



# PATAPSCO KNIGHT

## Supreme Chaplain’s Message

**WE ARE CALLED TO LOOK BEYOND OUR OWN IMMEDIATE CONCERNS AND TO REACH OUT TO THOSE MOST IN NEED**

**P**ERIPHERAL VISION – what we see “out the corner of our eye” is important. If you’re driving along a busy highway, peripheral vision enables you to glimpse that car just emerging from your blind spot. In a crowded room, peripheral vision helps you see people around you. It can also help you to notice a person who is off to the side, overlooked or in need of attention.

People sometimes suffer a loss of peripheral vision with age and declining eyesight, while even those with 20/20 vision can miss what should be visible to them. At a restaurant, for instance, otherwise attentive waiters sometimes seem to suddenly lose their peripheral vision if you’re anxious to pay the check.

Something similar can also happen in the depth of one’s heart. The peripheral vision of our hearts diminishes if we do not make it a habit to see beyond our own wants and needs. If our hearts ignore inconvenient truths and realities on the right and on the left, our field of spiritual vision will narrow.

### THE EYES OF OUR HEARTS

We may think that our spiritual vision is 20/20 because we see clearly what is right in front of us. A hobby might claim most of our attention, or we may be rightfully concerned about things such as the well-being of our families, our performance at work, or long-term financial goals.

It’s even possible to be so wrapped up in our own spiritual lives that we cannot see the spiritual and material needs of those around us.

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches us, “The lamp of the body is the eye. If the eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light; but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness. And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be” (Mt 6:22-23; see also Lk 11:34- 36). Just as our physical eyes perceive natural light, so too the eyes of our hearts are meant to perceive the light of God’s love and truth and the dignity of our neighbor.

Pope Francis has repeatedly called us to “go the peripheries.” He once said in an interview, “We need to come out of ourselves and head for the periphery. We need to avoid the spiritual sickness of a Church that is wrapped up in its own world.”

The Holy Father tells us that a self-referential Church will grow old and dim. He challenges us not to focus so intently on our own concerns that we fail to see the needs of others. He urges us to develop, with the help of God’s grace, “a heart which sees” to use a phrase from Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*. Our hearts must see those who are on the margins of the Church and society. In fact, “a closed



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Supreme Chaplain

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heart," Pope Francis has observed, "cannot understand what Christianity is."

### BEYOND OUR COMFORT ZONES

Where, then, are these peripheries to be found? Surely, they are found in the poorest, most undeveloped countries on earth. Pope Francis drew attention to such peripheries, for example, when he visited the Central African Republic in 2015. Such countries are out of the line of sight of many, if not most, who live in highly developed countries. The pope has called our attention to the plight of refugees and immigrants by his visit to the Italian island of Lampedusa. Thousands lose their lives in the Mediterranean as they try to make their way to mainland Europe in rickety boats.

Pope Francis has likewise called us to focus on the plight of those persecuted for their Christian faith in the Middle East and elsewhere. So often we miss the fact that our fellow Christians are losing their lives and suffering dreadfully simply because they are Christians. The pope also calls our attention to the poor and the sick in our midst. In the city of Baltimore, where I reside, there exist devastated and violence-ridden neighborhoods where a sense of hopelessness pervades the streets.

There are also spiritual peripheries. Think of the many people in every parish who no longer attend Mass or take part in parish

activities. We might sometimes lament their absence but, in the end, adopt an attitude of "out of sight, out of mind." The pope tells us that we must not allow these fellow Christians to escape our field of vision. Instead, we must reach out to them, listen to them, come to know their concerns, and look for opportunities to invite them back to the faith.

How, then, can we increase the peripheral vision of our hearts? First, we need to be aware of what hampers our vision, such as attitudes of defensiveness, fear and indifference. Next, we need, with God's grace, to become adept at going beyond our comfort zones and encountering those whose lives, viewpoints and concerns are very different from our own. This is not easy, but it is the attitude of each true missionary disciple.

Our field of vision broadens as we encounter others with deep charity, a sense of fraternal solidarity, and a desire to break down barriers, to create unity. In a phrase, we must bring to those encounters an awareness of God's merciful love. And once our field of vision broadens, those on the peripheries are no longer peripheral. They are squarely in our line of sight.



## Chaplain's Message

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**B**rother Knights and Lovely Ladies,  
 September brings a change in the weather and a change in the tempo of life as well. The kids go back to school, the days continue to get shorter, and winter is slowly creeping up on us(ugh!).

The change gives us an opportunity to see if there is anything that we'd like to change in our lives. As it says in this first week's gospel: Are there ways that we're trying to have it all but losing our souls in the process? Are we trying "to climb the company ladder" for the wrong reasons? Are we doing too much for ourselves and not enough for others?

Just as on board a ship or on a flight, it's perfectly OK to make some course corrections now and then!

It's also OK if we have to suffer a little bit in this world by not having everything right now. If we keep in mind that attaining eternal life in Jesus' kingdom is the ultimate "having it all," then work for that "top rung of the ladder" in the next life, instead of worrying about the one in this one. One way to do that is to give to the K of C relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Peace in the world begins with peace in ourselves, which only comes by working to attain the kingdom!

Vivat Jesus!

## September Events

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

### Wednesday, September 13

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

### Thursday, September 14

Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights  
 Holy Trinity Council #3414 (LADIES NIGHT)  
 Columbian Center, 335 N. Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park 21146 (Meeting starts at 7:30 with food after meeting)

### Wednesday, September 20

Formation Degree  
 Patapsco Council No. 1960

### Wednesday, September 27

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

### Thursday, September 28

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

**Patapsco Knight  
 Newsletter**

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*“It could start with you...”*

# Grand Knight’s Message

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**I**t could start with you. You offer the idea or suggestion. Then another brother Knight takes a little bit of action. Then that brother Knight asks another for some help. Then another, then another, then there are multiple brother Knights taking little steps of action. Somewhere along these little steps there are prayers mentioned asking God for His intervention and blessing on all these little steps. Don’t forget what Jesus taught us through John 15:16 “... whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.” Then that first idea culminates into a successful event that is recognized and appreciated by many in the community. Then there is much praise to God for His help for making it all happen. And it all may have started with you.

The above storyline took place and culminated in something great at least twice this past month for our council. One was the annual Charity Run, and the other was the dedication and Living Rosary prayer that took place for the Pro-Life memorial stone. Each of these brought many together and were recognized and appreciated by many in the community. Both were truly blessed by God’s graces in becoming successes. Thanks to all that came or took little steps along the way. We couldn’t have done it without you. Each one of us makes the whole of our great fraternity even more powerful and incredible. Thanks for being a Knight to help us achieve so much more together in our council.

I look forward to more successes and blessings by God in September, and hope to see more of you along the way. Many of you I expect to see at the end of summer crab feast which supports both the Mt St Joseph Monastery and our Council. Another one of those opportunities to take some action is our current pursuit for a replacement

Chancellor in this Columbian Year. Due to a new job and a tough stipulation of it, our previous Chancellor Rick Ostopowicz, needed to resign from his Officer role. If any brother Knight can consider taking up that charge as an Officer in our Council please contact me or Barry Casanova.

Keep up your faith and spirit. Know that God is always near and available whenever you need to turn to Him.

I’m looking forward to seeing all at the upcoming crab feast!

Vivat Jesus!





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

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**B**rothers:

This is my combined Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director's Report. After about ten years of being our council's Program Director, Barry Casanova is stepping down. I don't blame him. He has done an exceptional job keeping track of all of our varied programs, editing them, making sure they get to the powers that be at the State Level. The proof is in the number of awards that this council has received at the State Convention during the last several years. It takes more than one man, of course, but Barry has been the cog that has kept it running and taken a huge burden off of the Grand Knights he has supported. Those are huge shoes to fill and I find stepping into them somewhat overwhelming. I look forward to a very good year as I work with all of the Surge for Service Directors and Committee Chairmen to keep the momentum going.

Looking ahead, there is a combined Crab Feast between our council and the St. Joseph Monastery in September and Shreding Day sometime in Mid October.

We need people to step up and take over Community, Council, and Family. Let me know if

you are interested in getting more involved in our programs. But we really need new blood stepping up to the plate, and service is a huge reason we all joined the Knights of Columbus for in the first place. I welcome anybody who wants to help and join the leadership team.

Again, we can't thank Barry enough for all that he has done and accomplished during his tenure as Program Director. As we step off in this new Columbian Year, lets strive to keep the momentum going that allows us to help so many and so many people who depend on our selfless efforts. And watching our Grand Knight carry off so many awards that he is barely able to hold them all at the State Convention is an added bonus.

Vivat Jesus!





# Chancellor's Report

**Chancellor Rick Ostopowicz**

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**B**rothers all, I want to start my final report as Chancellor with the latest update from our Council's new RSVP candidate, Zachary Robinson:

*"I had a great summer at the Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) in Omaha, NE. There we learned about Ignatian spirituality, diocesan priestly identity, and emotional integration. It was an excellent program that helped me and 176 other seminarians from around the US to invite Christ more deeply into our hearts.*

*The fall semester started on Aug 16. I will be entering my first year of theology, which I am very excited for because I will get to study about Jesus and the faith full-time. Until this point my seminary education was primarily in philosophy, and I earned a Master of Arts in Philosophical Studies this past spring.*

*Thanks for checking in. I pray all is going well for your council!*

*Thanks and God bless,  
Zack Robinson"*

With that, Brothers, I want to implore one of you to take my position as Chancellor. Due to unforeseen circumstances, I must vacate my chair. However, there is much work to be done for the Council. We need our Brother Knights to step up and assume the roles of leadership in order to take Patapsco Council to the next level.

Who among you is willing to answer the call? I pray that someone does. Our Council's future depends upon it.

Vivat Jesus!

**Our Council's Centennial Celebrations committee meets each month. The next meeting is set for Sept. 26 at 7:00pm in the KOI. 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.**

## Journey's End

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**T**he new monument on the Council property completed a 10 year journey on August 23. The monument was on the property of another church until the new pastor ordered it removed. Perhaps this decision contributed to that pastor being removed himself.

At any rate the new, new pastor felt the monument held an important truth.

Although he did not want to re-ignite the controversy from 10 years earlier, he was willing to have our Council erect it on our grounds.

Soon to be Eagle Scout Brian Protzman added a garden and two sturdy benches that are eye-level from the monument. The pro-life community gathered to officially welcome our pro-life monument by saying the "Living Rosary" on August 23.

# Programs and Committees

## Community

The Monday night men's prayer meetings have been suspended for the summer. The group is planning for when to start up again. 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.

Save the date for our next Flea Market on Saturday, September 16. Talk it up and contact Robin Kinzer to make your reservations of spaces or tables. Robin can be reached at 410-765-2548 or Robertakinzer@ngc.com.

## Council

Save the Date for the next annual Catonsville Couples Night Out on Friday, Nov 10. The committee is still gathering and getting input. Please consider helping out as this has always been a fun night out and profitable for our council's charities. Contact your Grand Knight to join the committee. We still could use a Chairman.

## 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.

## Charity

The "4 Miles 4 Charity" event took place on Saturday, August 19. More than 50 participants ran, walked, or biked around the UMBC campus inner loop—a 2-mile course. Financial results will be presented at the next Council meeting.

## 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.

**14th Annual St Joseph  
Monastery Parish - Patapsco  
Council Crab Feast  
Sunday September 24, 12:30 - 5  
PM**

**Music by DJ John Armetta  
Steamed Crabs 1-4 PM, Pit Beef,  
Ham & Turkey, Fried Chicken,  
Hot & Cold Foods  
Beer, Wine & Soda  
Tickets \$47 per person, due by  
Sept 16**

**Call Michael Doetzer 410-242-  
6130 for information & tickets  
We need home made cake  
donations for our prize wheel.  
Baked goods can be dropped off  
at the council home on Saturday  
9/23 until noon and on Sunday  
morning 9/24 until noon  
This event will support the  
parish and the Council charity  
fund**



## 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.



## Milestones

**Financial Secretary Michael Doetzer**

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*Salvatore Anello Honorary Life Membership July 17, 2017*

*Paul Grabowski, Honorary Life Membership, June 13, 2017*

*Edward Millard, Reapplication of membership July 26, 2017*

*David B Owen, Transfer in Patapsco Council from Annapolis  
Council #1384, July 31, 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

*September 8  
Stuffed Chicken Breasts*

*September 15  
Liver & Onions*

*September 22  
Fried Chicken*

*September 29  
Fried Hard Crab*

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!

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## Degree Team News

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**O**ur 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?

# 4 Miles 4 Charity





# State Deputy's Report

**State Deputy Stephen M. Cohen**

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**M**y Brothers All,  
As we enter the third month of the First Quarter, how are we doing? We are looking good in terms of growing our councils. There are a number who still haven't recruited but I trust that now is the time. Reach out and show your parish what it is that you do and others will ask to join you.

The Maryland State Council had the distinct honor and pleasure to reactivate the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Council # 1 3073 on August 23rd. Twenty-three men stepped up and have brought this council back to life. Fifteen of these men were new members, and ten of those entered the Order through the e-membership program. This council still has men interested in joining and by now because they are already active probably have a few more.

E-membership is alive and well. We are doing our part in the pilot program to make this a very

worthwhile tool in the area of membership. We are averaging about one sign up

per day and all have designated a local council they wish to join.

At our Program and Membership Seminar on August 22nd, a new Charitable Outreach program was introduced, "The Box of Joy " Program. We are partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach on this program and again have the opportunity to reach out to the peripheries and help someone in need. Along with this, you will soon receive a letter signed by both the Archbishop and myself asking to join the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the Maryland State Council in rebuilding the town in Iraq, demolished by ISIS. Our Worthy Supreme Knight has pledged that the Knights will rebuild the entire town. Our Pennies From Heaven Campaign will continue all year to raise money for our Scholarship , Ultra-sound and Charity Funds.

Now is the time to start planning where you will be to celebrate Columbus Day. Here are just a few ideas, see the details elsewhere in this newsletter. Our Annual Ball at the BWI Marriott is our premier social event, please come and join us. More

importantly, your presence is needed at the Columbus Day Parade in Baltimore and the DC Celebration at Union Station. We need to be out in force at these events showing that we are followers of the Great Christopher Columbus. Wear your council shirts, hats and jackets and march with us in the parade. Bring your council banners. Others will be there to tear down our namesake, we need to be there to build him up.

Thanks to all those who participated in the State Sponsored Family Picnic. What a great relaxing day. Thanks to Matt O'hare and PG Council for the great time and food.

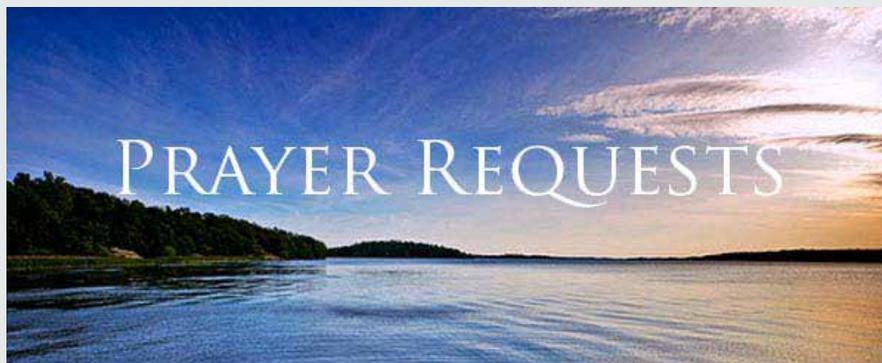
Don't forget our State Tours to help the State Scholarship Fund. See details elsewhere in the newsletter or contact Paul Jones for more information.

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, Bill Zimmerman

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 A SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY, LEADERS EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO GOD AND WORK TO PROTECT THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OF ALL

**O**N 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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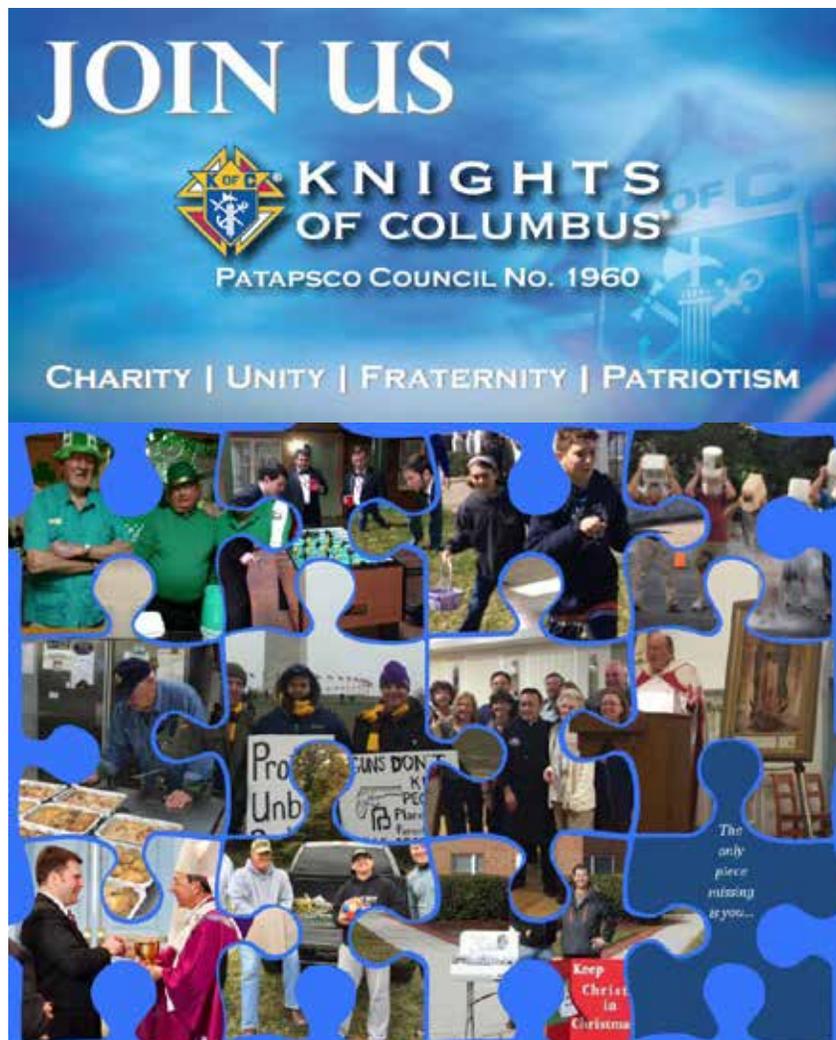
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## Your Opportunity to Lock in Future Scholarship Support

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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