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On The Cover: In honor of Black History Month, The Cardinal Gibbons Institute, a Catholic school dedicated to serving African Americans, is dedicated in Ridge, Md., on Oct. 18, 1925. *Photo courtesy of St. Mary’s County Historical Society*

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SUPREME CHAPLAIN

Three Keys to Manhood

Archbishop of Baltimore & Supreme Chaplain By: Archbishop William E. Lori



The life and example of St. Joseph, the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus, hold special meaning for every husband and father seeking to be true to his vocation, for every priest who wants to be a good pastor to his parish family, and for every deacon who wants to serve the Church in humble charity. Indeed, St. Joseph is a model for every Knight of Columbus who seeks to grow in the likeness of Christ and live the principles of the Order.

When Pope Francis greeted members of the Order's Board of Directors and their families this past October (2013), he referred to St. Joseph as "an admirable model of those many virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men." In doing so, the pope outlined the essential qualities that marked the life of St. Joseph — the same virtues that should be evident in our lives.

STRENGTH THAT LISTENS

St. Joseph was certainly a man of "quiet strength." In fact, Scripture attributes no words to St. Joseph at all. But as the story of the Incarnation and birth of Jesus unfolds, Joseph remains a tower of stability. After the Annunciation, when Mary discovered that she was with child through the Holy Spirit, Joseph experienced inner turmoil. As Blessed John Paul II observed, "[Joseph] did not know how to deal with Mary's 'astonishing' pregnancy" (Redemptoris Custos, 3). After an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream (as related in Mt 1:20-21), Joseph immediately obeyed the angel's command to take Mary into his home, demonstrating his faith and readiness to cooperate with the plan of God. The story of how Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem to comply with the census of Caesar Augustus is well-known. Joseph searched for place for mother and child, and though only a stable could be found, he remained utterly attentive to the needs of Mary and the newborn Savior.

When an angel again instructed him in a dream, St. Joseph swiftly ushered Mary and the Child Jesus into Egypt to escape the bloody clutches of Herod (cf. Mt 2:13-14). Again no words, just quiet strength.

In our noisy world where people constantly tout themselves, their opinions and their products, strength is often equated with getting people's attention, winning their approval and getting ahead, even to the point of conquering others.

But think about the really strong people you know. Often, they speak few words; they have no need to boast about their accomplishments because their convictions and their deeds speak for themselves. These are people who know how to face life's problems and tragedies with the strength that comes from faith in God. They are secure in an insecure world.

INTEGRITY AND FIDELITY

A second virtue of St. Joseph is integrity. Integrity does not mean being stubborn or inflexible, but rather whole or complete. At one level, it has to do with soundness in mind and body. But it also has to do with consistently adhering to sound principles and becoming the person that God has intended you to be.

St. Joseph demonstrated each of these traits. Tradition tells us that he was a hard worker and a good provider for the Holy Family. Scripture depicts a man who was steadfast in his faith and resolute in purpose, even as he faced situations that he never could have imagined. Joseph was ultimately a man of integrity because of his unstinting cooperation with God's saving plan. Integrity is often in short supply today, and it is easy to go along with the crowd. Lacking a sound faith in God and firm principles, many accept as true whatever the prevailing trend happens to be. As a result, right and wrong, truth and error become relative. Virtue is passé. Mere appearance is seen as more compelling than who a person really is.

By contrast, integrity includes taking care of ourselves physically, psychologically and spiritually. It involves asking for the grace of a firm faith and the sound moral principles that light our path. This means having the virtue to withstand temptation, upholding human dignity and doing the right thing for the right reason, even when such decisions aren't popular. Finally, Pope Francis pointed to St. Joseph's fidelity. Joseph remained faithful to the end — to Mary, to Jesus and to the mystery of salvation that had been entrusted

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to him. He was faithful not only in the crucial events surrounding Jesus' birth, but also in the everyday demands of home and work in Nazareth. Fidelity is faith in action in all the events of daily life, big and small. For husbands, it means loving one's spouse and family to the end. For priests, it means staying true to the priesthood and all it requires. For everyone, it means service given without notice or reward. When [Blessed] Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, he envisioned men of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity. In these days when we celebrate the Lord's Incarnation and birth, let us ask St. Joseph for the grace to grow in these virtues and for the wisdom to pass them along to a new generation of Knights.

GUARDIAN OF THE MYSTERY OF GOD

There are no words spoken by St. Joseph recorded in the Gospels. But in the words of [Saint] John Paul II, "the silence of Joseph has its own special eloquence, for thanks to that silence we can understand the truth of the Gospel's judgment that he was 'a just man'" (*Redemptoris Custos*, 17; cf. Mt 1:19).

As so many Knights of Columbus can attest, the day-to-day role of father and head of household is complex, requiring a diverse skill set. After all, a father is called on to do many things — from making repairs around the house and providing for his family to protecting his family from harm and helping to form the faith and moral foundation of his children. Fathers play a critical role in the stability of families, and Jesus' earthly father, Joseph, was no exception.

JOSEPH'S FATHERHOOD

The importance of St. Joseph's example as a husband and father is perhaps best summarized by John Paul II in his apostolic exhortation on St. Joseph: "St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood," the pope wrote. "In recalling that 'the beginnings of our redemption' were entrusted 'to the faithful care of Joseph,' the Liturgy specifies that 'God placed him at the head of his family, as a faithful and prudent servant, so that with fatherly care he might watch over his only begotten Son'" (*Redemptoris Custos*, 8).

Although the Gospels do not provide many details about Joseph, we know that he supported Jesus and Mary by his work as a carpenter and that he was a man of prudence, protective of his family and ever attentive to God's voice. Like many fathers, Joseph taught his son a trade, and the Son of Man learned from his earthly father how to make a living through hard work and the sweat of his brow. It was this historic fact that the Second Vatican Council had in mind when it said of Jesus: "He worked with human hands, he thought with a human mind ... and loved with a human heart" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 22).

Joseph, as Jesus' foster father, took seriously his responsibility to care for all the needs of his child. Parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of culture and faith. Jesus acquired much of his human knowledge from both Joseph and Mary, who together provided his first earthly experience of love and influenced the development of his personality. Mary and Joseph also handed on to Jesus the faith of Israel, teaching him how to pray and to live the Law; their home was the "seminary" for the great High Priest.

While Scripture speaks often of Mary's love for her Son, it also depicts the quiet strength and love of Joseph toward his foster child. Both were powerfully displayed when Joseph and Mary, after searching for three days, find the 12-year-old Jesus in the temple. Mary, exasperated, asked: "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously" (Lk 2:48). Jesus replied, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2:49). Of this famous biblical scene, John Paul II wrote, "The reply of Jesus in the Temple brought once again to the mind of his 'presumed father' what he had heard on that night twelve years earlier: 'Joseph ... do not fear to take Mary, your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit' (Mt 1:20). From that time onward he knew that he was a guardian of the mystery of God" (*Redemptoris Custos*, 15).

ORDINARY HOLINESS

Not only is Joseph a model of a devoted husband and father, but the Holy Family is rightly called "the prototype and example of all Christian families" (*Familiaris Consortio*, 86). This family lived in cultural circumstances vastly different from ours today, but Jesus, Mary and Joseph teach us certain perennial truths about family life — truths upheld by Knights of Columbus and their families throughout the world. One such truth is the importance of the ordinary. By becoming one of us and choosing to live in an ordinary family, Jesus Christ demonstrated the value that God places on mothers, fathers and children attending to their daily responsibilities. The Lord taught us that our salvation is worked out in our everyday life. God's will for us is often all too obvious.

The example of the Holy Family also teaches us that parents are called to take a direct and personal role in the education of their children, helping them to acquire important life skills and to know the reality of God's love.

As Knights of Columbus, you help parents fulfill their vocation through your example and your prayers. Let us look upon the Holy Family with gratitude as we ask the intercession of Joseph and Mary for families everywhere — for those that are healthy and for those that struggle. Through these prayers, may family life experience an authentic renewal as we meet the challenges of the new evangelization.

STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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Dear Brother Knights

Peace be with you!

We will be entering a new season in the Church Liturgical calendar, the Holy Season of Lent. During this Holy Season we devote our special attention to the saving mysteries of our faith, especially to the supreme sacrifice that Christ Our Lord made to set us free. The forty days of Lent are like a musical composition that begins softly and slowly and builds to a crescendo. The music of Lent culminates with the great feasts of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and the joy of Easter Sunday. Lent is a very special season for us Christians. During the forty days of Lent, and especially the last three days, we Christian believers join in prayers and songs that are only used once a year. We wash feet, venerate the cross, and light a candle, using ancient rituals that are reserved exclusively for these special days.

Why do we celebrate the season of Lent? Where does it come from? Let me share with you two sources of this very important tradition of our faith. First, Lent is spiritually rooted in the salvation history of the Israelites, the Chosen People of God. For thousands of years and up to the present day the Jewish people have annually shared the Passover meal. As they ate the Paschal Lamb, they remember the greatest blessing God ever gave to them. They remember and celebrate the great act whereby God freed Israel from slavery and death in Egypt, gave them the covenant, and led them into the Promised Land. We Christian people follow the sacred tradition of the Chosen People. Once a year we celebrate with particular intensity the same mystery we remember every time we partake in the Eucharist, the Sacrifice of the Mass. We remember the greatest sacrifice that God has done for us and for the human race. God offered Salvation for us won by the true Paschal Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Through the death and resurrection of our Lord, we were freed from the slavery and death of sin. We celebrate the new Passover, the new and everlasting covenant in His blood. And through the waters of Baptism, He leads us into the promised land, the New and Eternal Jerusalem. We celebrate the refuge we find in the Church, the new Ark in which we rise above the deadly flood of sin and death.

The second source of the Holy Season of Lent is the example of Christ Himself. On a music score the term "Lento" means "slow down. Take this slowly". The word "Lent" has the same root. It means , slow down, and take life more slowly. In the Gospel of Mark we hear that before Jesus began his public ministry he went out into the desert, away from the busyness of the crowds and daily life, to be alone with His Father and to do battle with Satan. We are called by Jesus to do the same. During this holy Season of Lent, we are invited by Jesus to take a few short weeks out of our daily routine and to slow down. He wants us to spend more quality time with him in prayer and reflection. Jesus wants us to reflect on the great sacrifice and wonderful things He has done for us as individuals, as a family, as members of the Knights of Columbus, as a parish, as a Church and as a community of Faith in the world. He also wants us to do battle with the evil one by confronting our sinfulness. Before we can confront ourselves and change what is wrong in our lives. we need to know first what needs to be changed. We need to slow down and take a personal, honest, and searching inventory of our lives. If we take the time to look honestly at our lives, and to take note of our blessings and our shortcomings, with God's help we will be better for that effort. We will be able to remember and celebrate, with greater joy and intensity, the greatest things that the Father has done for us through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.

As we confront ourselves and do our soul searching, we should not forget that this Holy Season of Lent is a best time for all of us to show our repentance, through fasting and abstinence, for the sins we have committed. Mortification, penance, strengthens our souls so that we can resist the Devil, who will try to tempt us with greater determination and venom, during these forty days of Lent and during the days that we commemorate the Passion of Christ. We should not be afraid of the Devil, we should fight with Faith, because our Lord and Savior will give us the graces that we need to conquer those temptations. St Paul tells us that "God will not allow us to be tempted beyond our strength." God's grace will help us all right but we must also help ourselves. Jesus will give us the graces we need if we prepare ourselves, if we wipe clean our souls of sin, and if we humbly ask for those graces.

With an ardent desire to change our lives, remembering that there is still time today but it may be too late tomorrow, let us repent and confess our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May the Good Lord grant us a Lenten Season that is different from all the others that we have lived. May we know how to take advantage of the opportunities that we will be given to come to a complete conversion of our lives. May we know how to do what Jesus asks us to do so that we can finally, completely and truthfully be faithful to Him.

VIVAT JESUS!!!!

Fr jojo

SUPREME KNIGHT

‘Seek the Kingdom of God’



Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

A FEW YEARS BEFORE the founding of the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, *The New York Times* published an article about the parish under the headline, “How an Aristocratic Avenue was Blemished by a Roman Church Edifice.” The article noted that these Catholics had previously been worshipping in “a cheap building” elsewhere in the city.

The real blemish in the writer’s eye was not the Gothic style of the church building — nearby Yale University had pioneered the American Academic Gothic style — but the fact that these Catholics had moved from the margins of the city to its cultural and intellectual center.

Although many of Father McGivney’s parishioners were recent immigrants and manual laborers, a number of the “go ahead” men who became early members of the Knights of Columbus would go on to elected office and positions of prominence in New Haven and Connecticut.

New Haven — one of the four original Puritan colonies in New England — was a cultural, religious and intellectual center. And like the rest of New England, it wrestled with the legacy of its Puritan past. Popular philosophers such as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau and novelists like Nathaniel Hawthorne and Herman Melville all grappled with the stern rigidity of Puritanism.

We do not know what was on Father McGivney’s bookshelf or how much time the young priest had for reading. But we do know that Catholics were involved in the great intellectual debates of their time, as *Faith of Our Fathers* (1876) by Cardinal James Gibbons (who ordained Father McGivney) and *The American Republic* (1865) by Orestes Brownson attest. We also know that McGivney had once hoped to join the Jesuits, and he was recognized for excellence in his studies while in seminary. Within walking distance of Yale University, its School of Divinity and the prominent Protestant churches on the New Haven town green, Father McGivney frequently defended his Catholic faith.

But as a priest who was Father McGivney’s contemporary said of him, McGivney made a decisive shift in his thinking during his studies at St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore: “While praising scholarship as a possession of great value, they taught him to regard it as merely a subsidiary quality in a priest — humanity, and not the humanities, should engage henceforth his most devoted study; sympathy for human woes was a property more intrinsic than knowledge.”

The 19th-century America in which Father McGivney lived was tumultuous. In the decade before his birth, anti-Catholic riots burned churches and destroyed convents. The decade in which he was born marked the emergence of the nativist “KnowNothings.” Their political influence was strong throughout the country, and their message simple. In New England, posters read: “All Catholics and all persons who favor the Catholic Church are ... vile imposters, liars, villains, and cowardly cutthroats.”

Soon, America was plunged into civil war — and vengeance became an operating principle. “As the Civil War escalated in scope and intensity,” writes historian James McPherson, “the fury of hatred and revenge ... crowded out Christian charity.”

In this way, the war presented an “unending challenge,” observes another eminent historian, Bruce Catton — “a challenge to the world’s greatest democracy to establish itself on a foundation so broad and solid that it will endure.”

“Put at its simplest,” Catton writes, “it is nothing less than an avowal that we believe in the brotherhood of man and are determined that we will eventually find some way to put it into actual practice.”

This is what Father McGivney did. He put into “actual practice” a Catholic brotherhood based on the principles of charity and unity; and while its membership was restricted to Catholics, its charity would be open to all. Father McGivney called on Catholics to see in the face of their suffering neighbor the face of Christ — so that, in their charity, they might show that neighbor not retribution or hardheartedness but the mercy of God. *Vivat Jesus!*

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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

State Deputy By: Vincent Grauso (e-mail: VGrauso@yahoo.com)



I hope everyone is staying healthy. Now that the vaccine for Covid-19 is starting to roll out we are hoping that we will be able to start meeting in person later this year.

The pandemic caused our mid-year meeting of District Deputies, District Wardens, Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights to be virtual. We had some great presentations and there was much information passed along to those that attended. If you missed the meeting all the presentations are on the MD State website.

This month we begin the season of Lent and the new process of sprinkling our heads with ashes. At least we are back in our parishes for this spiritual season. As we approach Lent, we need to consider what we will be giving up and especially what our Lenten Friday's will look like. Our parish fish fry's that we normally have may be a grab and go instead of a sit down dinner. We also will begin our season of fasting and we need to make sure that we support our churches financially since many parishioners are still not attending Masses.

I ask you to grow closer to the Lord this Lent by attending a virtual retreat or maybe an actual in person retreat. Use the "Into the Breach" videos in your councils or show a Fr. Michael McGivney documentary. We need to continue to show people the wonderful works and accomplishments that Blessed Michael McGivney has done. Feed your soul with prayer this Lent and make this the best Lent ever.

We are still praying that we will be able to meet this year at the convention in Ocean City. Plans are underway and the hotel is preparing for us. It may look slightly different because we are not allowed to have any hospitality rooms and the conference rooms are limited to 50% capacity.

Continue to recruit men into the order by using the MCGIVNEY2020 free membership for one year. You may also notice that Supreme council has created a new educational webcast series for our members. These webcasts will not be training but will educate our members in our faith.

Let's make sure that we concentrate on what we **can do** rather than what we **cannot do**.

Remember as Knights, "We Are Servant Leaders"

Vince Grauso

The **Ladies Activity Committee** is holding an online 50/50 raffle. The funds raised will be used to sponsor activities at the state convention and future ladies events.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available through February 13. Ticket purchases are available to anyone and you don't have to be affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. The website to purchase tickets is

<https://rafflecreator.com/pages/45544/5050-knights-of-columbus-ladies-activities-committee-fundraiser>.

The drawing will be held on **Valentine's Day**.

FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE

The Beginning Of A New Chapter

First Lady By: Mary Jane Grauso



As with every January 1, we begin a new year. Though for the past 10 months we have faced challenges due to the Coronavirus pandemic finally, there is a light at the end of this long journey with the vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna, and several other Pharma's that will help society eventually overcome the pandemic.

Six weeks later into the month of February the celebration of **LENT** begins starting with the feast of Fat Tuesday followed by Ash Wednesday [this year ashes will be sprinkled on top of our heads instead of a cross on our foreheads due to the pandemic].

According to Pope Francis who told the thousands gathered for his weekly General Audience in Saint Peters Square Jan. 20, 2021, Lent **symbolizes a time of new beginnings and to recall Christ's "Victory over death."** It is a time "to devote oneself to a "holy ecology of the heart," and a time to follow Jesus into the desert. "Lent is the favorable time to make room for the Word of God. It is a time to turn off the television and open the Bible. To disconnect from our phones and connect to the gospel."

Pope Francis also urged Christians to pray for "the gift of unity," saying that the devil always seeks to sow division and discord. The pope stressed that prayer for unity involves a spiritual battle both with the divisions within oneself and with the temptation of the devil. "To pray means to fight for unity. Yes, fight, because our enemy, the devil, is the one who divides, as the word itself says. He is the divider. Jesus asks for unity through the Holy Spirit, to create unity. The devil always divides ... He fosters division everywhere and, in any way, while the Holy Spirit always joins in unity." Pope Francis insisted that "unity can only be achieved as a fruit of prayer," saying that "we are not able to obtain unity with our own strength."

"Therefore, the solution to these divisions is not to oppose someone, because discord generates more discord. The true remedy begins by asking God for peace, reconciliation, unity. The root of communion and love is Christ who makes us overcome our prejudices to see in others a brother or sister to be loved always," Pope Francis said.

This season urgently calls us Christians to return to God with all their hearts, to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. **Jesus is our faithful friend who never abandons us.** Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.

Lent is a season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.

Lent is a time that offers us an opportunity to come to terms with the human condition. A time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the graces God has to offer us.

Lent can be a special season of releasing what no longer serves you and discovering limitless possibilities for growth and renewal. A time to let go of fears, worries, negative thoughts, and anything holding you back. Begin to cultivate peace, love, gratitude, and forgiveness in your life.

The long journey of Lent asks us to pause and take a more meditative/contemplative look at our Christian spiritual journey, to enter more consciously into the transforming life and power of the Holy Spirit guiding our lives.

During Lent, let's make a three-fold spiritual commitment to immerse ourselves more deeply in daily prayer, in "fasting" or separating ourselves from whatever physical, mental, or spiritual obstacles that may be preventing a more holistic human-spiritual growth in our journey to God, and to a more fervent outreach in charity.

"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity. Enter again into yourself."

~Saint Augustine~

There are many different forms of Alms giving; volunteering, practicing any of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy or Spiritual Works of Mercy consider one of these this year.

"Give something, however small to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God if we have given what we could."

~Saint Gregory Nazianzen~

We Come through Lent Closer to God. So, you see, these forty days will teach us, cleanse us, help us to grow spiritually and ultimately, strengthen our love for and relationship to Our Lord.

Lent Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of this season. Thank you for knowing our hearts and our need for rhythms in our lives, and for drawing us into a deeper communion with you throughout the coming 40 days.

COUNCIL GROWTH

Council Growth Director By: Tom O'Hara (e-mail: tomco50@comcast.net)

I would like to take some time to talk about our Parish Priest. I think you would all agree they have a tough job in the best of times. At Ordination they promise to care for the faithful. They promise to preach the Gospel and teach the Faith. Along with that many of them have the responsibility of keeping their parishes financially sound. In other words they become the CEO of some pretty large entities. I think you would agree their responsibilities are great.

That is when times are good. Then in 2020 we have a pandemic and the Bishops shut down their churches and parish buildings. The Faithful cannot come to Mass. There is no more Monday night BINGO. They need to figure out how to keep their parishes solvent. They need to find new, different and yet safe ways to serve the People of the Parish and to administer the Sacraments to them and do it safely.

In a very difficult year Priest had to approach so many aspects of their ministry in different ways. And they did. I have not heard of one priest say he had to close the parish down because no one could come to Mass. They figured out ways to stream the Mass so the faithful could attend, if only by computer. They found ways to raise funds to at least keep the parish afloat. They were forced to think out of the box. They did and in many respects they were successful.

Now what does any of this have to do with us as Knights of Columbus and specifically with membership? Well if our priest can find ways to keep our parishes going why can't we find ways to keep our councils active and recruiting? I have heard it many times "our Mass attendance is down, we can't have face to face meetings". It goes on and on. On the positive side there are councils who are recruiting. There are councils who are active in their parish and community. These councils are not doing anything special. They are just refusing to let the pandemic take over. Some of the things that are happening are virtual rosaries, virtual open houses, food drives, grab and go crab feast, grab and go chicken diners. Coats for Kids. Acting as ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and readers in our parishes. Things that make us visible to the men that are attending Mass.

Remember we can reach out to Catholic men who are not in our parish. Men that we work with, our brothers-in-law, sons and grandsons. There are so many things we can do to strengthen our councils and the Order.

If you need help let us know. The Council Growth Team is waiting for you to call.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom O'Hara

Council Growth Director

STATE PROGRAMS

Program Director By: Terry Waters (e-mail: Tejowat12127@outlook.com)

I recently read an inspiring book by Fr. Frank Iacona titled “*Peace and Joy*,” where he shared some thoughts around doing good. As he mentioned, “A question worth asking ourselves is this: Do I plan to win or to not lose? From the great bulk of the sins I hear in the confessional, it seems that most play to not lose...to avoid doing evil, rather than to do as much good as they can.”

It seems to me that as Knights, our mission and purpose is to be the men in our councils, parishes and communities who do as much good as we can. And we have so many opportunities to do that! In fact, I can’t think of any council in Maryland where there is not a need- often a desperate one- to confront and tackle issues involving hunger, homelessness, loneliness, failing faith, floundering family relationships, unjust laws and impoverished children. To name just a few. Our response to these needs is what gets me out of bed every day, and my guess is that for many of you it’s the same!

Speaking of Knights who are doing plenty of good work, I want to recognize **District 11** with **DD Russell Sutton** and councils **2169, 5547, 15084, and 16634**; and **District 32** with **DD Peter Hammerer**, and councils **205, 5058, 9462, and 11787**. Every council in these two high-performing districts have completed their program objectives for Period 1 and Period 2 and are well on their way to earning the coveted Faith in Action award. By the way, I noticed that many other councils in Maryland have accomplished the same goal, as well!

I also want to thank these councils who have conducted and submitted a remarkable number of program reports! While I realize “it’s about quality vs quantity,” there usually is a direct correlation between an engaged and inspired council and the number of programs they activate. Here are the “top 10” (and their district) based on numbers from Peter’s report as of Jan 21: **2809** (4), **13290** (31), **1309** (29), **2203** (10), **13463** (14), **3849** (29), **11891** (1), **11024** (6), **5567** (18), **1622** (25). Well done, Worthies!

Congratulations to **GK Thomas Walters** (11815) and **GK Edwin Spicka** (14775) for their participation in our Program Forum on January 25. Both these leaders shared best practices and both were awarded Chick-fil-et gift cards for their leadership!

Finally, please remember that written reports highlighting your “best of your best” programs within your council are due to me by **March 15, 2021**. The cover sheet for these reports, titled “**State Council Service Program Awards**,” can be found on the Supreme website using this link:

https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state_serviceaward_p.pdf

Thanks to all of you who are doing as much good work as you can do to make such a meaningful difference in our councils, parishes, and communities! Our purpose as Knights is to live as servant leaders and I am proud to know that so many of you are wonderful examples of men who are answering the call!

Vivat Jesus! Terry

Car Raffle Update

The drawing for the **2021 Ford Mustang** has been delayed and will take place on **1 May 2021**, during the Awards presentation at the Maryland State Council Convention in Ocean City. Second Prize is an **iPad** and third Prize is a **\$200 gift card**.

Tickets must be turned in to one of the two State Chairmen listed below. Tickets will be received up to and including the day of the drawing. Tickets can be turned in at the **Convention**, however ticket turned in prior to the day of the **Convention** are strongly encouraged. Complete the Turn-in Form located under the Member Resources tab / Incentive Car Raffle on the MD State Council website, along with your council check made payable to “Maryland State Council.” Ticket stubs must be turned in unbundled. Please no staples!

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LIFE ACTIVITIES

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Brothers – I hope you and your Councils had the opportunity in January to participate in the many prayerful opportunities and virtual advocate opportunities that were available to reaffirm our commitment to life in all stages and in every condition. There are two more great opportunities in February that directly involve the advocacy for Life in the State of Maryland.

The first opportunity for your Council this month is to participate in the **Maryland March for Life** which is Thursday February 4th from 4:30pm – 6:30pm outside the Miller Senate Building in Annapolis. The Maryland March for Life is organizing a Prayer Chain for Life on that day and all are invited to participate and witness to life in Maryland. For details, visit the Maryland March for Life website at

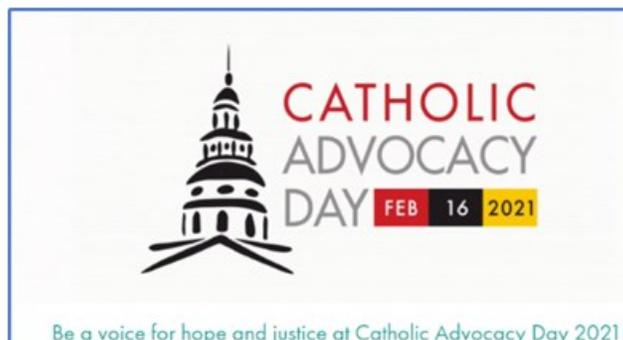
<https://www.MdMarchforLife.com>

We encourage every District in the state to have representation at the Prayer Chain on February 4th.



The second opportunity is for you, your Council, and your Parish to participate in the **Catholic Advocacy Day** on February 16th, 2021. This too will be virtual. By signing up, you will have the opportunity to contact your legislators in Annapolis on the important Catholic issues in Maryland which includes the protection of Life in all its stages and in every condition. For information on how to sign up and participate, please visit

<https://www.mdatholic.org/advocacyday>



Finally, brothers, please continue to support your local pregnancy centers and maternity homes as well as complete your Polar Bear Plunge fundraising for Special Olympics of Maryland.

AROUND MARYLAND

Cemetery of the Innocents

On Saturday, the 16th of January, the Holy Face Council 3849 Knights of Columbus, Maryland Right to Life, and parishioners from Holy Face installed the 1st Cemetery of the Innocents for 2021 in Maryland (the 342nd memorial since 2004) at Holy Face Church in Great Mills, MD.

Thanks go to the pastor, Father Jerry Gamrot, GK Charlie Shilling, and the Pro-life Coordinator, Ed Szymkowiak for their strong support of the unborn babies.

Thanks also to Jim Cooney and others for the transport of the crosses from St. George to Holy Face. Charlie Shilling, Ron Fields, and Ed Szymkowiak did the hard work installing the crosses.



Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady Star of the Sea Council 9258 purchased 23 coats in sizes ranging from 3T to Mens Large for needy children. The coats were delivered to Appeal Elementary at 1:00 pm on Friday, January 8th. A special thanks to Clarice Maldonado, wife of our Deputy Grand Knight Vincent Maldonado, for coordinating with the Judy Center at Appeal Elementary and making this happen. Please see full story by DD #29 Dave Spigler in the Calvert County Times 28 January 2021.



(<https://countytimes.somd.com/read/calvert.php>)

Picture from left to right are:

Karen Jordan (Judy Center Program Coordinator), Sarah Beebe (School Counselor), Lynn Cunningham (Dean) and Anthony Barone (Principal), Tom Reumont (Grand Knight), Vincent Maldonado (Deputy Grand Knight), Horacio Moronta (Guard)

123RD STATE CONVENTION

State Convention Chairman By: Mike Sallese

My Brother Knights,

On Monday January 25, 2021, at 8:00 am, we opened registration for the 123rd Annual Convention to the membership. If you have not already registered, please go to www.mdkocconvention.org and register for the Convention. You have three boxes across the screen. Use the center button titled “Register for the Convention” to register initially. If you should decide later that you need to change your registration, use the “Update your Registration” button on the left side of the screen.

Towards the bottom of the screen, on the left side, are various documents pertaining to the Convention, such as the program book ads, the golf tournament and additional registration information. Please review the registration information before you register. This information is also available on the Maryland State Council website at: kofc-md.org/state-convention



We ask that all Grand Knights and Delegates get registered by February 10 so that they can be assigned rooms in the Hotel to facilitate access to the Convention business sessions. After that date, rooms will be assigned to all registrants on a first come first served basis. Please be aware that the Hotel is renovating some Ocean Front rooms, so there will be fewer rooms to work with.

We are working with the Princess Royale to be “COVID-19” safe for all. No one wants the “COVID-19” to be a souvenir of the Convention. We have included a copy of the Hotel’s precautions and procedures on the kofc-md.org/state-convention website. Based upon the necessary precautions for COVID-19, there will be **no hospitality rooms** at the Convention.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Ocean City for the 123rd Convention over the weekend of April 30 and May 1 and 2.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Sallese
Convention Chairman

Catholic Men’s Fellowship of Maryland 2021

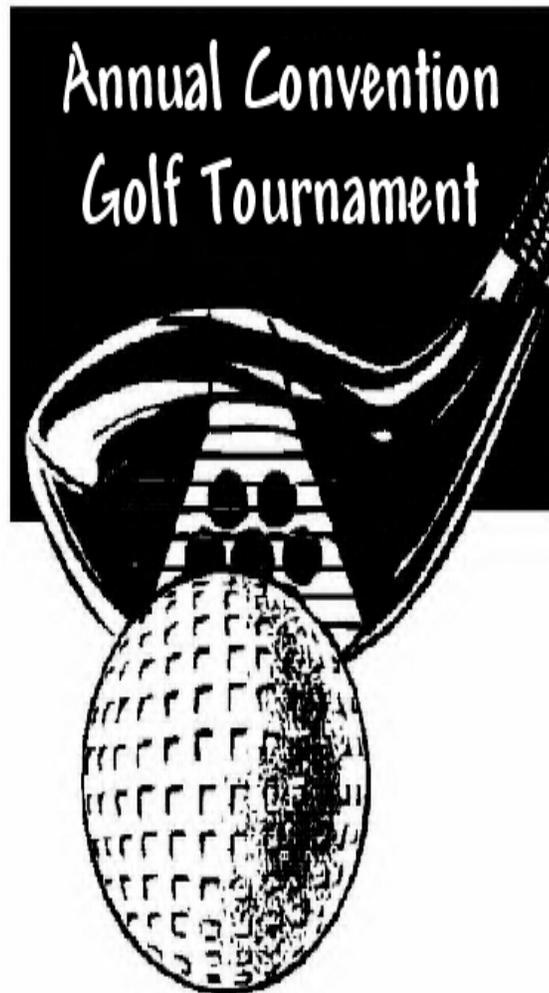
The Catholic Men’s Fellowship of Maryland 2021 annual conference will be held on Saturday morning, March 20.

The conference will be held in-person at St. Philip Neri (SPN) in Linthicum, with all appropriate COVID precautions. There will be three talks, and Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Lori.

The conference will be held in a “hybrid” model - since attendance will be limited, we will need to live stream to other parishes or “hubs” around the archdiocese and beyond so we can have a several smaller gatherings.

St. Joseph's Parish - located in Hagerstown has agreed to be a hub - more details to follow. Interested Brothers can contact Fred Nugent, PGK, Pangborn Council 1365 at frednugent@myactv.net

Maryland State Council
Knights of Columbus
OCEAN CITY GOLF CLUB
11401 Country Club Dr.
Berlin Maryland



Thursday, April 29, 2021
Four Man - Best Ball
11:30 AM Lunch
12:30 PM Shotgun Start

\$85.00 per person includes:
Green Fees, Cart, Hot Lunch,
Prizes & Beverages on Course

Any questions call Paul Weber
410-879-0558 or email apaulweber@verizon.net

Foursomes are limited! Reservation and
payment must be made no later than April 15th.

Send check payable to: Maryland State Council Convention Fund
Mail to: Paul Weber 2223 Larchmont Drive Fallston Md. 21047

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HISPANIC PAGE

¡AMAR Y SERVIR A DIOS!

By: Raphael A. Elguera, Faithful Purser 3769

¿Caballeros que es lo que quiere Dios de todos nosotros?

Si nos referimos a la palabra de Dios en DEUTERONOMIO 10 13. Dice: “Ahora pues Israel, Que es lo que pide Yave, tu Dios, sino que temas a Yave, tu Dios que sigas todos sus caminos y que lo ames y lo sirvas con todo tu corazón y con toda tu alma?. Guarda los mandamientos de Yave y sus leyes que hoy te ordeno para tu bien.

Caballeros el temor a Dios es una aptitud de reverencia y admiración por un Dios Todopoderoso, Dios creador de todas las cosas. A través de la Biblia nosotros recibimos algunas visiones del cielo, y vemos que las criaturas celestiales lo adoran alrededor de Su trono continuamente, gritando “¡Santo, santo, santo!” cubriendo sus rostros. Dios Todopoderoso nos ha llamado por nuestro nombre para SERVIRLO, y Él está obrando en nosotros para que podamos ser salvo y estar con Él por toda la eternidad. ¡Esto debe causar en nosotros que el amor, la gratitud y una gran reverencia inexpresable crezcan y aumenten en nuestros corazón!

Esto nos hace tener temor de pecar contra Él, porque no queremos nada más en este mundo que agradarle y honrar su santo nombre. Debemos de nosotros tener una gran tristeza y dolor cuando pecamos por que eso le duele a nuestro padre Dios celestial. “El temor de Jave es aborrecer el mal; La soberbia y la arrogancia, el mal camino, y la boca perversa, aborrezco.” según Proverbios 8:13. Temer a Dios es tener una gran reverencia y respeto por Él, y hacer todo lo que se requiere de nosotros para servirlo. (Salmos 89: 7; Hebreos 12: 28-29)

Todos nosotros debemos desear estar frente a su rostro en todo lo que hacemos para ser agradables a Él, sin dejarnos influenciar por querer recibir una buena opinión de las personas. (1 Pedro 1: 24-25) Saber que no debemos cuentas a nadie más que a Dios por nuestras acciones. Debemos de tener cuidado de no actuar en contra de su voluntad, No deshonrarlo con nuestras acciones. Esto asegurará que actuemos con rectitud, amor y bondad hacia nuestro prójimo.

Temer a Dios es no transgiversar su Palabra, Temer a Dios es no tomar a la ligera el peso y la importancia de a lo que Dios nos ha llamado, y del ministerio de Caballeros de Colón que nos ha dado. Temer a Dios es un odio por el pecado y una seriedad acerca de cuán pecaminoso es. (Romanos 7:13). Temer a Dios es evitar cualquier cosa que le ofenda a El o a nuestros hermanos.

Seguir sus caminos: Un joven manejaba a alta velocidad sin prestar atención a los letreros del camino no se dio cuenta que estaba andando por un camino donde había muchas curvas, colinas y en zonas de construcción sin darse cuenta no se percató de una curva muy cerrada al cual no pudo evitar y se fue al precipicio. Jesús dijo que hay un camino que lleva a la vida. También hay un camino que conduce a la destrucción (Mateo 7:13-14). Las señales de advertencia no se ponen como una amenaza, sino por la seguridad de las personas. Las palabras de Jesús, el Nuevo Testamento y la Biblia en su conjunto, están destinados a mantenernos en el camino que conduce a la vida.

¿Cómo estamos nosotros seguros de estar en el camino correcto? Una vez que estás en aquel camino si lo estamos, ¿que estamos haciendo para permanecer en él?

Dios nos pide que lo amemos y sirvamos con todo el corazón y con toda tu alma y que guardemos sus mandamientos y sus leyes que nos ordena para nuestro bien.

Un joven le preguntó a Jesús: ¿Maestro que he de hacer yo para conseguir la vida eterna? y El le contestó: “Si quieres entrar en la vida eterna, cumple los Mandamientos” (Mt.19,16.19). Pero el joven insistió. ¿Cuál es el Mandamiento más importante de la Ley?. Jesús le respondió: “Amarás al Señor tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente. Este es el primero y más importante. Pero hay otro semejante a éste: Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Toda la Ley se fundamenta en estos dos Mandamientos” (Mt.22,36.38). Otro hombre pregunto. ¿Cómo es posible amar a Dios, al que no vemos, si nos resulta tan difícil, amar a los que viven a nuestro alrededor?

Si no amamos a Dios, Es por que nuestro amor hacia El es frágil. Porque amarle, es seguirle y reconocerlo como nuestro creador y salvador. Como dueño y señor de todo lo que existe. Como destino de nuestro espíritu, para agradecerle, todo lo que ha hecho y hace día a día por nosotros.

Es, profesarle libremente nuestro amor en público y en privado. Es, pedirle ser el último en todo, y aceptar ser el primero en amarle sin peso ni medida.

Amar a Dios, es verlo y sentirlo, no allá lejos, donde brillan las estrellas, si no a nuestro lado, caminando por nuestras mismas calles. Amar a Dios es contemplar todos los tesoros de bondad y ternura, que nos ha dejado, y cumplir su nuevo Mandamiento: “Que os améis los unos a los otros como yo os he amado” (Jn.15,12). Que comprendamos que Dios quiere lo mejor para nosotros pondamos en practica sus mandatos y leyes asi encontraremos nuestra salvación y de muchas almas.

Viva Jesus!

Caballeros del Consejo 17192 San Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Hyattsville listos para recibir la bendición en su 2do Aniversario.



El Padre Rigoberto Erazo, bendice a todos los Caballeros del Consejo 17192 San Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Hyattsville en la Misa en Honor a su 2do Aniversario.



ST. MARK'S PARISH
PARROQUIA SAN MARCO EVANGELISTA
HYATTSVILLE

III DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Sir Knight's de la Asamblea 3769 San Alfonso Maria de Ligorio, Annapolis reciben la Doble Campana de 4to Grado de parte del Máster Francis D Leach.



Nuevos Caballeros hispanos del Consejo 1393 Westmister después de la Ceremonia de Grado.



RECOGNITION 2019-2020

With the cancellation of Founders Day activities in Fraternal Year 2019-2020, the announcement of the Recognition Award winners for the year was delayed. **Immediate Past State Deputy Dale Trott** announced the winners at the Maryland State Mid-Term Meeting in January. The winners are on the following pages.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 2019-2020

Lieutenant Erik Lynn, Laurel Police Department

Lieutenant Erik Lynn is a long time member of the Laurel, Maryland Police Department and is responsible for for the day-to-day operations of all patrol operations. Lt. Lynn provides leadership to his squads by engaging the community each day, by attending community events beyond reasonable expectations and by actually demonstrating genuine care and concern for the well-being of everyone in our community.

- Russ Hamill, Chief of Police
- Submitted by Patuxent Council 2203

Firefighter of the Year 2019-2020

John Krisman, City of Annapolis Firefighter

Firefighter Krisman joined the Annapolis Fire Department as a Fireman Recruit in 2008 and graduated the Fire Academy as a Firefighter I/EMT B in 2009. He is held in high esteem by his Police Chief Remaley and coworkers. Through his career with the Annapolis Fire Department, he was promoted to Firefighter First Class/ALS in 2016. John works with IAFF Local 1926 with community events such as the Santa Run to provide gifts to underprivileged children and Chairs the Fill the Boot to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Greater Maryland raising over \$15k in 2019. He arranged for his local station to provide a fire truck and firefighters to attend all 3 nights of our Coat Drive, showing off the truck, serving pizza to the kids, answering questions, and fitting coats on some of the local children in need from the Boys and Girls Clubs.

- Ray Sears, Grand Knight
- Submitted by Annapolis Council 1384

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) of the Year 2019-2020

Amanda (Mandy) Brown, Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad

Amanda's commitment to the station and providing service to the Greater Laurel Community placed her as one of the top 10 responders in 2018 and is on track to be one of the top runners of our station in 2019. She has amassed over 325 calls in 2019. She is also pulling almost twice the required stand-by duty than is required. Ms. Brown has taken on the responsibility in being the co-leader of her duty night. Mandy makes sure her duty period excels in training and response in emergency incidents.

- Mark Arsenault, Deputy Chief, Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad
- Submitted by Patuxent Council 2203

CCD Teacher of the Year 2019-2020

John & Lisa Hafer, St. John Neumann Parish, Gaithersburg

- Submitted by Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 12127

Catholic Teacher of the Year 2019-2020

Cheryl Churilla

- Submitted by St. Katharine Drexel Council 14011



RECOGNITION 2019-2020

Citizen of the Year 2019-2020

Robert Weiler

- Mark Richardson, Grand Knight
- Submitted by St. Pius X Council 4076

Family of the Year 2019-2020

The Arlinghaus Family

SK Francis (Frank) Arlinghaus, his wife Sue, and their children, Francis, Theresa, Elizabeth, Peter, and Mary are members of St. Louis Parish and Frank is the Community Director of St. Louis the King Council 11898 in Ellicott City. Council Activities that Arlinghaus family participate include pro-life rosaries, Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Contest, Baby Bottle Campaign, Coats for Kids, holiday parking at the Parish, and fundraising for the council at the Ravens games.

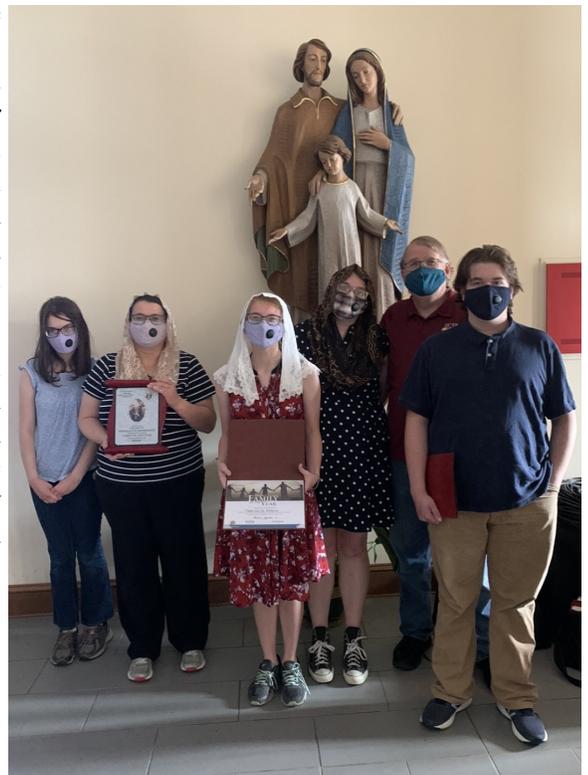
In the parish, Frank and Sue have been Respect Life Coordinators for three years and active in the group for much longer. Sue has coordinated the March for Life bus for eleven years, with help from the family. They have coordinated a wide range of prolife activities, from monthly prayers to educational talks, from weekly October prayer services with other ministries to special services for miscarriages and other lost children. They also organize the regional meetings of the respect life committees of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and recently organized Howard County Right to Life. Elizabeth and Theresa are active in Students for Life. They also advocate for life issues in Maryland with legislators. Frank testified on behalf of life last year before the Maryland Legislature on ten bills and is on the board of Maryland Right to Life, representing them at last year's Catholic Men's Conference.

Among the activities the Arlinghaus family contributes in the Community, the entire family volunteers at the Clarksville Picnic and supporting events for the two weeks prior to the picnic. The family has put in about 3000 volunteer hours over the past decade, with over 500 hours this past year when Sue also served as the Book sale chair. Sue's work with American Heritage Girls, where for the last six years, she has served as unit leader, board member, advancement chair, registrar, and troop coordinator. Frank served as assistant coach, coach, travel coach and 14/17u commissioner for Howard County Youth Program Softball in spring and fall seasons, 2013-2019. Frank also served as an assistant basketball coach for 4 boys and girls basketball teams for Western Howard County, Howard County Youth Program, and Howard Youth Basketball Association. Frank coached a FIRST LEGO LEAGUE robotics team for four years 2014-2019.

Elizabeth serves as Sodality chaplain at school. Son Frank as well as Elizabeth are involved with Students for Life Advocacy (which included sidewalk counseling, issue advocacy, and information table with active engagement). Elizabeth prays regularly outside the local abortion clinic. Theresa is active in Catholic University Catholic Daughters while she completes her nursing degree and works at Children's National Hospital.

- Submitted by St. Louis The King Council 11898

The Aringhaus Family (L-R):
Mary, Sue, Elizabeth, Theresa, Frank, Peter



RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Family of the Year

The Maryland State Council annually conducts a Family of the Year recognition program. The family selected for this award will be honored at the Founder's Day Reception on Sunday, 21 March 2021.

The Family of the Year is selected from nominations submitted by councils within the Maryland jurisdiction. This award is presented to the family that best demonstrates exceptional support of the principles of our Church and our Order, and is considered a "model" family. Please note that the father of the nominated family must be a member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus.

A nomination form is posted to the State Council website at <https://kofc-md.org/general-interest-forms-programs/>. Completed packets, with all supporting documentation, need to be mailed and postmarked by **13 February 2021**.

Councils are also encouraged to honor their selected family locally at a council meeting or social gathering, inviting the recipient's entire family and friends to participate in the presentation.

Fraternally,

Thomas Chayka

Thomas Chayka
Family of the Year Chairman

Citizen, Catholic Teacher, CCD Teacher, Firefighter, Police Officer, EMT Healthcare Awards

The Maryland State Council is conducting the annual recognition programs. There will be separate awards for each category selected from nominations submitted from all councils within the State of Maryland. The seven State Awards will be presented at the Founder's Day Reception on Sunday, March 21, 2021.

The **Catholic Teacher of the Year and CCD Teacher of the Year** program will allow your Council the opportunity to honor an individual that has made significant contributions to the education of our youth. This award is presented to a Catholic teacher who has demonstrated exceptional ability and dedication to the education of our young people through teaching in a parochial school or the parish's CCD Program.

The **Citizen of the Year** program will allow your Council to honor someone who has made significant religious or civic contributions to the well-being of your community. To be eligible for this award, the nominee must be a resident of the State of Maryland.

The **Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, Healthcare Worker, and EMT of the Year** programs will allow your Council to honor Maryland public safety officers for their continuing commitments to enhancing and preserving the quality of life and protection of property within our communities.

Councils are encouraged to select a nominee for each category, and honor that person locally at the Council meeting or social gathering. We suggest that you invite the recipient's family and friends to attend the presentation and share in the celebration. It is appropriate to award a certificate, plaque or other recognition memento. Nomination forms are available on the forms page of the State Website: <https://kofc-md.org/general-interest-forms-programs/>

Completed nomination packages with all supporting documentation must be postmarked if sent by US Mail, or e-mailed by **13 February 2021**

Fraternally,

Stephen J. Bayliff

Stephen J. Bayliff – Recognition Program Chair

LITTLE SISTERS

Little Sister of the Poor Coordinator By: Walter Leskuski (pfn.md384@gmail.com)

Over the past 8 months, thanks to the hard work and planning efforts of Knights and their families across the state of Maryland – over 10 tons of donations of personal care items, food, cleaning and office supplies and \$9,000 in financial donations have been collected to benefit the Little Sisters of the Poor and those they serve. In November, the Maryland Knights of Columbus support for the Little Sisters reached new heights!

In November, the new collection hub sponsored by Fr. Horace McKenna Council 11024 under the direction of GK Don Kinler with the support of his wife Mary, DD Mike Lynch, Program Chair Walt Leskuski and wife Beth as well as parishioners of Mother Seton Parish in Germantown, St. Mary's Barnsville and St. Martins in Gaithersburg collected cash/check donations of \$1900 and over 2000 lbs of donations. Brother Knights of Fr. McKenna Council also delivered 22 turkeys and 1 ham to the Jeanne Jugan residence of Little Sisters of the Poor on 11-21-20.

Further South in Montgomery County, Fr. Rosensteel Council 2169 collection hub under the direction of GK Paul Girolami and supported by DD Andy Michael, GK David Birely of St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 16634, GK Gavin Pereira of St. Joseph Manyanet Council 5567 and MD State Community Program Director Bill Newbrough assisted in collecting 3 car loads of donated items that were added to the caravan of an additional 5 vehicles from Fr. McKenna Council resulting in a full 8 car loads of items delivered to the Jeanne Jugan residence on

Saturday November 21. In addition to the \$1900 raised by Fr. McKenna Council, St. Joseph Manyanet Council 5567 collected and delivered \$1130 in cash/check donations from parishioners at St. Catherine Laboure Church in Wheaton MD.

In December: Patuxent Council collected approximately 210 pounds of food, beverages, paper products, etc. and \$10 in cash from eight different donors.

Saint Louis collected face masks, six (6) large plastic bags filled with more than 50 homemade quilts and lap rugs, and cash donations of \$697 and 40 stamps. Saint Louis parish was very generous, in part to the publicity given it by the ACTS ministry at the request of DD Rick Opatick. Rick and GK Herman Stewart are among the parishioners active in ACTS. Gifts of chocolate were provided by the American Heritage Girls troop at Saint Louis.

Also Saint Louis collected food for Food for families (the OLV food pantry and the Assisi Center in Fells Point) each received 750 pounds of food donations. Additional items were donated to Mary's Home, a pair of maternity homes serving women in crisis pregnancies. Four (4) of the young people working so hard today were children of our Knights.

This last check is an example of how we have managed to use the collection point to support council and charitable activities. We've accepted checks for everything from Coats for Kids to raffle tickets to other charities, allowing people an avenue to give generously to worthy causes. By doing so, we have given them an opportunity to be generous, not just relying on our own members.

In January: Patuxent Council collected approximately 450 pounds of food, beverages, paper products, etc. this past Saturday from eight different donors. All was delivered to the Little Sisters in DC - one load in the morning and another in the afternoon. Cardinal Gibbons collected approximately \$300 and food donations. Saint Louis collected \$442 and delivered 1500 pounds of food items.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



SHARING OUR STORY AN ENDURING FAITH

Featuring His Eminence the Most Reverend
Wilton Cardinal Gregory on February 13 and 27

Join us every Saturday in February for an in-depth educational experience for Black History Month. We strive to inspire the Christian faithful through the witness of our Catholic candidates for sainthood. We will celebrate how they triumphed over tragedies and learn how can we do the same.

February 6	Pierre Toussaint and Elizabeth Lange
February 13	Henriette Delille and Augustus Tolton
February 20	Julia Greeley and Thea Bowman
February 27	Augustus Tolton: Renewal, Restoration and Reconciliation

Virtual Doors Open: 3:45 p.m. EST

Program Starts: 4 p.m. EST

Free Admission: [eventbrite.com/e/134671105903](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/134671105903)

Co-Sponsors: Diocese of Columbus, Diocese of Birmingham, Diocese of Richmond, Archdiocese of Denver and the Tolton Spirituality Center



Knights of Columbus Training Opportunities

Knights of Columbus Regional Training Director, Steve Cohen, PSD, is holding training events open to all Knights.

Listed below are the registration links for all February Training. Remember these trainings are not just for the District Deputy or the Grand Knight, they are for all members.

DELTA CHURCH DRIVE TRAINING – February 4 – 7 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3279522540714523663>

COUNCIL GROWTH TRAINING February 9 – 7 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4081729522875031567>

COUNCIL EXPERIENCE TRAINING February 16 – 7 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8798010982941226767>

YOU ARE YOUR PROGRAMS TRAINING February 22 – 7 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6151864726884432399>

Founders Day Update

The original arrangements for Founders Day have been changed due to the Covid-19 concerns, the date remains the same, March 21, 2021. The new information is as follows:

1 PM Mass

Our Lady of the Fields Church

1070 Cecil Avenue South

Millersville, Maryland 21108

2 PM

Awards Ceremony will take place immediately after Mass in the church. There will be no dinner or reception after the awards ceremony.

References:

Supreme Chaplain—*Redemptoris Custos*—[Redemptoris Custos \(August 15, 1989\) | John Paul II \(vatican.va\)](#)

Supreme Chaplain—Mt 1:19; Mt 1:20-21 - [Matthew, CHAPTER 1 | USCCB](#)

Supreme Chaplain—Mt 2:13-14—[Matthew, CHAPTER 2 | USCCB](#)

Supreme Chaplain—*Gaudium et Spes*—[Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World-Gaudium et Spes \(vatican.va\)](#)

Supreme Chaplain—Lk 2:48—[Luke, CHAPTER 2 | USCCB](#)

Supreme Chaplain—*Familiaris Consortio*—[Familiaris Consortio \(November 22, 1981\) | John Paul II \(vatican.va\)](#)

Supreme Knight—*Faith of Our Fathers* (1876) by Cardinal James Gibbons [The Faith of Our Fathers \(gutenberg.org\)](#)

Supreme Knight—*The American Republic* (1865) by Orestes Brownson -

[The Project Gutenberg E-text of The American Republic, by A. O. Brownson](#)

State Deputy—Mid Term Meeting—[Mid-Term Meeting | Maryland State Council \(kofc-md.org\)](#)

State Deputy—Blessed Michael McGivney Documentary—<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/index.html#>

State Programs—*Peace and Joy* (2020) by Fr. Francesco Iacona—

[Peace and Joy: A Path for Our Spiritual Quest: Iacona, Francesco: 9798630401588: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Incentive Car Raffle—[Incentive Car Raffle | Maryland State Council \(kofc-md.org\)](#)

123rd State Convention—<https://kofc-md.org/state-convention/>

Hispanic Page—DEUTERONOMIO 10 13—[Deuteronomy, CHAPTER 10 | USCCB](#)

Hispanic Page—Proverbs 8:13—[Proverbs, CHAPTER 8 | USCCB](#)

Hispanic Page—Psalm 89: 7—[Psalms, PSALM 89 | USCCB](#)

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Hispanic Page—Romans 7:13 - [Romans, CHAPTER 7 | USCCB](#)

Hispanic Page—Matthew 7:13-14—[Matthew, CHAPTER 7 | USCCB](#)

Hispanic Page—Matthew 19:16.19—[Matthew, CHAPTER 19 | USCCB](#)

Hispanic Page—Matthew 22:36.38—[Matthew, CHAPTER 22 | USCCB](#)

Hispanic Page—John 15:12—[John, CHAPTER 15 | USCCB](#)

**The Maryland State
Ladies Activity Committee
Presents**



Tickets \$10 each

Enter at:

<https://rafflecreator.com/pages/45544/5050-knights-of-columbus-ladies-activities-committee-fundraiser>

Fundraiser to sponsor activities at the annual convention and future ladies events.

Get your tickets now through February 13, 2021

Drawing to be held on Valentine's Day

Open to everyone so ask your friends, family, or parishioners!

Your support is greatly appreciated!

For more information contact:
Heather Greul at hgreul@yahoo.com





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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

51ST ANNUAL

CAR RAFFLE

Benefit of the Charity and Scholarship Programs

GRAND PRIZE:



2021 FORD MUSTANG
or \$18,000.00 Cash Option

2nd Prize: iPad

3rd Prize: \$200.00 gift card

DRAWING: SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

At the State Convention in Ocean City

Princess Royale Hotel & Conference Center, Ocean City, MD

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Little Sisters Of The Poor:

Next Drop-Off: 20 February 10 AM-12 Noon

February Drop Off Locations:

- **Patuxent Council #2203**, The Msgr. Keesler Parish Center, 800 Main St., Laurel, MD 20707, (At corner of Main St & St Mary's Place)
 - **St. Michael's Council #2065**, St. Michael's Club Hall, RT-5 & RT-235 Ridge, P.O. Box 131, Ridge, MD 20680
 - **Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521**, Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave., Nottingham, MD 21236
 - **Charles Carroll Council #15985** St. Joseph on Carrollton Manor, 5843 Manor Woods Rd., Frederick, MD 21703
 - **Father Rosensteel Council #2169**, Council Home, 9707 Rosensteel Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910
 - **Saint Louis the King #11898**, Shrine of St. Anthony, 12290 Folly Quarter Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21042
 - **Pangborn Council #1365**, Council Home, 20340 Leitersburg Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742
- Note: If a council is planning on utilizing Pangborn Council please coordinate with the Grand Knight, Robert Skok, at rskok012@gmail.com at home (410) 672-2294 or cell (443) 710-5330

Liturgical Calendar

- Feb 2** The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- Feb 5** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Feb 6** St. Paul Miki and Companions
- Feb 10** St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Feb 17** Ash Wednesday
- Feb 22** St. Peter, Apostle

- Mar 19** St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Mar 28** Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

STATE CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2021	TBD	CATHOLICS IN ANNAPOLIS	TBD
	2/4	MARYLAND – LIFE CHAIN REPLACES “MARCH FOR LIFE” SEE 3/1	ANNAPOLIS
	2/6	MARYLAND DISTRICT EXEMPLIFICATION <i>IN SPANISH</i>	VIRTUAL EXEMPLIFICATION
	2/20	AWD EXEMPLIFICATION	VIRTUAL EXEMPLIFICATION
MARCH 2021	TBD	BASKETBALL FREE THROW	ARCHBISHOP SPAULDING H.S.
	3/1	MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE CANCELLED..SEE 2/4	ANNAPOLIS
	3/6	STATE COUNCIL “SPRING” MEETING	ELK LODGE, EASTON
	3/13	MARYLAND DISTRICT EXEMPLIFICATION	VIRTUAL EXEMPLIFICATION
	3/21	FOUNDERS DAY MASS & AWARDS PRESENTATION	OUR LADY OF THE FIELDS, MILLERSVILLE
APRIL 2021	TBD	FAMILY DAY	
MAY 2021	4/30 – 5/2	123rd ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION	PRINCESS ROYALE HOTEL & CONF CTR, OCEAN CITY
JUNE 2021	6/18-20	LEADERSHIP SEMINAR	HOLIDAY INN & CONFERENCE CENTER, SOLOMONS MD
	TBD	STATE TOUR	TBD

"The Real Sister Act: Why the Stories of Black Catholic Sisters Matter"



Please join the Department of History at The Catholic University of America for an exciting and very timely talk by Dr. Shannen Dee Williams of Villanova University, "The Real Sister Act: Why the Stories of U.S. Black Catholic Sisters Matter."

In this talk, Dr. Williams will use the hidden histories of the nation's black Catholic sisters to highlight the African American roots of the U.S. Church and recover the widely overlooked Catholic dimensions of the African American freedom struggle.

This event will take place on **Wednesday, February 10 from 12:30-2:00 pm**, and attendees can join by clicking [this link](#).

<https://cua.zoom.us/j/85945869938?pwd=a2V0M0RqUzFGNHVQVXZzcWV6dTIGdz09>

This event is co-sponsored by the Department of History, the School of Theology and Religious Studies, the University Libraries

Special Collections, the Office of Campus Ministry, the Black Student Alliance, and the Center for Cultural Engagement.

We encourage all to follow us on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Social Media is a convenient way for the Knights of Columbus Maryland State Council to provide more state related updates and post photos from state events.

The Facebook page and the Instagram page do not to replace the community-group newsletter or other established forms of communication. Members and their families should also continue to connect to local council pages for events in within their specific council and community; however, all official communication from your elected Maryland Officers will be posted to the official MD State page.



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The Maryland State Council Newsletter is formatted to provide you with information and to show you what's getting done and who's doing it. Its purpose is to keep you informed as to Supreme, State and Council aspects of the Knights of Columbus. We also want everyone to know of the good things happening, and perhaps to learn something new along the way about our Church, our Order, and our Founder.

Also, we invite Councils, Chapters, Assemblies, and Fourth Degree elements to submit highlights of their respective accomplishments to the Public Relations Director, Vernon Hawkins, Jr. (vhawkinsjr@aol.com) for posting on our social media platforms.

Venerable Henriette Delille

Servant of Slaves

Founder of the Sisters of the Holy Family
 New Orleans 1812 - 1862



In 1842, as slave holders vehemently defended slavery and denounced free people of African descent, Henriette Delille, a descendant of slaves, founded the Sisters of the Holy Family. The Sisters, all free women of African descent, dedicated themselves to caring for the neediest of the needy, enslaved and free.

Today the Sisters continue to follow Delille's path. In 1988, in recognition of her heroic virtues, Saint Pope John Paul II opened her Cause for Canonization, declaring her "Servant of God." In 2010, she was declared "Venerable."

Join us in
 praying for her
 beatification.