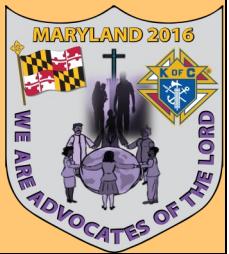




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MICHAEL P. DAVENPORT, VERNON HAWKINS, JR., DAVID D. MARTIN & CARLTON L. WILLIAMS

"STAR COUNCIL"

Welcome To My Party!



Children Halloween Party

Friday, October 28, 2016

Free - Ages 5 to 13

KC Ladies Fall Dance/Halloween Party

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Purchase Your Ticket



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"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, MOVE! And it WILL move . . . And NOTHING will be impossible for YOU!"

[Matthew 17:20]

by Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.

In our first reading, the prophet Habakkuk recounts the Lord's words: "The rash man has no integrity; but the just man, because of his faith, shall live." These words hold true for us today. True faith means to have NO DOUBT at all that what Christ commands will happen. Jesus told his Apostles: "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

True Faith is complete trust and confidence in someone or something we have not seen. True faith is placed in God alone. We have not seen God, nor do we understand Him, yet we say that we believe in Him.

The Apostles' lack of faith, and fear for their lives, was no more evident than when they abandoned Jesus at the time of His agony, passion and death. Jesus said to Peter at the Last Supper, "Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." Jesus knew that Peter's faith would be weak when tested, but He also knew that Peter's faith in Him would be restored and grow to strengthen the other Apostles' faith.

Strengthened by Peter's faith, the Apostles' faith in Jesus grew like a small mustard seed grows into a large bush. Their faith in Jesus allowed the Apostles to do just what He commanded them to do, cure the sick and to forgive sins. They could perform miracles in Jesus' name, because of their faith. Their faith gave them the strength to live and die for their belief in Jesus and His Gospel, and to hope for their resurrection in Him, bringing them eternal life

Like the Apostles, we too have strengths and weaknesses, that is our human makeup, but true faith allows us He rewards us with more than a normal day's pay, because He promises us eternal life, a reward so great to believe that Jesus works His miracles and healing in and through His Church today, as He did when He walked the earth 2,000 years ago. When we do what our Lord commands, to love God and our neighbor, that without seeing it, true faith allows us to even now believe that we will live with God forever.

GRAND KNIGHT'S CHRONICLE

Alan M. Davis -Your Grand Knight 2016 - 2017 "Charity is Love"

"Charity is born of the call of a God who continues to knock on our door, the door of all people, to invite us to love, to compassion, to service of one another".
[Pope Francis, September 24, 2015, Catholic Charities.]



Brothers, congratulations and thanks are in order for certain members of Fletcher Council. This year as in years past, Fletcher Council members have stepped up, answered the call and assumed positions of significance in the State and District. Other members have stepped up to assume new positions in the Council to assist in maintaining our record of excellence within the State.

Congratulations to PGK Emeka Onwezi on his appointment as District Deputy of District 2 and PGK Michael Akpan on his appointment as District Warden of District 2. Congratulations to PGK and FDD Michael Davenport on his appointment to State Squires Chairman. Congratulation to PGK Ike Agbim on his election to Faithful Navigator of the Bishop Walsh Assembly 1548. And, finally, congratulations to PGK, PFN, PDW, PDD Vernon Hawkins, Jr. on his election and installation as Vice President of the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights.

Thanks and appreciations are in order for Bernard Broadus, Efrain Anderson and Michael Younger who stepped into new positions as Church, Family and Community Activity Directors; and to David Martin, John Adeleye, Mike Davenport, Maurice Sutton, Bernard Broadus and Bill Harris for assisting our Lector Cal Thompson, by providing meeting refreshments for the past 3-months.

Brothers, there are numerous opportunities still available to you to serve the council in the coming months. Please contact Bernard Broadus or myself to volunteer for our Fall events: Halloween Party, FEDEX concession stand, 5th Sunday Rosary, Knights Sunday or Christmas Tree Lot. Let us all continue to contribute to the legacy and tradition of service Fletcher Council has within the Maryland State Council and the Knights of Columbus.



District Deputy's Report



G. Emeka Onwezi
District Deputy

The Month of October has been always a very busy one for the Knight of Columbus, considering the fact that Columbus Day, a national holiday is in October. In this month, we have activities that make it harder for anyone not participating in one of the activities.

First, our District soccer shootout will be on October 2, 2016. Youths, from 6 years old to 17 years old, in our churches that our councils in District 2 service, will participate in a competition in preparation for the State soccer shootout coming up November 6, 2016. The October 2nd Shootout will be immediately after 11:30am mass at St. Edward the Confessor's soccer field in Bowie, Maryland. Children or youths from 6 years old to 17 years old can participate in this competition. District #2 will be collaborating with District #5 in this year Soccer Shootout as the two districts have been doing for the past two years. Only those who participate at the District's Soccer Shootout and qualify, will be able to compete in the State Council's Soccer Shootout on November 6th.

Also, on October 2, 2016, there will be Baltimore 126th Annual Columbus Day parade starting from 2:30 P.M. The parade route is Inner Harbor, Key Highway, Light Street and Little Italy. Knight of Columbus' state officials and members of the Knight of Columbus will be in the parade

On October 8, 2016, the Maryland State Council of the Knight of Columbus will converge at the Marriott Hotel at BWI Airport for Columbus Day Ball. The Car Raffle ticket will be drawn on that day and the top winner will walk away with a brand new car or cash equivalent. You do not have to be present to win, as long as your raffle ticket is turned in to the State on time.

On October 10, 2016, there will be a Columbus Day Ceremony at the Union Station in Washington, D.C. The President's Own, United States Marine Band will entertain the audience, whereas the United States Joint Armed Forces Honor Guard and the Knights of Columbus Color Corp with historical flags of the U.S. will be present at the event. Everyone is invited to come out and witness this colorful yearly event right at the Columbus statue in front of the Union Station.

I hope everyone will participate in one or more of these activities this month.

Vivat Jesus

Please, Remember In Your Prayers

Members Who Are Ill



Howard Wynn	James Shorte
Mary Julius	William Missouri
Joseph Marshall	William Tolbert
Ken Hinton	Donald Wilson
Mervyn Chancellor	Charles Ratcliff

State Deputy's Report



Stephen M. Cohen
State Deputy

Well. Fall has arrived. The summer is over and from a Knights of Columbus standpoint it was a good summer. Our membership numbers were good, our programs were even better and we keep right on helping people, because that is what we do. Everything we do is about service and when we provide these services, We Are Advocates of the Lord.

As October approaches, we will get very busy. First, the Columbus Parade in Baltimore; the longest running parade to honor Christopher Columbus in the nation. I hope that you and your council are planning on

being there. Remember there is a full day of activities planned and something for the entire family. Then we have our premier event of the year, the Ball. Things are shaping up extremely well for this to be another great event. Then, on October 22nd we will have the first ever Statewide Domestic Church Day. This will be at the School of the Incarnation in Gambrills and families from all parishes in Maryland are being invited. It should be a great day. All of these events, take a lot of members to run and I want to thank each and everyone of them for their tireless effort in making sure the events go smoothly.

Are you ready for your Church Drives? Have you reported where and when they will be held to State Membership Director Thom Partenope? Then, don't forget to report your numbers to him. Recruitment is important to everything that we do. To provide the manpower and services that we do, we need more men. When recruiting, tell them what we do. We help people. Once recruited hold that Admission degree, don't make them wait. Then get those form 100's to Supreme.

How is your Domestic Church program progressing? Make sure that you are aware of the changes to the Columbian Award in regards to the Domestic Church Program. Review page 5 of the latest Knightline to check these changes. Continue to bring the activities of your council to the parish and invite the parishioners. Make the Family – priority one.

Coats for Kids is coming. Please participate in the fund raisers, so that we have another banner year with this program. A lot of work has already been done by a lot of people for this effort. Vicki and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Ball. Keep up the great work of our Order and stay involved.

Vivat Jesus

Have You Visited The State Website Lately

www.kofc-md.org

Or the Maryland State Yahoo Group

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/MDstatecouncil/info?yguid=46983702>



SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight

God's Servant First
The Life and Legacy of Thomas More

An exhibit featuring relics and artifacts
From the Stonyhurst College Collections

September 16, 2016 -
March 31, 2017

SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE

A unique exhibit, “*God’s Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More*,” opened Friday, September 16, 2016, at the **Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C.** It is the only location where the exhibit will appear in the United States.

The exhibit includes artifacts never before displayed in the United States as well as relics of St. Thomas More. More was Lord High Chancellor of England under King Henry VIII from 1529 to 1532. He sacrificed prestige, influence, and ultimately his life because he refused to betray his religious convictions.

Declaring Thomas More the patron saint of statesmen and politicians in 2000, St. John Paul II said More’s life and martyrdom offer a testimony that “spans the centuries” and “speaks to people everywhere of the inalienable dignity of the human conscience.” The title of the Washington exhibit is inspired by the words believed to be More’s last: “*I die the King’s good servant, and God’s first.*”

Organized and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst, England, the exhibit features over 60 artifacts, most of which are from the Stonyhurst College Collections.

Right Honorable Lord Alton of Liverpool, chairman of the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst, said, “*The exhibition highlights the contemporary relevance of St. Thomas More, particularly in relation to the widespread religious persecution that continues daily in the Middle East, Pakistan, North Korea and many other places across the globe.*”

Patrick Kelly, executive director of the shrine, said, “*Even 500 years after his death, Thomas More’s example remains thoroughly modern. He is an eloquent example of courageous Christian discipleship, and it is our hope that this exhibit will inspire others to imitate his virtues and his extraordinary fidelity to God and to a well-formed conscience.*”

The objects on display include a first folio by William Shakespeare; a hat owned by More; a religious garment embroidered by Katherine of Aragon, the first wife of King Henry VIII; and relics of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher.

The exhibit also includes the pectoral cross and saddle chalice of John Carroll, the first Catholic bishop in the United States, who was deeply influenced by More’s example in his own work to protect the rights of American Catholics in an era of hostility.

More was executed in 1535 for refusing to recognize Henry VIII as the head of the Church in England. More and Henry had been friends and even worked together on a treatise in defense of the Catholic faith. As a popular and respected statesman, More’s refusal was perceived as an implicit challenge to the legitimacy of the monarch’s claims. Bishop John Fisher was executed within a month of More, on the same charge of treason.

The 20th-century English writer G. K. Chesterton said More “*may come to be counted the greatest Englishman, or at least the greatest historical character in English history. For he was above all things historic. ... If there had not happened to be that particular man at that particular moment, the whole of history would have been different.*”

The exhibit will be open daily from September 16, 2016 until March 31, 2017. Additional information is available at:



www.jp2shrine.org/jp/en/news/thomas-more-exhibit.html.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Shrine: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily

Exhibit: The exhibit on Saint John Paul II is open every day except Good Friday, Thanksgiving, and Christmas



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As leaders in your councils, you help to shape the views of your new members. Many men who join the Knights of Columbus already know about the charitable work for which the Knights — and your councils — are famous. Many, however, are less aware of the insurance program and the hundreds of thousands of families it helps protect. Here are some numbers to help you tell them the story of our greatest fraternal benefit.

\$100,000,000,000 of Life Insurance in Force

That's how much life insurance the Knights of Columbus has in force. Put differently, that's the total value of all Knights of Columbus policies.

\$875,000,000 Distributed to Policyholders

That's how much money the Knights of Columbus distributed to members and their beneficiaries in 2015 in benefits, claims, maturities, annuities and dividends.

2,000,000 Policies

That's the number of active life insurance contracts the Knights of Columbus has on the books. These 2 million policies cover members, their spouses and their dependent children.

1,500 Agents

That's the number of full-time professional field agents working for the Knights of Columbus. Every field agent is a brother Knight and is assigned to members and councils so that each member has a dedicated field agent he can call his own.

1975

That's the year the Knights of Columbus began their 41-year streak of ratings excellence from A.M. Best. The Knights of Columbus has earned the highest possible rating for financial strength from A.M. Best every single year since the mid-1970s. There is no more highly rated life insurer in North America.

134 Years

That's how many years the insurance program has been in operation. It's as old as the Knights. In fact, the insurance program was the principal reason why Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in the first place.

4 Product Lines

That's the number of product lines the Knights of Columbus offers to members and their families: life insurance, retirement annuities, longterm care insurance and disability income insurance. Each product line contains a number of different products and/or options that members can select to best fit their needs.

3 Awards

That's the number of World's Most Ethical awards the Knights of Columbus has earned from the Ethisphere Institute. The Institute's evaluation is a comprehensive assessment of all aspects of a business' operation, including its corporate citizenship and responsibility, its culture of ethics, its governance and its leadership, and its innovation and reputation. In 2016, the Knights was one of only two life insurers to earn the designation.

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That's how many other life insurance companies are like the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic insurance company in the world, and it is built for you. We believe in insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

Help your members discover the Catholic difference of doing business with your Knights of Columbus. They too can be among the thousands of Knights who are glad they did.

COLUMBUS DAY — OCTOBER 10, 2016





McNAMARA CHAPTER

Thomas Santangelo - Chapter President

McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights



Annual Crab Feast

19 October 2016

7:30PM



A Fraternal Evening

Ladies and Family Welcome

RSVP before 12 October

Pay at the Door
Checks payable to K of C 7870

NAME: Jeff Koscho

Number: 301-659-9101

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vhawkinsjr@aol.com

Menu:

Crabs & Shrimp (Shrimp approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ pound)	\$30
Crabs	\$25
Shrimp (approx. 1lb)	\$20
Includes: Burgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Beverages...	

Calvert Council 7870

8816 Chesapeake Ave.

North Beach, MD 20714

WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

Ikechukwu R. Agbim - Faithful Navigator



The Assembly has started plans to execute principal programs of the Fraternal Year. These include under Patriotic Education especially centered on Flag Handling Protocol. Our intention is to take this activity first to Catholic Schools within our Assembly parishes and then to other schools in the area, as schedules permit.

In October we will be having the Priest's Clergy and Nuns Appreciation event, in partnership with St. Pius X Council.

Our Color Corps Certification is on plans and rehearsals will soon be scheduled for new Color Corp members.

The officers of our Assembly have unanimously agreed to pursue the newly Star Assembly Award. A meeting will be held to strategize on this accomplishment.

All other plans and programs with attendant details will be in the upcoming Assembly Newsletter. Stay tuned!

Vivat Jesus!

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

J. Bernard Broadus , DGK,
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Our new fraternal year has hit the ground running with our Summer Flea Markets ending in success. We have continued our pick up of bread donations and deliveries.

Thanks to all council brothers in helping to achieve our car raffle goals. Spear headed by our PGK Tim Mathews, we are ahead of plan and with a few weeks remaining we have the opportunity to overachieve even more. The Columbus Day Ball will be held this year on October 8th. Don't miss the opportunity to win a 2017 Mustang Ford or \$18,000 cash option. (I plan to give you all a ride in my new Mustang!)

However brothers we have many other activities planned for the coming year and I am imploring all members to participate in the cultural, educational and spiritual events of the council. I will also be personally calling members to solicit your involvement in these events. Each member of the council should participate in *at least one activity* this year, especially our monthly Knights Sunday mass. New ideas are always welcome and I am available to meet with any member to discuss programs and activities we as a council can pursue. Remember our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Please feel free to contact me in person or at (202) 359-7781.

Grand Knight Alan Davis and myself, along with the officers and Activities Directors promise to uphold the high standards James C Fletcher Jr. council has earned locally and nationally over the years.

More important, we need you fellow brothers knight, to continue to answer the call(s) that has help to make our council the flagship council in our district.

October Activities-

Brothers, we will have 5th Sunday Rosary, led by our brother knights, deacons Stephan Nash and Al Douglas Turner. All brothers are asked to participate, volunteer and to assist with the saying of the rosary.

The date and time is as follows:

- 5th Sunday Rosary, October 30th, beginning the rosary at 10:15 A.M. sharp. (After the 8:30 Mass and Before the 11:00 A.M. Mass)

-Halloween Party and volunteers are requested.

-Columbus Day Ball October 8th



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

*J. Bernard Broadus, Activities Director
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Thanks to all brothers for your participation on **Knights Sunday**. Please continue all efforts to support the council on **Knights Sunday** which is always the 3rd Sunday of each month.

We had our fellow brother knights, Harold Sanders, John Huntley and Bernard Broadus to serve as Altar Servers in the month of September not only as a team but also to do individual Altar Server duties at the 6 P.M. Masses in September. Brothers Alan Davis, John Huntley and Bernard Broadus continue to lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet on 1st and 5th Tuesdays of each month and brothers are welcome to join and help with leading our parishioners. The time is 6 P.M. and begins with Adoration for the first 35 minutes, Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by a 7 P.M. Mass.

Brothers, We will have a Knights Team of Extraordinary Ministers whose primary duties will be to insure our fellow knights and widows are receiving communion on a weekly basis. What better way to show our love for one another and our devotion to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, than to bring communion to our sick and homebound.

October Activities:

- 1st Friday Adoration
- Knights Sunday
- 5th Sunday Rosary

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

*Cal Thompson, Council Activities Director
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They just keep on coming, awards to Past Grand Knight Ike Agbim and the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422 for a stellar 2015-2016 fraternal year. The Star Council Award is the highest distinction any council can achieve. It takes into consideration membership and insurance growth as well as programming activities reported in each of the six "Surge ... with Service" program categories: Church, Council, Community, Family, Youth and Cultural of Life.

As I said at the beginning of this article, they just keep on coming. On Saturday, October 23rd, at the Maryland State Council Star Knight Gala, State Deputy Stephen Cohen will present to PGK Ike Agbim the prestigious Star Council Award for the 2015-2016 fraternal year.

Ike said that the men of the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council made this possible, and that he and our parish community are so very proud of its Knights.

Whoa! Hold the horses. Congratulations are also in order for Former District Deputy Michael P. Davenport and Former District Wardeon G. Emeka Onwezi on their achievement of the Star District Award for the 2015-2016 fraternal year. Councils contributing to this award were: James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422, St. Mary of the Assumption 9302, St. Jerome Council 5564 and St. Mary's of Landover Hills 10046

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

*Michael Younger, Community Activities Director
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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 Bernard Broadus 301-262-2350 or Cal Thompson 301-928-2157 to sign-up. And please do it Right Away.



301-249-2955



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

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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Lorraine, Jamona and Tailor Hayling

September Family of the Month



Lorraine Hayling along with her two daughters **Jamona** and **Tailor** have been members of Saint Joseph since 2004.

Lorraine has been one busy parishioner. In May of 2010 she organized what became the 2nd Annual Women's Day with the blessings of the Saint Joseph pastor Fr. Levester Jones. She continues leading this annual event. In September 2010 she also started the St. Joseph Women's Ministry. This ministry was birthed as an avenue for healing from the UNMET NEEDS, UNRESOLVED ISSUES, and UNHEALED HURTS women often experience in their lives.

The ministry consists of two programs: Seven Steps to Wholeness & Completeness which **Lorraine** has been facilitating for the last 6-years and the Gabriel Network Program which helps meet the needs of women challenged with a crisis pregnancy. Prior to the women's ministries **Lorraine** first served as Religious Education Teacher for fifth and sixth grades for a number of years. **Lorraine** is also a member of the St. Joseph Staff, providing Financial Services and an active member of the St. Joseph Social Justice Social Concerns Ministry.

The oldest daughter, **Jamona** assisted Mrs. Wallace with religious Education for 1st graders, up until her graduation from High School in 2008. **Jamona** was one of the set of St. Joseph parishioners to receive the College Bound scholarships which started in 2008. Following High School, **Jamona** attended and graduated from the University of New Haven in Connecticut, with a degree in Legal Studies.

The youngest daughter, **Tailor** keeps her plate full as well. She has been playing the violin with the choir for the past 2-years. She is also an Altar Server and a member of the Saint Joseph Youth Ministry. **Tailor** is a junior at Elizabeth Seton High School.

Let us always remember the **Hayling family** in our prayers and ask the Almighty Father to reward them abundantly. In Jesus Name, **Amen, Amen!**



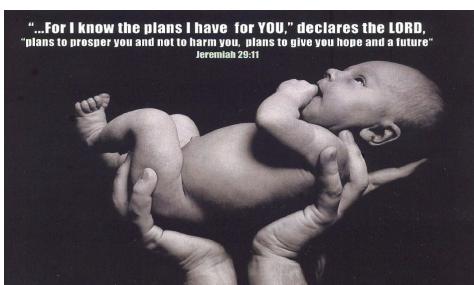
CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

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Eighteen Ultrasound Machines in Maryland & Counting (Not One Sponsored By KofC In Prince Georges County)

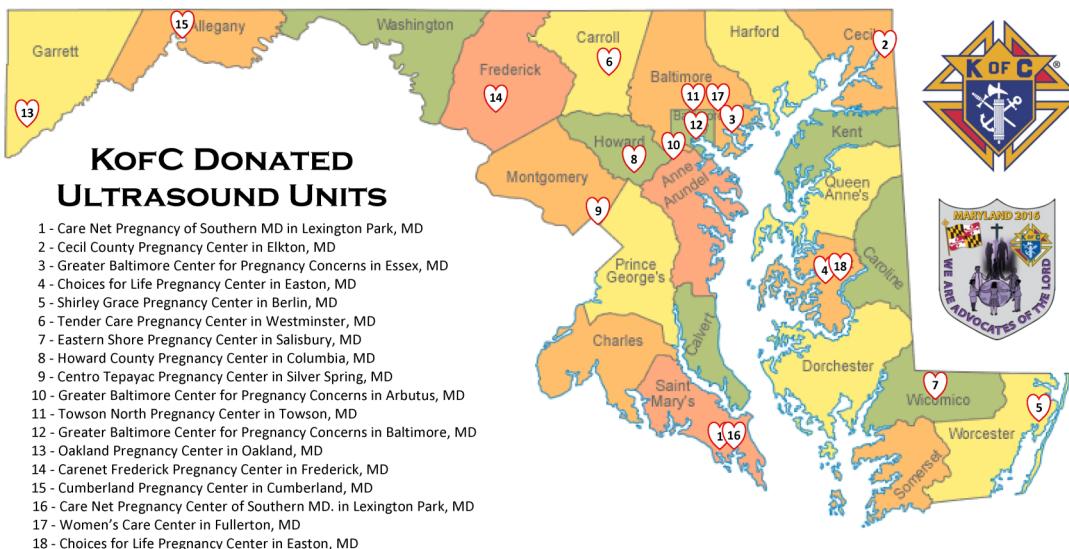


Statistics reveal that most women who consider abortion choose life after seeing an ultrasound image of their child. These families need your help!

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is teaming with local Knights on a major initiative to purchase ultrasound machines for the Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Our success with this program in Maryland has enabled us to get the per-unit cost of these machines down to \$22,000. Supreme Council will cover half of this cost. The first several machines purchased in Maryland under this program are already in place **and saving lives!**

Donations made payable to "Maryland State Council Charity Fund - Ultrasound Account", may be mailed to: Mike Furst, Maryland State Council Culture of Life Director, 8623 Silver Knoll Drive, Perry Hall, MD 21128.

Defend Life!



July 2016



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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School Days are here and the Circle is alive. This year we will be focusing on being part of the Domestic Church initiative and shadowing the ministries of the Knights and our Parish Activities. The Squires support of the Church will not just be isolated a single Parish but will also reach out to other Parishes for the enrichment of both the Squires as well as other Parish youth.

On August 27, 2016 our Chief Squire, Isaiah Scott, assisted as Jr. DJ at a 15th birthday party held for Gabby Rodriguez the daughter of the very Worthy Past Grand Knight Manny Rodriguez and Lady Norma. The Spanish name for this celebration of a girl's fifteenth birthday is the Fiesta de Quinceañera with cultural roots of Latin America and marks her entry to young adulthood. Gabby was seated at the head table with her friends and special guests. After a ceremonial changing from slippers to formal shoes her father Sir Knight Manny Rodriguez led her to the floor for the Father Daughter dance. What made this event even more spectacular is that Gabby is a special needs teen and the celebration took place at the Holy Family Church hall in Mitchellville. Stand by for Squires participating in the Special Olympics Week from September 12th through September the 18th.



The Chief Squire also participated in the Council Flea Market on August 27th, and manned the Squires table setting a record for salesman extraordinaire! He sharpened his counter-bartering skills and charmed the unsuspecting customers into contributing to the Circle with their purchases of toys and household items.



On Sunday September 10th our Chief Squire showed up again to support the Domestic Church initiative at the St Joseph Youth Ministry Kick Off Outdoor Movie Cookout This guy is jumping into everything. Looks like we have a District Deputy Trainee on our hands!! Last but not least, on Sunday September 25th Azubike Agubokwu, a member of the Squires Circle accepted the position of Treasurer for the St Joseph Youth Ministry. Yet again a response to the call of the domestic church initiative from Squires to Knights!

Vivat Jesus

"Esto Dignus"

**Michael P. Davenport Sr
Chief Councilor
Martin Luther King Jr. Squires Circle S12424**



MEMBERSHIP QUEST

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Congratulations to James C. Fletcher Council 11422 members Michael Younger, Efrain Anderson, Andre Steward, Vincent Agubuokwu, Chiedozie Ojimba and Godwin Ikechukwu. They successfully completed their Knighthood (3rd) Degree at Prince Georges Council 2809 in College Park, Maryland, on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Accompanying to the degree, beaming proudly were Grand Knight Alan Davis, Past Grand Knight Ike Agbim and Deputy Grand Knight Bernard Brodus. **Congratulations all around!**



“Thank You Bob”

He is well known as the Council’s Grill Master.,
and as the council’s Financial Secretary
Well, Bob is closing the books on one of those endeavors.
After 10-Years of exemplary service as our
Financial Secretary, Bob Sistare is retiring.



REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

Casting Your Ballot, A Moral Act

Next month, we will have the opportunity to vote for the people who will lead this nation. The outcome will significantly affect our lives – and those of our children and grandchildren -- for decades.

The challenges before the nation are serious and emotion laden. They range from abortion to immigration, from redefining marriage to adequate health care, from freedom of conscience to the national debt. All have profound moral implications. Thus, as Catholics, each of us has an obligation to cast our ballot with a faith-formed conscience, aware of the teachings of our Church and of the views of those who seek to represent us. We must evaluate the candidates' promises, policy positions, and party platforms in light of the moral and social teaching of the Church.

Notwithstanding diverse prudential judgments, each of us should guide our decision making on the issues with a fundamental respect for the dignity and life of every human being at every stage of life. This foundational principle is fundamental to our nature as having been created in the image and likeness of God and is the central tenet of Catholic moral and social teaching.

The righteousness of some decisions, such as waging war, depends on the situation. Other actions, as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops points out in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, "are so deeply flawed that they are always opposed to the authentic good of persons. These are called 'intrinsically evil' actions. They must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned."

Preeminent among these non-negotiable tenets is the protection of human life, from conception until natural death. This holds for every condition of the person, whether healthy or sick, whole or handicapped, young or old, born or in the womb. The Church's position on human life -- as well as on euthanasia, human cloning, embryonic stem-cell research, terrorism, genocide, other direct assaults on innocent human life and on its wellspring in the union of a man and woman in marriage -- is immutable and not open to individual judgment. Actions to deny human life are so detrimental to humanity that there can be no allowance for diverse views.

Pope St. John Paul II, in his 1988 apostolic exhortation *Christifideles Laici*, stated: "The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition of all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination."

Issues that do not promote an intrinsic evil require prudent judgments about the best way to apply Church teachings to deal with compelling societal problems. Health care, education, poverty, housing, immigration, jobs, taxation and national security are important concerns and their consideration should not be dismissed. They are significant, challenge one's moral sense and require action, but approaches to addressing them are open to principled debate. Morality in these cases rests not on what is done, but on how it is done, on the motives, means and circumstances involved. No matter how beneficial to society a candi-

date's positions on these issues may be, they cannot outweigh his or her support for an intrinsic evil such as abortion.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, in his address at the 2016 Supreme Convention in Toronto, reminded us that: "[The right to abortion is not just another political issue. It is in reality a legal regime that has resulted in more than 40 million deaths. -- a figure greater than the entire population of Canada. What political issue could possibly outweigh this human devastation? The answer, of course, is that there is none.]

Closely allied with the right to life are the promotion and defense of the natural structure of the family and the protection of religious liberty. The Church is steadfast in defining the family as a lifelong union between a man and a woman based on marriage for the procreation and raising of children. And it firmly supports our right to live our lives and express our opinions, publicly and privately, according to our faith.

On matters that involve an intrinsic evil, a Catholic cannot be true to the Faith and claim to be opposed personally to a political position, but support it for those who think otherwise. The person is either in self-delusion or deceitful as he or she tries to straddle contradictory positions. A Catholic who votes for such an individual, if there is a morally-acceptable alternative candidate, would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil.

While a candidate's stand on a single issue may not be sufficient to guarantee a voter's support, the Church makes clear that a single position that favors an intrinsic evil should disqualify that candidate from receiving one's vote, regardless of the candidate's views on issues requiring prudential judgement. In good conscience, one must give preference to candidates who do not oppose God-given moral principles.

There rarely is a candidate with whom one agrees on everything. What does one do when there is no totally acceptable alternative? Deciding not to vote is often not the best solution. When all candidates support an intrinsic evil, it is morally permissible to vote for the candidate who poses the least threat to human life and dignity and thus limit the harm. It is important, therefore, to vote with a well-formed conscience that perceives the proper relationship among moral goods.

Guidance for voting is available from the Maryland Catholic Conferences, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Priests for Life, among other sources. The information they provide can be helpful in developing one's conscience. But advice on issues that involve reasoned judgement is not binding as sincere Catholics can come to morally-acceptable opposing conclusions based upon the same principles.

In the coming election, every voice will matter, every vote count. As you prepare to exercise your right and duty as a Catholic citizen, strengthen your understanding of the Church's positions on moral issues, learn the views of the various candidates, give the matter prayerful reflection, and prudentially cast your ballot.

Vivat Jesus!



NEWS FROM OUR RAFFLE TICKET CONCIERGE - TIM MATTHEWS

FIRST PRIZE

*2017 Mustang
or
\$18,000.00*

SECOND PRIZE

IPAD Air2

THIRD PRIZE

\$200.00 Gift Card



DRAWING

October 8, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENT

*Winner need not be
present to win!*

First and Foremost: Thank You! Total tickets sold, 1,043. Council's Profit: \$625.80. Great job by all involved. Our ***Top Sellers:*** Tim Matthews, Alan Davis, Harold Sanders, and Dave Martin. Each sold over 100 tickets. ***We have made our Grand Knight Proud.*** This is the most tickets sold by our council since we have been involved in this yearly raffle.

**Only \$1 for your chance to WIN a
2017 FORD MUSTANG
47th Annual Car Raffle Benefit**

For tickets, ask a James C. Fletcher, Council 11422
member or contact Tim Matthews at
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**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**

\$1.00



**HALLOWEEN
PARTY!**

Knights of Columbus
Youth Halloween Party
October 28, 2016
7:00pm – 9:00pm
St. Joseph Church, Largo

Please join us for some
ghoulish games, freaky fun, and
frightening food!

*Kids 5 -13 are invited
All Children Must Be Accompanied By An Adult*

James C. Fletcher Knights of Columbus presents

KC Ladies Auxiliary

"Fall Costume Dance"

(Casual Attire Optional)

Saturday-October 29, 2016

9:00 PM—1:00 AM

\$30 per person

Prizes for Best Costumes

Dinner, Dancing, Open Bar

Music by DJ Cowboy



St. Joseph Church—Rosemont Room

2020 St. Joseph Drive, Largo, MD 20774

For tickets call:

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Val Davenport 301-883-0281



Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights

Memorial Mass and Silent Auction

(and abbreviated November Chapter Meeting)

November 16, 2016

Sacred Heart Council No. 2577

611 Columbian Way

Bowie, Maryland 20715

Memorial Mass at 7:30 P.M.

Silent Auction before and after Mass

Jacket and tie and Ladies are invited

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Send your council Necrology to
Chapter Vice president,

Vernon Hawkins - vhawkinsjr@aol.com - 301-336-0284

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For More Information, Contact Chapter Marshall
Jack Giacalone – jgiacal@verizon.net – 301-774-6338

It's not too early for you to mark your calendars to ensure you attend and help to support the important work of our Chapter. Mass is celebrated to remember and pray for our brother Knights and spouses that have gone to their eternal reward. The silent auction helps us to raise money for our Chapter's charity for this fraternal year "CareNet Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland." Your donations of auction-able items are greatly appreciated, and we will begin collecting those items at the August 17th, September 21st, October 19th Chapter meetings and before the auction on November 16th. With your help we can make this the best silent auction we have ever had. If you have any questions you can contact Jack Giacalone at 301 774 6338 or at jgiacal@verizon.net.



The National Christopher Columbus Association
And The National Park Service
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE ANNUAL
Columbus Day Ceremony
Monday, October 10, 2016



MUSIC PRELUDE: 10:45 A.M. ♫ PROGRAM: 11:00 A.M.

"The President's Own" United States Marine Band
United States Joint Armed Forces Honor Guard
Knights of Columbus Color Corps with Historical Flags of the U.S.
Presidential and Mayoral Proclamations
Diplomatic Corps from the Embassies of Spain, Italy, Bahamas
Presentation of National Youth Essay Contest Winner
Co-sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
and the National Italian American Foundation

Wreath Presentations
Embassies, Fraternal, Civic, Service, and Patriotic Societies

Come Join Us In

Columbus Plaza
Union Station in Washington, D.C.



Smiley Central™

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."

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.

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*



A MARYLAND TRADITION



“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”

O C T O B E R

- 2016 -

- 01** *Paul O. Awunor*
- 05** *Floyd E. Duckett*
- 06** *Norris M. Foster*
- 06** *Matthew J. Koker*
- 09** *Steve M. Nwamkpa*
- 15** *Carlos R. Macres*
- 16** *Michael T. Petz*
- 21** *William J. Harris*
- 26** *Anthony A. Falodun*
- 28** *James Barnes*



**“The Joy
Of A
Birthday”**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

O C T O B E R



- 06** **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM**
Columbus Day Ball
- 10** **Columbus Day - DC Celebration, Union Station**
Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 14-16** Fall Meeting, Cumberland, MD
- 16** **Knights Sunday, 11 A.M. Mass**
- 19** McNamara Chapter Meeting, Calvert Council 7870,
Crab Feast, North Beach, MD
- 20** **Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM**
- 22** Financial Secretary Seminar, St. Pius X Council
- 23** MD State Star Council Awards Night
- 28** Children Halloween Party at St. Joseph
- 29** KC Ladies Fall Halloween Party at St. Joseph
- 30** **5th Sunday Rosary**
- 31** **Halloween**



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