



The Explorer



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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers

We have been very active during the Summer months. Many of our Brothers have helped make things work smoothly, our Bingo workers have as always done a great job. Everyone that works the Bingo made it possible to continue with the successful Bingo's.



The car raffle is now over and a special thanks to SK Paul Castagna for being the chairperson, Paul D. Schneider for co-chairing, SK Gregory Fischer for all of his help every week and to SK Joseph Schaum for balancing the receipts and Mentoring SK Paul Castagna. Great job.

A special thanks to the officers that attended the training meeting last Monday. It was a good informative meeting. We had a great turn out, all officers but two attended. All seemed to have gained new ideas and understanding that hopefully will benefit our council.

Coming events, our Annual old fashion Bull and Oyster Roast is just around the corner and we need everyone to sell tickets. Now is when the ticket sales should be picking up. We need your help to make this a sellout. We currently have 103 tickets out and 63 paid for. Only (5) members have purchased tickets. Please support this very important fund raiser.

I would like to ask that we pray for all of our members and families who are ill or in need of help. May God bless all of them and all of our Brothers.

Vivat Jesus,

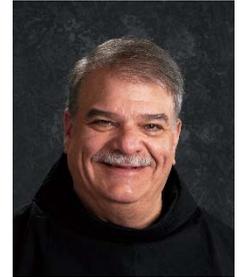
John Gallup

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Brothers,

Hello again. You don't realize how time flies until you dictate one of these messages every month.



This was an interesting weekend. Our Religious Education Program here at Annunciation was trying to get together and get started for the year, and I'm going to speak to you about a wonderful Gospel that was proclaimed this weekend, something we rarely take the time to think about, the story of the rich man and Lazarus, who was very poor. Lazarus hangs around the house of the rich man and the rich man sees him every day and doesn't give him a penny. He could give him a few cents, or something to eat and drink, or something to wear, or a place to call his home, but he doesn't give him anything. And the poor man dies and goes to heaven. The rich man also dies and he sees the beggar that used to hang around his door, in the arms of Abraham, the prophet. And of course, the poor man has this wonderful look on his face, that he is finally enjoying what life is all about. Thus, the comparison that I think Jesus wants us to feel, not so much ownership, not so much possessions, but the goodness in his heart that he finally felt entering the kingdom of God. And I think all of us try to imitate the poor man. The poor man is given a second chance at life forever.

Because of the life he lived in this world, certainly God gives him a beautiful life in the next. So Brothers, we try our best to imitate Lazarus, the poor man, as much as we can, by sharing our possessions with others, our riches, our clothing, our food. Helping people out is what the Knights of Columbus try to do. We Knights attach ourselves to the Catholic Church and we just provide. And I think that's important in this life.
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Because there is so very little sharing going on in our lifetime, and we need to do more. We need to do more for the poor, the sick, and trying our best to share with these people, to help them with their education, to help them with their resources, to help them get a job, or to help them find decent clothing to wear in life.

So Brothers, we are called by God today in the gospel, to give to the poor, to share with the poor, to love the poor, and in doing so, we will wind up, like Lazarus, spending eternity in the bosom of Abraham.

God Bless you Brothers.

Fr. Justin

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Recently, Darlene and I attended a Salute to Vietnam Era Veterans sponsored by the Glenn L. Martin,

Maryland Aviation Museum in Hangar One at the Martin State Airport. The festivities began with everybody standing, with hand over heart, singing our National Anthem as a 40's era



orchestra played. As I recall the evening, and all who were honored for their service, and for the men and women who we honor from other wars for their service and sacrifice of life and limb, I believe that without them this country would not have achieved greatness.

The results of the approaching election may set this country on a path far different than our parents and grandparents fought for if we do not vote wisely. Many lives were lost to sustain a life of "Liberty and Justice for All" according to the just laws of our country.

If a certain political party wins this close election, there will be no restraint on abortion. Since life begins at conception, there will be no liberty or justice for the lives of the unborn who will be aborted with our tax dollars that support organizations performing abortions. According to

the September 2016 issue of Columbia magazine, page 21, the current nationwide number of abortions, since the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973 is approaching 60 million and the abortion laws in the United States remain among the most liberal in the world. Courts will overturn state laws, as they do now, that bar state funds from being used to support abortion providers. Pregnancy centers that provide support for pregnant mothers will have to go to court to have legislation overturned, as they are doing here in Baltimore, that restrict their lifesaving work. Judges will be appointed to the Supreme Court and lower courts that will render opinions quite different and harmful from what our forefathers envisioned.

A country that does not respect and protect the life of its citizens and the lives of the unborn will not survive. Each day there are more and more reports from around the nation of increased violence and riots in our cities. Daily world news reports show factions destroying towns and villages. Destruction of relief convoys in war torn areas deny food, water and medical aid to those in dire need. Christians are being brutally murdered for practicing their faith. As you prepare to cast your vote, do not rely solely on the news media that so often supports agendas that will harm our country and the world. Consult

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sources such as the Columbia Magazine, the Catholic Review and the National Catholic Register. Check the voting records of the candidates and many other topics listed on the Maryland Catholic Conference website www.mdcathcon.org.

We must vote wisely in order to protect the future of our children, this great country and the world. And by all means, pray to Our Lord and His Blessed Mother.

God bless you,

Deacon Frank

Upcoming Meetings

Officer’s Meeting – The Officer’s meeting will take place on Monday, October 3rd at 6:30 pm in the parish Board Room.

General Meeting – Mondays, October 10th & 24th at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation parish hall.

Upcoming Ceremonials

Admissions Degree

- Oct. 17th – Fr. Maurice Wolfe Council – Abingdon
- Oct. 19th – Patapsco Council – Catonsville
- Oct. 26th – Cardinal Gibbons Council - Fullerton

Formation Degree

Oct. 19th – Immaculate Lady Council – Glyndon

Knighthood Degree

Oct. 16th – Cumberland Council – Cumberland

If we get any new members who wish to take the Admissions Degree in October, we can schedule the degree at our own Council with our own team. If any current members wish to take the Formation Degree, contact Financial Secretary Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546 or wwanko@comcast.net.

Council Programs

Sick & Shut-In

Please remember Brothers Melvin Bandell, Theodore Gegorek, Frederick Hogarth, Robert Priller, Bob Rogers, John Vaeth, Ed Yeager, and sisters Charlotte Schaum and Margaret Wyatt in your prayers.

If you know of any other brother or sister who is sick or a shut-in, please notify Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546 or wwanko@comcast.net

Happy Times

The following members of our Council family are celebrating Birthdays in October:

- 1 - James L. Jones
- 3 - Michael N. Schlepner, Jr.
- 4 - James P. Johns
- 5 - Walter F. Wankowski
- 8 - Brian J. Kolb
- 9 - Michael A. Schlepner
- 12 - Joseph Single
- 13 - John E. Gallup, Jr.
- 27 - Paul L. Sigwart
- 28 - Tiffany Schlepner
- 29 - Margaret M. Huth
- 31 - Marian A. Schneider

Anniversaries

- 6 - Robert & Kathleen Loman
- 14 - Thomas & Marie Koviak
- 19 - William & Marie Edgeworth
John & Dana Moran
- 20 - Joseph & Barbara Single
John & Barbara Vaeth
Edward & Alidia Yeager

Have Happy Times you would like to see published? Weddings, Baptisms, Births, Graduations, Promotions, etc? See a birthday or anniversary that’s incorrect or not announced? Send them to Walt at wwanko@comcast.net

Wish You Were Here!

Our attendance prize winner for the September 12th meeting would have been Michael Witemore. Our attendance prize winner for the September 26th meeting was Jonathan Saladini, and he went home with some extra cash in his pocket. If you are not sick or a shut-in, why not try making a meeting once in a while? It could prove profitable.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

We have about two weeks to go. These coupons are \$5 and are worth up to 25% off at Boscov's on Tuesday, October 18th. Chairman Harry Payne would like you to consider selling some of these coupons to your family & friends. We get to keep the \$5. If anyone can help with this let Harry know at 410-663-8141 H 410-404-0540 C.

BINGO

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, October 1st at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be played for 54 numbers or less. As always, we could use additional help both in the Kitchen and on the floor. The more workers that we get cross-trained, the easier it is to make sure that all of our bases are covered if some member of our crew can't make it on a particular night.

B I N G O				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

Everyone working inside the kitchen should try to report by 4:00 pm. Everyone else needs to report by 5:00 pm or as close to it as possible. The BINGO starts promptly at 6:00 pm and is usually finished by 9:00 pm.

1st Degree Team

We are always looking for alternate team members for our 1st Degree team. People who can fill in for someone when they are ill or cannot attend because of other commitments. These include the six speaking parts and three non-speaking parts.

If you would like to be part of our 1st Degree team, contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546, and we will get your training started.

Annual Memorial Mass

Our annual memorial mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 8th. This is out of the norm because Our Chaplain is also the Faithful Friar for the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly and he wants to make it a combined celebration. This is an open meeting so all members and their families are encouraged to attend. There will be refreshments in the church hall after the mass.

Membership

Okay, we held a Membership Blitz at Annunciation Church on September 24th & 25th, hoping to attract a few new members. So far it was to no avail. Nonetheless, we need to keep trying. We are still looking for our first new member for this new fraternal year. We all need to ask ONE guy to join the Knights in October. With 85 active guys on our roster, if we all ask ONE guy, maybe we can get at least two new members. It's hard to believe that we can't find one guy out there who is willing to join the Order. Keep in mind that any prospective member doesn't have to belong to any particular parish. The only requirement is that he be a practical Catholic male, 18 years of age or older.

We need some new blood in our council. And young blood would be even better! Please keep looking around for new members. Try talking to ONE practicing Catholic man about joining the Knights of Columbus. Be ready to answer questions about the Knights, talk up the services we render at the parish level, and let them know about our Youth and Family programs. Point out the different activities that we either sponsor ourselves or work on behalf of the church. And always carry a Form 100 and a pen. If you need a Form 100, contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546.

Pro-Life Programs

Pro-Life Rosary

All members are invited to join in on the monthly Rosary for Life which is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am at the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, 7702 Belair Road in Fullerton. This shopping center houses an abortion clinic. The next date for this activity will be Saturday, October 15th. We hope that we will have good weather and we hope that more of you will consider joining in.



Family Programs

Family of the Month/Year

Anyone who has a family in mind that you think would be deserving, please submit them for nomination. And keep in mind that a single person can still be a family; and a childless couple can also be a family.



The following factors should be considered:

- Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- Does the family enjoy one another?
- Does the family share experiences?
- Does the family communicate openly and honestly?
- Does the family pray and attend Mass together?
- We will need the names of the family members, and if there are children, the ages of the children.

You do not have to use any specific form to submit a nomination. Any ordinary piece of paper will do as long as it contains the need information.

Please forward all nominations to Walt Wankowski, PGK, 5211 McFaul Road, Baltimore, MD 21206 or email at wwanko@comcast.net

Youth Programs

Box Tops For Education

Box Tops for Education may be placed in the plastic pouch attached to the council display in the back of Annunciation Church or you may mail them to Jason Karolkowski, 1322 Chapel Hill Drive, Baltimore, MD 21237. All box tops collected by our council are donated to St. Clement's School.

Church Programs

Bull & Oyster Roast **Sunday, October 30, 2016**

1 to 6 pm

Church of the Annunciation Parish Hall
5212 McCormick Avenue

Menu: Pit Beef, Pit Ham, Pit Turkey, Shredded Beef BBQ, Oyster Stew, Fried Oysters, Oyster Bar (raw), Ocean Fries, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cucumber Salad, Vegetables & Dip, Cheese & Crackers, Potato Chips & Pretzels, Rolls & Rye, Condiments, Dessert, Beer, Soda, Lemonade & Water.

Tickets: \$40.00 Per person

Buffet Available from 1 to 5 pm

Beverages & Music Available from 1 to 6 pm

Big 6, Spirits Wheel, 50/50 Raffle

Music by Blazin Hott Productions

All proceeds benefit the
Church of the Annunciation

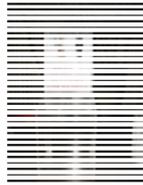
Tickets available after all weekend masses from August 6th until October 23rd. Or call John at 410-812-2114. Tickets MUST be purchased by October 23rd.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Volunteers will be needed to set up, run the event and clean up afterward. Please contact John or Wayne if you can pitch in.

Vocation Support Program

Keep in mind that our Council is continuously collecting money for this purpose. If you'd like to contribute to the cause, you can place your donations into the transparent acrylic boxes that sit near the doors of Annunciation Church, or contributions can also be sent directly to Walt Wankowski, 5211 McFaul Road, Baltimore, MD 21206. Checks should be made payable to "Knights of Columbus 11615."



Community Programs

Tootsie Roll Time

We are off to wonderful start. With St. Clement and the Giant in Rosedale done, the council has collected \$471.54 so far. We have two more weekends coming up and they are as follows:

Perry Hall Giant: October 1st and 2nd two hour shifts starting at 10am and finishing at 4pm

Annunciation: October 8th and 9th after all masses, three volunteers are needed for each mass

If you would like to volunteer contact chairman Adam Kolb at 410-679-1923 or kolb426@yahoo.com

Flag Retirement Ceremony



Our thanks to everyone who participated in our Flag Disposal Ceremony on September 10th. In addition to the Knights conducting the ceremony, we had a delegation from the Girl Scouts and about twenty-five people who stayed after the 4:00 pm mass to witness the event.

An Important Issue

Maryland voters will head to the polls soon to elect a U.S. senator and eight U.S. Representatives. The Maryland Catholic Conference surveyed the state's 2016 candidates for U.S. Senate and House of Representatives about their positions on issues of interest to Catholics. The responses of the Democratic and Republican primary candidates can be found at



<http://www.mdccathcon.org/elections>

The Maryland Catholic Conference does not endorse or oppose any candidate, under any circumstance, and no inference of endorsement or opposition should be concluded as a result of the information provided.

Important 2016 Election Dates

- Voter registration deadline for the general election: **Oct. 18**
- Early voting for the general election*: **Thursday, Oct. 27 to Thursday, Nov. 3, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**
- Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot for the general election: **Tuesday, Nov. 1**, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax; **Friday, Nov. 4**, if you want to download your ballot from the State's website *
- **GENERAL ELECTION** (and deadline to postmark absentee ballot, which must be received by the Board of Elections by Nov.18): **Nov. 8, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

*In Maryland, any registered voter may vote absentee or early. For voter registration forms and further information, call the state Board of Elections at 1-800-222-8683, or go to www.elections.state.md.us

Casting Your Ballot, A Moral Act

Lawrence P. Grayson

Next month, we will have the opportunity to vote for the people who will lead this nation. The outcome will significantly affect our lives – and those of our children and grandchildren -- for decades.

The challenges before the nation are serious and emotion laden. They range from abortion to immigration, from redefining marriage to adequate health care, from freedom of conscience to the national debt. All have profound moral implications. Thus, as Catholics, each of us has an obligation to cast our ballot with a faith-formed conscience, aware of the teachings of our Church and of the views of those who seek to represent us. We must evaluate the candidates' promises, policy positions, and party platforms in light of the moral and social teaching of the Church.

Notwithstanding diverse prudential judgments, each of us should guide our decision making on the issues with a fundamental respect for the dignity and life of every human being at every stage of life. This foundational principle is fundamental to our nature as having been created in the image and likeness of God and is the central tenet of Catholic moral and social teaching.

The righteousness of some decisions, such as waging war, depends on the situation. Other actions, as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops points out in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, “are so deeply flawed that they are always opposed to the authentic good of persons. These are called ‘intrinsically evil’ actions. They must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned.”

Preeminent among these non-negotiable tenets is the protection of human life, from conception until natural death. This holds for every condition of the person, whether healthy or sick, whole or handicapped, young or old, born or in the womb. The Church's position on human life -- as well as on euthanasia, human cloning, embryonic stem-cell research, terrorism, genocide, other

direct assaults on innocent human life and on its wellspring in the union of a man and woman in marriage -- is immutable and not open to individual judgment. Actions to deny human life are so detrimental to humanity that there can be no allowance for diverse views.

Pope St. John Paul II, in his 1988 apostolic exhortation *Christifideles Laici*, stated: "The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition of all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination."

Issues that do not promote an intrinsic evil require prudent judgments about the best way to apply Church teachings to deal with compelling societal problems. Health care, education, poverty, housing, immigration, jobs, taxation and national security are important concerns and their consideration should not be dismissed. They are significant, challenge one's moral sense and require action, but approaches to addressing them are open to principled debate. Morality in these cases rests not on what is done, but on how it is done, on the motives, means and circumstances involved. No matter how beneficial to society a candidate's positions on these issues may be, they cannot outweigh his or her support for an intrinsic evil such as abortion.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, in his address at the 2016 Supreme Convention in Toronto, reminded us that: “[T]he right to abortion is not just another political issue. It is in reality a legal regime that has resulted in more than 40 million deaths. -- a figure greater than the entire population of Canada. What political issue could possibly outweigh this human devastation? The answer, of course, is that there is none.”

Closely allied with the right to life are the promotion and defense of the natural structure of the family and the protection of religious liberty. The Church is steadfast in defining the family as a

lifelong union between a man and a woman based on marriage for the procreation and raising of children. And it firmly supports our right to live our lives and express our opinions, publically and privately, according to our faith.

On matters that involve an intrinsic evil, a Catholic cannot be true to the Faith and claim to be opposed personally to a political position, but support it for those who think otherwise. The person is either in self-delusion or deceitful as he or she tries to straddle contradictory positions. A Catholic who votes for such an individual, if there is a morally-acceptable alternative candidate, would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil.

While a candidate's stand on a single issue may not be sufficient to guarantee a voter's support, the Church makes clear that a single position that favors an intrinsic evil should disqualify that candidate from receiving one's vote, regardless of the candidate's views on issues requiring prudential judgement. In good conscience, one must give preference to candidates who do not oppose God-given moral principles.

There rarely is a candidate with whom one agrees on everything. What does one do when there is no totally acceptable alternative? Deciding not to vote is often not the best solution. When all candidates support an intrinsic evil, it is morally permissible to vote for the candidate who poses the least threat to human life and dignity and thus limit the harm. It is important, therefore, to vote with a well-formed conscience that perceives the proper relationship among moral goods.

Guidance for voting is available from the Maryland Catholic Conferences, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Priests for Life, among other sources. The information they provide can be helpful in developing one's conscience. But advice on issues that involve reasoned judgement is not binding as sincere Catholics can come to morally-acceptable opposing conclusions based upon the same principles.

In the coming election, every voice will matter, every vote count. As you prepare to exercise your right and duty as a Catholic citizen, strengthen your understanding of the Church's positions on moral issues, learn the views of the various candidates, give the matter prayerful reflection, and prudentially cast your ballot. *Vivat Jesus!*

4th Degree News

The next meeting of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 pm at Columbus Gardens. This will be our Fall Raffle Drawing and it is an Open Meeting. Please come and bring the wife and family.



And as always, we are looking for 4th Degree members to join the Color Corps. Any 4th Degree member who would like to join the Color Corps should contact Walt at 410-866-6546.

The next Exemplification of the 4th Degree is currently scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2017 in Ocean City, MD. It's not too early to start thinking about taking the 4th Degree. Six months goes by very fast. We encourage all Knights to advance to the 4th Degree.

Chapter News

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be on Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 pm at St. Clement I Council, 2700 Washington Avenue in Lansdowne. All Knights are invited and encouraged to attend.

District Message

The first quarter of the year has already gone by and to date, all seems to be going well.

The council's night of Officer Training by our Regional Advisor went very well. Our session was Roger Donnelly's first presentation and I think he was just as nervous as anyone, but a few icebreaker remarks wiped away all pretensions and things went very well from there.

Again, Just a reminder: There are a lot of events going on to commemorate the Christopher Columbus Day here in Baltimore. There's the street art festival in Little Italy, the wreath laying ceremony, the parade (to watch or participate in) culminating with the Columbus Day Ball. (A few more days to sell those car raffle tickets)

As I stated last month: It wouldn't hurt for the council to acquire a little more knowledge on just who Christopher Columbus was and how he became the symbol of our organization (and that would include me). There has been a movement underfoot to replace or displace this holiday. Modern Liberalism would like to use today's morals and values on judge the value of previous generations.

Remember our District's invitation to District 7's Corporate Communion Mass and breakfast. It will be at the Knights of Fatima council home parish of Our Lady of Fatima Church, 6420 E. Pratt Street. Mass is 9:30, breakfast following. Bring your council banner join with 7 other Councils and 2 Assemblies.

In closing: There seems to be no end in sight for attacks on innocent Americans by "lone wolf" terrorist (they don't deserve to be capitalized). To add to the misery, there seems to be a continuing war on our Police Officers, as well as those who keep and practice their Christian faith. As the Formation degree teaches us the strength in Unity: Stand Together, Be Strong, Keep safe, Watch over all in need.

Vivat Jesus, Ron Koelbel DD28

Insurance News

Don't Crowdfund Your Family's Future

There is a new phenomenon sweeping the internet: crowdfunding. Pioneered by organizations like GoFundMe, crowdfunding allows anyone to donate to a project or cause online. Crowdfunding is increasingly being used to raise funds for grieving families. Chances are you've seen this more than once. Someone passes away, and within a day or two, a representative from the family opens a crowdfunding page to raise funds to pay for funeral expenses and medical bills.

Without question, crowdfunding is a great way to harness the power of the internet for charitable ends, but it is often insufficient. Recent studies show that the average crowdfunding memorial page raises \$2,000-\$2,200 — far below the average cost of funeral services. Grieving families are left to deal with the shortfall as well as the additional stress of soliciting donations, figuring out how to access the money and calculating platform fees.

Why not take the time to evaluate your life insurance coverage and make sure your family's future will not be left to a crowdfunding page. Since life insurance guards against one of life's only certainties, it's a product that nearly everyone needs. The question is not "Do I need life insurance?" but rather "Who should I get it from?"

Who Should I Get It From?

Every life insurance company sells life insurance. There are hundreds of them in North America. But there's only one life insurance company that belongs to you. From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been determined to offer insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights and to uphold the Catholic commitment that has animated our Order since Father McGivney's time. Today, our insurance program protects hundreds of thousands of families, with more than \$100 billion in force. Last year alone, Knights of Columbus families received more than \$800 million in insurance benefits.

Being *your* insurance company also means that we have to be ethical, responsible, Catholic and charitable — just as you would expect.

Recently we received our third consecutive “World’s Most Ethical” company designation by the Ethisphere Institute, and since 1975, the Knights of Columbus has been among the most highly rated life insurers in North America. We refuse to invest in companies who deal in lines of business that run contrary to church teaching. We also use proceeds from our insurance business to donate to Catholic and charitable causes around the world. The insurance business and local councils are the two primary sources for the more than \$1.55 billion the Knights of Columbus has donated to charity in the past decade. Our strength cannot be beaten. Our ethical pedigree cannot be questioned. And our Catholic commitment is never compromised. Not every life insurance company can say that.

How Much Do I Need?

As a Knight, you have a full-time, professional brother Knight field agent to call your own. His job — his mission — is to help you and your family evaluate your situation and determine how much coverage is needed to help meet your needs within your budget. It’s a proven fraternal system that has helped countless families when they need it most. So, as we observe Life Insurance Awareness Month, don’t leave your family’s future to chance charity. Protect your family with the safety and guarantees of life insurance from the Knights of Columbus.

Our Benefits representative is Norman “Chuck” Teal. And you can reach him at 443-676-3892.

State Council News

Yahoo!

The Maryland State Council sponsors a communication vehicle at Yahoo.com. Any Knight who has a computer, can sign up for it and it costs nothing. Among the items regularly passed on via the Yahoo site are notifications of illness and deceased members, upcoming activities at the local, State, and Supreme Level, access to information on State Programs, notifications of upcoming degree ceremonials, etc. To sign up for this service, simply go to <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1415/yahoo.asp> and then follow the instructions.

Baltimore Columbus Day Parade

Sunday, October 2, 2016
2:30 pm

Parade begins at Key Highway and Light Street and marches North to Pratt street where it turns East and marches to President Street, ending at the Columbus Memorial in Little Italy where there is a wreath laying ceremony.



All Knights and their families are invited to march in the parade.

National Columbus Day Ceremony

Monday, October 10, 2016
Columbus Plaza

Union Station in Washington, D.C.

Music Prelude: 10:45 am

Program : 11:00 am

Wreath Presentations by Embassies, Fraternal, Civic, Service, and Patriotic Societies

All Knights and their families are invited to join in.

**Maryland State Council
Wreath Laying Ceremony**

at the

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

November 12, 2016

12:15 pm

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, Virginia

All Knights and their families are welcome to attend. Dress code is coat and tie.



Supreme Council News

Send Aid to Genocide Victims

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson called on the U.S. government and humanitarian relief agencies to deliver aid directly to Christians and other communities who are victims of genocide in Iraq and Syria. He made the comments in testimony before a joint government commission on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Addressing the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the U.S. Helsinki Commission, the supreme knight said:

Our legislative and executive representatives need to deliver to our diplomatic and aid entities a clear and simple message: In the midst of this genocide, saving Christians — and other communities that face extinction — in Iraq and Syria is part of your mission. There is nothing unconstitutional, illegal, unethical or unprofessional about prioritizing their right to survival as communities. They are innocent victims of a genocide. If these victim communities are not receiving aid, you are not fulfilling your mission. And such action is consistent with the best of American and U.S. State Department tradition. Noting a precedent for such aid to specific communities devastated by genocide, the supreme knight cited American relief work in the early 20th century. During this period, the U.S. government worked with Church groups and individuals to provide funding and deliver aid directly to communities that had been victimized by the genocide against Christians during and following World War I.

In addition, Supreme Knight Anderson went on to call for an emergency appropriations package for the groups that have faced genocide. He said that U.S. aid to governments in the region should be conditioned on equal rights for religious minorities in order to foster religious pluralism and tolerance:

The aid we provide must be an investment in a more peaceful future in the region. This cannot happen unless the system of religious apartheid there ends.

Christians and other religious minorities are entitled to equal rights.

The Helsinki Commission is an independent agency of the federal government, with commissioners from the House, Senate and executive branch. For 40 years, the commission has monitored compliance with the Helsinki Accords and advanced comprehensive security through promotion of human rights, democracy, and economic, environmental and military cooperation in the 57-nation Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region. The commission is chaired by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and co-chaired by Sen. Roger F. Wicker (R-MS).

The Knights of Columbus has raised more than \$11 million in support of Christian refugees, especially those from Iraq and Syria. Together with In Defense of Christians, the Knights also produced a nearly 300-page report documenting the genocide occurring against Christians at the hands of ISIS and related groups. That document was presented to the U.S. State Department in March and has been widely credited for being instrumental in securing the U.S. government's genocide designation, delivered by Secretary of State John Kerry on March 17.

Supreme Knight Anderson's testimony before the Helsinki Commission was his fourth testimony before the federal government in the past year. In May, he also testified before the United Nations.

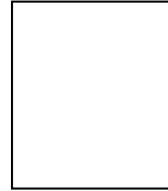
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Calendar Reminders

- October 1 – Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- October 2 – Columbus Day Parade – 2:30 pm – Downtown Baltimore
- October 3 - Council Officer’s Meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- October 10 – Columbus Day
 Council General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- October 11 - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting – 7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- October 13 - Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting – 7:00 pm – St. Clements, Lansdowne
- October 15 - Pro-Life Rosary – 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton
- October 23 – Last day to purchase tickets for the Bull & Oyster Roast
- October 24 - Council General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- October 30 – Bull & Oyster Roast – 1 to 6pm – Annunciation Parish Hall