"

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A guy walks into the human resources department of a large company and hands the executive his application.

The executive begins to scan the sheet, and notices that the applicant has been fired from every job he has ever held.

"I must say," says the executive, "your work history is terrible."

"You've been fired from every job."

"Yes," says the man.

"Well," continues the executive, "there's not much positive in that."

"Hey!" says the guy as he pokes the application. "At least I'm not a quitter."

A cop stops a man for speeding.

He said, "Do you know how fast you were going?"

"I was trying to keep up with traffic," he replied.

He said, "There is no traffic."

And the guy answered, "That's how far behind I am."

A large corporation recently hired several cannibals. "You are all part of our team now," said the HR rep during the welcoming briefing. You get all of the usual benefits and you can go to the cafeteria for something to eat, but please don't eat any of the other employees." The cannibals promised they would not.

Four weeks later their boss remarked, "You're all working very hard and I'm satisfied with your work. However, one of our secretaries has disappeared. Do any of you know what happened to her?" The cannibals all shook their heads "No."

After the boss had left, the leader of the cannibals said to the others, "Which one of you idiots ate the secretary?" A hand rose hesitantly.

"You fool!" the leader continued. "For four weeks we've been eating managers and no one noticed anything. But NOOOooo, you had to go and eat someone who actually does something!!!"

This is the story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

Consequently, it wound up that Nobody told Anybody, so Everybody blamed Somebody.

Three blondes are in an elevator when the elevator suddenly stops and the lights go out. They try using their cell phones to get help, but have no luck. Even the phones are out.

After a few hours of being stuck with no help in sight, one blonde says to the others "I think the best way to call for help is by yelling together."

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****OCTOBER****

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- 28 James Barnes



**“The Joy
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Birthday”**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



****OCTOBER****

- 01 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 04 Deacon Davis Reception 2-5 PM, Rosemont Room
- 05-08 East of the River Revival
- 10 Columbus Day Ball
- 12 Columbus Day
- 15 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 17 KC Ladies Fall Dance
- 17 State Council Fall Meeting
- 18 Knights Sunday, 11:00 PM Mass
- 21 Silver Rose Comes to Maryland
- 21 McNamara Chapter Meeting & Crab/Shrimp Feast
Calvert Council 7870, North Beach, MD
- 24 Financial Secretary Seminars at St. Pious X Council
- 30 Council Youth Halloween Party
- 31 Navy Football Game & Tailgate Party
- 31 Halloween

Marian Title for October

**Our Lady of
the Pillar**



According to tradition, on January 2, 40 AD, in the early days of the Church, James the Greater, one of the original Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ, was evangelizing the Gospel in what was then the pagan land of Caesaraugusta, now Zaragoza. He was disheartened with his mission, making little progress having only few converts who had been traveling with him. In his despair, while praying by the banks of Ebro River, Mother Mary miraculously appeared before him and his group, comforting him and promised to help.

Mary gave him a column or pillar as a symbol, being carried by angels with an image of the Mother on top. James was instructed to build a chapel on the spot where Mary left the pillar, a place where she and the pillar would dwell forever; so that by the grace of God, will marvel those who believed and asked in their hour of need.

James returned to Jerusalem after establishing the church in Zaragoza and was ordered beheaded in 44 AD by King Herod Agrippa I. The land he left eventually became believers of Christ through the works of his disciples.

This is believed to be the very first apparition of Mary, and the only one before her assumption. Mary was still living in Jerusalem at that time, and was believed to have appeared to James through bilocation. The church established by St. James is the very first church dedicated to Mother Mary in the history of Roman Catholicism.

Please, Remember In Your Prayers

Members Who Are Ill



- Howard Wynn
- Mary Julius
- Joseph Marshall
- Ken Hinton



- James Shorter
- Hugo Braden
- William Tolbert
- Donald Wilson