

COUNCIL 1622 NEWSLETTER

JAN/FEB 2004



YOUR 2003/2004 FRATERNAL YEAR **COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Chaplain – Father Leo Tittler
 Grand Knight - David Zakrzwski
 Deputy Grand Knight - Mike Czarnecki
 Chancellor - John Fox
 Warden - David Mortenson
 Recorder - Robert Ordonio
 Financial Secretary - Jim Dowell
 Treasurer – David Satterfield
 Advocate - John Patrick Curley
 Lecturer – Eric Phillips
 Inside Guard - Matt Meadows and Reddi Cerezo
 Outside Guard - Jim Concannon and Glen Huntington
 Trustee 3 Years- Joel Tootill
 Trustee 2 years - Michael Harrison
 Trustee 1 year - Bill Kinsella Sr.

K of C Calendar (See <http://calendar.yahoo.com/yc/public/kc1622>)

<i>January</i>	1	Mary Mother of God (Day of Obligation). HAPPY NEW YEARS!
	3	MD State Mid Term Mtg. & Pro-Life Mass; Cardinal Gibbons Council No. 2521
	5	Council Social Meeting; 7:30P.M. at SJPH Library with Home Corp. Mtg. & Election of Officers to follow at approximately 8:30 P.M.
	6	Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 P.M. SJPH Library
	7	Bishop McNamara Assembly Mtg. SJPH Library 8:00 P.M.
	10	Fish Fry Planning Mtg. (Time TBD), 1:30 P.M. Christmas Decoration Take-down; St. John's Church, 1:30 P.M; Seton Chapter GK's Dinner Theatre, 6:15 P.M.
	13	2 nd Degree SJPH, 8:00 P.M.
	16	Bishop McNamara Assy. BD 1916
	19	Council Business Meeting; 7:30P.M. at SJPH Library; Martin Luther Kings BD Holiday
	22	Annual March-For-Life, Washington, D.C.
	24	SHARE Food Distribution 8:30 A.M.
	25	K of C Youth Basketball Free Throw Championships, 6:30 P.M. SJPH Gym
	27	Seton Chapter Grand Knights Mtg. 8:00 P.M.
<i>February</i>	1	Superbowl Sunday
	2	Council Social Meeting; 7:30P.M. at SJPH Library
	3	Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 P.M. SJPH Library
	4	Bishop McNamara Assembly Mtg. SJPH Library 8:00 P.M.
	16	Council Business Meeting; 7:30P.M. at SJPH Library; President's Day Holiday
	24	Seton Chapter Grand Knights Mtg. 8:00 P.M.
	25	Ash Wednesday
	27	First Lenten Fish Fry 5:00 P.M.; Fish Fries to be held every Friday at 5:00 P.M. between Feb 27 & Apr 2
	28	SHARE Food Distribution
<i>March</i>	1	Council Social Meeting; 7:30P.M. at SJPH Library ; MD State Scholarship Applications Due
	2	Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 P.M. SJPH Library
	3	Bishop McNamara Assembly Mtg. SJPH Library 8:00 P.M.
	11	2 nd Degree St. Ignatius of Loyola Cncl. 11815 7:30 P.M.
	15	Council Business Meeting; 7:30P.M. at SJPH Library
	17	St. Patricks Day
	21	Founders Day Mass & Awards Dinner, Sacred Heart Cncl. 2577
	23	Seton Chapter Grand Knights Mtg. 8:00 P.M.
	27	MD State Cncl Spring Mtg., 8:30 A.M.; SHARE 8:30 P.M.; Cncl. 1622 Recruitment Drive
	28	Cncl. 1622 Recruitment Drive
	29	Founders Day

Special Notes:

1. Council 1622-Every Saturday Evening - 2 men needed for Bingo
2. Lenten Fish Fry Every Friday at 5:00 P.M Between Feb 27th and Apr 2nd

BISHOP McNAMARA COUNCIL NEWS

Providing Service to the parishes of:

St. John the Evangelist Church

St. Katharine Anne Drexel Catholic Community

St. Joseph's on Carrollton Manor Church

Fort Detrick Catholic Community

Worthy Grand Knight David Zakrzewski

Field Insurance Agent Chuck Teal

Membership/Recruitment Chairman Bill Kinsella

Newsletter Editor Joel Tootill *

(*) With the next issue, Br. Thomas Herrity will be taking over as editor. Details to follow on article submission.

Grand Knight's Report January-February 2004

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of 2003 and the mid point of the fraternal year. As I look back on the first half of the year, I am proud of what this Council has accomplished. Let's keep up the good work.

I would like to thank the members that participated in our October Tootsie Roll drive. Special thanks to: Br. Nick Gabriel, Br. John Satterfield, Br. Eric Phillips and Br. Pat Curly. The money raised will once again go to the ARC of Frederick County. The Arc of Frederick County assists persons with developmental disabilities and their families obtain the services they need. We are proud to support their cause.

At our annual Memorial Mass, we took time to remember those Brother Knights that had passed away this year. This year the council invited Catholic Daughters, Bishop McNamara Assembly, and the Mother Seton Chapter of Grand Knights to share in a combined service. Thanks to Br. Bill Kinsella, Virginia Burner, and Br. Bob Jack for joining us in this special occasion. Thanks to Br. Dave Satterfield for planning and organizing the event. I would also like to thank Br. Dave Wilson and his family for preparing and getting donations for the dinner. This year we had a late addition to the list of deceased brothers. Br. Irv Jones passed away in early November. Irv was a past Grand Knight of this council and had over 48 years of service with the Knights of Columbus. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to his wife Anita and his family.

It has been a busy December. We were honored by a visit from the State Deputy Richard L. Sherbert Jr. SD Sherbert presented Past Grand Knight Joel Tootill with the Star Council Award for the 2002-2003 fraternal year. Joel's hard work and dedication are a tough act to follow.

Br. Julius Pellegrino has once again done an excellent job with our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest. This year we recognized over 50 young people for their efforts.

This past week the council held its Family Christmas Party. Thanks to Dave and Cindy Satterfield for hosting this event at their home (and garage). It was a great evening of fellowship. The Ladies Auxiliary raffle raised over \$100 for Frederick County Department of Aging and we also collected

gifts for Birthright.

I would like to welcome the many new members to the Council. Brothers Matt Coccagna, Fred Eisenhart, John Fitzgerald, Jim McCarron, Kevin Murphy, Charles Pessagno, and Michael Collins have all been recently initiated to our order. Our membership chairmen, Br. Bill Kinsella has been hard at work. Also join me in welcoming those members that have transferred to our council: Br. Robert Wares, Br. Dave Vernot, Br. Brian Byrd, Br. Steve Elliot, Br. Michael Butala.

January is the month in which we recall the impact of the Supreme Court's historical decision, Roe v. Wade. Please plan to attend the 31st Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 22, 2004. If you are planning to attend, or would like to share a ride contact me. Members of our council meet at the rally and carry our council banner during the March. Hope to see you there.

Remember to keep a form 100 handy at all times. Recall the reasons why you joined the Knights of Columbus. Share the experience with others.

Fraternally,
David Zakrzewski
Grand Knight

<u>Program</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Council Program Director	Mike Czarnecki	
Church Activities	SK Dave Satterfield	
Community Activities	Eric Phillips	
Council Activities	SK Dave Mortenson	
Family Activities	John Satterfield	
Youth Activities	Bob Ordonio	

CHAPLAIN/FAITHFUL FRIAR REPORT

Dear Brother Knights;

I am heartened by all the volunteer acts that Bishop McNamara Council has been involved over the past year. It truly displays that the Knights are in fact "First, Charity". This past year has been very successful and you should all take pride in your accomplishments. I know that you will rise to the occasion in the New Year to continue your good works.

During this time when our peace on earth seems to be continually threatened by the possibility of terrorist threats and our soldiers around the world are in jeopardy, it is comforting that our Lord and Savior calls us to him to offer us his blessings and peace. I want to wish all of my Brother Knights and their families all the peace and blessings that this blessed season has to offer.

Fraternally yours,
Fr. Leo R. Tittler, Chaplain/Faithful Friar

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES & NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS - On Friday, November 14, 2003, we once again held our joint Knights of Columbus/Catholic Daughters Memorial Mass and Pot-luck Dinner. This year, Bishop McNamara Council #1622, Bishop McNamara Assembly #384, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter of Grand Knights (Western Maryland), and Court of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton #278 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas participated. This major social and fraternal event was open to ALL family members and friends of Daughters and Knights. In excess of seventy people were in attendance for the Mass and reception that followed. Many thanks to the Frederick business that supported the event as well as to the members who brought such excellent food items to share. This years Mass was the second time we've combined organizations to bring about such a wonderful service and night of fraternity. Our thanks to Br. Dave Satterfield, Virginia Burner and Br. Dave Wilson and his family for organizing the event and to those who helped set up.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY – On Monday December 15, 2003 from 7 pm-10pm. Dave and Cindy Satterfield once again, graciously opened their home to host the Council's Annual Christmas Party. Our thanks to Dave and Cindy for hosting this event in their home (and garage this year) for the past three years, a lot of good memories to be sure. This year was no exception with a great evening of fellowship, good food, good cheer, and great singing. The Ladies Auxiliary raffle raised \$115 for Frederick County Department of Aging and we also collected gifts for

Birthright. Rodney and Barbara Voisine have offered to open their home to host next year's party and we're sure it will be just as spectacular.

KNIGHTS DECORATE ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - We had a great crew show up and work hard on December 22 and 23 for the decoration of St. John the Evangelist Church which made this major effort seem very easy. A few of those who donated their time and talents were, Mike Collins, Jim Concannon, Pete Cove, Bud Foss, George Heverly, John Keepers, Larry Lindner, Matt Meadows, Dave Mortenson, Dave and Eric Satterfield, John and Matt Satterfield, Dave and Chris Shumway, Joel Tootill, Ted Varson and Dave Vernot. If we have missed anyone on the list, please accept our apologies. Judi Atwell wants to convey her gratitude to all those who helped ready the Church for Christmas. She said that it's a daunting job but the Knights work so well together and make the work manageable and enjoyable. Thank you all for the work you did in transforming the Church into a beautiful and inviting worship space. May all the Knights and their families have a beautiful and blessed Christmas season and a New Year filled with peace and joy.

FREE THROW TOURNAMENT - Boy's and Girls, start practicing your free throws. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest is fast approaching. The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 10 to 14. Keep your eyes open for further details on our Council website as the tournament approaches. The date for the contest is Sunday, January 25th at 6:30 PM. Further details can be obtained from Jeff Balistrere.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST - To help foster the true meaning of Christmas, the Knights of Columbus once again sponsored the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. The contest was open to all public and parochial schools, religious education programs and home-schooled students. This year's event chairman was once again Brother Julius Pellegrino who collected more entries than ever at over 500. This year we recognized over 50 young people for their efforts. Our thanks to all the contestants and those Brothers and family members who assisted in the judging. See attached photos of overall category winners and the judging team. WELL DONE!

KNIGHTS DONATE TO BIRTHRIGHT - The Knights of Columbus Bishop McNamara Council No. 1622, Bishop McNamara Assembly No. 384, and Bishop McNamara Council Ladies Auxiliary recently donated money and baby items to Birthright of Frederick. The Knights and family members donated items and held raffles during the their various holiday gatherings to

benefit Birthright. Birthright of Frederick was chartered in 1978 under Birthright of Maryland to offer love and alternatives to women troubled by an untimely or difficult pregnancy. Pictured from left to right are Dianna Tootill/Ladies Auxiliary President, David Zakrzewski/ Grand Knight Bishop McNamara Council, Kim Teunis/ Birthright of Frederick, and Bill Kinsella/Faithful Navigator Bishop Assembly.

ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY - Knights of Columbus FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRIES - 5pm to 8pm., Feb 27, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr 2. St. John's Literary Institute at Prospect Hall, Junc MD 180 and Butterfly Lane. \$7 dinner includes fried fish, Cole slaw, roll and french fries. Ala Carte: fish sandwich, pizza, scrambled eggs w/cheese, dessert and sodas. Bring you family and friends. Take-out Available. Knights needed to work - call Dave Satterfield.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - Knights of Columbus, "Third Annual Benefit Open Golf Outing for Catholic Education in Frederick County", Monday, June 21, 2004 at the Hollow Creek Country Club, Middletown, MD. ALL profits go to Catholic School Building Funds. Time: 8:00 AM Shot Gun Start, Lunch after, \$75.00 per person. Captain's Choice Scramble, 50/50 Raffle, Mulligans for sale, Par 3 Bets, Hole-in-One Prizes. Four-person team sign-ups, please contact John Fox. Sign-up by May 31.

BINGO WORKERS NEEDED - 2 men are needed each Saturday night to work the Bingo at Prospect Hall. This means you only work once every 3 months. This raises funds for our Fr. Michael J. McGivney Memorial Scholarship endowment for Catholic education, our building fund and general charities fund. Please contact Dave Satterfield.

UPCOMMING DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

Remember; always be prepared to recruit your new Brother Knight by carrying a Form 100 with you.

Please see below for future Degree dates and upcoming Membership/Recruitment Drives for Council 1622 Contact Membership Director, Bill Kinsella, PGK, FN.

Upcoming Degree Dates

January 13, 2004	8:00 PM	SJPH - Gym	2nd Degree
February 2, 2004	7:30 PM	SJPH - Library	1st Degree
April 5, 2004	7:30 PM	SJPH - Library	1st Degree
April 20, 2004	8:00 PM	SJPH - Gym	2nd Degree
June 7, 2004	7:30 PM	SJPH - Library	1st Degree

Upcoming Membership/Recruitment Drives

March 27, 2004	All Masses	St. John's/ St. Katharine Drexel
March 28, 2004	All Masses	St. John's/ St. Katharine Drexel

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES & CONTACTS: Your Council Programs Director this year is DGK Mike Czarnecki and the following is a list of just a few of the activities we have for you to get involved in:

Church Activities Director – Dave Satterfield

RSVP – Financial Secretary

Round Table – St. John the Evangelist: Larry Lindner

St. Joseph: Gene McCarthy

St Katharine Drexel: Tom Gargan

Pro Life – David and Janet Zakrzewski

Memorial Mass – Dave Satterfield

Vocations - Mike Czarnecki

Community Activities Director – Eric Phillips

Bingo – Dave Satterfield

Bingo at St. John's Fair – Bernie Litchfield Jr.

Scholarship Funds – Dick O'Connor

Mentally Handicapped/Tootsie Roll Drive –

Pat Curley /Tim Corbett

SHARE – Jim Dowell

Citizen of Year - Eric Phillips

Police Officer, Firefighter & EMT of the year – Pat Sullivan Sr.

Senior Citizens & Visitation Academy Support – Ladies Auxiliary

Council Director – Dave Mortenson

Knight of Month and Year – GK and DGK

Car Raffle – Dave Mortenson

Columbus Day Parade – Joel Tootill

Flag Day Celebration – Bernie Litchfield Sr.

Fish Fry – Eric Phillips, Dave Satterfield & Rod Voisine Father/Son Pancake Breakfast – TBD

Preakness – Jim Concannon & Bud Foss

Christmas Party 2003 – Dave Satterfield

Newsletter – Allen Byrne

Blood Drive - Rich Fairley

Phone Tree – Dave Satterfield

1st degree – Bill Kinsella Team Leader

2nd Degree – Bill Kinsella Council 1622 coordinator

Webpage – Dave Satterfield & John Fox

Message Recording – Dave Satterfield

Golf Tournament - John Fox

Family Activities Director – John Satterfield

Family Picnic – Bernie Litchfield Jr. & family

Family of the Month and Year – Chris Shumway

Spring Social – Rich Fairley/Joel Tootill

Youth Activities Director – Bob Ordonio

Keep Christ in Christmas 2003– Julius Pellegrino

Foul Shooting – Jeff Balistrere

Soccer Shoot Out – Rich Fairley

Alter Server Recognition – Mike Czarnecki and Fr. Leo

Christmas Basketball Tournament – Rich Fairley and Jeff

Balistrere

Columbian Squires – Mark Waller & Wayne Young

SUPPORTING OUR PRIESTS - The Advertisement below



was placed on in the Frederick Post on May 20, 2002 by Bishop McNamara Council - please show our priests we care:

“Every Vocation will face *challenges*. Now is such a moment for the priesthood. At a time when betrayal by a few has inflicted deep suffering with little solace, our compassion goes to victims and their families. And we stand with the vast majority of priests who serve with generosity, dignity, and honor. To those who have remained faithful, We say - **You still have our faith.**

Bishop McNamara Council #1622,
Knights of Columbus”

SHARE– The “Self Help and Resource Exchange (SHARE) of the Washington Capital Area is a not-for-profit, private organization that builds and strengthens community through volunteer service. SHARE offers savings on food and there are no income requirements. One SHARE unit costs \$15.50 in cash plus two hours of volunteer community service. This service can be any type of unpaid assistance given to neighbors, organizations, etc. It may also be done at the SHARE site.

Bishop McNamara Council No. 1622 sponsors a monthly “SHARE” food co-operative distribution site. The site, located at 300 E. Patrick Street (the old McHenry Auto Repair building), located southeast corner of the junction of E. Patrick Street and East Street in Frederick, is open from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, on the morning of 4th Saturday of each month. Volunteers start packaging food at 8:30 am. Upcoming SHARE 2003 Dates: Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 20 and Jan. 24.

COUNCIL RECEIVES “STAR COUNCIL AWARD” FOR 2002/2003 FRATERNAL YEAR

During the December 1st Social Meeting, Bishop McNamara Council No. 1622 was presented with Supreme Council’s highest honor, the Star Council Award by Maryland State Deputy Richard L. Sherbert. The Star Council Award recognizes excellence in volunteer fraternal and charitable activities, membership recruitment and insurance promotion. Winning councils each conducted at least 20 different volunteer charitable and fraternal programs. The councils also met their Supreme Council membership and insurance quotas. Grand knights receive an appropriately engraved plaque from the Supreme Council for the council’s

accomplishments. Pictured from L-R are District Deputy Gary R. Armbruster, State Deputy Richard L. Sherbert, Past Grand Knight Joel B. Tootill, current Grand Knight David Zakrzewski, Fraternal Benefits Adviser Chuck Teal, and Council Membership Chairman William Kinsella. Well done Council No. 1622!

ANNUAL HOME CORP MEETING AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS JANUARY 5, 2004 AT 8:30PM – ST. JOHN’S PROSPECT HALL

The St. John's Council (this is our original council name) Home Corporation is a holding company for council building funds. All Bishop McNamara Council members are members of the Home Corporation.

The present members of the Board of Directors of the Home Corp are John Fox, President; David Mortenson, Vice-President; Michael Harrison, Treasurer; and David Zakrzewski, Secretary. The other members of the board are: Eric Phillips, Ed Kuza, Pat Curley, and John Sica. New members of the Board must be chosen at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation on January 5, 2004. The principal business of this meeting is an annual report to members and to choose new members of the Board. The terms of the following board members expire this year: Dave Mortenson, Dave Shumway, and Eric Phillips. The members of the Corporation (i.e., members of Bishop McNamara Council) must choose replacements. A nominating committee will present a list of names at the annual meeting of those who have expressed a willingness to serve as members of the Board. Board members may be chosen from this list or by nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. The newly chosen board must elect its officers at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors.

A good turnout at the annual meeting of the Home Corp will insure that the voice of the membership is heard by the Board of Directors.

LADIES AUXILIARY

We have completed 2003 and our first full year as the newly formed Bishop McNamara Council Ladies Auxiliary and I believe we have been very successful in our charitable efforts. We have once again helped clients of the Department of Aging to share in the joy of the season by donating toiletries and other small items that they need. Our Christmas Party raffle also donated \$115.00 for the purchase of other essential items the seniors needed and requested. Each client received the gift they had requested! We also collected baby items at the Christmas party which we donated to Birthright of Frederick. Due to frequent, but much needed, rain we had to give our Visitation Academy garden project a “lick and

a promise." So, our work is cut out for us in 2004 and we pray for another year to hopefully make a difference. Our next meeting will be on January 6, 2004 at 7 p.m. in the Library at St. John's Prospect Hall. If you have any questions or would like more information please feel free to call me

Dianna Tootill/President

WELCOME, GOODBYE & CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations – We want to congratulate and welcome Matthew Coccagna, Fred Eisenhart, John Fitzgerald, John McCarron, Francis (Kevin) Murphy and Chuck Pessagno. All took their First Degree on November 3, 2003 at St. Ignatius as part of a class of 15. We also want to congratulate and welcome Michael Collins who took his 1st Degree December 1st at SJPH. In addition, congratulations to Brothers Matt Coccagna and Chuck Pessagno who took their 2nd degree on December 11th and to Jesse Nolan who took his 3rd degree on December 12th.

ORDERING NAME TAGS - If any member wants a pocket nametag, your cost would be \$7.50 each. E-mail or call GK David Zakrzewski with your desired name spelling. We typically place an order after each 1st degree. Also, KofC pins are available from the Financial Secretary Jim Dowell.

COUNCIL STORE

Now's the time to display our Order and Council name proudly! Anyone interested in ordering jackets, hats, golf shirts or other K of C items with K of C and/or Bishop McNamara Council No. 1622 logo on them from the "Council Store" should contact Br. Dave Mortenson. As an FYI, the cost of items presently in stock is:

Jackets \$48.00
Golf Shirts \$25.00
Sweatshirts \$23.00
Hats \$10

PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

The Catholic Church is a Pro-Life Church

- All persons, not just Catholics, can know from the scientific and medical evidence that what grows in a mother's womb is a new, distinct human being. All persons can understand that each human being -- without discrimination -- merits respect. At the very least, respecting human life excludes the deliberate and direct destruction of life -- and that is exactly what abortion is.

Catholics are also pro-life because our Christian tradition is pro-life. As Pope John Paul II says, Christians believe that "all human life is sacred, for it is created in the image and likeness of God." Aborting an unborn child destroys a unique creation which God has called specially into existence.

Christian teaching also obliges us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, who spoke and acted strongly and compassionately in favor of the most despised and vulnerable persons in society. Jesus touched lepers, spoke with prostitutes, and showed special mercy and tenderness to the sick, the poor, and children. Our society today has many vulnerable persons --- including women in crisis pregnancies as well as unborn children whose lives may be legally ended at any time during pregnancy and for any reason. In the tradition of Jesus Christ, Catholics have a responsibility to speak and act in defense of these persons. This is part of our "preferential option" for the poor and powerless.

The Church's mission to defend human life applies over the entire course of life, from conception to natural death. And so the Catholic Church has been a strong supporter of the civil rights movement and a leader in international relief and development efforts. Catholic hospitals and other health-care facilities form the largest network of private, not-for-profit health care providers in the United States. Catholic Charities USA --- one of a number of Catholic charitable groups --- is currently the single largest provider of social services to all Americans, regardless of race, creed or national origin.

The Catholic Church strives to be a prophetic voice, speaking out to protest injustices and indignities against the human person. Catholics will continue in this work, whether our words are popular or unpopular.

Since its beginnings, Christianity has maintained a firm and clear teaching on the sacredness of

human life. Jesus Christ emphasized this in his teaching and ministry. Abortion was rejected in the earliest known Christian manual of discipline, the Didache.

Early Church fathers likewise condemned abortion as the killing of innocent human life. A third century Father of the Church, Tertullian, called it "accelerated homicide." Early Church councils considered it one of the most serious crimes. Even during periods when Aristotle's theory of "delayed ensoulment" led Church law to assign different penalties to earlier and later abortions, abortion at any stage was still considered a grave evil.

When biologists in the 19th century learned more about the process of conception, the Church altered its legal distinction between early and late abortions out of respect for reason and biology.

Since that time, science has only further confirmed the humanity of the child growing in the womb. Official Church teaching insists, to the present day, that a just society protects life before as well as after birth.

The reasons are not difficult to understand. One official Church document on the subject puts it this way: "The first right of the human person is his life . . . It does not belong to society, nor does it belong to public authority in any form to recognize this right for some and not for others; all discrimination is evil. . . Any discrimination based on the various stages of life is no more justified than any other discrimination. . . In reality, respect for human life is called for from the time that the process of generation begins. From the time that the ovum is fertilized, a life is begun which is neither that of the father nor of the mother; it is rather the life of a new human being with his own growth."

Declaration on Procured Abortion, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (1974), paragraphs 11-12.

Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
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March for Life 2004 - Join in the momentum of promoting a culture of life, plan to attend the 31st Annual *March for Life* in Washington, D.C. on January 22, 2004. The March will begin at noon with a rally on the grounds of the Washington

Monument, followed by the March to Capitol Hill and the U.S. Supreme Court Building. On January 21 there will be a vigil Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Attending the March and joining in prayer at one of the Masses are experiences that reinforce our beliefs. Hundred of thousands join to express their firm commitment to life.

January is the month in which we recall the impact of the Supreme Court's historical decision, *Roe v. Wade*. In this historical decision, unborn children lost the right to life. During these past 31 years, more than 43 million children in the United States were lost to "choice."

If you are planning to attend, share a ride, or would like more information, contact GK Dave Zakrzewski. Members of our council meet at the rally and carry our council banner during the March. Hope to see you there.

COUNCIL & ASSEMBLY PRAYERS

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Please keep in your prayers, all those of our Council family who may be either sick or in distress. Also, please keep in your prayers those young men and women serving our Country not only in Iraq and Afghanistan but also throughout the world, that they may come home safely to their families.

MD State 3rd DISTRICT

From Your District Deputy:

Congratulations to Bishop McNamara Council, St. Peter the Apostle Council and St. Michael's of Poplar Springs Council on their newest members. On Monday, December 1st at St. John's Prospect Hall in Frederick, Maryland five (5) new Candidates became members of the Knights of Columbus in the First Section.

In addition, congratulations to the following councils: Bishop McNamara, St. Michael's of Poplar Springs, and St. Ignatius of Loyola in obtaining 100% of their membership goal in the first six (6) months of the Columbian year. The remaining councils, Archbishop John Carroll, and St. Peter the Apostle are only 1 member each away from meeting their goals; and St. Peter the Apostle has already attained over 200% of their Insurance goal for the year. Congratulations to ALL!

A New Year, with New Beginnings; a time to examine your programs and your personal support of your council's programs. This allows you the opportunity to examine what you were able to complete in the first six months of this Columbian year, versus your planned or expected first six

months. Did you get everything completed that you planned to do? What can you do in these next very short six months to finish these programs and plans? Have you personally ask someone to join our beloved Order. You joined for a reason, ask someone you know today to join or Order. "Make it personal!!"

RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT!

Then get them involved with your Council activities –
RETENTION – RETENTION – RETENTION.

As each of you continue your work in our programs, within your councils, please keep our brother Knights and their families in your Prayers. Pray for their health and happiness that they may continue to work our programs in *Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth.*

Each time you help your Council participate in these programs, you help someone else less fortunate. Thank you all, for ALL you do!!

If there is a member of your Council who you haven't seen recently, pick up the phone, give him a call and find out if all is ok with him. In our busy lives, many times, someone, in need of help, goes un-noticed, just because we haven't seen them in a while, and figured all was well. Give that person a call and be certain all is ok.

I ask each and every Knight to continually re-new his pledge:
"In Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests".

Please Pray the Rosary!

And remember, **We are FIRST, CHARITY!**

Fraternally,
Gary R. Armbruster

Around the District and Around the State:

DEGREE Dates to Remember:

Monday, January 5, 2004 - 1st Degree hosted by St. Ignatius of Loyola Council – Ijamsville 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, January 13, 2004 - 2nd Degree hosted by District 3, held Bishop McNamara Council – St. Johns, Prospect Hall – Frederick 8:00 P.M.

Monday, February 2, 2004 - 1st Degree hosted by Bishop McNamara Council, Frederick 7:30 P.M.

Friday, April 16, 2004 - 3rd Degree Hosted by District # 3, Host Council: St. Ignatius of Loyola. Degree Begins at 7:30 P.M., Candidates MUST ARRIVE before 7:00 P.M.

For ALL Degree's please call or email the Grand Knight, hosting that Degree at least a few days ahead of time to and let him know you have candidates. *For 3rd Degrees, call or email the District Deputy. Please Copy me on ALL this correspondence.* And, please have your candidates at the Degree 30 Minutes prior to the Degree time.

Programs and dates to remember:

November 1st, 2003 **WAS** the FIRST Day to reserve a room at the Princess Royal for the State Convention in Ocean City May 14-16, 2004. This is an election year, so make your reservations early!!

January 3rd, 2004 Mid-Term Meeting, Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights are expected to attend. There is a planned ladies program for the wives.

Thursday, January 22, 2004 **MARCH FOR LIFE**, Washington, DC

May 14th–16th, 2004 – 106th Annual Maryland State Council Convention, Ocean City, MD. Grand Knight Olympics will kick off the convention on Friday afternoon.

The State trips support the States Scholarship Programs.

For information on State Trips call either me or Richard C. Bumsted, Past State Deputy.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter of Grand Knights

Serving Western Maryland Councils

Brothers; First, from myself and the other Chapter officers, we hope that you all had a safe and blessed holiday season? We begin the New Year with our first meeting to be held on January 24th at Archbishop John Carroll Council No. 11715. The meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church on Catholic Church Road in Petersville, MD. In addition to normal topics of interest to Councils, candidates for State Warden will be present. The evening will give you a good chance to meet the candidates prior to placing your vote at the annual convention in Ocean City, MD in May.

All upcoming Chapter meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month and begin at 8:00 PM. The remaining meeting schedule is:

January 27th Council 11715, Brunswick
 February 24th Council 1965, Emmitsburg
 March 23rd Council 11631, Taneytown
 April 27th Council 1442, Frostburg
 May 25th Council 12255, Walkersville
 June 22nd Council 11815, Urbana

In closing, the officers and wives of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter of Grand Knights would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year.

President Bob Jack, PGK, FDD, PFN.

COUNCIL & ASSEMBLY BIRTHDAYS:

Bishop McNamara Council and Assembly wish the following Brothers and Sir Knights celebrating a birthday during January through March a very happy birthday. For any of you that we might have missed, our apologies, we also wish you a happy birthday and ask that you contact GK Dave Zakrzewski so he can update your personal information.

Br. Joe Scherer	Jan.	4
SK Gregory Francisco	Jan.	5
SK John Keepers	Jan.	5
Br. Donald Berry	Jan.	6
Br. Daniel Esworthy	Jan.	9
Br. Anthony Traini	Jan.	9
SK James Zuccaro	Jan.	10
Br. Danny O'Connor	Jan.	11
Br. John Satterfield	Jan.	13
Br. Marvin Brown	Jan.	15
Br. Ernest Ohlhoff	Jan.	17
Br. Kenneth Poindexter	Jan.	17
Br. David Sabo	Jan.	18
Br. Danny Snow	Jan.	18
SK Fr. Leo Tittler	Jan.	18
Br. Tim Corbett	Jan.	22
Br. Eric Phillips	Jan.	22
Br. John Sica	Jan.	23
Br. James McSherry	Jan.	24
Br. Benjamin Fetting	Jan.	25
Rev. Charles Gillespie	Jan.	25
SK Richard Fairley	Jan.	27
SK Paul Haucke	Jan.	27
Br. Peter Cody	Jan.	28
Br. George Wenner, Jr.	Jan.	28
Br. Tom Jackson	Jan.	31
SK Walter Robinson III	Feb.	2
Br. George Heverly	Feb.	3
SK Stephen Gibson	Feb.	5
SK Gary Smothers	Feb.	5
SK Robert Morrow, Jr.	Feb.	6
SK Rev. Chris Haake	Feb.	8
SK David Richards	Feb.	9

SK Carl Leonard	Feb.	11
Br. James Kinsella	Feb.	12
SK Gerald Boncavage, III	Feb.	13
SK Jim Dowell	Feb.	14
Rev. Francis Valentino	Feb.	16
SK Lumen Norris	Feb.	17
Br. David Wilson	Feb.	17
Br. Jeffery Balistrere	Feb.	21
SK Ed Golobic	Feb.	22
Br. Joe Fitzgibbon, III	Feb.	23
SK Eugene Rosensteel	Feb.	23
SK Ralph Snyder	Feb.	23
Br. Ernie Musser, Jr.	Feb.	24
SK George Broski	Feb.	24
SK Patrick Sullivan, Jr.	Feb.	24
SK David Oldham	Feb.	25
Br. Edward Kuzas	Feb.	27
Br. Phillip Martino	Feb.	28
Br. Joseph Poye	March	1
Br. Merle Foley	March	4
Br. Bob Tansey	March	5
Rev. Paul Coakley	March	6
Br. William Ehrig	March	8
SK Philip Lemieux	March	10
Br. Bill Wilt	March	11
Br. Donnan Faecke	March	11
SK Timothy Kueberth	March	12
SK Rev. Carl Fives	March	14
Br. Arthur Tavares	March	16
Br. Mike Czarnecki	March	17
SK John Cyr	March	17
SK William Fantone, Jr.	March	19
SK Michael Dawson	March	19
SK G. Dwyer, Jr.	March	20
SK Lee Hornick	March	21
SK Rev. Gerald Myers	March	21
SK Michael Nicolai	March	21
SK Robert Jack	March	22
SK Robert Perley	March	23
Br. Dan Mantine	March	27
SK Rev. Douglas Hermanson	March	28
SK Robert Hardey	March	29
SK Rev. Lawrence Gesy	March	29
Br. Paul Frye	March	30
SK Wayne Landry, Jr.	March	30
SK Francis Lang, Jr.	March	30

THE SUPREME COUNCILS CORNER:

A Michelangelo Masterpiece Comes to the Knights of Columbus Museum

"Creating St. Peter's - Architectural Treasures of the Vatican"

The original 1560 study model for Michelangelo's design of the dome of St. Peter's is among more than 100 Vatican

treasures being featured at the Knights of Columbus Museum from Dec. 10 through Aug. 31, 2004. The exhibit includes priceless works of art and architecture never before seen in the United States.

Leadership Theme of 2003 College Conference 12/15 - 1/15/2003 New Haven CT - Nearly 125 college-age Knights from nearly 50 Catholic and public universities throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico attended the 2003 College Council Conference in New Haven, Nov. 14-15. The theme of the 2003 meeting was "Building Leaders--One Virtue at a Time." Retired U.S. Army Col. Larry R. Donnithorne was the keynote speaker. A former instructor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and author of *The West Point Way of Leadership*, Donnithorne urged the college Knights to practice leadership. "Be people of influence," he said. "Exercise your influence for good wherever God may take you. That is the meaning of leadership."

Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services also attended the meeting and preached the homily at the conference

Mass at St. Mary's Church, birthplace of the Knights of Columbus. Archbishop O'Brien told the Knights to keep Christ near to them daily. "Christ is asking us what our priorities are. He is asking us every day to fulfill our potential by living and preaching the Gospel," he said.

Fort Hays State University Council 10211 in Hays, Kan., earned the Outstanding College Council Award for a variety of volunteer charitable programs, including distributing rosaries and performing household chores at no cost for senior citizens in need.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson told the Knights that membership in the Order was a great way for them to make a mark not only their campus but on the Church and society as well. "By being a Knight you can make a difference in the Church and community. You can make a profound mark."

Pope Appoints Knights of Columbus Head to Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

11/24/2003

New Haven, CT — The Vatican announced Nov. 24 that Pope John Paul II has named Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson as a consultant to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. Anderson is the only American among ten new appointments to the pontifical council and will serve a five-year term.

"It is an honor to represent the nearly 1.7 million members of the Knights of Columbus on the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. This appointment acknowledges the Order's efforts to work together with all people of good will to build a global culture of peace," said Anderson, who also serves on

the Pontifical Council for the Laity and the Pontifical Council for the Family.

Instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1967, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace promotes the Church's social teaching and Gospel message on peace and justice issues throughout the world. Among its many programs is the celebration of the World Day of Peace, held annually on January 1. The council also studies current trends in such areas as disarmament and the arms trade, human rights and the role of Catholics in the political arena.

"Pope John Paul II has stressed that the dignity of the human person must be the foundation of the Church's social teaching. Promoting this will continue to be central to the work of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace," said Anderson. "The Knights of Columbus and the Church in America will benefit from my service on this council as I seek to find greater applications for its teachings in the charitable and benevolent work of the Knights and the Church."

The Knights' commitment to furthering the Church's social teaching can be found at the grassroots level, where members in more than 13,000 local units annually raise and contribute \$128 million to charity and volunteer 60 million hours of service. Earlier this year, the Knights of Columbus provided 2,000 wheelchairs to landmine victims and other people with disabilities in Afghanistan. In 2002 the Knights of Columbus established the \$2 million *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth) Fund. Annual earnings from the fund are given to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem for peace initiatives in the Holy Land and to support the Christian community there. In 2001 the Knights received the Champion of Peace Award from the Path to Peace Foundation, an adjunct of the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations.

Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild

Father McGivney's Charity Balanced the Human and the Divine by Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, OP, Guild Director

To habitually anticipate the needs of others is a sign of true Christian charity. To spend one's life alleviating the sufferings of others and bringing joy to one's neighbor witnesses to the reality of Christ's love in one's mind and heart. This is the pattern of service and ministry we discover in Father McGivney as we plot the events of his daily life.

Father McGivney seems never to have failed in his interest and concern for others, even at the expense of his own health and well being. We can only rejoice in the example he provides: united to Christ in the Mass, prayer and sacrifice yet never removed from the realities of life which so preoccupied the members of his flock.

There was in Father McGivney a balance between the human and divine. His ability to mourn with those in sorrow and rejoice with those in need of joy and encouragement typified his priestly disposition. Every one of us, cleric or lay, married or single, need to achieve such a balance, an integration, in our own lives.

God hears our prayers for help and he listens to the powerful intercession of his friends, the saints. Let us learn to invoke the intercession of his holy, humble and very human parish priest for our conversion and growth in the spiritual life.

All Brother Knights are constantly reminded that Charity is the first principle of our order. And, as such we should be mindful of what Father McGivney means to us as our Founder and for all of the good work he accomplished for the Church and poor over a century ago.

Registration is free – you can pick up a registration form at any Council Meeting, clip the coupon from a recent issue of the Columbia magazine or register on line at
<http://www.kofc.org/founder/guild/register.cfm>

Father McGivney Guild Chairman
(*TBD; Please contact GK Zakrzewski if interested*)

FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY NEWS BISHOP MCNAMARA ASSEMBLY No. 384

Faithful Navigator – William Kinsella Sr. PGK

Faithful Navigator's Compass Points – We are half way through the Assembly year. Boy, how times flies when you're having fun. Seriously, I think we have had a very busy six months. Hopefully we will be very active in the remainder of the year.

Our Color Corps has been very busy with several appearances throughout the area with the most noteworthy events being the Annual Memorial Mass and the installation of Deacon Tex as the caretaker of St. Mary's in Petersville. As a point of order, our Faithful Master has notified me that Color Corps members should refrain from wearing 911 medallions while in regalia.

On December 3rd, over forty members and wives of Bishop McNamara Assembly met at the Acacia Restaurant in Frederick, MD for a Holiday Social. Member brought gift donations for the "Marine Toys for Tots" and "Birth Right of Frederick County. In addition to enjoying the excellent food, the evening allowed us to enjoy each others company. In addition to the items collected, SK Dave Richards donated a White House Ornament to raffle for Birth Right which netted \$84.00. Many thanks to all who attended what is hoped to be

the beginning of an annual tradition. A special thanks to FN Bill Kinsella for suggesting the event and to SK Joel Tootill for organizing the evening.

Your bill for the annual dues will be mailed in a week or two. Included will be a request for RSVP to help support our seminarians and the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. Your response to these requests are very important. Seminarians need our financial support and your activity helps us enjoy our tax exempt status.

Everyone should be talking to members of their Council about becoming members of the Fourth Degree. We have made presentations to all our Councils except one for which we are waiting for a confirmation of dates. If anyone has any questions please contact me.

It is time to start thinking about the exemplification to be held on April 24th in Hagerstown at the Clarion Hotel. We only will be allotted eight rooms at the motel including the hospitality room. Faithful Admiral Greg Loss is handling reservations for the rooms and the banquet on Saturday night. The banquet will cost \$33 per person. Greg can be contacted.

Finally, Peg and I want to wish each of you and your families a happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,
William Kinsella, Sr. PGK, FN

Upcoming Assembly Events:

FOOD FOR THOUGHT ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A short lesson on the time value of money:

The supplicant says to God, "I'll bet a thousand years is just like a moment to you."

God replies, "Yes, that's right."

The supplicant says, "God, I'll bet a million dollars is just like a penny to you."

God replies again, "Yes, that's so."

The supplicant asks, "Would you give me a million dollars?"

God: "Yes, and it'll take just a moment."

INSURANCE ADVISORS CORNER

JANUARY: Seven Resolutions for the New Year

Schedule a visit with your Knights of Columbus field agent. First things first: Life insurance can protect your family if something should happen to you. Before you do anything else, be sure that your family will be protected – come what may. As your field agent, I can provide you with a no-obligation family needs analysis. Just give me a call!!

Don't spend more than you earn. We all expect our government to balance the budget, but what about our own personal finances? Living within your means is actually more important than earning a big income to gaining a sense of security and personal satisfaction.

Save more by avoiding unnecessary expenditures. Unless you achieve self-discipline, you'll never be able to save for the future. If it's a mystery just where your money goes, try saving the receipts for every purchase you make during a month.

Take advantage of all savings options available to you. Everybody likes ways to cut taxes – and you probably have one or more savings options that can cut your taxes for you. (P.S. Ask your Knights of Columbus agent about tax-deferred annuities, IRAs and Roth IRAs.)

Adopt a long-term perspective. Beware of get-rich-quick schemes – few of them work for ordinary people. Instead, patience is the more productive approach – and it requires less of your daily energy as well. A long-term outlook is even more crucial if your financial goals (higher education for children, retirement) are well in the future.

Trim down your high interest debt as fast as possible. Would you have bought that \$1,000 big-screen TV if the price were \$1,180? That's what you'd pay if you added the 18% annual interest typically charged by a store credit card. Even if you're loath to tap your savings account, you'll come out ahead by using it to liquidate a high-interest debt that's been hanging around for months ... if not years.

Be prepared for unexpected expenditures. When these occur, it certainly helps to have some money in reserve. Some examples might include a tax bill, vehicle repairs or purchases, moving costs, unanticipated home repairs – maybe even a discretionary purchase, such as a big-screen television.

FEBRUARY: Beneficiaries ... Who Do You Love?

It will soon be Valentine's Day. Do you know who the beneficiary is on your life insurance policy? It would be a

wise idea to find out – and update your beneficiary if necessary. As your K of C agent, I can help you do that.

Why is this important? A life insurance policy protects the financial status of another person – or people – in the event of your death. Through a beneficiary designation, you determine just who that should be.

When you purchase a K of C insurance policy, you must select a primary beneficiary – at a minimum. You don't have to name a contingent beneficiary – also known as a "secondary beneficiary." However, it's always a wise move because you might outlive your primary beneficiary.

A contingent beneficiary is the person designated to receive life insurance policy proceeds if the primary beneficiary should die before the person whose life is insured.

Experts suggest that you should name a specific person as your beneficiary, instead of being paid to your estate. Moreover, you need to be as specific as possible in wording your beneficiary designation. By name your wife, daughter, son, etc. as beneficiary, you make sure that the life insurance proceeds will be available in a timely manner to them.

Your life situation will undoubtedly change over time. Plan to update your declared beneficiaries periodically. Otherwise, the K of C will have no way of knowing what your intentions are at each stage of your life.

Changing your beneficiary is fairly simple. You just need to fill out a change of beneficiary form (#113A) for each policy you want to change. I can provide you with these forms -- and help you to fill them out. I can also help you with beneficiary designations for any life insurance policy you hold – regardless of the company that issued it.

Norman "Chuck" Teal, FIC

Advertising Space Available

Brothers, Advertisers are needed to defray the cost of publishing this newsletter.

RATES: Business Card (3.5" w x 2" h): \$15 per issue, \$40 for 3 issues. Qtr page (3.5" w x 5" h): \$30 per issue, \$80 for 3 issues. 1/2 page (7.5" w x 5" h): \$55 per issue, \$150 for 3 issues. Whole page (7.5" w x 20" h): \$100 per issue, \$275 for 3. Call Joel Tootill. Deadline for May/June issue is Tuesday, April 15th.

"HELP WANTED"

Retired Ladies and Gentlemen of St. John the Evangelist Church. "The Arimatheans", which is a small group of older retired members of St. John's who act as Acolytes, Cross Bearers or anything else required in support of

funerals liturgies held at St. John's. If you have 3-4 hours a month to help with this special need at St. John's please contact either Ann Kelleher or Patrick Alyward for further details.

Newsletter Editor for 2003/2004 Fraternal Year. Position filled. Br. Thomas Herrity has accepted the task. Thanks to all applicants for your interest. Brother Herrity will be stepping to the plate with the next issue of the newsletter.

Financial Secretary In Training. STILL IN NEED of a Financial Secretary (FS) replacement. This is a very important position within the Council and the only one in the Knights of Columbus that is a paid position. The FS receives a "small" salary for his efforts based on the number of members. The applicant for this position will in training during the 2003/2004 Fraternal Year under SK James Dowell. An understanding of the MS Office suite of software (Word and Excel in particular) applications is desired. Please contact either Jim Dowell or Dave Zakrzewski/DGK if interested.

The Bishop McNamara Assembly No. 384 Color Corps seeking new members. The Assembly is seeking new Color Corp members. Also, in order to help defray costs, if any SK's with regalia no longer use theirs, would you be willing to donate or sell some of it to a current brother Sir Knight? Currently we have a white chapeaux size 7 1/8 and a red cape with a size 16 neck for someone 5 ft 8 in or so. If you want to join the Corp or can help with regalia items or are interested in obtaining your regalia, please contact Bill Kinsella.



Category I Winner
Alicia (redacted)
Grade 2
St. Thomas Moore Academy



Category II Winner
Florence (redacted)
Grade 4
Visitation Academy



The 2003 Contest Judging Team
Members At Work



2003 KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST