



# PATAPSCO KNIGHT

## Supreme Chaplain's Message

**D**uring a recent visit to New Haven, I was asked to bless several pallets loaded with more than 30,000 rosaries. In fact, I bless large numbers of rosaries whenever I'm at the Supreme Council headquarters. The reason is that a rosary is given to every Knight of Columbus when he becomes a member. I still have the rosary I was given when I became a Knight in 1986 and a few newer ones to spare. A rosary is "standard operating equipment" — if I might use that phrase — for every Knight. Members of the Knights and their families are encouraged by the Order to pray the rosary daily. Indeed, every Catholic should try to pray the rosary frequently. And what better month than May — dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary — for us to revisit this devotion.

By word and example, Pope Francis certainly encourages us to pray the rosary. The Holy Father prays 15 decades of the rosary daily and often can be seen praying it in public. He has even written a pocket-sized book of meditations on the mysteries of the rosary. Through these easy-to-read reflections, Pope Francis invites us to ask the help of Mary so that our hearts might be prepared to enter into the mysteries of Christ's life.

The pope also talks about the rosary in his addresses and homilies. In one Angelus address, for instance, he called the rosary "spiritual medicine ... for the heart, the soul and the whole of life." On another occasion, he pulled a rosary from his pocket, held it up, and asked the people if they too had rosaries. Then, he asked if they merely carry the rosary in their pockets or if they actually pray it!



Archbishop William E. Lori  
Supreme Chaplain

We might ask why it is that popes, great saints and pastors, and masters of the spiritual life are nearly unanimous in urging us to pray the rosary. Many others have answered that question more convincingly than I ever could. Yet, emboldened by the Blessed Mother's love for me, I am willing to try! And I'd like to take my cue from a prayer that is often recited at the end of the rosary. It goes like this:

"O God, whose only begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation: Grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Let's consider two phrases in that prayer: 1) "meditating on these mysteries of the most holy rosary" and 2) "imitate what they [the mysteries of the rosary] contain and obtain what they promise." I believe that these two phrases can help deepen our understanding of the rosary and motivate us to pray it daily.

First, this concluding prayer reminds us that the rosary is a prayer for meditation on the mysteries of the life of Christ.

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## Supreme Chaplain’s Message (Continued)

In a daily Mass homily, Pope Francis said that prayer is not mindlessly repeating words “like a parrot!” The rosary, too, is not merely a matter of saying Our Fathers and Hail Marys. Rather, when we address the Blessed Mother using the words of the archangel Gabriel — “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” (Lk 1:28) — she calms our spirit and leads us to Jesus. She helps us enter into the “mysteries” of her Son’s life.

When we refer to the “mysteries” of the rosary, we do not mean something that is difficult or even impossible to explain. Rather, the word “mysteries” refers to events in the earthly life of Christ that reveal the saving work of our heavenly Father. Mary, who shared in these events like no one else, guides us through the incarnation, birth and childhood of Jesus (joyful mysteries); through the events of Jesus’ public life that manifested the Father’s glory (luminous mysteries); through Jesus’ saving passion and death (sorrowful mysteries); and through the triumph of the Lord over sin and death (glorious mysteries).

By allowing Mary to help us to reflect prayerfully on these events in the life of Christ, we begin to “imitate what they contain.” For example, the first joyful mystery is the Annunciation. As we greet Mary and ask her intercession, we ponder the news that the angel Gabriel

brought — the birth of the Savior. We should be moved to give thanks and praise to God for loving the world so much that he sent us his only Son (cf. Jn 3:16). We should also ponder Mary’s response to this astonishing news: “Let it be done to me according to thy word!”

When we pray each successive Hail Mary attentively, we always receive some benefit for our spiritual life. The Good News that the angel brought might dispel our gloomy outlook and rekindle our Christian hope. The response of Mary might challenge our tendency to be a Christian on our own terms, not the Lord’s.

As we enter into the mysteries of Christ’s life, we also “obtain what they promise” — first and foremost the blessedness and joy of growing in the likeness of Christ. This overarching blessing is specified in the 15 promises of the Blessed Mother to those who pray the rosary, as promoted by the Dominican order — promises that strengthen our hope for eternal life and that give us encouragement in the misfortunes and challenges of life.

In this month of May — and in every month thereafter — let us put our K of C rosaries to good use!

## Chaplain’s Message

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**B**rother Knights and Lovely Ladies,  
 As we continue to celebrate the Easter Season and how to spread Our Lord’s message of love to the world, please consider this:

If our desire is to do the right thing in spite of the tendency of the world to oppose us, then our hearts are burning with us. If we have the courage to tell our children (or, in my case, my students), “No, that is not acceptable behavior,” and stand our ground in the face of opposition and push back, then our hearts are burning within us. If we aren’t afraid to stand up for

ourselves and our faith and respectfully correct those who disrespect our faith or what we believe in, then our hearts were burning within us. Finally, if our desire is to live our lives with an eye to the next life by treating EVERY person as someone who deserves love and respect from conception to natural death, then our hearts are burning with us to proclaim the news of Christ’s death and resurrection, what it means to us and should mean to the whole world. Keep the desire for Christ’s teaching burning in our hearts, and never let the waters of selfishness extinguish it.

Vivat Jesus!

## May Events

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

### May 5-7

State Convention  
 Ocean City

### Wednesday, May 10

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

### Thursday, May 11

Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Chapter Meeting/Nominations, Bishop Sebastian Council #5058, 7 pm, 7910 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21234

### Wednesday, May 17

Formation Degree, Patapsco Council, 7:30 pm

### Wednesday, May 24

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

### Thursday, May 25

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

## Patapsco Knight Newsletter

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*“Let perseverance finish its work...”*

# Grand Knight’s Message

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**H**appy May to my Brother Knights and families.

I pray you take some comfort in the warmer weather amidst any trial and challenges you face at this time. Keep in mind this wonderful scripture from James 1:2-4 – “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” I know perseverance has not yet finished its work with me. How about you? Let’s pray for each other always.

As a matter of fact, let’s pray together in our newly started men’s prayer group on Monday nights. Thanks to Brother Stephen Schwing for providing the access to the video series called the Wild Goose we are inspired by Fr David Pivanka TOR. Please come and welcome any Catholic man to join you for the duration of the 14 week video series which starts at 7:30 pm.

During the month of April our council began the Brotherhood journey of two members. I am so happy to welcome Mike Sauter and Tom Cunningham to the Knights of Columbus. Please continue your efforts to recruit always.

I look forward to attending our annual state convention in May. I will do my part to represent our council in all the meetings. I hope to win big in the Grand Knights \$1,000 Olympics for Charity. I especially will enjoy more fraternal time with some of you and many more from other councils.

Vivat Jesus!







# Deputy Grand Knight's Message

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**B**rothers:  
 May is an exciting month for me when I get a chance to recharge my batteries, so to speak, and attend the Maryland State Convention in Ocean City. It is a good weekend of meetings and fellowship and lots of FOOD!! Even though this year might be too late, I encourage everybody to attend. I promise that you will come away energized with a new sense of purpose and direction in being a member of the Knights. Surprisingly, it won't be anything you get out of a meeting, but rather just being around fellow Knights from all of the Councils in the state and being able to talk to your fellow Council Members about issues, upcoming events, new ways of looking at things, and probably most importantly, just being around old friends and discovering new ones.

I have seen some new faces around and that is great! All of the new members, just start showing up to business meetings, if you don't know what to do (which is ok). There are so many opportunities to make a difference and we are looking for good people for just a little bit of time a month. Whoever sponsored you FOUND the kind of good person we need, now we just need you to let us help you understand the Knights and to help you get the sense of fulfillment you were looking for when you decided to become one of the Knights of Columbus. Seriously, the monthly meetings are the best place to start and we can work with you to help you find what kind of activities you are looking to be involved in. We are looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Vivat Jesus!

## Chancellor's Report

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**B**rothers all, I wish you a wonderful May – the month of Mary! The Queen of Heaven is so revered for her relationship with Christ and her love and guidance of her earthly children, the Catholic Church has dedicated the month of May in her honor.

In his 1965 encyclical, "Mense Maio," Pope Paul VI wrote about the importance of Mary's intercession for all the world, explaining that those who encounter her, encounter her Son, Jesus.

Pope Paul VI went on to write May is the month Christians offer the Virgin Mother more "fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

During the month of May, we honor her motherly and queenly majesty from every corner of the earth.

Pope Francis consecrated his papacy to Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Fatima, and he invited everyone to consecrate themselves to her tender, loving care.

By faith, we become the sons and daughters of Jesus, so it should be natural for us to ask Mary to intercede on our behalf.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls Mary our model of faith and charity, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship.

"The Church rightly honors the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs... This very special devotion... differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration. The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an epitome of the whole Gospel, expresses this devotion to the Virgin Mary."

Traditionally, the month of October is "rosary month" in the Catholic Church while the month of May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Among the most prominent Marian feast days in May, according to the ordinary Roman Catholic Calendar:

May 1, Queen of Heaven; May 13, Our Lady of Fatima; May 24, Mary Help of Christians; and May 31, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Bernard was quoted as saying, "If the winds of temptation arise, look at your star, invoke Mary; if the greatness of your crimes troubles you, think of Mary."



## Program Director's Report

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**B**rothers and Patapsco Council family: May is here and yes, we survived Tax Day, I got rid of a lot of shredding, and we are about to see if Patapsco Council gets recognition as the Knights' Maryland State Convention is about to convene in Ocean City. We had some good Surge for Service reports that were submitted, but even so, Patapsco is so active and has so many great events that sometimes it is difficult to choose which to submit as a report. Also, since the Convention is so early this year, Council Elections will be held at the regular business meeting on the second Wednesday, May 10th. I encourage all brothers to attend this meeting. It is probably the most important of the year since Council leadership for the next Columbian year will be determined. We are in fairly good shape as far as nominees—at least one candidate for almost every office, but we could actually have an election if we get more nominees. Beaumont Holding Company also has an election and that too has at least one nominee for each of the three vacancies. They will be facing a big challenge since the building is having roofing problems and as you might guess that financial issue is not going to be easy to handle. The Council Home is NOT a small building. I am sure we will be hearing more about that. Back to the Council, yes we have many strong and varied programs and events, but I do want to take an opportunity to comment on our Degree Teams. I recently had the opportunity to attend a "double header" degree exemplification in another District. Yes, the ceremonies were adequate, no disrespect intended, but . . . When I compare them to the exemplifications that I have seen at Patapsco/ District 17, WOW, we are so fortunate to have the Degree Teams that we have. Smooth, flawless, thoughtful, dramatic presentations—no wonder why our teams and individuals have won so many State level degree awards. Sometimes

you get an opportunity to recognize what you have long been taking for granted. We owe a tremendous "Thank You" to all the members of these teams and especially to Tony Viscardi who wrangles them. They have done a fantastic job through the years. I wanted to get that commercial in this PK since I have only one column to go as your Program Director and will have a final report for you in the June newsletter. We have several events coming up as we move into summer which are advertised elsewhere in the PK so I leave you to find what is your pleasure. Leading a Council of Patapsco's size and complexity can be a challenge. It takes leadership but also active help from many brothers. We need your help and a good first step is to make sure you attend the Election Business Meeting on May 10th. We'll also know how we did in Ocean City by then. Remember "Moms" on May 14th. Keep up the prayers for those threatened with religious violence worldwide, our men and women in uniform (note, May 20th is "Armed Forces Day"!), and including police, EMT's, fire fighters and all those "First Responders. Mary, Queen of Knights, pray for us.



## Finding a Better Way

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**B**ack in the '70s, I supervised a caseload of drug abusers in Southwest Baltimore. One man ran off completely, but then he telephoned months later asking for help. I answered with the unofficial agency response, "Tell it to the Judge."

About three months later the local paper gave us an

update. He had been found floating face down in a molasses tanker car owned by the Chessie system.

I concluded that the unofficial policy must change.

The next time something like that happened I told the man to enter the Salvation Army [It's free], and have his counselor call me when he got there. Thus we had created "Rest Without Arrest," a no fault response where the client could get well before seeing the Judge. This has saved lives over the years, both lives of my clients and their potential victims as well.

# 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.

Save the date for the annual "4 Miles 4 Charity" run and family fun day! Scheduled for Saturday, June 17, at 8:30 a.m. at the UMBC campus. More details to come!

## Community

Thank you to all those Brothers who helped to make the shredding day and flea market successful events for our community.

## Culture of Life

The Patapsco Council is represented every Thursday morning from 11-12 to pray to end abortion at the Hillcrest clinic. There are no signs, no confrontations. We simply pray. Would you like to join us?

## Youth

Easter Egg hunt for family and friends of our Council took place on April 15.

## 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.



## 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.

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## 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 their 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.



**New flagpole installation at the Council Home**

## Milestones

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New Members: Thomas W. Cunningham, Michael R. Sauter and James Baeck, 1st degree April 17, 2017

Transfers to #1960: Father Guy Kagere from Bishop Sebastian Council # 5058, Parkville, MD

Christopher J. Dilullo from Bishop Sebastian Council # 5058, Parkville, MD

Richard Sanick, father of member Chris Sanick, passed away on April 17. Please keep the Sanick Family in your prayers.



**2017 Officers' Slate as of 23 April 2017**

Council Officers:

- Grand Knight: GK Bernie Wrisk
- Deputy Grand Knight: Bro. John Journell
- Chancellor: Bro. Rick Ostopowicz
- Warden: Bro. Tony Viscardi
- Recorder: Bro. Rob Carter
- Treasurer: Bro. Ernie Schaefer
- Advocate: PGK Barry Casanova
- Inside Guards: 1) Bro. Ken Harness  
2) Bro. Stephen Schwing
- Outside Guard: Bro. Henry Dulaney
- 3 Year Trustee: FDD Deacon Hugh Mills
- 1 Year Trustee: Open

State positions:

- Convention Delegate: PGK Scott Luco
- 1st Alternate Delegate: PGK Mike Doetzer
- 2nd Alternate Delegate: Bro. Rick Ostopowicz or DGK John Journell

Beaumont Holding Company:

- 3 Year Term #1: Bill Zimmerman
- 3 Year Term #2: PGK Scott Luco
- 3 Year Term #3 PGK Ed Cogswell
- 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), PGK Marty Keeley (2 Years remaining); Bernie Wrisk (GK slot, if elected).

# Knights Out Inn Specials

*May 5  
Ribs and Shrimp*

*May 12  
Stuffed Chicken Breasts*

*May 19  
Ham with Pineapple Raisin  
Sauce*

*May 26  
Fried Chicken*

*June 2  
CLOSED for Knighthood Degree*

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!



## Degree Team News

**O**ur Degree Team is amazing when you realize that we haven't had a real practice in years. Also, we have had a number of new members that have come and gone--with that said, we're pretty good! Everyone put on a good show at our First Degree in April, particularly DGK John Journell--he was really good! Thanks to PGK Mike Doetzer and PGK Scott Luco for reversing roles--Mike had planned to retire from the First Degree Team, but it looks like his plans fell through! Remember that May 17th is our next Second Degree exemplification!





# Reflections

*Lawrence P. Grayson*

## TODAY'S IGNORED MARTYRS

**I** SIS is carrying out its vow to systematically kill and persecute Christians in countries of the Middle East and North Africa. On Palm Sunday, as Holy Week began, Islamic State suicide bombers in Egypt exploded their lethal weapons in two Coptic Christian churches, killing 47 people and injuring more than 100 others. Shortly before last Christmas, a suicide bomber killed 30 worshipers in St. Mark's Cathedral in Cairo. On February 15, 2015, ISIS beheaded 21 Coptic Christians on a beach in Libya, and released a video of the group murder.

Radical Islamic terrorist groups are employing barbaric tactics in a jihad, including mass slaughters, beheadings, kidnapping, rape, abductions of women and girls, compelled marriages, forced conversions, destruction of churches and involuntary migrations. The results are devastating, forcing Christians to flee their ancestral lands.

In Iraq, for example, the Christian population has decreased from 1.4 million in 2003 to 275,000 in 2016. In Syria, the number of Christians dropped from 1.5 million to 500,000 in just five years. A similarly large exodus is occurring throughout the region. In the early 20th century, Christians constituted 20 percent of the population of the Middle East; in 2010, they made up only 5 percent; today, it is undoubtedly less. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, in announcing that the Order gave \$1.9 million in 2016 to support these persecuted peoples, stated that 2017 may be "the decisive year in determining whether many Christian communities throughout the Middle East will continue to exist."

Religious persecution is a worldwide problem, but a region where oppression of Christians is experienced daily is the Holy Land, the place where Christianity began. In that area, which is under Israel's control, Christians must contend with severe restrictions on routine living, especially in the occupied parts of the West Bank, due largely to the separation walls, checkpoints and military procedures that Israel has installed to protect itself from attacks by Palestinian extremists. Religious fundamentalism in the Palestinian areas of the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, as well as Jewish fundamentalism and settler movement, are also serious concerns. The conditions on travel, education, housing and employment have become so onerous that there has been a large emigration of Christians from the Holy Land.

Today, Bethlehem where Jesus was born, Nazareth where he grew up, and Jerusalem where he died

and resurrected are nearly devoid of Christians. In Jerusalem, where 27,000 Christians lived in 1948, today there are about 5,000. If there is no change, there soon may be no Christians living in the region. The Holy Land with its numerous sites so integral to Christian history then would become nothing more than a spiritual theme park, attractive to pilgrims and tourists, but not hospitable to the Arab Christians whose families have lived there continually since the time of Our Lord.

The persecution of Christians extends beyond the Middle East. Under Caesar's Sword, a global research project on religious persecution, reports that about 200 million Christians around the world are "at risk of physical violence, arrest, torture, even death simply because they live and practice a faith that is not acceptable to the rulers in that part of the world." It has concluded that "Christians are the most widely targeted religious community, suffering terrible persecutions globally," with at least 60 percent of the cases of global religious persecution and 80 percent of all acts of religious discrimination directed against them. Even the Vatican is considered at risk of Islamic State terrorism.

The Pew Research Center, in its recent annual report on Global Restrictions on Religion, noted that government laws targeting religious groups and societal hostilities, including hate speech, harassment, vandalism and violence against individuals of specific religions, increased markedly from 2014 to 2015. In 2015, 40 percent of the countries worldwide were rated to have "very high" or "high" levels of religious hostility. This was up six points from 2014. While the cited countries are in all parts of the world, the highest levels by far of both "government restrictions on religion" and "social hostilities involving religion" were in nations of the Middle East and North Africa, the same regions where ISIS is operating.

Last year, the European Union, the United States and the British Parliament each declared that the persecution of Christians by ISIS is genocide. In spite of these resolutions, the oppression continues, for these governmental bodies have not supported their resolutions with concrete action. Until then, nothing will change.

World leaders can no longer delay. Pronouncements are not enough. To save and protect the Christians of the Middle East, world leaders must take swift and aggressive steps to end this crisis.

Pope Francis, in his Regina Coeli address in 2015, said: Everyone is called to a "spiritual journey of intense prayer, concrete participation, and tangible help in the defense and protection of our brothers and sisters who are persecuted, exiled, killed, and beheaded just for being Christians... They are our martyrs of today, and there are so many, we can say that they are more numerous than in the first centuries."

In his visit to Cairo on April 28, the pope urged participants at an International Conference on Peace to "say once more a firm and clear, 'No!' to every form of violence, vengeance and hatred carried out in the name of religion or in the name of God." He continued, "We have an obligation to denounce violations of human dignity and human rights, to expose attempts to justify every form of hatred in the name of religion, and to condemn these attempts as idolatrous caricatures of God."

The next day at a Mass for 15,000 people, the pope recalled the meeting of the forlorn disciples with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, and how their despair was turned into life, "for when human hope vanishes, divine hope begins to shine in its place." He provided a message of hope, saying that "when we reach the depths of failure and helplessness, when we rid ourselves of the illusion that we are the best, sufficient unto ourselves and the center of our world, then God reaches out to us to turn our night into dawn, our affliction into joy, our death into resurrection."

As a worldwide moral leader, the pope must continue to speak out, urging the heads of the world's major countries to take specific actions to eliminate all religious persecution.





# State Deputy's Report

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**M** Happy May. There are two months left in this Fraternal Year. What an outstanding year for the Maryland State Council. We have been active, we have been recognized and we continue to grow. At times, we have grown slowly but we continue to grow.

The next two months are very important for us both in Membership and Programs. We need to continue our recruitment efforts. Remember, we are looking for just two new members in May and two in June. Accomplishing this will see Maryland in the Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor. We need to continue to make every council membership active, by bringing in one new member. There are only thirteen councils in the state who have not yet done this. There is still time.

Continue to have Admission Degrees and welcome these new members into our Order. Have them identify "why" they joined us and assist them in getting involved. Remember one hour per month leads to bigger and better things.

May and June will also be very busy for us. Starting with our Convention in Ocean City. My congratulations to all those who will be award winners this year. I hope to see you all there and I am looking forward to another great convention.

Then we have Corpus Christi Sunday, this takes place on Father's Day this year. The Archbishop has requested us to help fill the Cathedral on this day. You will see a flyer very soon that will identify the time of the Mass.

Then we are off to the Leadership Seminar in Solomons. This weekend is for our

new Grand Knights to become familiar with the state council and its programs.

June is the time for the Maryland Special Olympics Summer games. There are many opportunities for Knights and their families to get involved. Please sign up and then see John Durbin, Steve Adamczyk, or Terry Waters and get the specifics. The Knights are playing a much larger role in the games this year and we will need a lot of volunteers.

Let's have a great two months and remember – In everything we do in Maryland – 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

## THE UNITED STATES HAS AN UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY TO HALT ROE V. WADE'S LEGACY OF ABORTION ON DEMAND

By Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

**P**RO-LIFE AMERICANS now face a historic opportunity. Not since the Supreme Court decided *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 has the United States government had so many high-ranking officials who are pro-life.

Consider this: The House majority leader and the speaker of the House are strongly pro-life. So are the Senate majority leader and the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Both the president and the vice president as well as 17 members of their cabinet are pro-life.

Just three days after the inauguration, President Trump signed a presidential memorandum reinstating the Mexico City Policy, which requires that, as a condition for receiving U.S. foreign aid, nongovernmental organizations agree to neither perform nor promote abortion. Then, several days before the March for Life, the House of Representatives

passed Rep. Chris Smith's "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act."

Vice President Pence went from meeting pro-life leaders and speaking at the March for Life to later casting the tie-breaking vote to pass legislation overturning an Obama administration rule blocking states from defunding Planned Parenthood.

The pro-life agenda has had an important place in the first 100 days of the new administration and the new Congress. But that agenda is far from complete.

The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, issued by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in 2004, describes the right to life as "the first right" (155) and states: "Promoting human dignity implies above all affirming the inviolability of the right to life, from conception to natural death, the first among all rights and the condition for all other rights of the person" (553).

Last August, during our Supreme Convention in Toronto, I stated that we can never hope to build a true culture of life and civilization of love as long as the legal regime of abortion mandated by *Roe v. Wade* remains in effect — a regime that has resulted in the deaths of an estimated 60 million unborn

children in the United States since 1973.

As the Compendium affirms, "The immediate purpose of the Church's social doctrine is to propose the principles and values that can sustain a society worthy of the human person" (580). And Pope Francis in his encyclical on "care for our common home," *Laudato Si'*, speaks of the need to "safeguard the moral conditions for an authentic human ecology" and to provide the poor with the "right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity."

The civilization of love rests on respect for the equal dignity and right to life of every person. Human dignity goes beyond abortion. But the right to life is not only a foundation; it can also be a common ground to a broader engagement with society.

Our Knights of Columbus/Marist polling on abortion has consistently shown that strong majorities of Americans support significant restrictions on abortion. And on some questions, these majorities include majorities of those who describe themselves as "pro-choice."

On Jan. 22, the 44th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, Pope Francis stated, "The Church must never tire of being an advocate for life and must not neglect to

proclaim that human life is to be protected unconditionally from the moment of conception until natural death." He went on to encourage participants of the March for Life "to work tirelessly for the building of a civilization of love and a culture of life."

Today, we have in America a new pro-life moment. Now is the time for Catholics and other pro-life Americans to seize this moment to turn the corner on the legacy of *Roe v. Wade*.

The political stars are aligning in a way as to make change possible. It is time to take up the challenge of Pope Francis to work tirelessly for the building up of a culture of life by advocating for the unborn.

If we do not, then in the words of Shakespeare, "the fault ... is not in our stars, but in ourselves."

Vivat Jesus!

Visit the Supreme Council website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)



# 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 partnership 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.

The Knights of Columbus has been recognized by the Ethisphere Institute as a 2017 World's Most Ethical Company for the fourth consecutive year. This recognition underscores the organization's commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices. K of C, known also for its extensive charitable activities, was one of only two life insurance companies to earn the designation for 2017.

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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 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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More info call Steve Schwing  
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**DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION**  
Mondays, Beginning April 24, 2017  
7:30 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus Patapsco Council  
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