



# PATAPSCO KNIGHT

## Supreme Chaplain's Message

**S**ome years ago, I offered Sunday Mass at an old urban parish. The day was cold, and the church was colder. "Be mercifully brief!" my guardian angel told me as I climbed the stairs to the pulpit. In fact, as I preached I could see my breath.

After Mass, I asked the pastor why the church was so cold. "Was it the boiler?" I wanted to know. "No," he said, "the boiler is fairly new. I had it checked and it's working efficiently."

He went on to explain that the real problem was the distribution system. The pipes and valves that were supposed to carry the hot water from the boiler to the radiators and distribute the heat evenly throughout the building were not in working order. As you might imagine, the cost of fixing that system was pretty steep.

I recently remembered that conversation while I was sitting in my chapel, and it occurred to me that this old story might have a deeper meaning. It's this deeper meaning I would like to share with you, especially in these days when we most solemnly celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we take part in the beautiful liturgies of Holy Week, the truth and reality of God's saving love should resonate in our hearts. We celebrate the immense love of Jesus who was sent by the Father to redeem us from our sins. Jesus took our sins upon himself and laid down his life on the cross. He then rose from the dead, overcoming our sins and opening for us the way to everlasting life. So ardent is the love of the Savior's heart that it is sometimes described as "a burning furnace of charity." This means that his heart is perpetually on fire with merciful love for you and me. He offers himself continually and totally, and his love is stronger than our sins and more powerful than death itself.

As baptized Catholics, we rejoice in this saving love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Truly his heart is "a burning furnace of charity" for the entire world. But how does the ardent love of Jesus, poured out upon the cross and revealed in its power by the resurrection, make its way to our own hearts? To put it another way, what is the "distribution system" by which Jesus' love circulates throughout the Church and warms the world around her?

It might be said that the Church herself is that distribution system. The fire of love burning in the heart of Christ reaches us principally in and through the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "The Church is born primarily of Christ's total self-giving for our salvation" (766). The redeeming presence and love of Christ circulates through all the members of the Church gathered from every race and nation. The Church is so closely joined to Christ that it is called the Body of Christ, and it is described as the "wondrous sacrament" that came forth from Jesus' side as he hung on the cross.



Archbishop William E. Lori  
Supreme Chaplain

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## Supreme Chaplain’s Message (Continued)

And through the seven sacraments, Christ’s love is extended all over the world and in every era of history. Scripture tells us that blood and water flowed from the side of Christ when it was pierced by the soldier’s lance. Water represents the sacraments of baptism and penance. Blood preeminently represents the sacrament and sacrifice of the Eucharist we share in at holy Mass.

### CIRCULATING LOVE

In his design for the Church, the Lord willed to use frail and fallible human beings as part of his distribution system. He entrusted his mission to the Apostles and to their successors, and every Christian, whatever his or her state of life or vocation, is called to circulate the love of Christ in a world where there is so much suffering and indifference. What a privilege to be a part of this living mystery!

It is also the human element in this distribution system that often breaks down. Those of us charged with preaching the Gospel and celebrating the sacraments can lose our zeal. Those charged with maintaining the domestic church and transmitting the faith from one generation to the next can succumb to temptation and discouragement. Believers

sometimes give scandal, causing people to lose or abandon their faith. Yet nothing is lacking in the furnace of charity that burns for our salvation. Breakdowns, when they occur, are due to our lack of connection to Christ.

We should think of the Knights of Columbus as an important part of the Church’s distribution system. Our first principle is charity — an extension of that burning love which Christ has for each person, without exception. The strength and beauty of the charity we are called to practice lie not merely in its massive scope or in the many forms it takes. Rather, our charity is a way of extending and circulating the love of Christ, especially for the poor, the needy, the widow, the orphan and the vulnerable.

So as you engage in the charitable works of the Order, consider yourself part of the Church’s “distribution system.” By our zeal and enthusiasm for charity and service, let us help keep that system in good repair!



## State Chaplain’s Message

**Rev. Jason Worley**  
*State Chaplain, Maryland Knights of Columbus*

**B**rothers! Even though I am one of those who does not appreciate large crowds, during our major celebration such as Easter I am always happy to see so many people filling the pews. Oddly enough, in many parishes, the crowds disappear the following Sunday, which traditionally is called “Low Sunday,” because of this very fact. I hope and pray that you will not see it that way. Every Sunday is a day when The Church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, His defeat of sin and death.

During Holy Week and on Easter Sunday, the Church remembers and, in a real mysterious sense, re-lives the Lord’s victory over sin and death. Easter is a celebration of our Lord’s merciful love, a love that is tender and personal and yet a love that is so strong that it triumphs over sin and death.

After Easter Sunday, we do not simply want to return to “business as usual” — living as if the Lord had not come into the world, living as if He had not died for our sins and for love of us, living as if He had not rose from the grave in triumph — giving each of us the possibility of finding mercy and forgiveness, and the restoration of true joy in our lives. No it can NOT be business as usual. We are called to something greater. Just like Jesus, we are calling and giving the command to show the mercy of Christ at every moment during the season of Easter and every day of our lives.

May God continue to bless each of you and your families as He continues to bless our Family in the Knights of Columbus during this Easter season!

Vivat Jesus!

## April Events

*For more calendar items, visit [www.kofc1960.org/patapsco-council-calendar/](http://www.kofc1960.org/patapsco-council-calendar/)*

### Thursday, April 6

Beaumont Holding Company Meeting  
 7:30 pm, Knights Out Inn

### Wednesday, April 12

Council Business Meeting 8:00 pm  
 (Rosary at 7:30 pm)

### Wednesday, April 19

Admissions Degree, Patapsco Council, 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, April 26

Officer Meeting 7:00 pm  
 Lecture Meeting 8:00 pm

### Thursday, April 27

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly (4th Degree)  
 Meeting, St. Agnes Council Hall

NOTE: There is no meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights this month due to the regular meeting date falling on Holy Thursday.

## Patapsco Knight Newsletter

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*“He is risen...”*

# Grand Knight’s Message

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**W**esolego Alleluja! Happy Easter for my non-Polish brothers. Greetings to my Brother Knights and your families. As you celebrate this victorious and glorious occasion may you feel the awe and joy like the women who arrived at Jesus’ tomb when the angel spoke to them saying, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.” (Matthew 28:5-6).

The month of March was known as recruitment month across the KofC. We did the annual wing night for recruitment at the kick off of the March madness of college basketball on March 16. I am expecting two form 100s out of it. We also got to enjoy the company of some recently added members and got to interest them more in getting involved. Thanks to our Worthy DD Scott Luco and Joe Eichelman for cooking

up some awesome wings. Thanks to our recruitment director PGK Warren Norris we ended the month with a recruitment drive at our St. Mark parish. Thank you, Robert Carter for attending almost all the masses with me, and to Steve Schwing, Carl Berger, Henry Dulaney, Ray Weddel, and John O’Boyle for helping to cover others. I know we signed one candidate, and handed a bunch of information out to others.

Remember the Rigadoo? What an awesome party with so many in attendance! Way to go Brother and current President of the Beaumont Holding Company Mike Karpers. That was a fun and entertaining night with great food and drink. Thanks to all the Brothers and family members that served that night. It was very busy and a fun celebration of St. Patrick’s day.

There is so much to do in April if you want to take part. The Easter Egg Hunt, Admission Degree,

Shred it day, Flea market, recruitment drive at St. Joseph Monastery in addition to the monthly business meeting, lecturer night, and the weekly dinners at the Knights Out Inn could all use extra hands.

Wherever you meet a Catholic man, be sure to ask him if he is a member of our awesome fraternity yet. Keep in mind an interesting and exciting topic to share with them

is the fact that our council will soon be celebrating its 100th year in existence of service to the church and community in the year 2019. Welcome them to join and be a part of all the planning that needs to go into the super occasion. I look forward to seeing you in the month of April.

Vivat Jesus!





# Deputy Grand Knight's Message

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**H**appy Easter!

First, I would like to put in a plug for our first Shredding Day of 2017 that will occur on Saturday, April 22nd, and for our Flea Market on Saturday, April 29th. We also have an Admissions degree (1st Degree) coming up on Wednesday, April 19th, and we need both candidates and participants for the degree and I encourage you to attend, particularly if it has been a while since you have seen an Admissions Degree.

Secondly, I want to put in a plug for our Council's Centennial on June 19, 2019. I know that this might seem early, since we are talking about an event 2 ¼ years away. But June 19, 2019 will be our councils 100th Birthday. That date, and all of the yearlong festivities that will go along with it, will arrive much sooner than we think. Nothing is in stone yet, but probably sometime around June 19, 2019 - the 100th Anniversary of Patapsco Council, #1960 – the Council will hold a banquet and we would like as many people to attend as possible. It is not too early to start marking the days around that date on your calendar NOW so that there can be no surprises and you can plan

other events around it. Granted, this is a 2¼ year notice, but I want to make sure that everybody has this long range heads up so that if you are planning any cruises, vacations, work schedules, family schedules, etc., that you take the Centennial Banquet into consideration so that you can make the necessary arrangements that will allow you to attend what will truly be a once in a lifetime event in commemoration of this historic milestone in our Council's history. There will be commemorative events all during our Centennial year to participate in and to attend with our families. It should be an exciting year and I am looking forward to sharing it with as many of our members as possible. A Chairman and a Committee will be formed to identify and coordinate the activities, with definite dates, which will all be shared once we formally get the ball rolling. For now I just need everybody to start thinking about it and to have a rough idea of a schedule, particularly the Centennial Banquet.

May you all have a wonderful Easter.

Vivat Jesus!

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## Chancellor's Report

**Chancellor Rick Ostopowicz**  
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**B**rothers all, I wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter. As the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote, "Let Him Easter in us." Let that victory and triumph touch our lives. Christ, our Hope is Risen Alleluia. Let Him Easter in us.

An Ancient Christian symbol for Christ is the anchor. The anchor is also one of our symbols as Knights. The anchor steadies the vessel; the anchor safely holds the vessel in the boat. Christ holds us steady when life gets rough. Christ holds us connected to God when the waves of life come crashing over us. Christ our Hope is Risen. Let Him Easter in us.

We can rise out of whatever in life deals us death because we have been joined to Christ's resurrection through Baptism and now by Faith. We can rise out of our own sins with the power

of Christ's resurrection in us. We can rise out of any darkness with the light of Christ's resurrection in us. We can rise out of any bondage that holds us with the freedom of Christ's resurrection in us. Passing from death to life. Jesus Christ, and, we passing over with Him.

It is Easter for us struggling, sinful human beings for whom Christ died on the cross to rise to life with God. His death and His resurrection fill us with hope and keeps us steady and safe.

His rising opens for us our rising out of those tombs which may trap us. His victory over death is our victory over all the dying we do while we live.

Let Easter bring new life to all of us despite whatever catastrophe we may face in the world or in our own personal situations. Let Him Easter in Us. Let this Easter celebration break open our tombs of fear, sin, worries, difficulties, problems, and fill us with Hope – with life. Let Christ Easter in you today.

Vivat Jesus!



# Program Director's Report

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**B**rothers and Patapsco Council family: About two weeks to go until we conclude our Lenten reflections and celebrate the Resurrection on Easter--and hopefully finally enjoy the advent of spring. We are seeing some signs, robins and some warmer days and buds, although snow on the daffodils after St. Patrick's Day was not what I wanted to see. We have some spring events coming up including an Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones and hopefully a salute to Mom's too. Degree programs are also in full swing. The State Council Convention will be coming up next month hopefully with some recognition of Patapsco's many active programs and events. Meanwhile back at the Council we have to look at leadership positions for next year. We have about fourteen elected positions to fill. So far we have about seven names put in nomination for seven offices--mostly holdovers. Generally we like to see newer members test themselves by chairing events or working them so the rest of the brothers can see just what their leadership capabilities are, their sense of responsibility, their reliability, integrity, oral and written communication skills, competence, even their performance under pressure. Working in an all-volunteer organization can be rewarding. This is certainly so in a Council such as ours with so many worthwhile projects and events which transpire and I think inspire through the course of the typical Columbian year. From my personal experience, however, good, effective and successful leadership in a volunteer organization is one of the biggest challenges I ever attempted. Although the Beaumont Holding company should be and must be run as a business if it is to provide the Council with a home, a council is an entirely different challenge. Force of

character, temperament, true leadership capability including those traits mentioned above all come into play in senior Council leadership positions. Although there are many events that seem to almost run on automatic pilot, you still have the occasion "Sully" moment landing in the Hudson (great movie). Anyway, the baton must gradually be passed to a new generation of leaders. I think that is gradually happening at Patapsco. New brothers: Come test the waters. How can you be active and help the Council remain vibrant and growing? Speak to "leadership" about lending a hand. If you are interested in holding an office, talk to the Grand Knight or the nominating committee to discuss a possible "fit". There are also appointed offices where you can "get your feet wet" and demonstrate your capabilities. So much for this month's comments--volunteer! Get taxes filed--oh joy. Karen and I wish all the Best of Easter Wishes. Keep up the prayers for those threatened with religious violence worldwide and our men and women in uniform, including those wearing blue. Mary, Queen of Knights, pray for us.



## Time For a Change?

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**O**n January 22, 1973 Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun wrote, " We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins...the judiciary , at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer."

But since that time science has defined the

universal fingerprint that defines humanity and personhood for all of us. It is DNA. Science tells us this fingerprint is eternally unchangeable and fixed at conception.

The late Justice Blackmun cannot correct his blunder. Is it not time for all men of good will to do it for him? At times there is no compromise position between right and wrong. It's time to end the killing of innocent children--no matter how small.

# Programs and Committees

## Council

There are many restaurants looking to pay our nonprofit charitable fraternity for dining out with them. We need some brothers to step up and plan the dates and advertise them to our community to help us with these easy fundraiser opportunities. Please contact your Grand Knight if you can help us run one of these.

The next council Flea Market date has been set for April 29. See the flyer in this newsletter.

## Community

The Patapsco Council #1960, Knights of Columbus will hold our spring Document Destruction/Electronics Turn-in Day on Saturday, April 22, 2017, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at our Council home, located at 1010 Frederick Road in Catonsville. For additional information, please call (410) 744-8754 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm, or call Chairman John Journell at (703) 725-4692.

## Culture of Life

40 Days for Life is back in action at

Johnnycake and Route 40-the Hillcrest abortion facility. Patapsco Council is represented every Thursday at 11 A.M. To date 19,000 different churches have taken part since the 2007 beginning. During that time 83 abortion centers have closed and 143 abortion workers have quit their jobs.

## Youth

Easter Egg hunt for family and friends of our Council on April 15. Come for lunch in the hall starting at 11:00 am, with the hunt to follow at noon on the front lawn with areas for two different age groups. Plenty of prizes and candy for the kids, and the Easter Bunny is expected. Contact Debbie or the Chairman Joe Eichelman for more info at 410-744-8754.

## Charity

Our Scholarship support funds need some extra help due to some lower than expected turn outs at some recent fundraisers this year. Please consider purchasing an additional Scholarship raffle ticket this year or help to sell them to others. For other means of supporting this fund via donations please



contact Dennis Brose at 443-498-3898.

## Family

Save the Date for celebrating Mothers Day weekend on Friday, May 12, with our Night Out with Mom dinner and entertainment. For more information, contact Steve Schwing at 410-960-4132 or [stephen@schwinghomes.com](mailto:stephen@schwinghomes.com).

The "4 Miles 4 Charity" run/walk event will take place on Saturday, June 17. Save the date! More information to come regarding time and registration.

## Fourth Degree

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly No. 1620 meets every fourth Thursday at the St. Agnes Council Hall. All Fourth Degree Sir Knights are welcome.

## Milestones

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In Memoriam:

Honorary Life Member Bob Middlecamp passed away on March 5, 2017.

Edith Sullivan, widow of James C. "Skip" Sullivan, passed away on Feb. 26, 2017.

Carmen Ward, wife of late Brother Joe Ward, passed away on April 3, 2017.

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.



# District Deputy's Report

**District Deputy PGK Scott Luco**

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**H**appy Spring! As we finish Lent strong and move into the Glorious Easter Season, it is my sincere wish that all of my Brothers and your families enjoy every Blessing of the Risen Christ. April is the time of our Fraternal Year when we begin to look forward to the next year, so take every opportunity to participate in your Council's planning process. This includes volunteering for Office and offering your opinion during the Council Budgeting deliberations. Make a concerted effort to attend your Council

Business Meeting over the next few months and take an active part in the meeting. Your Council needs your input!

On the recruiting front, Patapsco Council will pick up on April 19 with an Admissions Degree, so get a Form 100 in front of your Catholic friend and sign him up quickly! It only takes a minute or two to show your friend what has drawn you into the Order, and it will make a significant difference in both your life and his!

Vivat Jesus!

## Beaumont News

**O**ur Knights Out Inn that provides wonderful meals to our council family and guests at great prices could use some additional helping hands. We have certified cooks that can help to teach you the ropes of how they work there

labor of love on Fridays. Please consider volunteering one Friday a month or every other month or as often as you can. To do so just call our Beaumont office at 410-744-8754 and let them know. We need to have more members trained to continue to provide all that we do each Friday night.

## Knights Out Inn Specials

*April 7  
Shrimp Salad Platter*

*April 14  
Closed for Good Friday*

*April 21  
Pork Chops*

*April 28  
Fried Chicken*

*May 5  
Ham with  
Pineapple Raisin Sauce*

In addition to our specials, we serve a regular menu of crab cakes, chicken tenders, shrimp salad, fried shrimp, cheese steak subs, and rib eye steaks.

All meals are served with delicious sides and salads.

Please come and join us for a great evening of fraternity and family fun.

## Join Us!

### 2017 Officers' Slate as of 20 April 2017

Council Officers:

Grand Knight:	Bernie Wrisk
Deputy Grand Knight:	John Journell
Chancellor:	Rick Ostopowicz
Warden:	Tony Viscardi
Recorder:	Still open
Treasurer:	Ernie Schaefer
Advocate:	PGK Barry Casanova
Inside Guard:	Ken Harness
Outside Guard:	Still Open
3 Year Trustee:	Still Open

State positions:

Convention Delegate: PGK Scott Luco  
 1st Alternate Delegate: PGK Mike Doetzer  
 2nd Alternate Delegate: Rick Ostopowicz and/or John Journell (GDK?)

Beaumont Holding Company:

3 Year Term #1: Bill Zimmerman  
 3 Year Term #2: open  
 3 Year Term #3: open

Continuing Directors: George Mack (1 year remaining); John Reardon (1 year remaining); Ed Fuller (1 year remaining); (Robert Fraser (2 years remaining); Pat Young (2 years remaining); Ed Schmidt (2 years remaining), Marty Keeley (2 Years remaining); Bernie Wrisk (GK slot, if elected). Bill Zimmerman & Brose are leaving. Mike Karpers MUST sit out at least a year.



# Reflections

*Lawrence P. Grayson*

## BEING CATHOLICS IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

America is in transition from being a nation in which Christian principles guide public actions to one in which religion has no place in the public square, from a country where governmental policies allow free expression of religion to one in which government can force individuals and institutions to violate Church teachings. In 1965, there were 10,600 Catholic elementary schools, the Legion of Decency, Hello Dolly on Broadway, and singer Julie Andrews; today, there are 5,200 Catholic elementary schools, The Freedom from Religion Foundation, The Vagina Monologues, and Lady Gaga. Culture, wither thou goest?

Catholics, who constitute 20 percent of the population and occupy many positions of power and influence, could fill a moral need in American society. Currently, 31.4 percent of the members of the U.S. Congress identify themselves as Catholic, as do five of the eight sitting justices of the Supreme Court, many Cabinet members and nominees, and numerous leaders in business, industry and the media. Allied with like-minded Christians, Catholics could have a significant role in returning this nation to its founding values. But it is unlikely to happen.

Since the end of World War II, Catholics have made a decisive effort to blend into the American culture and advance in society. They have been highly successful, but at the cost of subordinating their religious beliefs to the secular tenets of society. Today, their public stances on moral issues are indistinguishable from those of non-Catholics. Nay, as a group, their views are frequently more in opposition to Catholic dogma than are those of their Protestant brethren.

Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia is a prime example. Raised as a Catholic, his votes as a senator supporting abortion earned him perfect ratings from Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice America and a rating of zero from the National Right to Life Committee. While campaigning to be vice president in 2016, Kaine had the hubris to say that although his position in favor of same-sex marriage was "at odds with the current doctrine of the [Catholic] Church that I still attend," the Church would someday adopt his view. Several bishops soon thereafter issued statements reaffirming the Church's immutable position on marriage.

The senator's opposition to Church teaching is not unique. The 2014 Pew Religious Landscape

Study found that among self-identified Catholics, 48 percent believe that abortion should be legal in most cases; 57 percent favor same-sex marriage; and 70 percent accept homosexuality. Further, when religious liberty conflicts with LGBT demands, as experienced in wedding-related businesses, 57 percent of Catholics say the business should be required to provide services at same-sex marriages. This fraction of Catholics is higher than the 49 percent of the public-at-large.

Too many Catholics, unfortunately, do not believe the dogmas of the Faith they claim. In the Baptismal vows which are renewed each Easter and in the Apostles Creed taught in all Catholic schools and repeated each time the Rosary is prayed, one proclaims, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth." At every Mass, the Nicene Creed is said, expressing comparable declarations about the existence of God and heaven. Yet, the Pew study found that among Catholics only 64 percent are absolutely certain God exists, and another 27 percent are fairly certain; the remainder either are not sure or do not believe. Similarly, only 85 percent of Catholics believe in heaven and 63 percent in hell. One questions whether these people understand what they are saying or are simply parroting words.

One reason for this lack of certainty is that too many Catholics are lax in practicing their Faith. CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) data show that only 23 percent of Catholics attend Mass every Sunday; another 21 percent attend at least once a month and the remainder seldom or never attend.

It is not surprising that Catholics who regularly attend Mass believe in Church teachings in greater numbers than those who do not. Yet, even among those who faithfully attend, there is doubt about so central a dogma as the Eucharist, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church describes as "the source and summit of the Christian life." Catholic dogma holds that the Eucharist is the true presence -- body and blood, soul and divinity -- of Jesus Christ. But, according to a 2015 Knights of Columbus/Marist poll, only two-thirds of practicing Catholics (65 percent) agree with the teaching, while 64 percent of non-practicing Catholics say the Eucharist is merely a symbol.

When such a large portion of Catholics does not believe in the most basic doctrines of the Faith, there is a significant problem in catechesis. Today, one-in-eight American adults is a former Catholic. Nearly one-third of American adults (31.7 percent) say they were raised Catholic, but only 20.8 percent still identify with the Faith. The hemorrhaging among Catholics is significant. While the total number of Catholics has held relatively steady, it is due principally to Hispanic immigration, not births or conversions. The Pew study found that for every two U.S. adults who convert to Catholicism from another religious tradition, 13 adults leave the Catholic Faith. No other religious group in the study has such a lopsided ratio of losses to gains.

Before Catholics can have a notable effect on society, they themselves must know the Faith and live according to its teachings. There is a need, even among those who faithfully attend Mass, for catechesis so that they, in turn, can teach the Faith to their children and grandchildren. Then, the faithful must evangelize among the Catholic population-at-large, before they can successfully proclaim the Faith to non-Catholics and affect society as a whole.

The task of changing society is daunting, but not unattainable. With prayer, sacrifice and living in accord with God's will, it can be done. As St. Matthew (19:26) wrote, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

What is your council doing to help your members and their families?



# State Deputy's Report

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**M**y Brothers All:  
Here we are starting the month of April. Spring is here and we have three months to go in the Fraternal Year. Hopefully, your Church Drives proved fruitful and we have Admission Degrees lined up for these new members. Many councils through their Church Drives will now have those additional men needed to make their Star Council goal. At the Spring Meeting I reported to the District Deputies and District Wardens that three councils have already achieved this goal and that thirty-one more are very close.

As a whole, the Maryland State Council is a little above 50% of our goal for the year. So of course that leaves 50% more. This appears to be a daunting figure; but really it is not when broken down amongst the TEAM. This works out to

two members each month being brought into our councils. This number will put Maryland into the Supreme

Knight's Circle of Honor. Remember, this is an award for the State. Maryland is very highly regarded at the Supreme Headquarters. It is only fitting that we strive for this prestigious award. I know that our councils and our leaders can make this happen. If you need help just contact our State Membership Team and we will be there.

Do not forget that in order to achieve the Star Council award you must fulfill your Domestic Church requirement. If you need help with this, when completing the Columbian Award application, please call one of the State Officers.

The State Convention will soon be here. This year the Supreme Representative

assigned to the Maryland State Convention is our Deputy Supreme Knight, Patrick E. Kelly. This is truly an honor for Maryland. It is not often a jurisdiction is assigned a Supreme Officer to their convention. Please help in welcoming Patrick at our convention. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Ocean.

Keep up the great work that we are doing in our councils. Remember in everything that we do – We Are Advocates of the Lord.

Vivat Jesus!



Visit the State Council website: [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org)



*We believe in the power of prayer! Please join us in praying for the following people:*

George Mack, Dave Leinhardt, Fr. Francis Butler, and Mike Blair

If you have any prayer intentions for someone in your family, please contact Chancellor Rick Ostopowicz via e-mail at [rickounc@gmail.com](mailto:rickounc@gmail.com) to get the person's name included in our prayers. You may also fill out a prayer request form on our Council website.

*Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.*



# Supreme Council News

## IN THE MANY WRITINGS OF POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI, THE CHURCH HAS BEEN GIVEN A THEOLOGICAL TREASURE

By Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

This April 16 will mark a special event in the life of the Catholic Church: the 90th birthday of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Since the early 1980s, I have had the privilege of meeting him on many occasions. As vice president of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, I arranged for him to visit Washington, D.C., while he was prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. He gave a lecture to the faculty and students of the institute and of the Dominican House of Studies. In 2005, I was honored to be appointed by President George W. Bush as one of three members of the official U.S. delegation attending Pope Benedict's inaugural Mass.

While meeting Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger and later Pope Benedict XVI was always an extraordinary event, it was encountering his writings that was truly

life-changing. Ever profound and often prophetic, even the works he wrote in the 1960s remain contemporary today — especially books such as *Introduction to Christianity* and *The God of Jesus Christ*. Altogether, he has written 68 books, three encyclicals, three apostolic exhortations and thousands of lectures, homilies and meditations.

Speaking to university students in Munich, Cardinal Ratzinger said that while many struggle with the question of whether God exists, the more pressing question is: What precisely does Christianity bring new into the world after 2,000 years of history? In other words, what difference does belief in Jesus Christ make in the reality of our lives? The answer to that question rings through nearly half a century of scholarship by Cardinal Ratzinger, one of the great theologians and bishops of the Catholic Church.

One of the mysteries — and some might say tragedies — of Christianity in our time is how so many Europeans ignored or discounted this theological and magisterial treasure, especially during those decades when Christianity dramatically declined on that continent. Not only were his books, such as *Introduction to Christianity*, truly prophetic but they

also provided a theological roadmap for the new evangelization.

It was fitting that the last synod of bishops over which Pope Benedict presided was convened on the topic “The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith.”

His three papal encyclicals — *Deus Caritas Est* (God Is Love), *Spe Salvi* (In Hope We Are Saved) and *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth) — remain pillars that will support Catholic faith for decades. In the introduction of *Deus Caritas Est*, Benedict succinctly summarized the ethos for a new evangelization: “Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” He also summarized its methodology: “Since God has first loved us, love is now no longer a mere ‘command’; it is the response to the gift of love with which God draws near to us.”

This year, the birthday of Pope Emeritus Benedict falls on Easter Sunday. He has asked for no special recognition for himself on that day — nothing should detract from our celebration and profession of the Lord's resurrection.

But while honoring his request, perhaps all of us can take a minute on Easter Sunday to thank the Lord for this holy priest, bishop and pope whose life's work has brought millions closer to Him whose resurrection we celebrate.

In doing so, may we also remember these words of Pope Benedict: “Intent on gathering the signs of the times in the present of history, faith commits every one of us to become a living sign of the presence of the Risen Lord in the world. What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord, and capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life, life without end.”

May the example of Pope Emeritus Benedict inspire each of us to strive to be a more “credible witness” to the One who draws near to us in love..

Vivat Jesus!

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# Fraternal Benefits News

## WHAT DOES A CATHOLIC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY LOOK LIKE?

It's an important question to ask. As you consider all the options for your family's life insurance and financial services, you might wonder if any of them are actually unique. After all, every life insurance company sells life insurance.

But the Knights of Columbus is, in fact, unlike any other company. We do things differently — because both our faith and our members demand it.

We call it the Catholic difference. Here are a few of the things that make us unique:

We invest morally. The Knights of Columbus screens all of its investments according to guidelines published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We will not invest in companies that deal in abortions, pornography, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning and related endeavors.

We support the Church. Last fraternal year, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and local councils together donated \$48 million to the Church. The Order gives generously through various programs such as the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), which, in partner-

ship with our councils, has provided more than \$67 million in scholarships to more than 110,000 men and women pursuing religious vocations since 1981. The Knights also helped to restore the facade of St. Peter's Basilica in 1999 for the Millennium Jubilee and purchased satellite equipment that has since broadcasted the recent popes' messages to the world. The Order's aid to the Vatican and the pope is ongoing, with an annual donation from the proceeds of the Vicarius Christi fund given to the Holy Father for his personal charities.

We put our Catholic families first. We are not a commercial company. We have no stockholders. We answer only to our members. We return a share of our profits through dividends to our participating policyholders, and we donate generously.

We have given more than \$1.55 billion to charity in the last decade. Most of these funds are generated by proceeds from our insurance business. The proceeds have gone to causes such as pro-life initiatives, disaster relief or aid to persecuted Christians in the Middle East — wherever help is needed most.

We put ethics first. Our corporate commitment to ethics and our ethical business practices have been applauded by the business community. Recently, the Ethisphere Institute named the Knights of Columbus a "World's Most Ethical Company" for the third consecutive year. We are currently one of only two companies

to have earned the designation in the "life insurance" category.

Our members, their spouses and their dependent children have exclusive access to our insurance program. Working with your brother Knight field agent, you can purchase top-quality products to protect your family's future, all while knowing that you are supporting an organization that shares your faith, your beliefs and your values.

More than 130 years after our venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, set our insurance program in motion, we strive to stay true to his mission and our commitment to our members and our Catholic difference.

Other companies may come along and try to convince you that they are just like us. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. But on closer examination, you will find what you always suspected: There is only one Knights of Columbus. We'll be happy to get to know you better and show you that being Catholic always makes a difference.

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## Your Opportunity to Lock in Future Scholarship Support

This Council takes pride in having awarded Catholic elementary and high school scholarships since 1985. During that year, a carnival was conducted on the Council/Beaumont grounds for a whole week. The proceeds from it were placed in separate accounts and invested until 1998 when the Patapsco Council No. 1960 Charities was formed. This Charities corporation run by members of our council is a separate entity from the council so that all contributions to it can be tax deductible. It was formed to raise funds for scholarships and the other charities of the Council. One of the funds maintained by this Charities corporation is an endowment account from which the earnings only are used to provide for the scholarships awarded. We have earned over 8% return on this special account, and it currently is used to completely fund our elementary school scholarships. This endowment account has grown from \$5,000 to over \$20,000. This fund receives all personal contributions of \$250 or more to help us always be there for scholarship support. We would like to ask you if you can help us to grow this endowment account to ensure a greater amount of scholarship support to go on into perpetuity. If you can assist, please send your check or cash to the Council marked for this purpose. Contributions to this charity are tax deductible. Contact PGK Dennis Brose at 443-575-6445 for more information.

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**Patapsco Knights of Columbus Flea Market**  
**Saturday, April 29, 2017 7:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Vendors can enter at 7 am**

**No Rain Date, Money will be Refunded or held for Sept 16, 2017 Fall Flea Market**

**1010 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228**



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**So Come on by and Strike up a Deal while saving a Few Bucks...**

**Vendor Spots \$15 - with 1 Table \$20 - Must be paid by Apr 15, 2017**

**If spots are still available after Apr 15, fee will be \$25**

**Make Checks Payable To: Knight of Columbus # 1960 To hold your spot**

**All Proceeds Benefit the Patapsco Knights of Columbus Charity Fund**

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SUPPORT THE CATONSVILLE 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE & HELP THEM MAINTAIN

THEIR 70 YEAR OLD 4TH OF JULY PARADE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY TRADITION.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017

**TIME:** 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**WHERE:** Nine Mile Circle, Catonsville, MD 21228 (THE F.O.P. LODGE)

**COST:** \$15.00 PER PERSON (TABLES OF 10 AVAILABLE)

**DETAILS:**

- Tickets must be purchased in advance.
- When buying your ticket, please let us know if you would prefer a chicken dinner instead of steak.

For ticket information, email Joe Pallozzi [atjpallozzi@juno.com](mailto:atjpallozzi@juno.com) or Stuart Merenbloom at [smerenbloom@verizon.net](mailto:smerenbloom@verizon.net).