



PATAPSCO KNIGHT

Supreme Chaplain's Message

I must confess that I travel by sea rarely, if ever. But when I do travel, whether on a domestic or an international flight, my mother – now in her late 90's – is pretty worried. Mom is, of course, always interested in the reasons for my trips but she is even more interested in knowing when I'm leaving and returning, what airline I'm flying, and when I've landed safely. And while I am in transit, you can be sure Mom is storming heaven with prayer. Once safely on the ground, I give her a call and she is relieved. But Mom also asks, "So where else are you planning on going?"

In her concern for my safety as a traveler, my Mom is not too different from St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton – who, until the end of her life, remained concerned about the whereabouts and safety of her two seafaring sons, William and Richard, both of whom served in the United States Navy. Sometimes Elizabeth gently chided them for not writing her often enough or for not keeping her fully apprised of their travels. In fact, Elizabeth had good reason to be concerned as also good reason to be proud! Her son, William, spent 34 years as a commissioned officer of the Navy. His service brought him to Cape Horne, the Mediterranean Sea, costal Africa, and the West Indies. Her son Richard was a captain's clerk on the first USS Cyane, that, among other places, brought him to the coast of Liberia where he was involved in fighting off pirates and preventing slave trade. While on duty, he contracted a severe fever and died.

Elizabeth stormed heaven for her two sons, often asking the intercession of Mary, Star of the Sea. For that reason, Elizabeth is also the ideal heavenly patron for all seafaring people, but especially for those who, like her sons, either serve in or are affiliated with the Navy, Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, and, of course, the Apostleship of the Sea. Today, during this our 40th annual pilgrimage, we again ask St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to pray for the officers and the service men and woman of the Sea Services, together with their families and loved ones and their dedicated chaplains.

Now, I have already mentioned how seldom I travel the high seas but I also have to make another confession to make and it's this: I've never served in any branch of the military services. Even though my father served in the Navy during World War II in the Pacific theatre, I am about as much a civilian as a civilian can be. If I tried to do what you do every day, you'd probably throw me overboard. Nonetheless, like many land-loving civilians, I've tried to imagine what life is like aboard a ship and like others who do this, I'm probably wide of the mark.

Nonetheless, I should imagine that life aboard a ship is highly regulated. The Captain has command of the ship, and the officers and crew, under their commanding officer, adhere to strict protocols, following closely the chain of command, a hierarchical structure, if you will. In this structure, I should further imagine that obedience is highly prized. Those who fail to obey orders, rules, and regulations, pay the consequences. And the point of orders, rules, and regulations is not just to make life



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Supreme Chaplain

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tough. No, the real point of all this is to ensure the safety of all and the success of the mission, whatever it might be.

In a best-case scenario, not only are the protocols and rules carefully followed but there also emerges a spirit of teamwork and camaraderie – qualities that serve well officers and crew alike. Everyone does their job well, with competence and integrity, and each one looks out for everyone else. However, when teamwork breaks down and there are factions, the discipline of the ship is undermined, along with its morale and thus its mission. In a true worst-case scenario, there is mutiny on the high seas.

Well friends, I don't know if I even came close to describing what the code of ethics and conduct is like aboard the ships that you sail. I hope so, because today's Scripture readings give us some idea of what life should be like aboard the barque of Peter, the ship that we call the Church, as it sails the high seas of history, often encountering headwinds, storms, and dangerous waves.

Aboard this ship, there is only one Captain, namely, the Christ. Just as the Captain occupies a unique role on the ship, even so Christ is utterly unique and irreplaceable in the Church and in human history. For he is the only Son of God, sent by the Father into the world to take upon himself our humanity, so as to save us from our sins. Son though he was, our Captain, the Christ, is himself a man of obedience, for he carried out his mission in accord with the saving will of God the Father. St. Paul says of Jesus that "...he emptied himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross." In taking upon himself the sins of the world and in dying and rising from dead, our Captain was the first to make the voyage that leads from death to life. Thus, at the Easter Vigil, we exultantly sing of Jesus: "Life's Captain died, now he lives no more to die." Thus was Jesus exalted as Lord and given the Name above every other name.

Now, our Captain who went ahead of us – by dying on the Cross, rising from the dead, ascending into heaven – our Captain and Lord promised nonetheless never to leave us. So it is that the Lord remains with his Church and by sending the Holy Spirit, the Lord guides the Church through history. If we might think of the Holy Spirit as a sort of divine navigation system, we could say that the barque of Peter does not avoid threatening waves— as it is tossed to and fro by persecution, sin, misunderstanding, and mischance— Still, the Church sails onward, indefectibly, enroute to the shores of heaven.

Aboard this ship, all of us have different functions – that is to say, "gifts that differ",

differing vocations, some specific work to do, but we are part of a single crew under the command of our Captain. And every one of us, no matter what our station, must strive to emulate the obedience of Jesus to the Father's saving will. At the heart of our code of ethics and conduct are the words, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Further, on the barque of Peter, each of us is responsible for our own conduct. In today's first reading, the prophet Ezekiel points out the fate of those who turn from virtue and virtuous deeds to iniquity. That fate is worse than going to the brig. Conversely Ezekiel holds out hope for anyone who turns away from mutiny against God's law; such a one might hope to live for another day. In the Gospel Jesus gives us a variation on this theme. If we tell God the Father that we'll obey him but then fail to do so, we risk plunging into the abyss and we risk as well the salvation of others. If we are at first reluctant but then see the error of our ways, then the Lord gives us every opportunity not only to follow his Son and our Captain, but also to be a part of his mission, praying and working hard every day to arrive at the safe harbor of heaven.

So, it turns out, then, that all of us are seafarers. Just as you who are members of the Sea Services know how long and perilous an ocean voyage can be, so all of us who are followers of Christ must realize how urgently we need to rely on the strength and wisdom of Christ, our Captain, and on the utterly reliable guidance of the Holy Spirit. Let us also count on the prayers of our patroness, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and on the prayers of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother also. For it is Mary, the Star of the Sea, who always leads us to Jesus and prays with us and for us as we journey homeward across the expanses of time and eternity, to our true destiny, our heavenly home, the New and Eternal Jerusalem.

May God bless us and keep us always in his love!

October Events

*For more calendar items, visit
www.kofc1960.org/patapsco-council-calendar/*

Wednesday, October 11

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

Thursday, October 12

Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights
Our Lady Of Mt. Carmel Council #2452, 1707
Eastern Blvd., Essex 21221

Wednesday, October 18

Admission Degree
Patapsco Council No. 1960

Wednesday, October 25

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

Thursday, October 26

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

Patapsco Knight Newsletter

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“Trust the Lord with all your heart...”

Grand Knight’s Message

Grand Knight Bernie Wrisk

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How often do we question the plan of God? Perhaps more so when the circumstances of today don’t seem to be in our favor. How often do we acknowledge that the plan of God is actually taking place in our lives? Perhaps we should even more so whenever the circumstances do seem to be in our favor. I personally am dealing with the questioning at this time in my life as I am facing another time of unemployment. How shocking the turns of life can be within only a few short months. You start to think you are getting comfortable with rebuilding your financial standing and then a turn for the worse changes it all. So once again I choose to turn to my faith and be comforted with the belief that our Lord and Savior is always with us and will not forsake us. Our holy scripture gives us in 1 John 5:4, “For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” Also in Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

May we keep all those that lost so much more in the natural disasters of the hurricanes in our prayers. I appreciate Brother Paul Buckley’s effort in collecting money to provide relief to those in the affected states through the support network of our great fraternity in those locations. I also am very glad that those at our September business meeting gave support to the motion to provide additional funding from our food for the needy funds. In addition, the committee planning our annual fundraiser in November titled the Catonsville Couples Night Out, under

Chairman Matt Wrisk, has made a decision to donate a portion of the proceeds of that event to support the relief effort for those hurricane victims.

I look forward to seeing you at our future events while we continue working for the Lord together. I still could use a volunteer to step up for the Chancellor role as a replacement for Brother Rick. Please contact me if interested.

Vivat Jesus!





Deputy Grand Knight's Message / Program Director's Report

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Brothers:

It seems as though miracles STILL DO occur! For the first time in countless years, I/we were able to get the reports in to State by the required deadline without our Past Program Director, Barry Casanova, leading the charge. It WAS a little close for comfort, but we were able to get them out the door on time. I want to thank the Activity Directors for your inputs, especially those of you who were on travel who responded very quickly for requests for last minute information that I realized too late needed to be included. Rick did a great job taking over for the final report consolidation, configuration control, and formatting, turning it around very quickly. But I want to remind everybody that this next period is a very short one with input to the state due in December, which will sneak up on us much sooner than we realize. I

will put out more in the next News Letter, but for now I just want to thank everybody for their efforts and to thank Barry, without whom I would have been completely lost.

Also, I have been out of action from knee surgery for a few weeks and thank you for all of the words of encouragement. I've just started rehab and I hope to be back to normal- or close to it- by the end of the month.

Vivat Jesus!





Brothers and Friends:

In 2019 Patapsco Council #1960 will have its centennial celebration. In anticipation of that momentous event we are preparing a brief history of the Council. What can you do to contribute to that effort, search the attic, that bottom desk drawer or the back recesses of the cupboard that you have not ventured into in many years? In that search if you find something related to the Council, an old program, ticket stub, program report, photograph or a souvenir of an event please consider sending it along to the Council. We will be glad to accept anything, big or small, one item or more to help celebrate the centennial. You can contact us through the Council Office at 410-744-8754 or email me at 307beau@mail.com. Thanks for your help and there will be more news on the Centennial celebration to come.

PGK Ed Cogswell

Our Council's Centennial Celebrations committee meets each month. Please consider joining this committee and be a part of making this historic accomplishment great in our community. For more information, please contact Financial Secretary PGK Mike Doetzer at 443-695-8508.

Miracle of the Sun

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One hundred years ago on October 13 seventy thousand people watched the sun plummet to the earth in Fatima, Portugal. Drenched with a Fall downpour many screamed for God's mercy as the sun pulsated like a beating heart and got closer.

After four cycles down and back it returned to its place in the heavens. All who were soaked by the downpour were completely dry.

God was underscoring the words of his mother. "Repent and pray the rosary or the war now ending will lead to another War." This was the world's first warning of WWII. When the War began 22 years later, the prophecy was confirmed.

By virtue of revelations to Pope Leo XIII we are led to believe that significant events will accompany the 100th anniversary of Fatima on 10/13/2017. The best preparation we can make for these events is to pray the rosary.

Programs and Committees

Community

The Monday night men's prayer meetings have resumed after being suspended for the summer. The group is meeting every other week on the following schedule Oct 2, 16, 30th from 7:30 to 9:00pm. We are finishing the remainder of the video series on the Holy Spirit and then will turn to another topic in November. If you have any interest and suggestions please reach out to Brother Stephen Schwing at 410-960-4132. Please consider joining this fraternal bonding and faith building opportunity.

Council

Save the Date for the next annual Catonsville Couples Night Out on Friday, Nov 10. There will be a live band, beer and wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres all included in the \$50 ticket per couple if purchase in advance in Oct. In addition there will be the cash liquor bar with the special "Hurricane" drink to raise extra funds for the hurricane victims and many prizes to be won at the 45 wheel. Please consider helping out as this has always been a fun night out and profitable for our council's charities. Contact the Chairman Matt Wrisk at 443-915-2070 to join the committee or reserve your tickets.

Culture of Life

The new pro-life memorial on the council property has been brought

to completion by Brian Protzman. The benches he has installed are at eye level. Brian has rendered us this public service to complete the last project for his Eagle Scout requirements. Congratulations and thank you to Brian.

Church

St Joseph Monastery Parish Annual Spaghetti Dinner Sunday October 29 3-6 PM Tickets at the door \$10 per person ,with Family discounts. Please come out and join our parish for great Italian food and fun For more info, contact PGK Michael Doetzer @ 410-242-6130.

Patapsco Council will be collecting for th KofC Annual Tootsie Roll Drive at after all Masses at St Mark Parish on the weekend of October 21 &22. Please come out and help as we collect for handicapped children. Mass times are 4 PM Saturday, 7:30 9 & 11 AM Sunday and a 5 PM Sunday evening Mass. For more information call Michael Doetzer at 410-242-6130.

Youth

Soccer Shoot Out will take place on Sunday, Oct 15 at Catonsville High School. Time Noon to 2:00. For any kids in the community age 9-14. Contact Steve Schwing at 410-960-4132 for more information or to plan to help.



Beaumont News

Our 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.



Milestones

Financial Secretary Michael Doetzer

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Michael T. Krainer, Honorary Life Membership 8-28-2017

Andrew Green, New Member 8-16-2017, Formation Drgree 9-20-2017



The following letter was received by Grand Knight Bernie Wrisk. The contents show that Fr. Francis needs our prayers more than ever.

Dear Bernie, While I did not have the pleasure of knowing Deacon Roberts I will offer Holy Mass for the repose of Terri's kind and gentle soul.

On another important matter, i.e., my continued role in the council: Bernie, I do appreciate all of your kind prayers for me during this time of problems with the present state of my health. I am under the care of a number of medical specialists - with regular visits, medications, etc. As a result I find myself exhausted and frequently retire before 9:00 pm. Consequently I am also giving up membership in a weekly prayer group. And of course members are disappointed and continue to pray for me. The only other priestly activity left is my helping with confessions at the Cathedral as a volunteer each Saturday from 3-5 pm. I have no idea how long I will be able to continue in this important ministry as this also is taking a toll on my energy. Not only do I retire early but daily, after lunch I return to my room and sleep for another 60 to 90 minutes. It seems the good Lord is slowly asking me to sit on the sidelines and allow other younger and more talented priests to take my place. Incidentally I do spend at least a total of 4 hours daily before the Blessed Sacrament. At times I almost feel like a monk but now I can pray for the needs of the Church and our country.

The bottom line, Bernie, I do not expect to return to the council and recommend you select another priest. I appreciate the brief time I spent with you and promise my continued prayers for God's choicest blessings on all of you and on the many fine projects undertaken for the Glory of God.

Sincerely,

Fr. Francis E. Butler, SSJ

Knights Out Inn Specials

*October 6
Pork Chops*

*October 13
Chicken Parmesan*

*October 20
Baked Salmon*

*October 27
Chicken Pot Pie*

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

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Our Degree Teams made it through another fraternal year, but it wasn't easy! Sure it needs more practice than what it's been given, but we suffer from two critical points! First we need more brothers in two areas, we need more members to fill all of the roles, mostly in non speaking roles, but also to show up to support our new candidates, we need to show them we care! Secondly, I am asking some of you younger guys to form a two or three member kitchen crew, it's only 8 nights a year! Everyone likes coming to Patapsco Council cause we have a good team and real good eats! Not too much to ask...I think?



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**



Presents

6th Annual Catonsville Couples Night Out

Date: Friday, November 10th 2017 from 7pm – 11pm
Location: Patapsco Council Knights of Columbus Hall, 1010
Frederick Road, Catonsville

Proceeds to benefit Hurricane Relief Fund and council
charities and activities.

Ticket price: \$50 per couple, or \$25 per individual in advance
by Nov 1 and \$60 per couple or \$30 individual after Nov 1.
Ticket includes band, draft beer, wine, soda, heavy hors d'oeuvres, door prizes.

Contact person: Matt Wrisk at mwrisk67@gmail.com, 443-915-2070

**Come and enjoy a casual social gathering with neighborhood
friends!**

Music: By - Blatant Eighties



Cash bar available for
bottled beer and liquor.
Prize wheel, 50/50
drawings, silent
auction, and more!



State Deputy's Report

State Deputy Stephen M. Cohen

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My Brothers All,
October is the month in which we honor our namesakes, Christopher Columbus. We have many activities at the State level to help us do that; the Ball, the Parade and the DC Celebration. Hopefully many of you will attend one or more of these events. However, each council should do something to honor our namesake. In this time, when people are attempting to denounce the discoverer of the New World, we should be doing something to keep his name in the forefront. If you are attending the parade please be visible, wear your council shirts, hats, jackets; carry your council banner.

On September 24, 2017 the tenth annual Zylla Cup was held at Mount Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg. This is an annual flag football game played between two of our college councils, University of Maryland and Mount Saint Mary's. This year's game was won by the team from the Mount.

Congratulations to both teams for keeping this tradition going. Thanks also goes out to Bryan and Steve Adamczyk and Dirk Griffin for their

help in making this event go off smoothly. This year, the Supreme Council sent a film crew to video the game, speak with college knights and alum, and show our college Knights in action. Look for this video soon on the Supreme website.

The Maryland Jurisdiction continues to do well in the area of Growth. We are weekly adding new members to our ranks. The month of October is also the month for our first Church Drives. Hopefully, your plans are made and ready to implement. This is an outstanding time to make every council in Maryland membership active. Let's make this our goal in October.

Many opportunities have recently become available to us to increase our Charitable Outreach. The hurricanes in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico have seen record donations to aid our brothers in these areas. Our Pennies From Heaven campaign continues throughout the year. We are looking forward to a great year for Coats for Kids and please see your Chapter representatives in regards to this. The Box of Joy program seems to be up and running and gathering strength. See our chairman Jimmy Williams on how to get involved. Also the

Maryland State Council has partnered with the Archdiocese of Baltimore in Supreme's effort to rebuild the town in Iraq demolished by ISIS. Each council will soon receive a letter concerning this. All donations are welcome.

Financial Secretaries should be looking forward to their upcoming FS Seminars. As we have been saying for a while, if you council is not fully using Member Management, now is the time to get up to speed. Very soon, all other FS tools will no longer be supported. Let's make sure all of our FS's are fully trained.

Remember in everything we do in Maryland – WE are Advocates of the Lord.

Let us never forget our mantra that became our send off at the Leadership Seminar –

It is not I – It is We

It is one goal – it is our goal

And the goal is to make this our Best year ever.

Vivat Jesus!



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

George Mack, Dave Leinhardt, Fr. Francis Butler, Bill Zimmerman

If you have any prayer intentions for someone in your family, please contact Chancellor Rick Ostowicz via e-mail at 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 A SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY, LEADERS EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO GOD AND WORK TO PROTECT THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OF ALL

ON MAY 4, I had the honor of joining Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington; Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston and president of the U.S. bishops' conference; members of the Little Sisters of the Poor; and leaders of Orthodox, Protestant, Jewish and other faith communities at a White House Rose Garden ceremony during the National Day of Prayer.

The event, at which President Trump signed an executive order on religious liberty, began with the singing of the Lord's Prayer.

The spring observance of the National Day of Prayer was established by Congress and proclaimed by President Harry Truman in 1952. While some may dismiss the National Day of Prayer as largely symbolic, and others, like the Freedom From Religion Foundation, may ridicule it, I felt that something very important took place. Religious leaders from around the nation joined together in prayer at the White House with a deep sense of respect for each other's traditions.

Cardinal Wuerl was one of those chosen to lead the gathering in prayer. His words truly captured the atmosphere of unity when he said: "O God, who gave one origin to all peoples and willed to gather from them one family for yourself, fill our hearts, we pray, with the fire of your love and kindle in all of us a desire for the just advancement of our neighbor, that through all good things which you richly bestow upon all, each human person may be brought to perfection, every division may be removed, and equality and justice be established in human society."

Years ago, Father Patrick Peyton repeatedly reminded us that "the family that prays together, stays together." Perhaps the same might be said of nations.

Approximately six decades ago, the Knights of Columbus led the effort to add the words "under God" to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. The phrase is taken from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

And it was Lincoln who first proclaimed a National Day of Prayer in 1863, stating that "it is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow ... and to recognize ... that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

During the ceremony this

past May, the president signed an executive order on religious liberty. Some have criticized the order for not going far enough to establish new, broad protections.

But Cardinal DiNardo's response seems most appropriate. Noting that he had met with the president to discuss these issues shortly before the ceremony, the cardinal stated, "Today's executive order begins the process of alleviating the serious burden of the HHS mandate. We will engage with the administration to ensure that adequate relief is provided to those with deeply held religious beliefs."

Seeing the president greet the Little Sisters of the Poor and invite them to the podium to stand with him, those in attendance were assured that the "process of alleviating the serious burden of the HHS mandate" had indeed begun.

Just days after the president's signing of the executive order, I had the privilege of a one-on-one meeting with Vice President Pence to discuss these issues in more detail.

It is said that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Recently, the president took two such steps.

The first was setting a legal foundation by executive order to protect our free exercise of religion

from overreach by federal agencies.

The second came in answer to a question from EWTN, whose News Nightly reporters had recently visited Iraq with Knights of Columbus sponsorship. The president stated that he was going to help the Christians of the Middle East.

The Knights of Columbus has always been steadfast in our defense of religion freedom at home and abroad. Seeing a new concern for this issue at the highest levels of our country is welcome.

Welcome, too, is the fact that Pope Francis and the president agreed to do more to protect religious freedom and religious minorities when they met May 24 in the Vatican.

Now is the time for all of us to commit to do more.

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 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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