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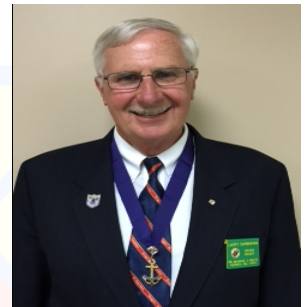
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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

"Message from the Grand Knight"

My Brothers All,

Gosh the summer just flew by. It's back to school for our children and back to volunteering for our brotherhood. We have many activities planned for this fall and I would ask that you check out our Program Director Keith Arndt's column for details on how you can be of assistance. Let me welcome our four new Knights joining our Council: Altaf Ali, Peter Borkowicz, Roy Anderson and Jonathan Mullin joined in August. Congratulations on your decision to become a brother in the best faith based organization in the world. Let's all extend them a warm welcome and see how we can help with their journey in Knighthood. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting date in September is Labor Day; therefore there will be no meeting. September 19<sup>th</sup> will be our only scheduled date in the month, let's all try to be part of this meeting.



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We are working on updating every brother's contact information. When complete, I will be contacting each Knight to get any suggestions that you feel will better support our mission. In the meantime, if you have read this newsletter, **PLEASE CLICK ON MY EMAIL ADDRESS** [lshannahan@comcast.net](mailto:lshannahan@comcast.net) and say Newsletter in the subject line and provide your name in the message area. If you have any other thoughts I would like to hear them as well.

Keep in mind that we can always use help with our Bingo and Ravens Stand. Greg Ward [gward63@gmail.com](mailto:gward63@gmail.com) will be happy to talk to you about Bingo support. Rob Hardy at [Rob@robhardy.net](mailto:Rob@robhardy.net) is our contact for our Ravens stand. Please give them a shout; we really need your help.

God Bless you and enjoy your early fall

Vivat Jesus

Larry Shannahan  
Grand Knight

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# Associate Chaplain's Report

## Who is Jesus?

As Jesus and his disciples are traveling to Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked "Who do people say that I am?" The disciples answer "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." Then Jesus asked them the loaded question, "But who did you say that I am?" Peter answers, "You are the Christ." When Peter answers this, Jesus knows he has made progress with the Apostles and God has begun to enter their lives.

The obvious question is to ask ourselves is who do we say Jesus is? Do we truly believe Jesus is the Messiah? Do we truly believe Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist under the forms of bread and wine? Do we truly believe Jesus is the Son of God? Is Jesus more to us than just a friend we go to when we need a favor? Is Jesus more to us than just a devotion? Does Jesus take precedent in our lives?

These are very difficult questions. I think it will take some discernment to come to a reasonable answer. The most important thing we can do is to think about what Jesus is saying to us and ask him to help us to figure out where we need to be in our journey toward union with him. This will not be accomplished overnight. Most likely it will take a long time, maybe even our entire lives. But oh what a life it will be!

Peace and All Good  
Deacon Jim



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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### What's Going on in Our Council?

August has been a busy month already for us, with more to come in the next few weeks. We have kicked off the football season with our beverage stand at the Ravens. The last chance to get certified for this year is August 24th. Contact Rob Hardy at 410-459-6132. The Tootsie Roll campaign in support of John Archer School is also underway. We need volunteer August 20th, 2 days in September and several in November. Contact Keith Arndt 936-828-0624. We recently had a coordination meeting with the leadership of the ladies group. We look forward to continuing to support each other as well as some coordinated activities.



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### Activity Chairs

**Church** Steve Herpel 410-569-8278 olmchssoccer@yahoo.com

The Parish Picnic will be held beginning at 12:00 noon on Sunday, August 21st. WE will be cooking and serving about 300 hotdogs and burgers. Our next event will be the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 18th.

**Culture of Life** Allen Siegel 631-220-3425 allen.w.siegel@gmail.com

We will be hosting a representative from the Mental Health Association of Maryland at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, August 30th to discuss mental health among seniors and to educate us on signs and symptoms of potential problems among our elders.

**Community** Bill Hengemihle, PGK 410-539-5253 [whhengemihle@verizon.net](mailto:whhengemihle@verizon.net)

On Friday, August 19th we are preparing 25 casseroles for the homeless shelter and on Sunday, August 28th we will be conducting a ice cream social at the Catholic Charities home in Abingdon.

**Family** Steve Buddenbohn 443-895-0374 [sbuddenbohn@aol.com](mailto:sbuddenbohn@aol.com)

Our new format for the Fifth Sunday of the month was successful and will improve as we go forward. The Knights and their families processed into the Worship Center as a group led by the Color Corps and were seated together during Mass. We will be assisting with the annual Back to School Swim Party at the Box Hill Community Pool on Saturday, August 27th. There are other events planned for the coming months such as middle school game night, possible family movie night and ice skating.

**Youth** Jeff Gutowski 410-925-1762 [jgutowskiwtsb@gmail.com](mailto:jgutowskiwtsb@gmail.com)

Our annual Jerry Meany Fishing Tournament was held on Saturday, July 23rd. A lot of fish barely escaped an early demise. Trophies were presented to the winners in various categories and a hot dog lunch was enjoyed by all.

**Council** Ken O'Brien 410-652-1509 [kobrien001@verizon.net](mailto:kobrien001@verizon.net)

The Council Golf Tournament is being held in conjunction with the Charity Corp. on Monday, August 22nd. at Winters Run Golf Course.

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In addition to the golf tournament the charity corp. has planning well underway for the Bull and Oyster Roast to be held at the Joppa Firehouse on Saturday, October 15th. It is not too early to reserve a table for eight.

## Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council 11372

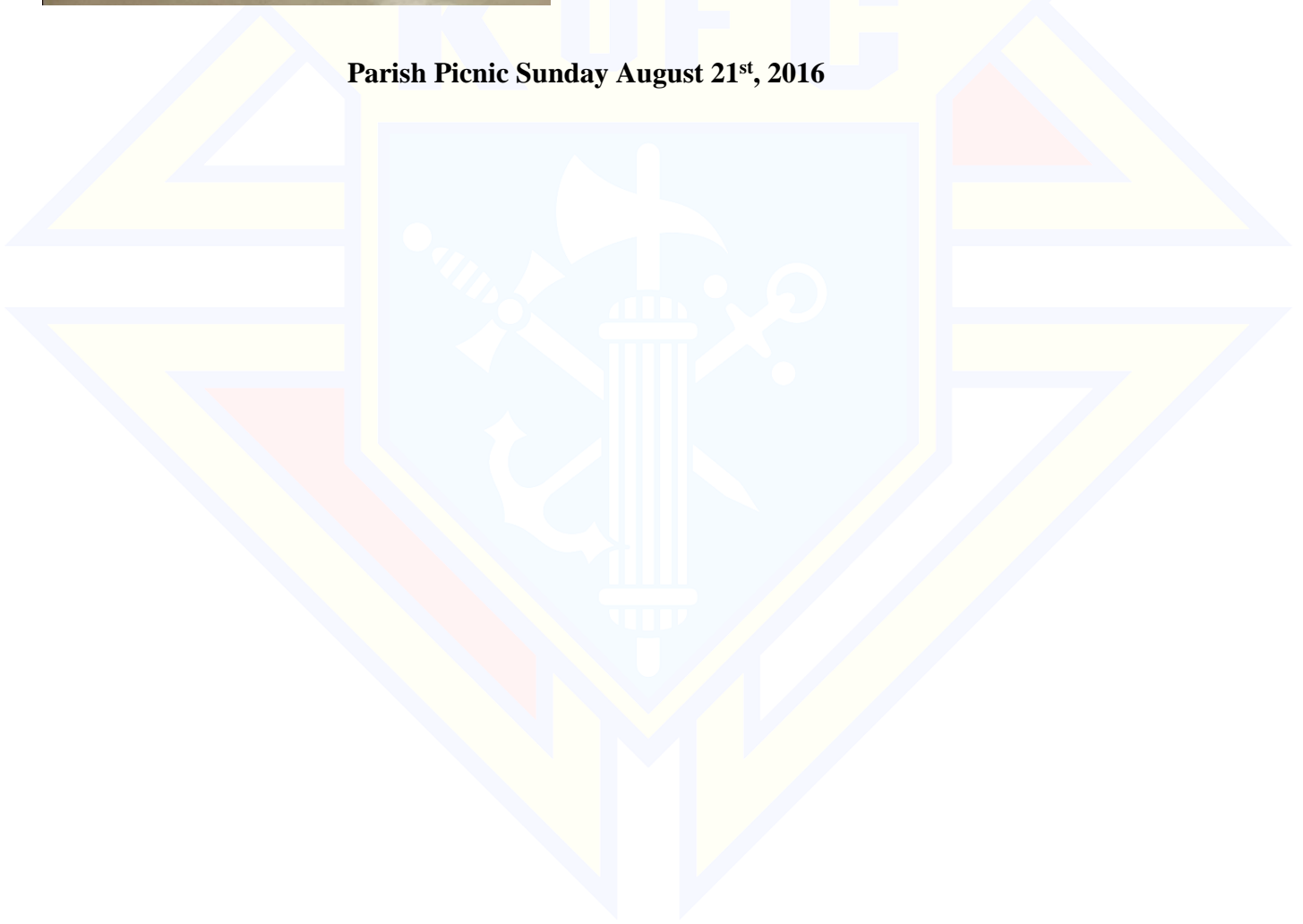
### Community Activities



Fishing Tournament Saturday July 23, 2016



**Parish Picnic Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**





# Knights of Columbus Charity Corporation

## Bull & Oyster Roast



Date: Saturday, October 15, 2016

Time: 6:30-10:30pm

Location: Joppa Magnolia Fire Hall, 1403 Old Mountain Road S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Joppa, MD 21085- elevator and handicap accessible

Cost: \$40 per person- tables of 8 available

### Music, Dancing, Big Wheels, Raffles, Food, and Fun!

**Tickets may be ordered by contacting: Keith Marchiano: 410-937-4890 or [kmarch52@verizon.net](mailto:kmarch52@verizon.net)**  
**Tickets will be available in tables of 8. Individual tickets will be available at the Pancake Breakfast in Kilduff Hall, Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> from 8-11am.**

**Checks should be made payable to Father Wolfe Charity Corporation**

All proceeds made from this event will be donated to St. Francis de Sales Outreach Program and the Father Wolfe Charity Corporation scholarship program

## FOURTH DEGREE MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

The Assembly's first patriotic activity of the fraternal year was the Fourth of July picnic for the veterans at the VA hospital on Loch Raven Boulevard. Thanks to the excellent leadership of PFN Keith Arndt, we were again able to provide hamburgers, hot dogs, fried chicken, salads and desserts to these men who have served their country.

All members of the Assembly should have received their copy of the bi-monthly newsletter by now. If you have not, it is probably because we do not have your current email address. Please provide your email to me at [baltobob@outlook.com](mailto:baltobob@outlook.com) or to Keith Arndt at [kmaba123@yahoo.com](mailto:kmaba123@yahoo.com). The newsletter contains valuable information, not the least of which is the schedule of meetings for the coming year. We try to rotate our meeting locations to encourage participation by members of all four councils. Please attend as many meetings as you can. This is the best way to get to know your fellow Sir Knights and to show your support of the assembly's patriotic activities.

Our Installation of Officers will be on Saturday, August 27 beginning with the 5 o'clock Mass at St John the Evangelist Parish. There will be a dinner in the Knights' Hall after. All Sir Knights and their spouses are welcome but we need to know how many people to expect by August 19. Contact Bob Renshaw at [baltobob@outlook.com](mailto:baltobob@outlook.com) or 410-592-8406 if you will be attending the reception

Bob Renshaw PGK

*Faithful Navigator, John Carroll Assembly #2378*

# September Membership Report



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Total membership (unofficial) 294 members.

Kent Smith and Matt Barnes have transferred into our council.

Altaf Ali, Peter Borkowicz, Roy Anderson and Jonathan Mullin each received the honors of the admission degree on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please welcome these new members into our council and do not miss an opportunity to make them feel wanted.

Continue to work on new members for the good our council.

**Bill Hengemihle**  
*Membership Director*  
*One Member – Per Council – Per Month*

## District Deputy's Report

My brothers all I bring you greeting from our State Deputy Steven M Cohen

I am proud of all of the Councils that are active with membership. Let us keep it up ask a Catholic Man to join the order. To all of the new Knights get active in your councils.

Vivat Jesus

Mike Georgulas, PGK, PFN  
*District Deputy #27*



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# Insurance Advisor's Report

## *Updating Your Beneficiaries*



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Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.

Edward O'Keefe, CLU, ChFC, CASL, FICF, LUTCF

## Newsletter



Steve Wisniewski

**Please have all materials for articles submitted to me no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. My contact info is: Email: [stvwsn1@aol.com](mailto:stvwsn1@aol.com) and my cell phone is 732-485-2723 if you have any questions. Steve Wisniewski (Ph.D) PGK / PFN**

## God's Message for This Month

God's Message for this Month by Dr. Steve Wisniewski

**God used to speak directly with human beings in the past. Is it possible for us to talk with Him today? By Steve Wisniewski**

The thought of talking with God can be intimidating. Many people ask questions like:

- How can *I* possibly talk with *God*?
- Does He know who I am?
- What do I say to Him?
- Would He even bother to listen to me?
- How do I know He hears me?
- Is there *anything* in my life He has any interest in?
- Does He even want me to bother Him?

Why do we sometimes harbor such thoughts? God wants us to talk with Him and have a personal relationship with Him. But how do we do that?

**Communication** with God is called *prayer*. For generations, people have wondered how to pray. Jesus' disciples asked the same question and Jesus gave his disciples a simple answer and taught them how to pray. In His answer, Jesus gave an outline for prayer in the Lord's Prayer or "The Our Father".

**Close examination** of the Our Father shows that Jesus was *not* praying when He gave the answer to the request from one of His disciples. He was giving his disciples an outline to follow.

**Talking with God as a friend:** When we converse with acquaintances or family members, usually we follow a basic format. After greeting them, we inquire about their health or other subjects to indicate our genuine interest in their well-being. It's a give-and-take as the conversation proceeds along.

And that's basically what God wants us to do when we pray or when we talk to Him. We don't say exactly the same thing every time we speak with someone, do we? God doesn't want that either.

**Deepening our relationship with God through prayer:** Isn't it much easier to talk with someone as our relationship with him or her grows? The first thing we need to do is get to know God. God reveals Himself to us through His Word in the Bible. Reading the Bible brings us closer to God because He is actually speaking to us. Of course the Bible is open to interpretation because it was written by human beings inspired by God. The point is not to interpret but to listen and hear what God is saying. How many times have you read the Bible from front cover to the end?

**God knows we're not perfect, that we experience emotional ups and downs as we face the trials and tribulations of everyday life.** Our first conversations with a new friend may at times be uneasy because neither of us may know exactly what we should say next. As we begin a relationship with our Heavenly Father, we may feel the same way. Have no fear. God knows we are learning to talk with Him. He will listen to our words and our thoughts, no matter how unsure we are in expressing our needs for others and ourselves. We need to learn to talk to God the way we would talk to a loving, and caring Father, for this is what God really is. Knowing how to talk to God is really simple. Have you've ever been engaged in a conversation with someone who wanted to do all the talking? While God wants to hear what we have to say, He also wants us to listen to Him and listening is an art. Remember, God spoke directly to Abraham, Adam, Noah, Moses and others in the Old Testament. Sometimes, He sent angelic messengers like He did to Lot when he wanted to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah to warn Lot to leave the city with his family for safety. God's words that He delivered to His prophets have been preserved for us in the Bible. Those who were with Jesus during His ministry on the earth also recorded His words for us. After you pray, look for answers to your questions through reading the Bible. **Knowing how to talk to God is really very simple.**



## Ladies Auxiliary Report

The Knights of Columbus Ladies had a very successful Membership Drive in late July. We had 6 prospective members express interest in our organization. Welcome!

Our upcoming Holiday Luncheon Bingo is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we are anticipating a full house. Please make sure to get your tickets early. See the flyer below for more details:





# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Luncheon



Sponsored by the K of C Ladies #11372

**Saturday, November 19, 2016**

**St. Francis de Sales Church ♡ 1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009**  
**Doors Open 11:30am ♡ Lunch served from 12 noon to 1:00pm**

**\$25.00 Admission includes lunch & the following:**

**Jackpot \$500.00**

**16 Games – Prize \$50.00 each & 4 Specials**

**4-on a card package with paid admission ♡ Extra 4-on a card package available,  
\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00**

**♡ Advance Sales Only ♡ Reserved seating for groups of 4 or more ♡**  
**For tickets, contact Connie at (cell 410-370-4104) or cpiotrowski2@comcast.net**



*Our proceeds from this event will go towards supporting the Outreach, Youth programs at St. Francis de Sales & various other Charities in our community for the fiscal year 2016-2017. K of C Ladies supply funds to purchase gift cards and food for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the less fortunate. We also support many activities of the Youth group such as their yearly Youth Conference, Trunk or Treat program, & Ice cream socials. Thank you for all your support. If you cannot make it to this event and would like to make a donation, please write all checks out to: K of C Ladies Council #11372. Mail to 1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009.*



Our next meeting will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> in the Knights Hall. As always we welcome all ladies of the Parish. Join us as we serve the Church, Community, Youth, Council and Family. Hope to see you there!

**Annie Mangones Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary**  
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## State News and Events

My Brothers All,

### WE ARE ADVOCATES OF THE LORD

It is August already. The State Installation of Officers was a great success. I want to again thank Archbishop Lori, our Supreme Chaplain for officiating at this year's Installation. The Archbishop spent the entire day with us, taking time out of his very busy schedule. We are very lucky and blessed to have our Supreme Chaplain here in Maryland with us.

Remember our tenants set at Leadership this year. **NO PROCRASTINATION – EXCUSES ARE NOT REASONS and NO VACATIONS** in July and August. Keeping these in the forefront will allow us to continue the mission set for us by the Venerable servant of God – Father Michael J. McGivney. Not taking the summer off from the good works that our councils do, allows us to be fully engaged in the tasks that we need to accomplish. There should be no scrambling once September hits; for new members, for new programs or new ideas. This keeps our process continuous.

Please plan to attend our State Sponsored Family Picnic at Prince Georges Council on August 20. The pool will be open, there will be lots of fun and games and good food. Bring the family, bring the council and also invite others to join us.

It's not too early to be thinking about the Columbus Day Activities. The Parade in Baltimore, The Ball and the DC Celebration. Plan to honor our namesake this year. We are asking for participation at each event.

Let's not forget our Building the Domestic Church, While Strengthening our Parish program. Implement these now with your Pastor, plan ahead and include all in your Parish. The state is planning a statewide event for this program. Parishes across the state will be invited. It is going to be an Educational Day for families with speakers and vendors. This will be held in October. Plan to attend with your family. Father Jason and I are also working on a Chaplain's Summit to be held very soon in connection with the Domestic Church program.

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen M. Cohen

More information about the state council can be found at: <http://kofc-md.org/>



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# Supreme News and Events

## Supreme Knight's Report Highlights Order's Charity by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson



In his annual report delivered at the 134<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention in Toronto, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted the Order's record levels of charity, with over \$175 million in donations and over 73.5 million hours of volunteer service.

The supreme knight also cited some of the major accomplishments of the Order: the further development of the Knights of Columbus' Building the Domestic Church initiative and continued support for Christians at risk, including those suffering genocide at the hands of ISIS.

At the opening of his report, the supreme knight officially announced the convention's theme.

"We also recall the words of Pope Francis," Supreme Knight Anderson said. "He has called Catholics to a new sense of missionary discipleship and fraternal brotherhood. He has urged Catholics to go out to the peripheries. And he has placed great confidence in the Knights of Columbus. And so, I am pleased to announce the theme of our 134<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention: *'A Light to the Nations.'*"

The supreme knight spoke to an audience of nearly 95 archbishops and bishops, including 11 cardinals, scores of clergy and approximately 2,000 members of the Knights and their families from throughout North and Central America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Europe.

"Our charity is motivated by faith. And our faith is a gift to be shared," stated Supreme Knight Anderson. "When we bring new men into the Order, we give them the opportunity to be better Catholics. And we multiply the good works that we can do. I am pleased to report that our membership grew for the 44<sup>th</sup> consecutive year to a record high of 1,918,122 brother Knights. Soon, we will number more than 2 million men."

He also announced that the Knights of Columbus has seen impressive membership growth in new areas such as Ukraine, Lithuania and Poland.

"In one decade, we have grown in Poland to nearly 90 local councils with nearly 4, 400 members," the supreme knight said. "In Ukraine, we now have 566 members in 13 councils. And because of this, the Supreme Directors voted in April to establish Ukraine as our newest territory."

Supreme Knight Anderson noted that in his recent apostolic exhortation, Pope Francis asks, "Who is making an effort to strengthen marriages, to help married couples overcome their problems, to assist them in the work of raising children and to encourage the stability of the marriage bond?"

The answer, the supreme knight said, is the Knights of Columbus.

"Because the light of faith is first transmitted within the family and nurtured in the parish, we have started new programs to strengthen both our families and our parishes. They especially give young fathers the tools they need to bring their families closer together and closer to God," Supreme Knight Anderson said. The Building the Domestic Church program, he added, provides concrete ways in which Knights can reach out to accompany wounded families.

"I ask each of you to take to heart our responsibility as leaders of the most important Catholic men's organization in the world," Supreme Knight Anderson asked his brother Knights. "What we do in our families and parishes will change the history of the Catholic Church in our communities. And it will help ensure the future of those parishes. The strong right arm of the Catholic Church must also be the strong right arm of our parish church. Today, this is what it means to be a light to the nations."

Along with growth in membership and charity, the Knights of Columbus also achieved records in its insurance program.

"This year, we have seen Father McGivney's legacy of shielding Catholic families from financial disaster reach new milestones," Supreme Knight Anderson said. "This year our insurance program achieved its 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of growth. We set a record high of 8.4 billion dollars in new sales. This represents nearly 72,000 new life certificates, surpassing the closest fraternal benefit society by more than 25,000. Our five-year sales growth of nearly 1.6 percent is above that of the insurance industry as a whole. Last year, our insurance in force grew by more than \$4 billion. And in the last 13 years, our insurance in force has more than doubled. Today, we have more than 2 million certificates in force. "But our greatest achievement was reaching this milestone," he added. "We surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force."

The Knights of Columbus Investment Department also saw a successful year, especially in the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, which is in its 17<sup>th</sup> month of operation and has 50 clients, including religious orders, dioceses and local and state councils. Asset Advisors is already among the top 200 asset managers in the United States.

One of the Knights of Columbus' greatest endeavors during the past fraternal year was the assistance it brought to Christians facing persecution, especially those facing genocide in the Middle East.

"In Iraq, Syria and neighboring countries, Christians and other religious minorities are facing extinction," the supreme knight said. "Many receive no support from their governments or from the United Nations. They have had to rely on their fellow Christians and they have been able to rely on the Knights of Columbus. Since 2014, we have raised more than \$11 million for Christian refugees. And that money has been a lifeline."

Contributions received by the Knights helped fund the following:

- In Erbil, Iraq, \$800,000 dollars to supply food for 13,500 families.
- Medical clinics and long-term infrastructure projects, including 120 apartments to provide permanent housing.
- Support to all the Syriac Catholic priests exiled from Mosul after it fell to ISIS in 2014.
- Catechetical classes for Syriac and Chaldean Catholics.
- In Syria, assistance to the besieged Christians of Aleppo.
- In Jordan, with Catholic Relief Services, support for educational initiatives for refugees.
- In Lebanon, support for a variety of programs.

"These efforts depend upon the active involvement of our brother Knights," Supreme Knight Anderson continued. "Some have donated to our Christian Refugee Relief Fund. Others have responded by participating in our Solidarity Cross program, through our councils which have sold more than 82,000 olive wood crosses made by Christians in the Holy Land."

Along with vital financial assistance, the Knights of Columbus also worked to have the American government recognize that the persecution of Christians and other minorities in the Middle East by ISIS is genocide. The Knights of Columbus did an enormous amount of research that was compiled into a nearly 300-page report documenting conclusively that the genocide perpetrated by ISIS against Christians is a reality. The Knights also conducted a powerful public awareness campaign to support this effort.

As a result, both chambers of the U.S. Congress, as well as the Secretary of State declared that the targeting of Christians is genocide.

"My brother Knights, we made history!" Anderson said. "However, this is only the beginning. We will continue to work to ensure that the Christians who still speak the language of Jesus, and whose ancestors baptized St. Paul, survive."

Of the good works performed by Knights of Columbus, the supreme knight said at the close of his address:

"In thousands of ways, every day the Church of the Good Samaritan lives and grows through the works of charity that are the hallmark of the Knights of Columbus. And all of this is the legacy of our founder, the Venerable Father Michael McGivney whose spiritual genius inspired generations of Catholic men to step forward with courage to confront the challenges of their day by living out the principles of charity, unity and fraternity in a distinctly Catholic way."

"The prophetic flame of which Pope Francis speaks continues to burn bright in the hearts of our brother Knights around the world," the supreme knight said. "That flame enkindles in them a true sense of Catholic charity, a charity that evangelizes and brings in a very concrete way, a light to the nations."

"Yes, it is the hour of the laity," he added "It is the hour of the Knights of Columbus."

*Vivat Jesus!*

More at: <http://kofc.org/en/news/releases>

# Family Fully Alive



In founding the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney sought to respond to the crisis in family life affecting Catholics in 19th-century America. As a young man he witnessed firsthand the challenges his widowed mother faced with seven children at home. Later, as a priest he confronted on a daily basis the problems affecting the families of his parish community due to poverty, violence, alcoholism, immigration, anti-Catholic prejudice and discrimination.

Father McGivney's vision for family life was not simply that each family might find financial and material aid. He understood that holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. And, seeing as his two brothers followed him into the priesthood, we can understand how truly important the "sanctuary of the home" was to the McGivney family.

His family was a living example of what the Second Vatican Council later taught — that each man, woman and child is called to holiness through proclaiming the Gospel and communicating the divine gift of love through the activities of their daily lives.

When Christian families respond in this way to the design of the Creator, they become a "domestic Church" that, as Pope Paul VI explained, mirrors "the various aspects of the entire Church" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 71).

Since the Second Vatican Council, and especially during the pontificate of St. John Paul II, it has become clear that the family is "the way of the" In one sense, this obviously means that the family is the object of the Church's evangelization efforts.

In other words, the "mission" of the family in the task of evangelization is to be what it is called to be — that is, to live its daily life as a Christian family, or as St. John Paul II said so often, "Families, become what you are!" (*Familiaris Consortio*, 17). This mission is at the heart of the "community of life and love" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1603). That begins with the married couple in the sacrament of matrimony.

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us, "Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter. ... It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh, leads to forming one heart and soul" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1643).

In other words, sacramental marriage involves not just an agreement between the spouses but a radical transformation of the spouses.

As Pope Benedict XVI wrote in *Deus Caritas Est*, "Marriage is based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes the icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love" (*Deus Caritas Est*, 11).

In this way, the witness of husband and wife within the daily life of the family can guard, reveal and communicate love as they make their own the gifts of marriage: unity, indissolubility, faithfulness and openness to new life.

A recent Vatican document on the role and mission of the family has stated "the family needs to be rediscovered as the essential agent in the work of evangelization" (*Instrumentum Laboris*, 103) It also pointed to the necessity to better understand the "missionary dimension of the family as a domestic church" (*Instrumentum Laboris*, 48).

These observations echo those of St. John Paul II, who said in 1979 during his meeting with the Latin American bishops that "in the future, evangelization will depend largely on the domestic church" (*Pope John Paul II, Address to the Third General Conference of the Latin American Episcopate*).

Clearly, the role of the family in the work of evangelization is not primarily a matter of programs, projects or strategies. These all have their place, but they are secondary. Their place is to be at the service of what is essential: the love between a husband and wife which, sanctified through the love of Christ, radiates to each member of their family.

The family as "domestic church" encounter with Christ within the community of a particular Christian family — a place where each member of the family has an important role.

The family's mission to "guard, reveal and communicate love" like the parish community does not exist in an ideal place. The truth and beauty of the family remains to be communicated to every Christian family, even those that are fragile, wounded or broken. These families too may read the words of St. Paul with confidence: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Rom 8:35). And they may find in that confidence a path of hope and healing.

During his visit to the Philippines, Pope Francis cited the need for “holy and loving families to protect the beauty and truth of the family in God’s plan and to be an example for other families” (*Pope Francis, Address to Families at the Mall of Asia Arena*). Building the Domestic Church is one concrete way that the Knights of Columbus, in solidarity with Pope Francis, can offer “holy and loving families” for the Church’s mission of evangelization in our time.



## Special Intentions September, 2016

**Keep in your prayers the following Brothers and family members:**

Valerie Sanders - daughter of Larry Shannahan  
Will and Pat Glassman  
Mike Novak  
Steve Wisniewski  
Cooper Young  
Eric Young  
Ed Colvin  
Norm Martin  
Mallory O’Keefe  
Charles Duke  
Kay O’Connor  
Bill Elliott’s wife, Chrissy  
Brian O’Conner’s cousin – Lorraine  
Albert Thompson – Karen Georgulas’ brother

Pray for all of our country’s peace keepers and first responders. We pray that they may always be safe while protecting us in service to our country, state and county’s citizens.

# THREE MONTH PLANNER

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August 2016			
Sun.	28	Ice Cream Social Seniors	2:00PM
Tues	30	Senior Mental Health	7:30PM
September 2016			
Sat.	3	Tootsie Roll (Walmart Abingdon)	TBD
Mon.	5	Labor Day(Federal Holiday No Meeting)	7:30pm
Mon.	12	Monthly Officers Meeting	7:30pm
Thurs.	15	4 <sup>th</sup> degree meeting crab night & hot dogs etc. Fr. Wolfe Council	7:30pm
Mon.	19	Council Meeting	7:30PM
October 2016			
3	Mon	Council Meeting	7:30PM
10	Mon.	Monthly Officers Meeting	7:30PM
9	Fri.	Bingo	5:00pm
11	Sun.	M&T Bank Stadium Ravens vs Bills	1:00pm
20			
			7:30pm
17	Sat.	Tootsie Roll (Abingdon Walmart)	TBD
19	Mon.	Bi-Monthly Council meeting and social	7:30PM
23	Fri.	Bingo	5:00PM

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