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Chaplain's Thoughts. . .

*"If your reward is in this life, you will have torment in the next."
by Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr.*



Christ came to save the poor. Those who do not have the material sustenance to meet their bodily needs and those who are "poor in spirit," those who seek to know and follow God's will.

Are we ever blinded by self-satisfaction, complacent in the material things we have accumulated? Jesus asks us to take a good hard look at ourselves. Everything we have has truly been given to us by God. What are we doing with the gifts God has given us in this life? What we do with His gifts can become our virtues. We have the responsibility to choose to use God's gifts to do what is right, and to accept the struggles and suffering that will be involved with our choice.

In God's plan of salvation, we find salvation not alone, not just in our individual relationship with God, but we find salvation when we find ourselves belonging to others, in a community of need. We truly need others for our own salvation. In the Gospel, the truly poor man was the rich man, who in his complacency failed to notice the beggar at his gates. He was the one who was spiritually poor and bankrupt.

Often, it is the rich and affluent who are really in need. God has given the rich many gifts, and He expects the rich to use these gifts to help those in need; therefore, the rich need the poor for their own salvation. Who in our lives is seeking the crumbs that fall from our table of plenty?

In today's Gospel, the rich man lived a life of luxury and let Lazarus, the poor man, stay outside the gate of his house to suffer. When they died, their roles were reversed. The rich man found that he had already enjoyed his "reward" on earth. Now it was his turn to suffer, for eternity. The poor man, whom the rich man ignored on earth, is spending eternity in the luxury of the love of God.

During our earthly journey, we can give the wealth of the gifts that God has given us to those in need in many ways. We can, and should always, pray for each other, because we are all in need of prayer. We also give whatever we can, as the rich man should have done, to those in need in our families, among our friends and to those who we do not know but find in our path of life

Considering a Vocation to Priesthood?

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

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Grand Knight Report

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Thanks to all the brothers who came out for the 25th Anniversary celebration. We saw a collection of Charter Members and Past Grand Knights, and of course enjoyed the celebration with our families and parishioners. As brother knights, we are reminded of what should be the central focus of our fraternity: serving Christ by serving others.

The month of October will be the beginning of some council programs that will reflect the knight's role of serving others. Fletcher Council will have the opportunity to show and give much love to our fellow neighbors. The **Box of Joy** will help gather small gifts to send to children living in adverse conditions, many of them have never gotten a gift before. The

Tootsie Roll Program coordinated by Brother Cal Thompson will help in support of those with Intellectual Disabilities. **Coats for Kids** program organized by Brother Bernard Broadus will assist families struggling to clothe their children with warm coats in the winter, and the **Halloween Party** during the month. All these programs will show how much we love and care for our community by going beyond the call of duty as we give from the heart.

Brother Knights will have the opportunity to do some spiritual reflections as the **East of The River Fall Revival** commences and **The Silver Rose** comes to our parish in November. We only need You Brother Knights, to help us complete this projects. Please volunteer your time and help us at these events by stepping up to the plate and support these charitable programs.

But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." - James 2:18



Trail Blazer

SK Edmund J. Gary is a council trailblazer. He was the first council Webmaster, Historian and has served in a myriad of council positions.

Edmund also served as the Faithful Navigator of the Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly of the Fourth Degree and remains a very active council member.

STATE DEPUTY'S REPORT
Dale W. Trott

My Brother Knights & Ladies,



September was a very active month beginning with the State sponsored ***“Family Picnic”*** held on Saturday, September 7th at North Point State Park. The weather was absolutely perfect, and we had a fantastic turnout for this annual event. My thanks to everyone who attended, and I want to especially thank State Picnic Chairman Buzzy Stockman; State Family Director, Mike Little and his fabulous team of cooks; and, those that donated or contributed to the success of this event from behind the scenes. We also had our ***“Navy Football”*** tailgate and game on Saturday, September 14th. My thanks to our Chair-Couple, Bryan & Rhonda Adamczyk, their many helpers and all who attended. It was a fantastic day of fraternalism and Navy beat East Carolina handily.

As we bring September to a close and look towards October, we kick off the month with our State Cruise Tour. A bunch of us will be setting sail on October 3rd for the ***“Fall Foliage”*** cruise out of

Baltimore. Then, on Saturday, October 6th there will be a special Mass at St. Leo Church in Little Italy followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the statue of our namesake, *Christopher Columbus*. Sadly, in lieu of the annual parade, the committee in charge decided to incorporate the Mass and wreath laying ceremony with the Italian Festival being held that weekend in Little Italy rather than sponsoring the parade. I hope and pray this decision doesn't present an opportunity give those who want to do away with *Columbus Day* the upper hand. Our premier event, the Columbus Day Ball will take place on Saturday, October 12th at the BWI Marriott. From what I have heard, we have another sellout event with maybe one or two seats left. My congratulations to our Chairmen for their hard work in making this event so successful. I also want to congratulate our Program Book Chairmen on an outstanding job. Linda and I look forward to meeting you at the Ball. Lastly, for the Columbus Day weekend, on Monday, October 14th, we will celebrate *Columbus Day* at the Columbus Statue in Washington, DC, located in front of Union Station beginning at 10:45 A.M.

In closing, please continue to put your ***Faith into Action*** as you ***Serve Christ by Serving Others!***

Vivat Jesus,



Congratulations
James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council
On Your
25th Anniversary!

Dale W. Trott
State Deputy



District #4



We have now successfully completed the 1st quarter of our fraternal year with all officers installed into their various offices. We should now go to work scheduling our programs and bring them to **action**. These actions should put each Council's leadership in the best positions to assist our communities and families.

Under the umbrella of our Fraternal Program Activities, we should by now have identified and prioritize those programs. Under **FAITH**, the RSVP PROGRAMS. Under **FAMILY**, the FOOD FOR FAMILY and KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. Under **COMMUNITY**, the COATS FOR KIDS, and the DISASTER PREPAREDNESS/RELIEF. Finally, under **LIFE**, the MARCH FOR LIFE, and the ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE to name a few.

To achieve these objectives, our recruitment and retention of memberships must be paramount. with "a few good men". A review of all our activities should make it evident that the tenets of our Order have and continue to be towards **CHARITY**. This first tenet by which we are identified as the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike



SUPREME KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Carl A. Anderson - Supreme Knight

THE CHALLENGE OF REFORM AND PRESERVING UNITY WITHIN THE CHURCH CALLS FOR NATURAL AND SUPERNATURAL VIRTUE



EARLIER THIS YEAR, I attended the consecration of a beautifully restored church. As the Blessed Sacrament was placed in the new tabernacle, I thought of the Ark of the Covenant, which was the place of God's presence among his people, beginning in the time of Moses. Now, in the New Covenant, the Lord's true presence is a reality wherever Mass is celebrated and wherever the Eucharist is reserved.

As Catholics, we may take this reality for granted today, but the initial reaction to Jesus' discourse on the bread of life was one of disbelief — the Jews saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" and his disciples saying, "This is a hard saying, who can listen to it?" Most of his disciples actually left, and Jesus then turned to the Apostles: "Will you also go away?" As we know, Peter answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:68).

Jesus' question remains painfully real in light of the devastating scandals that have recently rocked the Church and the declining church attendance among Catholics. And if Jesus' question has new relevance, so does Peter's answer. If we were to turn away from the presence of the Lord, where would we go?

There is a growing trend, especially among young people, to say that we can be "spiritual" while also rejecting organized religion. Pope Benedict XVI addressed this issue in his encyclical *Spe Salvi* (Saved in Hope) when he asked, "Is Christian hope individualistic?" He answered that "salvation has always been considered a 'social' reality," adding that we are called "to a lived union with a 'people,' and for each individual it can only be attained with this 'we'" (14).

We see this social reality, this unity within the Church, most beautifully in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the hundreds of thousands of tabernacles throughout the world. And this call to communion is especially important for us as Knights of Columbus, committed this year in a special way to the principle of unity.

As we pray for and seek renewal in our Church today, I am reminded what the 18th-century British statesman Edmund Burke said about institutions in need of reform. He argued that the virtue of prudence is necessary to find the right combination of "conservation and correction."

We should keep in mind Burke's recommendation of prudence. In the foreseeable future, however, the most important of the cardinal virtues may not be prudence but fortitude, which the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines as "the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good" (1808).

And as St. Thomas Aquinas taught, fortitude is dependent upon yet another virtue: justice — certainly today, justice for the victims of sexual abuse and their families as well as justice for the People of God.

Indeed, all four of the cardinal virtues — prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance — will be necessary to achieve "correction" while preserving the unity of the Church.

In *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict further reminded us: "God is the foundation of hope. ... His love alone gives us the possibility of soberly persevering day by day, without ceasing to be spurred on by hope" (31).

In the days ahead, therefore, let us rededicate ourselves to the practice of the moral virtues and pray for an increase in faith, hope and charity. In this way, we will continue to move forward, meeting whatever challenges may arise.

The Lord remains in the midst of his people, and he will never abandon us. He calls us to unity. He calls us to virtue. And in him, we will find a sure path for renewal.

Vivat Jesus!

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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Knights of Columbus (“K of C”), a Fortune 1000 insurer with more than \$25 billion in assets, announced today that it has launched two more permanent life insurance products in The Knights Advantage Series in the U.S. and Canada: **Limited Pay Whole Life** and **Single Premium Whole Life**.

Both the Limited Pay Whole Life and the Single Premium Whole Life plans offer a guaranteed death benefit as well as cash values with the opportunity for additional growth if future dividends are earned. Dividends are not guaranteed, but are distributed to policyholders, as there are no stockholders.

Ron Franzluebbbers, senior vice president and chief actuary, said: “These new whole life products will be competitive additions to our life insurance product portfolio, providing access to all the benefits of whole life insurance, including guaranteed cash values and death benefits, at an affordable cost. Offering a strong portfolio of products allows our agents to best meet the needs of our clients, who can feel confident knowing that their life insurance protection is in the hands of an insurer with a long-term history of providing financial assistance.”

Limited Pay Whole Life

Limited Pay Whole Life policy allows the client flexibility to choose how many years to pay premiums, guaranteed and fixed at issue, subject to a five year minimum requirement. This unique product provides a lifetime level guaranteed death benefit with cash value that builds over time. There is also potential for additional death benefit and cash value growth if any dividends earned are used to purchase paid-up additional insurance.

“The beauty of Limited Pay Whole Life, which will be our flagship whole life product,” added Franzluebbbers “is the flexibility the client has at the time of sale to choose the premium payment period. A client can choose to pay for as few as five years, all the way to age 100, or any age in between. The initial payment flexibility is completely in the hands of the client and is a differentiator in the industry. After the payment period is complete, the policy is guaranteed to be paid-up with no further payments required. The product allows the client to customize the paid-up age of the policy to coordinate with their personal financial planning timeline.”

Single Premium Whole Life

The Single Premium Whole Life policy provides permanent life insurance protection that is guaranteed to be paid-up for life with just one premium payment. This product builds cash value and provides an income tax free death benefit that is guaranteed for life. It is eligible to earn dividends at the end of the first policy year.

“Single Premium Whole Life has a unique one-payment concept; the client makes one payment, which guarantees a death benefit, allowing the client to create an estate or legacy that can provide for survivors or to be donated to charity.” Franzluebbbers stated. “It also has strong cash value growth potential over time.”

About K of C Insurance

Knights of Columbus offers life insurance, retirement income products, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance. Knight of Columbus Asset Advisors (“KoCAA”) provides institutional asset management, donor-advised funds and an array of securities products and services, as well as retail mutual funds. Please visit www.kofc.org/insurance for more information.

BISHOP McNAMARA CHAPTER

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Another Chapter Installation 1963 - 2019



The Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights commenced its 57th year with its officer installation on September 22nd. The installation followed the 2 PM Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Silver Spring, Maryland. The celebrant was Reverend Jim Boccabella, assisted by Deacon James Dominic.

Chapter Officers 2019-2020

Chaplain	Rev. Jim Boccabe
Associate Chaplain	Rev. Joe Jenkins
Assistant to Chaplain	Deacon James Dominic
President	Jack Giacalone
Vice President	Jeffrey Koscho
Secretary	Michael Davenport
Treasurer	Phillip Tabbita
Marshal	Roger Lie
Activities Director	Terry Reinhart
IPCP	Joe Massimini
PCP	Vernon Hawkins, Jr.



L/R IPCP Joe Massimini & President Jack Giacalone



WALSH ASSEMBLY NEWS

John O. Grier - Faithful Navigator



The 52nd Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Bailey Hall, 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, 20020, on **Saturday October 19, 2019**. The Exemplification will be honoring the most Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr., Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, Archdiocese of Washington. Please submit your completed form 4's and the candidate Exemplification form with the proper funds not later than the Monday, October 14 meeting. The forms need to be read it and voted on at the **October 14** meeting. I need everyone's cooperation with getting these completed items in. Candidate fees are **\$70.00** which includes 1 luncheon ticket, social baldric, and processing fees. Candidates also are charged a separate **\$5.00** fee for Assembly dues for balance of the fraternal year. There will be no lady's activity at this event; this is a Knights only event.

School donations and donations for the Veterans of VA Hospital are still being accepted. If you forgot or failed to bring in your items for donation at our last meeting, please bring them to the upcoming October 14 meeting. If you have additional donations, bring them as well! Again, we would like to present school supplies to two (2) schools in the area and provide the Veterans of VA Hospital numerous Comfort Kits. Please, be as generous as you can!!

The Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly did have an ad in the Columbus Day Ball program. So, if you haven't already seen it, take a few minutes to locate the ad in the Columbus Day Ball program.

The District meeting for October will be at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish located at 14 M St., SE, Washington, DC, 20003 on October 12, 2019. We have the hall from 9 AM until 12 PM. The meeting will start at **9 AM**. There will be a full rehearsal of the flag team after the meeting.

Congratulations to SK James Murry as winner of the 50/50 raffle held last meeting for first quarter of this fraternal year. The amount won was \$34.00 and SK Murry graciously contributed the money to the Assembly funds. One does not have to be present to win the raffle, just current in membership dues.

52nd Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

October 19, 2019

St Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Washington DC



Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington DC Fourth Degree District

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Brothers **Ike Agbim** and **Kenneth Akumbu**, were two volunteers that worked the Monday night Redskins vs Chicago Bears game at FedEx field on September 23rd.

It was quite an impressive turnout of volunteers from other councils. Our concussion stand, #126, on the main concourse level was right opposite Gate D and so had a surge of game spectators and fans from both sides. Surprisingly the Chicago fans were much more vocal and patronized our stand often with very generous tips.

We were understaffed and not adequately prepared to handle the crowd of the sold out game. Many supplies ran out by the third quarter. Beers sales ended right about then. Time flew past and we hardly took a break. We couldn't differentiate between quarters as the queues remained the same throughout the game.

In all, it was a great game as Our stand had very high sale numbers evident from our closeout inventory.

We departed the parking lot at 11:42 PM after a long walk through the woods that separated the main gateway road to FedEx field and the gravel grey lot on Brightseat Road. It was quiet an experience for Worthy Kenneth.



FAITH ACTIVITIES

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**“BE STILL AND KNOW
THAT I AM GOD.”**

**OCTOBER 7 - 9, 2019
7 PM NIGHTLY**

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6700 MARLBORO PIKE
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747**

**Revivalist: Richard Lane
Catholic Lay Evangelist**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

MONDAY: OPENING

TUESDAY: RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY: CLOSING MASS

Contact us - Email: errcommittee.sedc@outlook.com

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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Intellectual Disabilities Support Program

“Tootsie Roll Program”



Brother Knights:

We have initiated the council's ***Intellectual Disabilities Program***, formerly titled the ***Tootsie Roll Campaign***, to help people with Intellectual Difficulties. Your ***HELP*** is needed to ensure that we collect donations from parishioners, patrons at stores and super markets in our area. You are requested to volunteer an hour or more to assist in this endeavor. The Point of Contact for this charity program is Cal Thompson. Send him an email at calthompsn@msn.com and/or give him a call at 301-928-2157.

LIFE ACTIVITIES

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- **190 abortion** workers converted
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Here's how to take part in *40 Days for Life* in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Public sidewalk outside **Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic**, 5915 Greenbelt Rd, College Park, 20740
- **Vigil hours:** **6:00am to 10:00pm daily**
- **Local contact:** Tom Trunk, 240-593-6982, 40DaysForLifeMD@gmail.com, or one of our planning team members.
- **Learn more** and get involved by visiting our website **below** and sign up to pray at our sidewalk vigil for one hour at a time!

40daysforlife.com/collegepark

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - FAMILY OF THE MONTH

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The Davenport Family



Michael Philip Davenport Sr. was born and grew up in Washington DC. He has four siblings, three brothers one sister. He was blessed with a very unique education and his parents were both educators. He attended private school in Washington and graduated high school from Cotton College in Staffordshire, England where he was also confirmed in the Catholic Faith. Michael had three passions in life. The first was to become a brain surgeon but that obviously didn't happen. The second was to be an Architect with a concentration on functional residential forms. His third was to be a protector but had no idea how this dream would be fulfilled.

In 1981 he met his soul mate and bride ***Chevalia*** at the University of Virginia where he graduated in 1984 from the school of Architecture. They were married in 1986. He and Chevalia were blessed with one son Michael P. Davenport Jr, a daughter Chelsea J Davenport and one grandchild from each of his children, Michael P. Davenport III (7) and Melrose P. Davenport (6). His 15 year career as an Architect ended with a 3 year tenure as the primary Architect for a nonprofit Community Developer, responsible for building affordable homes in poor areas of DC, stabilizing the economic growth and regenerating neighborhoods as positive functional communities.

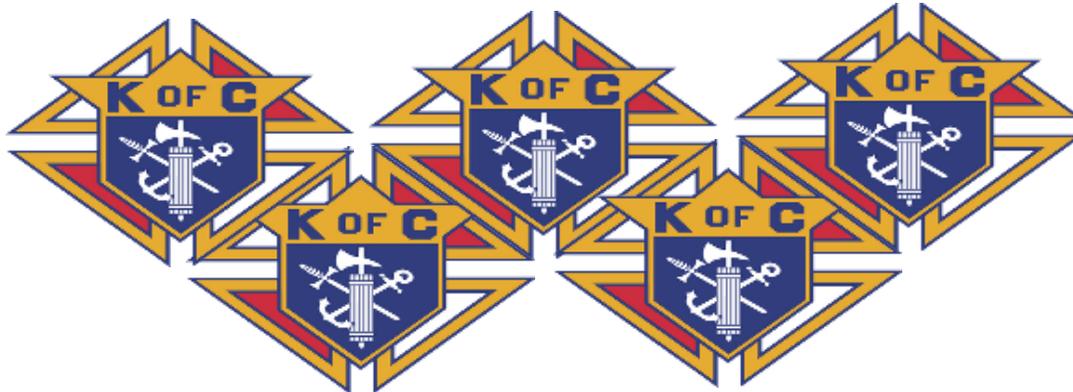
His family moved to Mitchellville Maryland in 1996 and with the mentorship of father Michael King, he immediately became a Knight in the James C. Fletcher Jr Council. He has been a Knight for 21 years. He currently works for an Agency within the Department of Justice insuring the safety of our Judiciary and those who enforce it. His branch is known as the protector of the protectors. Over the years he acquired many hobbies and was blessed to have a Father who was an exceptional artist as well as an educator. He is a Black Belt in Tae Kwon do and an instructor in Krav Maga/Self Defense, He paints, sculpts, collects hand held weapons, and is the President of State for Maryland Knights on Bikes, a motorcycle ministry living the road with brother Knights guided by the principles of our Order. His adventures have taken him from cliff jumping in Jamaica to plunging from water falls in Hawaii. He recently acquired his certification as an open water scuba diver. Not only has he participated in several Parish organizations including the Youth Ministry, Choir, and as the past Chairman of the St Joseph Building Committee. In addition, he has devoted his time in support of the Knights of Columbus in various leadership roles within the James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council 11422; the Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly 1548, Archdiocese of Washington District (AWD); Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights; as well as the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

God Bless The Davenport Family

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME



Maryland State Council's Annual

Columbus Day Ball

Maryland State Council's Premier Social Event of the Year*

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Check In and Cocktails: 6:30 PM

Ballroom Doors Open: 7:30 PM



BWI Marriott

1745 West Nursery Rd
Linthicum, MD 21090

Music by the TKO Band

Dinner Selections include: Chesapeake Chicken, Vegetarian or Chicken & Gravy

Tickets: \$65 per person / \$130 per couple Ticket Deadline: September 10, 2019

For Information or to make a reservation please contact

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To participate in the Group Hotel Rate your reservations must be made by 3:00 PM September 21, 2019



MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

50TH ANNUAL

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2020 FORD MUSTANG
or \$18,000.00 Cash Option

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3rd Prize: \$200.00 gift card

**DRAWING: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019
COLUMBUS DAY BALL**

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Contributions, Gifts, etc., paid to Maryland State Council-K.C. are not deductible as charitable contributions. MVA Fees, Tags, etc., additional

\$1.00 PER TICKET

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James C. Fletcher Jr. Council 11422, presents:

KC Ladies Auxiliary

“Fall Costume Dance”

(Casual Attire Optional)

Saturday-October 26, 2019

8:00 PM—12:00 Midnight

\$38 per person

Prizes for Best Costumes

Dinner, Dancing, Open Bar

St. Joseph Church—Rosemont Room

2020 St. Joseph Drive, Largo, MD 20774

For Tickets Call:

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Music by: **DJ Nate D. Skate**

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REFLECTIONS

Larry P. Grayson - Life Activities

LeRoy Carhart: The Evolution of a Late-Term Abortionist



In February 2013, Jennifer Morbelli traveled from New York to Germantown, Maryland, to terminate her 33-week pregnancy. She met with LeRoy Carhart, one of only a few doctors in the nation who perform abortions through the third trimester. He administered an injection on Sunday to kill the baby. On Wednesday, after he delivered the dead child, Jennifer went to a nearby hotel to rest. Like Tia Parks, her condition worsened, and that night she was taken to a nearby hospital where she died, having suffered massive internal bleeding. The emergency-room physician had been unable to contact Carhart to learn what had taken place. He had flown to Nebraska where he planned to perform more abortions the following day.

Carhart, who uses terms such as justice, love and respect in his advertising, does not delude himself. He knows that he kills babies for a living. In a 2019 interview with the BBC, he was asked: "And you don't have a problem with killing a baby?" to which he responded, "Absolutely not. I have no problem if it's in the mother's uterus." How does one develop such callousness toward human life? Consider the career of this abortionist.

LeRoy Carhart received a medical degree while serving in the U.S. Air Force and upon retirement in 1985 opened a family practice in Bellevue, Nebraska. It was not financially successful, so in 1988 he spent several months learning to do abortions, a procedure he was introduced to in medical school. For the next several years, he worked as a "circuit rider," performing abortions in several states.

Shortly after a fire at his home in 1991, allegedly started by anti-abortion protesters, he decided, "I wasn't just going to be a provider. I was going to be an activist." That decision has driven his subsequent life.

In 1998, he began commuting to Wichita, Kansas, to work as an associate physician with George Tiller, a pioneer in late-term abortions. When Nebraska passed a law banning partial-birth abortions, Carhart sued the state, and in 2000 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the statute was unconstitutional. Congress then enacted the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003. Carhart again brought suit, but this time the Supreme Court upheld the ban.

When Tiller was murdered in 2009 by Scott Roeder, an anti-abortion fanatic with a psychiatric history, Carhart promptly announced that he would carry on his legacy by performing later-term abortions in his facility in Bellevue. Nebraska lawmakers, not wanting the state to become an abortion hub, passed a law the following year banning most abortions 20 weeks after conception. Carhart could have moved across the river into Iowa, where abortion regulations were less stringent. "But," he said, "I wouldn't give Right to Life the satisfaction of saying they cut the abortion rate in Omaha by a third."

Rather, in defiance, he set up shop in Maryland, where abortions can be performed in all nine months of pregnancy and became a contract abortionist at a practice in Germantown while continuing his business in Nebraska. Since then, he has flown every few days to perform abortions in both states each week.

From the day Carhart opened his doors in Maryland in December 2010, there has been a year-round vigil of prayer and peaceful public witness near his clinic. Catholic parishes, bishops and priests, Protestant congregations and pastors, national and local pro-life leaders, and people of all ages have come to pray for an end to the killing.

After almost seven years in Germantown, a pro-life group bought the practice in September 2017 and immediately shut it down. The following month, Carhart relocated to Bethesda, Maryland, where abortions and the weekly prayerful opposition continue.

Carhart engages in his gruesome business with an impassive view of life. In 1997, he testified in a U.S. district court that he sometimes dismembered late-stage infants while they were alive, for he could "see the fetal heartbeat on the ultrasound."

In the 2019 BBC interview, he said that he "loves his job" and is proud to perform late-term abortions. He fought against the federal partial-birth abortion ban because he saw no moral difference between killing a partially delivered baby and one still in the womb. The point he misses is the immorality of killing an unborn child in the first place.

Carhart presents himself as a specialist in "second- and third-trimester abortion care." He performs the procedure after 28 weeks, well into the period when an unborn child can feel pain, has a significant

chance of survival if delivered, and when most abortionists will not operate.

He advertises "that the care our patients receive is high quality, safe and tailored to their specific health needs." His practice, however, is not safe. At least two women died, and several dozen others have been rushed to nearby hospitals for emergency treatments after abortions at his facilities.

He speaks of "care" and "compassion." Yet, in an almost ghoulish fashion, Carhart provides women with an opportunity to bond with their dead infants, as if they died naturally instead of being deliberately killed. He offers his patients a remembrance "of the precious time with (sic) you and your baby had together." They can hold their aborted children, obtain photographs, footprints and memorial certificates, and request spiritual accommodations before the babies are disposed of as biohazards.

In spite of public opinion, protests, petitions to the state medical board, lawsuits, a congressional investigation into his practices, and being evicted five times because "of a change of heart of the landlord," 78-year-old Carhart tenaciously continues. He works full time providing abortions, teaching other providers the techniques of first- and second-trimester abortions, and acting as a consultant to abortion facilities nationwide.

While abortion practices are closing throughout the country, Carhart is looking to expand his business. In August 2019, a senior staff member at his Bethesda facility said, "We have patients from all across the country and all across the world." The staff is preparing to assist even more women, she continued. "If people want to get an abortion, they are going to have an abortion."

Some may consider the pro-life efforts to be ineffective, but individuals come to pray outside of the facilities even if only to save one life. Grace Morrison, who led the weekly prayer services in Germantown, said, "We do not know God's plan or the effects of our presence, but we do know that it is our responsibility to be here. If we are not, more babies will die. We have seen that there is an abundance of grace available at this place of great darkness, as we have witnessed many miracle and conversions." Abortionists may continue to kill babies, but those who are pro-life will pray and stand in opposition.



Smiley Central™

A guy comes in to a bar and orders a double whiskey. He drinks it and looks in his pocket. Then he orders another one, drinks it and looks in his pocket again. This is repeated a dozen times before the bartender asks him what he is doing. He replies, "In my pocket I have a picture of my wife. When she gets good looking, I quit drinking..."

With high-definition TV everything looks bigger and wider. Kind of like going to your 25th High School Reunion.

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't move. Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond. Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch. The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"

A man is bragging about his new hearing aid. "It's the best I've ever had," he says. "It cost \$3,000."

His friend asks, "What kind is it?"

He says, "Half past four!"

A poodle and a collie were walking down the street. The poodle turned to the collie and complained, "My life is a mess. My owner is mean, my girlfriend is having an affair with a German shepherd, and I'm nervous as a cat."

"Why don't you go see a psychiatrist?" asked the collie.

"I can't," replied the poodle. "I'm not allowed on the couch."

An old guy was working out in the gym when he spotted an attractive young lady.

He asked a nearby trainer, "What machine should I use to impress that lady over there?"

The trainer looked him up and down and said, "I would try the ATM in the lobby."

Recently while we were eating lunch after church one Sunday, my youngest son asked me what the highest number I had ever counted up to was.

I said I didn't know. Then I asked him how high he has counted.

"5,372," came the prompt reply.

"Oh," I said. "Why did you stop there?"

"The sermon was over."



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



****OCTOBER- 2019****

- 01 Paul O. Awunor
- 05 Floyd E. Duckett
- 06 Norris M. Foster
- 06 Matthew J. Koker
- 08 Adewale T. Olaiya
- 09 Steve M. Nwamkpa
- 15 Michael E. Younger
- 16 Michael T. Petz
- 17 Ikenna Agubokwu
- 21 William J. Harris
- 26 Anthony A. Falodun
- 27 Wade N. Matthew
- 28 James A. Barnes
- 28 Basil E. Fomanka
- 30 Felix C. Osuchukwu



***“The Joy
Of An
October
Birthday”***

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****OCTOBER****



- 03 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 05 East of the River Revival Youth Rally, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Washington, DC 10:00 AM
- 07-09 East of the River Fall Revival, Mount Calvary Catholic Forestville, MD (See Flyer)
- 12 Columbus Day Ball, BWI Airport Marriot, Linthicum, MD
- 14 Columbus Day
- 14 Bishop Walsh Assembly Meeting, 7 PM (TBD)
- 16 McNamara Chapter Meeting, Calvert Council 7870, Crab & Shrimp Dinner, 7 PM
- 17 Fletcher Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 19 AWD District 4th Degree Exemplification
- 20 Knight's Sunday, Mass, 11:00 AM
- 26 State Council Fall Meeting, Emmitsburg, MD
- 26 KC Ladies Fall Costume Dance
- 31 Halloween



“SURVEY TIME”

The objective of the Fletcher Council’s Newsletter is to keep our council members informed of recent and planned Council/Order activities and at time to put a smile on your face.

Has it met these goals?

What say you?

What changes would you recommend?

What say you?

Do you recommend that the council continues this form of communications, the Newsletter?

What say you?

***Email Your Survey Comments To
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