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66 STATE CHAPLAINS MEET IN NEW HEAVEN

By. Fr. Donald Grzymiski, OFM Conv.,
State Chaplain

From March 1-4, 2011 I joined with other state chaplains of our Order in New Haven, CT, and share a few highlights in this month's letter. From the welcome and opening at the Knights of Columbus Museum, through Mass at St. Mary's Church where Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus and where his mortal remains are interred (I offered this Mass for the intentions of our Maryland State Council), through the meetings and a final gathering at the Supreme Office, there was a great spirit.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson observed that there are many attacks on our faith in today's society, and therefore a principal work for the Knights of Columbus is



to give witness to Christian life through strong, confident and committed members. Indeed, we repeatedly heard that we are called to be a Eucharist-centered fraternity, ready to assist in the renewal of the Church in our lifetime. Mr. Anderson concluded

that to promote this vision for the Order we need a continuing spiritual formation for our Knights, and for this we must have a better-defined role for our chaplains.

Supreme Chaplain Bishop Lori urged

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MD COLLEGE KNIGHTS TO SUPREME LEVEL

Every year in October, members of College Councils meet at Supreme Headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut, for the purpose of sharing ideas and techniques, and to learn more about the Order and its day to day operations. The best part of it, though, is that its organizers and event coordinators are College Knights themselves.

This year, when the students ascend on New Haven, two of Maryland's own will be leading the way: Nicholas "Nick" Wagman and Stephen Gallagher were chosen to be part of the nine-member panel of the College Conference Advisory Board, thus they will be integral part in the planning, promoting, and executing the Conference.

To be considered, applicants were to submit their grades and transcripts, letters of recommendation from a teacher, a priest or Chaplain, and a mentor or advisor from the Order, plus a personal statement as how they viewed the Knights, and their goals and aspirations.

From all the applications submitted



GK Nick Wagman
Sedes Sapientiae, 13295



GK Stephen Gallagher
Loyola U. Maryland, 15000

these two of our own rose to the top.

Nick Wagman is the current Grand Knight of Sedes Sapientiae Council 13295, at the University of Maryland. He is a senior who will graduate this year with a degree in Civil Engineering. Nick joined the order in the fall of 2008 and immediately became involved with the Council taking the role of Chancellor in only his second year, before being elected Grand Knight this year. Nick's involvement has also extended beyond just his council, for when he is home on summer break, he can be found at council events of

Westminster Council #1393 in his home parish. In the fall Nick will return to the University of Maryland to begin his Graduate Studies.

Stephen Gallagher is the Current Grand Knight of Loyola University Maryland Council #15000, in Baltimore. He is a senior who will also be graduating this spring with a degree in Communications. He joined the order only last April as a charter member of his Council. He was immediately active and helped FDD Bryan Adamczyk and PGK Sal Lenzo recruit the final members needed to form the council, and even took the role of charter Warden of the Council. Due to the Charter DGK's resignation in the fall, Steve stepped up and assumed that position, and when the council elections came in December, he was elected Grand Knight. This fall Stephen will be attending Boston University for his Graduate Studies.

As an added Bonus, Nick and Stephen found out in early March that, apart of being

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State Deputy's Remarks



State Deputy Peter Davio

Mary make us always aware – as you will find when reading the rest of this newsletter and visiting our web site, this past month made it easy to be aware of the good being done by all of you.

- March 1 – Father Donald met with the Supreme Knight and other State Chaplains across the Order
- March 12th -129 men, including many priests, took the patriotic 4th Degree in the Washington District.
- March 14th - many joined Archbishop O'Brien, several Bishops and both Masters for a mass and march in Annapolis for Maryland March for Life.
- March 16th - we met with Padre Ricardo and the members of **San Juan Bosco Council** to seek new and more spiritual ways that they can help their pastor and Latino community.
- March 19th - a day of celebration as **Our Lady Star of the Sea Council** commemorated their twenty-five year Anniversary on Solomon's Island with a mass and banquet.
- March 24th - **St. Catherine Drexel Council's** 1st Degree team brought in 14 new members to our Order at St. Peter's Church in Hancock under the watchful eyes of Father Jack Lombardi.
- March 20th – we paid tribute to some really special citizens in our state at our Founders Day Mass offered by Father Grzymiski and Monsignor Feild, and a reception hosted by **Father Co-myns Council** and Grand Knight David Shawhan.
- On March 25th we celebrated Maryland Day at St. Ignatius Church in St. Inigoes with Father George and the **Andrew White Assembly**. That mass was special to Francine and me since we also celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation, the Feast of the Unborn Child, and our 45th wedding anniversary – all in one.

March 26th - the State Council leadership met at **St. John Francis Regis Council** home in Hollywood to review our progress to date and decide what adjustments we need to make to increase our level of performance for year 2. That session concluded with a mass offered by our State Chaplain and pastor Father Raymond Schmitt, and a dinner hosted by GK Bill Reabe and many Brother Knights from the district.

We closed out the month with a meeting with Guadalupe Radio WMET 1160, to discuss ways that the Maryland State Council can collaborate with them in their evangelistic mission.

Mary, make us always aware that by these actions the Knights of Columbus are alive and well in Maryland, that we are doing great things, that we do remain spiritually focused, and that through our efforts we are bringing hope to our Church and our community.

Pete

Marian Title for April

Our Lady of La Salette

La Salette is a small French mountaintop village near Grenoble, most noted for an apparition of the Virgin Mary that was reported in 1846 by two shepherd children, followed by numerous accounts of miraculous healings.

On September 19, 1846, around 3:00pm during their cowherding, two shepherd children - Maximin Giraud (11) and Mélanie Calvat (14), both with very limited education, reported a vision of the Virgin Mary on a mountaintop near La Salette, France.

The apparition consisted of three different stages. Firstly, the children beheld a beautiful lady clad in resplendent costume. She was seated on a rock and in tears, with her face resting in her hands. This took place at the ravine called ravin de la Sezia

Secondly, she stood upright and talked to the children, speaking alternately in French and in the regional patois. She charged them with a message which they were to deliver to all her people. This also took place in the ravin de la Sezia. After complaining of the impiety and sinfulness of men, and threatening them with dreadful chastisements in case they should persevere in evil, she promised them the Divine mercy if they would amend.

Finally, she communicated to each of the children a special secret, before disappearing into the sky. This happened on the plateau called Mont-sous-les-Baisses.

The children were repeatedly and extensively questioned and investigated by both civilian and religious authorities. On July 19, 1851, five years after the apparition, The Catholic Church found them to be basically credible and the apparition was approved in a pastoral letter by the diocesan bishop under the title of Our Lady of La Salette.

The shrine of Our Lady of La Salette is located in a high alpine pasture at an altitude of about 6,000 feet, about 9 miles from the nearest town.

The apparition of La Salette flourished in the twentieth century, and together with Our Lady of Lourdes (1858) and Our Lady of Fátima (1917) La Salette remains one of the most famous Marian apparitions of the modern age.





Voices of the Bishops

US Bishops Affirm Solidarity With Japan

OSAKA, Japan, MARCH 17, 2011 (Zenit.org)- The disastrous March 11 earthquake and resulting tsunami in Japan has elicited a major show of solidarity from bishops worldwide.

The president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York, sent a letter to the president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan, Archbishop Leo Jun Ikenaga of Osaka, to express support in the wake of the disaster, stating: "The first news reports of the preliminary estimates of suffering, loss of life and physical damage challenge our ability to grasp the reality of such a massive event." The prelate assured the Japanese archbishop "of the prayers and solidarity of the bishops and faithful in the United States at this difficult moment." He noted that Catholic Relief Services, the humanitarian agency of the U.S. bishops, has already been in touch with Caritas in Japan. "They are already studying the situation with the goal of being as helpful as possible in responding to the tragedy," Archbishop Dolan affirmed.

US bishops reiterate New Ways Ministry is not Catholic group

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The publication of a booklet about a "Catholic approach" to same-sex marriage by New Ways Ministry prompted the chairmen of two bishops' committees to reaffirm a year-old statement that the organization cannot be considered a Catholic group. "Marriage Equality: A Positive Catholic Approach" is written by Francis DeBernardo, the organization's executive director.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington, chairman of the Committee on Doctrine Committee, and Bishop Salvatore Cordileone of Oakland, Calif., chairman of the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for the Defense of Marriage, issued a statement March 11, reaffirming a statement made in February 2010 by Chicago Cardinal Francis George, then president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, "and assure Catholics that in no manner is the position proposed by New Ways Ministry in conformity with Catholic teaching and in no manner is this organization authorized to speak on behalf of the Catholic Church or to identify itself as a Catholic organization."

Spanish Bishops Mark Pro-Life Day on March 25

MADRID, Spain, MARCH 18, 2011 (Zenit.org)- Scenes of a young couple in wheelchairs and an elderly bedridden father rejoicing with his son at Spain's World Cup victory poignantly affirm that "there's always a reason to live" in a video produced by the Spanish Episcopal Conference for this year's pro-life campaign. The bishops' Subcommission on Family and Life launched the campaign with a statement that laments a "darkness that leads to not appreciating the grandeur and beauty of each human life loved eternally by God." They said that many people fail to discover the goodness of life "when it is accompanied by serious illnesses, psychic or physical disabilities, times of poverty, loneliness, weakness that accompanies the passing of the years or at the moment of the end of one's life."

State Chaplain's Message



Fr. Donald Grzymiski, OFM Conv.
State Chaplain

If you have read, or have a chance to read, my reflections on the recent meeting of state chaplains in New Haven, CT (also in this issue of *The Beacon*), you will know that the leadership of our Order is very committed to the continued spiritual growth of the Knights. The more I reflect, the more I appreciate how significant that is, for it truly highlights what makes us unique from most organizations. It is not just, for example, greater membership and increased hours of volunteerism. It's increased membership because this will be good for the faith life of Catholic men and their families. It is more hours of service because of who we are as Catholics. Fr. McGivney was concerned about the spiritual and physical needs of his parishioners. The lessons of our Order increasingly encourage us to better understand our faith, and to deepen our relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For that reason I would like to encourage you this month to make the most of the remaining weeks of Lent, and to truly enter into the unique rituals of Holy Week and Easter. Those days from Palm Sunday to Easter capture the essence of what we believe and live as disciples of Jesus. Active participation and attentive reflection will truly bring our liturgy alive.

In particular, I often find it disappointing more don't participate in the Easter Vigil Mass. Yes, it is a bit longer, but it is so unique. We begin gathered around a fire, from which we light the Paschal Candle, the symbol of the resurrected Christ. That light will soon light up the church. We take time to hear readings from the Old and New Testaments that tell the story of salvation history, and we respond to them with song and prayer. This is the story of our faith family, and is wonderful to recall. Often at this liturgy we welcome new members into our community, and we all renew our baptismal promises. We then celebrate the Eucharist for Easter, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection. Those who attend will agree, I believe, that this is one of the most memorable and moving liturgical celebrations of the year.

May you and your loved ones be filled with the joy and peace of the Risen Christ as we celebrate Easter!

Know your K of C Fraternal Benefits

It's tax time!!

Have you filed your taxes yet, or like many Americans, do you wait until April 15th?

One thing to know, about your Knights of Columbus annuities and whole life products, is that they grow tax-deferred. This gives you the "Triple Play" on your money. Interest on your principle, interest on your interest, AND interest on the taxes you would have

paid. Even better, with your whole life policies, you can get money out income tax free!!

If you are interested in learning more on how our tax advantaged plans work, please call your local Field Agent.

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ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS



From left to right: Jim Brown, Event Chairman; Peter Davio, State Deputy; Jack Sherman, Family of the Year Award winner; Scott Rodney, EMT of the Year; Vicki Vanni, Teacher of the Year; Dave Spigler, Citizen of the Year; James Zammillo, Police Officer of the Year. Note: The Firefighter of the Year was not present.

(Ellicott City, MD – March 20, 2011)

State Deputy Peter Davio presented six annual awards at a reception following the celebration of the annual Founder's Day Mass, a liturgical rite commemorating the 129th anniversary of our Order's charter as a fraternal benefit society by the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882.

Presenting the awards, SD Davio said, "We give thanks for these men and women who improve the quality of life here in Mary-

land. Their good works embody the charitable and civic minded qualities of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney."

The awards presented this year were:

- **Law Enforcement Officer of the Year** – Howard County Police Officer First Class James Zammillo, nominated by Saint Francis of Assisi Council #12524 in Fulton, MD
- **Firefighter of the Year** – Anne Arundel

County Firefighter Phillip Stratton, nominated by Saint Andrew by The Bay Council #11552 in Annapolis, MD

- **Emergency Medical Technician of the Year** – Anne Arundel County Firefighter/EMT Scott A. Rodney, nominated by Saint Andrew By The Bay Council #11552 in Annapolis, MD
- **Catholic Teacher of the Year** – Mrs. Vicki L. Vanni, language arts teacher at St. Mary's Ryken, a coeducational, Catholic secondary school in Leonardtown, nominated by Dr. John H. Griffin Council, No. 2293 in Waldorf, MD.
- **Citizen of the Year** – Richard "Dave" Spigler, nominated by Our Lady, Star of the Sea Council #9258 in Solomons, MD
- **Family of the Year** – the John D. "Jack" and Lois Sherman family, nominated by Saint John the Baptist Council #11106 in Silver Spring, MD

The Mass took place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Ellicott City, with State Chaplain Rev. Donald Grzymiski, OFM Conv., presiding.

More details about the ceremony and about each of the award recipients can be found in the State Council's Web Site. We encourage you to visit it often!

SENIOR PROM

The definition of Senior Prom took on a new spin, dip and twirl on March 5, 2011 at the first annual Senior Citizen Prom held at the South Carroll Senior Center. The Sheen's Colleens hosted this free event for over 90 local senior citizens who enjoyed an afternoon of refreshments, live period music and dancing.

Invitations were distributed to the local nursing homes, senior citizens living facilities and local newspapers. The Sheens Colleens turned the senior center into an eloquent dance hall offering the seniors a chance to reminisce from proms of yesteryear. For some who missed their prom, this gave them an opportunity to experience one for the first time. Several Knights from council 7612 dressed in tuxedos became dance partners for the single ladies.



USED EYEGLASSES & CELL PHONES



St. John the Baptist Council #11106 in Silver Spring, has been conducting two community service projects; collecting used eyeglasses and used cell phones.

The eyeglasses are passed on to the Lions Club, to be distributed to needy recipients. The cell phones go to the Montgomery County Police Department. They are carefully reprogrammed to dial 911 and are distributed especially to elderly people to be used for emergencies exclusively.

To date, they have collected 104 pairs of eyeglasses and 45 used cell phones.

More information? Contact Stu Sklamm at srsklamm@msn.com



MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL FAMILY OF THE YEAR THE JACK AND LOIS SHERMAN FAMILY

The Maryland State Council is proud to recognize the family of brother knight John D. "Jack" Sherman of St. John the Baptist Council #11106 as its Family of the Year awardee.

Jack and his wife Lois have three children (Alissa 40, John 37 and Katherine, 32) and three grandchildren ages 14, 10 and 3 months. It seems they all are very involved both with council and parish activities as well as their local youth and civic associations.

In his council, Jack is active and has many times been the leader of the Tootsie Roll campaign; he leads the PGKs Roast each year; he has for a long time been a member of the admissions committee; he is a leader of the First Degree Team and plays the Grand Knight role. Jack founded and coordinates "Knights Out", a monthly dining out event at area restaurants; he coordinates the council's Christmas party each year; he founded "Knights Away", a semiannual trip to nearby locations. He coordinates the Family Mass/Potluck dinner/Charity Auction. Lois assists with these efforts, helping with purchasing, setting up, hosting and cleaning up in addition to other contributions.

In his parish, Jack is a lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, coordinator of First Friday Adoration, a Stephen Minister, former member of the Liturgy Committee and current member



The family of Jack Sherman receiving their plaque from State Deputy Davio

of the Parish Social Concerns Committee. He initiated the grade school/school of religion rosary program and coordinates a Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner. Jack and his daughter, Alyssa, are members of the Parish Community Fund Board.

Jack is the Pro-Life Chairman for both the Council and the Parish. He was a leader in establishing a Gabriel House in the parish under the Gabriel Network. He led the steering committee for the house and coordinated spring and Christmas open houses and fundraising efforts for the house. He has, for many years, supported the Maryland Catholic Conference.

His civic involvement includes being a Representative Payee for the Mental Health Association, President of Stonegate Citizens Association and current Adult Activities Chairman, involved with Colesville Council of Community Congregations (C4), Clothes Closet, Toy Closet at Christmas time, Colesville Strawberry Festival Board and the Montgomery County Civic Federation. He and his family are involved with many other associations too long to list here.

The Sherman family is a shining example of love and dedication to God and to one's neighbor. Congratulations to Jack and Lois in the name of all his brother knights throughout the State of Maryland.

Ralph J. Close, State Family of the Month Chairman

A Note from the Archdiocese of Baltimore

NEW WORDS TO OLD PRAYERS: A NEW ROMAN MISSAL PART 1



As most Catholics are aware by now, the prayers we pray at Mass will sound different beginning Sunday, November 27, 2011. That's because we will be praying from a new

edition of the Roman Missal.

Don't mess with my Mass! That's the plaintive cry I hear over and over when I want to talk about the changes coming to our Mass prayers. *But we've always said them that way... I don't like change ... No one can tell me how to pray!*

Why are the words to the prayers we've recited for years now being changed? Were we not praying correctly in the past? It is not a question of right or wrong, but rather of a different perspective on translating texts. There are several reasons for a new Missal. But to understand these reasons, one needs to clarify some

liturgical jargon and offer a bit of historical perspective.

The Roman Missal is the large red book used at Mass by the priest, occasionally held by the altar server, and placed on the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer. On its spine is written + SACRAMENTARY + in gold letters. In this book are found all the prayers of the Mass for Sundays, feasts, weekdays, sacraments, etc. This includes the prayers we speak or sing at every Mass and the prayers that the priest recites alone.

As early as the 6th/7th centuries, sacramentaries were collections of booklets of prayers used by priests for the celebration of Mass. There was also a lectionary for lectors, an antiphonal for cantors, liturgical calendars, and other books for sacramental rites. Many versions of these existed side by side, until eventually they were united in one volume, the missal. The first printing of a Latin *Missale Romanum* (Roman Missal) appeared in 1474. The Roman Missal has undergone several revisions over the years including radical changes as a result of the Second Vatican Council in the late 1960s. One of the changes resulted in the

separation of the lectionary readings from the Order of Mass and prayers. In English the term Sacramentary was restored to this second book. Now, however, the term Roman Missal is to be used in English as it was already in most languages.

The Order of Mass itself is not being changed. What are being changed are the English prayer texts used at Mass. The change in language is mandated by the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments and will affect the words at Mass used throughout the English-speaking world, not just the United States. One of the reasons for the changes is to update the translation of existing prayers at Mass so that they more closely resemble the original Latin texts. The new translations adhere more closely to Scripture and to the writings of the Early Fathers of the Church. The current prayers are often loose translation of these texts.

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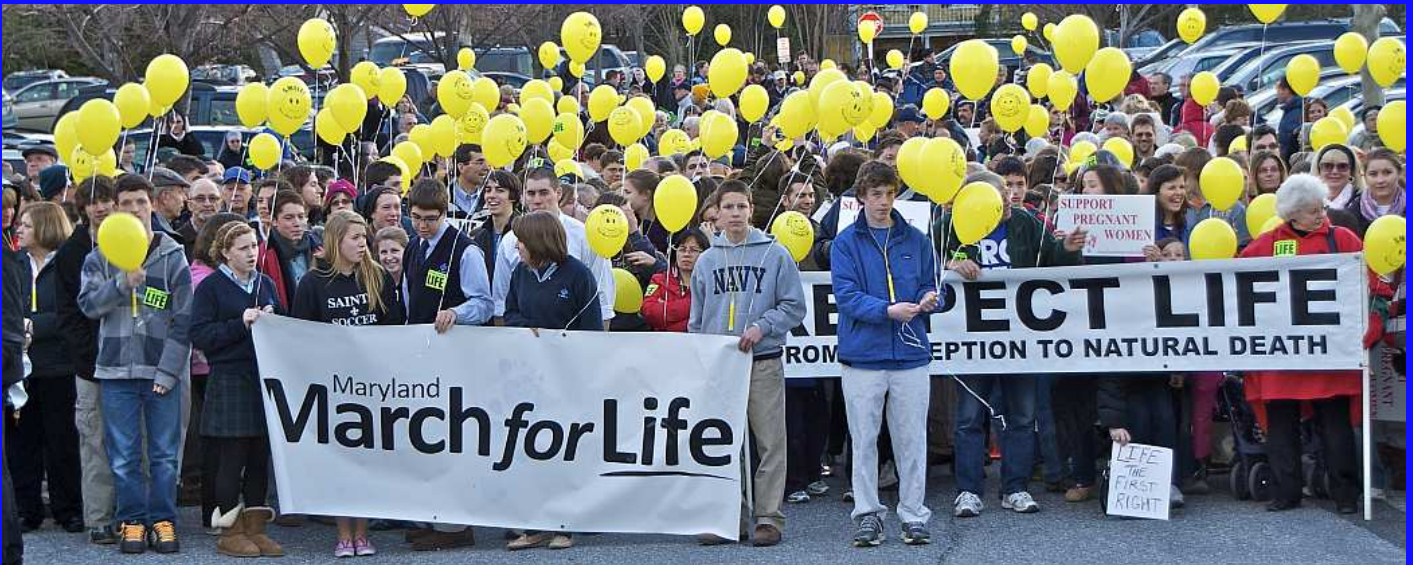
MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE



The Maryland March for Life began with Mass celebrated by Baltimore Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, concelebrated with (L-to-R) Bishops Denis Madden, Francisco González, S.F. and Martin Holley, and a dozen priests



A Knights of Columbus Color Corps contingent, which included District Masters Steve Thomas and Charles Smallwood, led the March



Hundreds of people participated in this 32nd annual March for Life from St. Mary's Church to a rally at the Susan Campbell Park-City Dock in Annapolis on March 14 and although there were some sporting white hair, the great majority were very young. Our future is bright!



Baltimore Ravens center Matt Birk spoke about his wife and five children and why he was pro-life



At a post-Mass rally, Master of ceremonies Tracey Tierman of WRBS Radio said she had an abortion 17 years ago, and the emotional pain she has suffered ever since

A SAMPLE of what we do around the State...

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sedes Sapientiae Council #13295, U. of Maryland Shrove Tuesday Dinner

March 8, 2011

Sedes Sapientiae College Council, # 13295, hosted its first annual Shrove Tuesday dinner on March 8th. Nearly 100 members of the University of Maryland Catholic Student Center community gathered for a pancake dinner, as a kickoff to the first week of Lent.

Students enjoyed food and fellowship before the Ash Wednesday fasting and the beginning of Lent.



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Rock Creek Council, No. 2797, Bethesda St. Patrick's Day Open House

March 17, 2011

The Council's Lounge once again opened its doors to host a Council's Open House with traditional Irish fare, music... and green draft beer.

This was an excellent opportunity for members to bring their friends and spouses to visit the Council's facilities, and have knowledgeable people on hand to explain and answer questions about the Knights.

Nearly 200 people visited our facilities all afternoon and evening. It must be working... to date we welcomed 52 new members to our Order this year!



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Immaculate Lady Council, No. 5208, Glyndon Zippy Beef Casserole to feed the hungry

On-going Project

On January 25, 2011, Immaculate Lady Council #5208, Sacred Heart Parish in Glyndon Maryland met to celebrate the completion of the council's 1000th Zippy Beef Casserole. Pictured are some of our fellow Knights that attended that night. Each casserole is delivered by our

parish to Our Daily Bread Outreach and will feed approximately twelve people. Our work continues.



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Regina Cœli Council, No. 2274, Easton Family Night Out Third Friday of every month

Families from Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Easton are invited to an evening of fun food and games. The focus of the evening is on families with younger children up to sixteen, offering an opportunity for young families to have an inexpensive night out and to socialize with other parents.

Food consists of pot luck or pizza furnished by the council, followed by a movie or games.

The council has been able to attract younger members of the parish to learn more about the

Knights of Columbus and to identify prospective members.



FEEDING PILGRIMS TO MARCH FOR LIFE



PGK Mullenhoff preparing sauce for dinner

Sacred Heart Council #2577 in Bowie, prepared a Sunday night meal on January 23, for over 100 young people and 10 adult leaders from Saint Anne's Parish in Rock Hill, South Carolina, who came to Washington to participate in the March for Life that took place the following day.

Brother Knight Jim Nelson and Grand Knight Paul Mullenhoff worked

the previous two days preparing the meal of salad, chicken in sauce, baked Ziti and a scrumptious desert baked specially for the occasion by PGK Luther Holley.

Brother Knights came in on Sunday afternoon to reheat the food and package it so it would be ready when representatives from St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Crofton came to pick it up at 5:30 so it would be ready when the marchers came out of evening Mass.

The pilgrims' representatives were amazed at the amount of food the Council had prepared for them. The trays of hot food completely filled their car. Needless to say, the marchers were very happy to have such a good meal the night before they participated in the March for Life at the National Mall in Washington DC.



Marchers helping themselves

Support to Special School

South County Council, No. 8251, has been a big supporter of Central Special School for nearly 30 years. This year, however, that support rose to a record level as the Council donated \$10,000 to assist students at the Edgewater school.

The money came from the Council's annual Tootsie Roll Drive.



Central Principal Shauna Kauffman accepted a check from the Council at its Thursday night meeting.

"I can't begin to thank the Council enough for all that it has done and continues to do for our precious students," Kauffman said. "I am privileged to be in a school system and a school that has such outstanding community support and incredible people who come together to help our most fragile students achieve their full potential."

The money will be used for assistive technology and specialized materials of instruction to help students communicate and access curriculum. It also will help purchase adaptive equipment to facilitate student mobility, as well as new student bicycles and lockers.

The Council's first Tootsie Roll campaign in 1983 raised \$878. Over the 28 years of the campaign, more than \$141,900 has been collected.

Central Special School educates approximately 125 students. It is one of three regional centers for special education students in Anne Arundel County.



<http://www.kofc.org>

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

CONVENTION

Don't forget to register your children or grandchildren for the special youth activities at the State Convention. We are trying some new and different activities that will allow the youth to have more interaction. We kick it off with a Beach Blanket Bingo on Friday with fun, crafts, and other entertainment. The young people are encouraged to wear their bathing suit and bring a beach blanket. We will have Pizza night on Saturday with Minute To Win It! Games.

Each program will include a snack and drink. You can register upon arrival at the Hotel, but early registration allows us to plan age appropriate activities and materials. Forms are available on the Yahoo Group under files.

You can email Joseph Murtha at jem6901@verizon.net and he will e-mail you a form.



See you at the Beach.

State Catholic Scouting Liaison

As spring approaches, Scouting Units begin to do more camping; Scouting Units in general become more active. Also, many dioceses have their Scouting Religious Retreat programs in the spring.

The Diocese of Wilmington will hold its Retreat on March 25th thru March 26th at Camp Rodney Scout Reservation in North East, Maryland. Contact **Steve Williams** at 302-836-5924. Also, they will hold its annual Awards Mass on May 14th at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Glasgow, Delaware. His Excellency, Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly will preside. Contact the Scouting Diocesan Chairman, **Benjamin Feril** at 410-287-8892.

The annual Retreat for the Baltimore Area Council will be on April 29th thru May 1st at the Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation in Whiteford, Maryland. Contact **Victor Torres** at 301-928-5197 or at victor_torres@verizon.net.



The Archdiocese of Washington will hold its Retreat also on April 29th thru May 1st, at Our Lady of Mattaponi Youth Retreat Center in Bowie, Maryland. Contact **Santa Bigony** at 301-262-8645 or at msbrn@aol.com.

These retreats can always use more manpower to help the running of their programs. Please consider offering your help to these Scouting Religious Retreat programs.

Further information on the Catholic Scouting Religious Committees activities and programs can be found on each of the (Arch)Diocesan Scouting Web pages: Baltimore <http://www.archbalt.org/scouting/>, Washington http://www.adw.org/youth/yth_scout.asp and Wilmington <http://www.cdow.org/scouting.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Conlon at 410-760-8484 or KB3CPV@ARRL.NET.

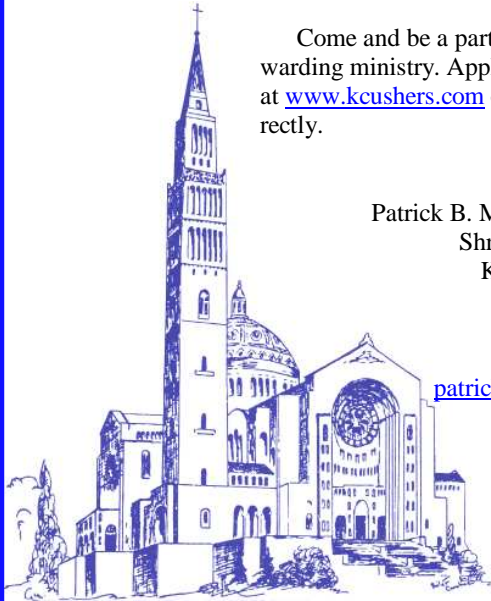
USHER MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Brother Knights of Maryland are invited to become ushers at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception; **this is a Supreme Council Program**, which began in 1982. Ushers serve on a monthly basis, at weekend Masses, Holy days, special Masses and special events.

As an usher, you will serve Mary's House as a greeter, collecting the offerings of the congregation and most importantly, assuring each communicant consumes the Sacred Body of Christ.

Come and be a part of this most rewarding ministry. Applications are online at www.kcushers.com or contact me directly.

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**State Chaplains meet with Supreme Council
In New Haven, Connecticut**

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the chaplains to strive to be like Fr. McGivney in their priestly lives and ministries. Fr. McGivney did not want to run the Knights of Columbus, but to be a spiritual support to the lay leadership. Fr. McGivney was a busy priest, but he made time for the Order. We must encourage our chaplains to make time, to attend meetings, and to assist with serious faith formation for the Knights.

Bishop Lori stressed that our efforts as Knights must never be limited just to good works, but to good works flowing from our spirituality. It is in this spiritual dimension that the K of C will be different from other fraternal organizations. Bishop Lori also shared a well-developed reflection on the importance of the four principles of the Order, something that gives much food for thought.

The assembled chaplains also heard presentations on membership, fraternal issues, and the insurance program to help us better understand the workings of the Order. This gathering was also an opportunity to formally present the "Supreme Chaplain's 10 Keys to Success as a Chaplain," a brochure that will soon be available for circulation.

Truly a spirit of fraternity and cooperation is growing among the body of state chaplains, furthering the sharing of ideas and good practices. The state chaplains are now challenged to seek ways to better inform council chaplains on the Order's spiritual programs, and to foster a new cooperative spirit among the council chaplains of the state. I think it safe to say the chaplains appreciate this help. Certainly the days in New Haven were both informative and enjoyable, and I trust I can share some of the spirit of these days with our state leadership, and particularly our council chaplains.

**Maryland State Council
Knights of Columbus
OCEAN CITY GOLF CLUB**

11401 Country Club Dr.
Berlin Maryland

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Four Man - Best Ball
12:30 PM Shotgun Start

**\$79.00 per person includes:
Green Fees, Cart, Hot Lunch,
Prizes & Beverages on Course**

Questions? Call or e-mail

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Foursomes are limited! Reservation and payment must be made no later than April 27th.

Send check payable to:
**Maryland State Council
Convention Fund** to:
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**Maryland College Knights to lead
Supreme's College Knights Meeting**

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selected for this position, they were hand selected by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson to join him in Madrid, Spain, for this year's World Youth Day celebration in August.

These two young men have been greatly involved with the successes of their councils and they are a bright example for the future leaders of our order. In the fall, when the Conference begins, Maryland should be proud of its members leading the way; for with them, the Knights' Motto for the College Knights can truly be seen: "College Knights: Leaders for Life."

**RELIGIOUS OUTREACH PROGRAM
WASHINGTON ARCHDIOCESE
SEMINARIAN SUPPORT**

Washington Archdiocese councils have pledged support of over \$43,000 for our 40 seminarians.

Father Horace B. McKenna Council's Squires Circle #4648 has again pledged \$1000 for 2 seminarians.

Having chaired Vocations on and off for many years, never has reported council participation rate exceed 64%. This year largely because of assistance from our District Deputies, Archdiocese coordination, and increased reporting by our 56 councils, 88% of the Archdiocese councils have pledged support for our seminarians.

Ron McElligott, Chairman

REFLECTIONS

Lawrence P. Grayson

A Padre in Jump Boots

At 1:15 am, on June 6, 1944, the largest air armada ever assembled was passing over German-occupied Normandy. The 882 U.S. planes began to disgorge their contents, thirteen thousand paratroopers. Offshore, five thousand ships carrying two hundred thousand men were assembling. The Allied invasion of Europe had begun. It was D-Day!

Among those dropping in the dark sky was Fr. Francis L. Sampson, a young, Catholic chaplain, making his first combat jump. Landing in a deep stream, he cut away his pack and chute, and then repeatedly dove into the water to retrieve his weapons: a Mass kit and holy oils, items he soon would need.

Father made his way to a farmhouse where those who were severely injured were being treated. When it was clear that greater medical care was needed, Fr. Sampson left to find the regimental aid station. Upon locating it, a decision was made to pull out. The priest remained with the men who could not walk.

German troops soon overran the position. The chaplain was about to be shot when a Catholic, German noncom intervened. The next day, Americans regained the area. Father was in combat for another three weeks, assisting the wounded, offering Mass, hearing confessions, anointing the dying, and praying for the dead.

Francis Sampson was born in Cherokee, Iowa, in 1912. Ordained in 1941, he served briefly as a parish priest before enlisting in the Army. While in Chaplains School, he volunteered for the paratroopers.

Three months after Normandy, Fr. Sampson jumped behind enemy lines in Holland, where he and the regimental doctor set up an aid station in a castle. Father left to locate the commanding officer and, shortly thereafter, Germans seized the position.

In December, learning that a number of Americans were machine-gunned on a nearby road, Father went to help them. He ran into a German unit and was captured. In the ensuing days, he and a growing contingent of Allied prisoners were marched from Belgium through Luxembourg to Germany. On Christmas Eve, as American planes bombed the area, Father led the men in prayer and spoke of the presence of Christ among them. Over a ten-day period, the prisoners were marched 185 miles, and then herded into overcrowded boxcars. For six days they were without food and their only water was snow they could reach as they traveled to a prison camp in Germany.

The men built a chapel in Fr. Sampson's barracks, where he held daily Mass and non-denominational prayer services. On Good Friday, Fr. Sampson led the men in the Stations of the Cross, and gave a meditation on the life of Christ. On Easter Day, with priests of various nationalities, he concelebrated a Solemn High Mass for several thousand prisoners. After four months, the Russians liberated the camp.

Father made his third combat jump in Korea, as his unit was trying to cutoff a fleeing enemy. In 1967, he was appointed Chief of Chaplains of the Army, with the rank of major general. Upon retiring, he became head of the USO and, during the Vietnam War, annually spent Christmas with the troops. He died in January 1996, having received many military honors, including the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroism at Normandy and the Distinguished Service Medal.

This is an abridgement of a longer article that can be found at the State website

Maryland State Council April Calendar

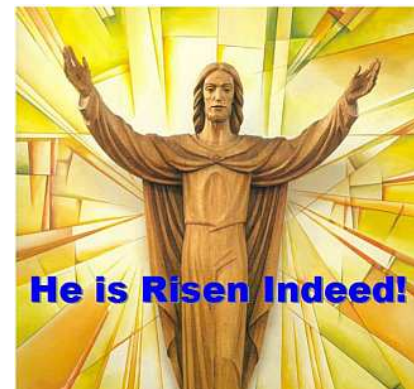
3. MD State Council Duckpin Bowling Tournament, AMF Center, Dundalk
- 8-9 Maryland District Fourth Degree Exemplification, Holiday Inn, Frederick

21 Holy Thursday

22 Good Friday

23 Holy Saturday

24 **EASTER
SUNDAY**



CATHOLIC LIGHT



The Importance of Walking

1. Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$7000 per month.
2. My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.
3. I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.
4. I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.
5. I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a kilogram yet - apparently you have to go there.
6. Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.
7. The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, "Well, he looks good, doesn't he."