

November/December 2003
Knights of Columbus

Bishop McNamara Council # 1622

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YOUR 2003/2004 FRATERNAL YEAR

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain – Father Leo Tittler
 Grand Knight - David Zakrzewski
 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
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 Trustee 2 years - Michael Harrison
 Trustee 1 year - Bill Kinsella Sr.

***CARRY A FORM 100 WITH YOU AT ALL
 TIMES AND BE READY TO RECRUIT YOUR
 NEW BROTHER KNIGHT
 AND
 THE FUTURE OF THE ORDER!***

K of C Calendar ***(See <http://calendar.valhoo.com/vc/public/kc1622>)***

October(*)

1 B.McNamara 4th Deg. Assy Mtg, 8:00 P.M.-SJPH
 3 Leukemia Walk-Volunteers Needed!
 4&5 Car Raffle at St. John's Church
 6 Cncl Social Mtg, SJPH, 7:30pm & Deadline to Turn In Car Raffle Tickets
 7 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, SJPH Library, 7:00 P.M.
 11 Columbus Day Ball
 12 Columbus Day Parade, Inner Harbor, Balt. (Lets have a BIG Turnout this year!! Wear our colors proud!)
 18 Financial Secretary and Tax Seminar; Seton
 18&19 Council Recruitment Drive; All Masses
 20 Cncl Business Mtg, SJPH 7:30pm
 25 SHARE
 26 Daylight Savings Time, Remember to get to Church on time!
 28 SETON Chapter of GK's Mtg., 8:00 P.M.
 31 All Souls Day & Halloween; Drive safely and watch for little goblins

November

1 All Saint's Day-Holy Day of Obligation
 3 Cncl Social Mtg, SJPH, 7:30pm
 4 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, SJPH Library, 7:00 P.M.
 5 B.McNamara 4th Deg. Assy Mtg, 8:00 P.M.-SJPH
 14 Joint K of C & Catholic Daughters Memorial Mass
 16 MD State Memorial Mass
 17 Cncl Business Mtg, SJPH 7:30pm
 22 SHARE
 25 SETON Chapter of GK's Mtg., 8:00 P.M.

December

(*) Looking ahead. Mark your calendars, August and September are the Annual Car Raffle months to benefit the State Scholarship Fund and October is Tootsie Roll Drive month to benefit the ARC of Frederick County

***Note: 1. Council 1622-Every Saturday Evening - 2 men needed for Bingo
 2. Ladies Auxiliary is on summer break and will reconvene September 2nd with their first meeting of the Fraternal Year beginning at 7:30 at SJPH.***

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 Zakrzwski (redacted)
Field Insurance Agent
Chuck Teal (redacted)
Membership/Recruitment Chairman
Bill Kinsella (redacted)
Newsletter Editor
Joel Tootill (redacted) (*)

(*) With the next issue, Br. Allen Byrne's will be taking over as editor. Details to follow on article submission.

Grand Knight's Report November-December 2003

I would like to congratulate the members of this council for the accomplishments of the last two months.

September started with our Family Picnic. Once again Br. Bernie Litchfield and his wife Debbie did an outstanding job of getting things ready. Because picnic went so well with the weather and attendance, our Family Activities Director, Br. John Satterfield has already booked the same weekend next year.

The incentive car raffle was a great success. My sincere thanks go out to all the members that sold tickets after masses and the Great Frederick Fair. We were able to raise over \$4,300 of which 60% stays in our council. The weather didn't cooperate with us at the fair, so the total was down slightly from last year. We were still in the top 10 sellers in the state. Great Job!

I have received a lot of feedback from our work at St. John's Ministry Fair. The event was a huge success. Fr. Wayne would like to convey his gratitude to our Council for all the work that was down in setting up and dismantling the fair. Overall, for all Ministries, St. John's acquired 210 new volunteers. Our efforts certainly helped bring this about. Our recruiting at the Fair was also a success with fifteen (15) prospective candidates. Through the Fair, we were able to get the word out about what our order is all about. Several of the men that spoke to us have already taken their 1st degree.

Our SHARE (Self Help And Resource Exchange) program continues to be strong. Br. Jim Dowell and his team quietly work a Saturday morning every month. This is one of the ways that we as Knights can show our support for the local community. Please contact Jim to find out how you can help.

Thanks for all the hard work. It doesn't go unnoticed. In a recent audience with the Pope, members of the Knights of Columbus received great praise and thanks. The Holy Father said, "On this occasion I wish to express once more my deep gratitude for the unfailing support which your order has given to the Church's mission, it is seen in the daily prayers, sacrifices and apostolic works of so many Knights in their local Councils, their parishes and their communities"

At our Memorial mass this month, we will recognize the deceased brothers and those of family and friends that have passed away. This year we suffered the loss of one of our beloved members. In late September, SK Robert Weedon passed away. Bob served as Grand Knight of our Council for three terms and was a "fixture" at the old council home. Our prayers continue to go out to his wife Rebecca his family.

Please join me in welcoming our newest members, Peter Cove, John Roche, and Bill Todd, who have recently taken their 1st degree. Also welcome those members that have transferred to our council, Nick Gabriel, Ted Varson, and Bill Wierzbicky. It's great to have you.

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

Fraternally,
David Zakrzwski
Grand Knight

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

CHAPLAIN/FAITHFUL FRIAR REPORT

Dear Brother Knights;

This week we are experiencing some important news for the Catholic world, the 25th Anniversary of the election of Pope John Paul II as the Vicar of Christ for the Church. He truly has been an inspiration for the world and has reached out to our brothers and sisters in the world to spread the word that God loves them and welcomes all into His open arms. His 25 years of service inspires us, the faithful, to fuller service as laborers in the Lord's harvest. Let us continue to ask the Lord to give the Holy Father support, strength and peace during his. As Brother Knights let us renew our call to be his arm in this era of the Church.

Second and very close to the Holy Father is the Beatification of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She who encourages us to do something beautiful for God. She who reached out to women and children from the streets and cleaned them and brought them dignity as the people of God.

Thirdly, the Holy Father will elevate 31 new Cardinals in Rome. The Pope opens the College of Cardinals to the Third World. I think of the 130 Cardinals in the College and Pope John Paul II has appointed all of them but 5 or 6.

Let us renew our dedication to God and the Church through prayer and I want to thank you all for your faithfulness and support to the Church of Christ and the World!

Finally, I want to congratulate Pope John Paul II and I ask that you remember me in your prayers. God bless and keep you I and your families safe!

Fraternally yours,

Fr. Leo R. Tittler, Chaplain/Faithful Friar

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES & NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

COUNCIL 1622 FAMILY PICNIC - This years annual Council Family picnic was held on September 6th at Fort Detrick. Many thanks go out to Br. Bernie Litchfield Jr., his family, and friends for once again organizing this event. Our thanks also to Br. John Satterfield for reserving the picnic area at Ft. Detrick. John says our reservations for next years event are already made. This years event was a resounding success with at least sixty (60) brother Knights and their families in attendance. Hamburgers, hotdogs, soda, beer, chips with all the condiments, and numerous wonderful dishes provided by Council members were there to enjoy as well as some most excellent tuna steaks provided by Br. Bernie. The picnic pavilions and excellent children's play ground overlooking a small pond along with horseshoes and other events added to the enjoyment of the day.

Remember, this is always a "family" picnic, which includes your immediate family as well as mom, dad, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, etc. Hope to see a big turnout again next year so keep your eyes open in future newsletters for details.

ANNUAL INCENTIVE CAR RAFFLE – Once again, our annual incentive car raffle has come and gone. Many thanks to all those who responded to the raffle mailing and a special thanks to those Knights who also came out to assist in selling the tickets at the various Masses held at St. John's and St. Katharine Drexel and at the Frederick County Fair. We should also thank those members of the community who showed their support for the Knights by purchasing the tickets. This years raffle sold 4373 tickets with \$ 2624 going into the Council. Bishop McNamara Council once again placed in the top 10 in the State at 7th place. Well done to all!

KNIGHTS SUPPORT MINISTRY FAIR – On September 27/28, the members of the Council assisted the St. John's Parish Community during their annual Ministry Fair. Members helped set up and take down for the fair in addition to manning the coffee and donut table and various Ministry tables. We ourselves had a table for providing details on the Knights and our various activities and gave prospective candidates the opportunity to sign. During the fair, we obtained fifteen prospective new members. We were happy to be joined at our recruitment table this year by our newly established Ladies Auxiliary who provided information on their organization. The ladies also had three (3) possible candidates sign up. The fair this year, with its various activities for the children and adults saw over 250 people sign up for the various Ministries offered and appeared to be the most successful ever. WELL DONE to all!

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS - On Friday, November 14, 2003, we will one again hold our joint Knights of Columbus/Catholic Daughters Memorial Mass and Pot-luck Dinner. Details are as follows:

Mass Location: St. John the Evangelist Church, Frederick, MD.

6:00-6:30pm - Assemble in Church.

6:30pm - Ceremony for recently deceased Daughters and Knights.

6:45pm - Memorial Mass.

7:30pm - Dinner in St. John Regional School gym, next to church.

Potluck food items can be dropped off in school kitchen (in basement) after 6pm. Drinks and accessories will be provided.

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 are participating. This major social and fraternal event is open to ALL family members and friends of Daughters and Knights. Please send the names of family or friends to be remembered during the Mass to Dave Satterfield, (redacted) , by October 31 for inclusion in program booklet. Please put this event on your calendar and join us.

Vivat Jesus, Dave Satterfield

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY – On Monday December 15, 2003 from 7 pm-10pm. Dave and Cindy Satterfield will once again open their home to host the Council's Annual Christmas Party. Details are as follows:

Location: (redacted).

Bring your voice, we'll be singing Christmas carols. Please bring a covered dish of either a meat dish, fruit salad, vegetable dish, or desert. Elves are needed to manage party tasks, including 1) refilling punch bowl, 2) door greeter and coat minder, 3) dining room food board, 4) living room food board, 5) food tray host/hostess. Contact Cindy to volunteer or to let her know what you are bringing. Also, please bring infant supplies gift for Birthright of Frederick as part of our Right to Life commitment. Any questions, Contact Dave or Cindy at (redacted) .

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 has not yet been determined. Further details can be obtained from Jeff Balistrere at (redacted).

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST - To help foster the true meaning of Christmas, the Knights of Columbus is once again sponsoring the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. The contest is open to all public and parochial schools, religious education programs and home-schooled students. Keep your eyes open for further announcements on the Council website. For more information, contact Mr. Julius Pellegrino at (301) 865-0374.

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 at (redacted). See bingo worker's webpage at <http://www.fred.net/satterf/kc1622/bingo.htm>.

UPCOMING DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

Please see below for future Degree dates and upcoming Membership/Recruitment Drives for Council 1622 Contact

Membership Director, Bill Kinsella, PGK, FN (redacted) for more information.

<i>Upcoming Degree Dates</i>			
<i>December 1, 2003</i>	7:30 PM	SJPH - Library	1st Degree
<i>January 13, 2004</i>	8:00 PM	SJPH - Gym	2nd Degree
<i>February 2, 2004</i>	7:30 PM	SJPH - Library	1st Degree
<i>April 5, 2004</i>	7:30 PM	SJPH - Library	1st Degree
<i>April 20, 2004</i>	8:00 PM	SJPH - Gym	2nd Degree
<i>June 7, 2004</i>	7:30 PM	SJPH - Library	1st Degree
<i>Upcoming Membership/ Recruitment Drives</i>			
<i>March 27, 2004</i>	All Masses	St. John's/ St. Katharine Drexel	
<i>March 28, 2004</i>	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 Zakrzwski

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 2002 – 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 2002– 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”

MEMBERSHIP

The Grand Knight and Financial Secretary are concerned that several members still have not paid their current dues. As a reminder to the membership, if a member ever experiences financial hardship or personal problems that prohibit him from paying his dues, don't hesitate to contact the FS or GK for assistance in working through this period. The GK has the discretion to waive dues under certain extenuating circumstances. However, if a member feels he can just withdraw from the order by not paying his dues, that creates a problem. Most members are unaware of what goes on behind the scenes. For instance:

- Supreme Council has specified the procedures we as a Council must follow before a member can be suspended for non-payment of dues. The Council must continue to pay the State and Supreme Councils a per capita amount until such time as the member either pays his dues or is suspended. (This situation drains Council resources from other Charitable works.)
- The procedures for suspension include, in addition to

sending out the courtesy reminder notice, a second notice followed by a “Knight Alert” letter followed by a Form 1845 (Notice of Intent to Suspend). Personal contact must be made by the GK, FS or a Trustee of the Council before the State or Supreme will allow a suspension.

- Upon receipt of the Form 1845, the District Deputy, State Deputy and the Supreme Knights Office will call the member.

As you can see, a lot is involved in leaving the Knights. When you were approached to join the Knights, something appealed to you that caused you to make the decision to fill out that Form 100 and take your first step to Knighthood, the 1st Degree. If something has caused you to have second thoughts, please contact either the GK or the member who brought you to the Order and express your concerns. We want you to stay with us as a Brother Knight. However, if you are resigned to leaving the Knights, consider giving yourself time to reconsider by applying for a “withdrawal card” which will allow you to join any Council at anytime in the future with no penalty or back dues.

SHARE– The “Self Help and Resource Exchange (SHARE)” of the Washington Capital Area celebrated 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.

ANNUAL HOME CORP MEETING AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS JANUARY 6, 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 6, 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 begun a new year and we are pleased to welcome our newest members, Kristin Gilbody, Michele Cove, Penny Sica and Jeanne Mulcahy. We held our first meeting on October 7th and discussed some of our goals for this year. We will once again offer support to the Frederick County Department of Aging by collecting toiletries and other useful items to be distributed to those senior citizens with no means of support in December. We will also sell delicious desserts at the Lenten Fish Fry's to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

On October 18, several of us worked on the gardens at the Visitation Academy. Many thanks to the ladies who came out with shovels and ready to go!

Our next meeting will be on November 4, 2003 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 at (redacted).

Dianna Tootill/President

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

LETS MAKE IT HAPPEN THIS FRATERNAL YEAR!! WHAT? The "Bishop McNamara Council's Columbian Squires Circle". The Circle was approved for reinstatement last Fraternal Year and it is understood that several young men are interested. What is the Columbian Squires?? They are the youth arm of the Knights of Columbus. The Squires were founded by Brother Barnabas McDonald of the Christian Brothers in 1925 in the United States. The first Canadian Circle was established in 1926. The Columbian Squires develop young men as Catholic leaders and to provide learning and social programs. The squires are encouraged to participate in family, church and community service activities just like the Knights.

Presently there are over 4,500 circles with a membership of over 300,000 young Catholic men. The circles are operated by the young men under the direction of the Knights of Columbus. Although, our Circle will operate as the Bishop McNamara Council Squires Circle, it is open to any young men from Districts 3 or 25 if they choose. Knights are required by each Council that participates, to work as counselors for the young men. Activities for the squires include monthly meetings, field trips, sports activities and educational opportunities in service work and community participation.

What are needed now are young men to become members. Please contact Squires Counselors Wayne Young (redacted).or Mark Waller (redacted) for further information. Although we weren't able to officially establish the Squires Circle during this past Fraternal Year, Brothers Mark and Wayne are ready to give it the old "full court press" during the 2003/2004 Fraternal Year.

WELCOME, GOODBYE & CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations – Congratulations and welcome to Bill Todd and Peter Cove who took their first degree last Monday at St. John's Prospect Hall.

Goodbye to Rev. Paul Iaia, Tom George, and Michael Pasquarette who have transferred to Councils out of the area.

Welcome to our newest members Peter Cove and wife Michele, Bill Tod and wife Janet and John Roche. Also, a big welcome to our newest transfer members Nick Gabriel and wife Pat, Theodore (Ted) Varson, and William (Bill) Wierzbicki

ORDERING NAME TAGS - If any member wants a pocket nametag, your cost would be \$7.50 each. E-mail or call GK David Zakrzewski at (redacted) 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

The Council Store is up and running and our third shipment should be received shortly. 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 should contact Br. Dave Mortenson at (redacted). 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 case of Laci and Conner Peterson continues to spark intense debate in advance of Congress considering legislation to allow criminals to be prosecuted for killing or injuring an unborn child following an assault on a mother during the commission of a federal crime. Pro-life laws similar to the federal bill already are on the books in more than half the states, and pro-life groups are working to protect women in the others with newly proposed bills. In Washington, President Bush has pledged to sign the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, which sponsors have nicknamed "Laci and Conner's Law" in honor of Laci Peterson and her unborn son. Laci's husband, Scott Peterson, has been charged with double murder by prosecutors in California, which has an unborn victims law. The case has prompted a verbal battle between pro-life groups and abortion advocates who oppose such laws protecting pregnant women and their children. "In the Peterson case, I've heard no one go on radio or TV and say there shouldn't be an indictment for the death of that child," said pro-life Sen. Mike DeWine (R-OH), the act's chief Senate sponsor. "The fact is there are two victims -- it's fiction to say there aren't." Pro-abortion groups oppose the bill because they are alarmed that Congress might, for the first time, recognize an unborn child as a person from the moment of conception -- as the bill does.

"This is one of their strategies -- to ascribe legal rights to the fetus separate from the woman," said Kate Michelman, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America. "Their intent is to do whatever they can to contribute to the ultimate goal of overturning Roe v. Wade and taking away a woman's right to control her reproductive life." The latest version of the bill has been endorsed by Laci Peterson's parents and siblings. In a letter to sponsors this month, they said the measure "is very close to our hearts." Critics of the bill are upset that its sponsors so readily embraced the link to the high-profile murder case. Renaming the bill for Laci and Conner "is shameless exploitation of a horrific tragedy," Michelman said. "It sickens me." To help promote the bill, the National Right to Life Committee has launched a new ad campaign revolving around a similar case. In addition to citing the Laci and Conner Peterson murders, the National Right to Life Committee's ad campaign uses the photo of a mother at a funeral cradling the dead body of her son who had died in the womb when the mother was beaten. According to the mother in the photo, Tracy Marciniak, law enforcement authorities in Milwaukee, Wis., told her, "Nobody died in the attack." Marciniak's testimony is included in the print ad, which began running May 14. "When I was hospitalized and grieving for my dead baby, law enforcement authorities told my family that they could charge the man who attacked only with assault," Marciniak stated in the ad. "I was devastated." Marciniak's husband attacked her in Milwaukee in 1992, when her son, Zachariah, was four days away from his birth due date. The husband, Glendale Black, was convicted of beating his wife, but there was no law to punish him for the death of his unborn

son.

In 1998, Wisconsin lawmakers approved legislation treating such instances as two crimes - not one. The bill is similar to the Unborn Victims of Violence Act proposed in Congress.

"Thank God California has such a law," Marciniak said. "That's why prosecutors were able to file a double homicide charge in the brutal murders of Laci Peterson and her unborn son, Conner. They didn't have to tell surviving family members that legally, Conner had never lived and never died."

From the other coast, the New York State Catholic Conference commends the State Senate for passing the Unborn Victims of Violence Act (S.403), and now calls on Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver to put aside the politics of abortion and allow a floor vote in his This legislation states that when an unborn child is killed or injured during the commission of a violent crime against the child's mother, then the assailant can be charged for crimes against the mother and the child. Currently in New York law, under such a scenario, the assailant can only be charged with the attack on the mother.

The need for such legislation was made tragically clear with the recent murder of Laci Peterson and her unborn son, Conner. After police arrested her husband, Scott Peterson, prosecutors were able to bring two murder counts against him because California has an Unborn Victims of Violence law. Had this crime occurred in New York State, only a single murder count could be filed.

"Studies reveal that women are at a higher risk of domestic violence when they are pregnant. By passing this legislation, the Senate is attempting to correct a serious injustice in our criminal justice system," said Kathleen Gallagher, director of pro-life activities.

"When a woman who has chosen to bring her baby to term has that choice seized from her by an outside aggressor, then justice must be served. In such cases, there are clearly two victims - the mother and the unborn child. We applaud the prime sponsor of the bill, Senator Serphin Maltese (R-Queens), for his determination in pursuing this legislation, as well as Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno for his leadership in bringing the bill to the floor."

"The opposition of abortion rights advocates to this legislation is inexplicable and contrary to the position of the overwhelming majority of the nation. This law would not affect abortion policies at all. In fact, it specifically excludes legal abortions. We call on the Assembly to stand with the majority of Americans and pass this bill. By doing so, they will honor the memory of Laci and Conner Peterson, as well as all women and their babies who have been the victims of violence."

As Knights, we need to contact our state legislators and encourage them to enact like legislation here in the State of Maryland. It will be a difficult uphill battle as we, the State of Maryland, are one of the leading states that has chosen to murder the defenseless little children.

Submitted by: Greg Loss, PGK, PFN, PDD

COUNCIL & ASSEMBLY PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for the continued good health of our Worthy Council Chaplain and Assembly Friar, *Father Leo Tittler*.

Please keep *Father Wayne Funk*, Pastor St. John's Church, in your prayers. Father Wayne has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is presently undergoing treatment.

Please pray for SK Michael Perich, a member of Bishop McNamara Assembly No. 384 who passed away October 11. Michael joined the Knights of Columbus in 1987, transferred from Bishop McNamara Council No. 1622 of Frederick to Our Lady of the Valley Council No. 11703 of Middletown in 1996. Your prayers are requested for Br. Michael and his family.

Please pray for Lou "Bud" Foss's sister Lorraine Trotter of Langhorne PA. Lorraine was notified on October 13th that she has a brain tumor and requires more testing to determine the severity. Lorraine's husband Jim is a Knight in his local council in PA.

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:

For more information on State Trips call either me or Richard C. Bumsted, Past State Deputy at (redacted). Or visit the State Web site at: <http://www.kofc-md.org/pages/tours/mdtours.htm>

Congratulations to Bishop McNamara Council, St. Michael's of Poplar Springs Council, Archbishop John Carroll and St. Peter the Apostle Council on their newest members. On Monday, October 6th at St. John's Prospect Hall in Frederick, Maryland (5) Five new Candidates became members of the Knights of Columbus in the First Section. This means every council in district 3 as of October has been active in recruiting at least one new member into the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations to the Grand Knights and their membership teams!! **That is just OUTSTANDING!! Great recruiting!!** I will be looking for these same new members to be at

our Second Degree on Thursday, November 13th to be held at St. Ignatius of Loyola in Ijamsville. Degree at 8:00 P.M., candidates by 7:30 P.M.

The Incentive Raffle is over **AND THE WINNERS ARE:** Mrs. Matthew Murphy is the proud owner of a new car or pick-up truck, this ticket was sold by the Cumberland Council, Cumberland, Maryland. And A J Smate of is the winner of the TV, and the Rock Creek Council in Columbia, MD sold that ticket. My thanks and congratulations to the Councils and their Raffle Chairmen for a job well done! A real special Congratulations goes to St. Peter the Apostle Council, the baby council in District 3, they sold 1,974 tickets, the most of any baby council

With this being November, it is Veterans Day, PLEASE remember our Veteran's; they are the ones that guaranteed us our freedom! In addition your Councils and the State will be conducting their Memorial Masses, please attend these whenever and wherever possible. Remember, these Masses are held to honor and remember those who have gone on before us. These same people were your predecessors and mentors. They laid the groundwork for our existence and the future of the Order.

As each of you continue your work in our programs, within your councils, please keep our brother Knights 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, and follow our State Deputy's theme of FIRST, CHARITY. **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, more 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.

From Norma Jean and me, we wish you and your family have a Blessed and safe Holiday Season.

In closing, I ask that each and every Knight continually re-new his pledge:

"In Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests".

Please Pray the Rosary! And remember,
We are FIRST, CHARITY!

Faternally,

Gary R. Armbruster

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Around the District and Around the State:

DEGREE Dates to Remember:

Monday, Nov 3, 2003 **1st Degree**
Hosted By: St. Ignatius of Loyola # 11815 – Ijamsville 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003 **2nd Degree,** District 3,
Gary R. Armbruster, District Deputy
Hosted by: St. Ignatius of Loyola Council – Ijamsville 8:00 P.M.

Friday, Nov. 14th, 2003 **3rd Degree** District 1,
Joseph Feakes, District Deputy
Hosted by: Peter Paul Maher Council – Olney 8:00 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 the District Deputy. Please Copy me on this correspondence. And, please have your candidates at the Degree 30 Minutes prior to the Degree time.

Programs and dates to remember:

November 1, 2003 FIRST Day to reserve a room at the Princess Royal for the State Convention in Ocean City May 16-18, 2003. Princess Royal Phone (800) 476-9253, **this hotel fills very quickly, so if you want to be at the convention hotel, please call early.**

November 16, 2003 State Memorial Mass held at St. Josephs Catholic Church Fullerton, MD. Dress for this occasion is Business Suit. Immediately following Mass is a sit down dinner hosted by Cardinal Gibbons Council.

November 16th through December 20th 2003 **District 3 will host the Devine Mercy ICON**, ALL Councils are urged to schedule a Devine Mercy Hour of Prayer. I will be keeping the schedule, so please schedule your program through me.

January 3, 2004 **Mid-Term Meeting, Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights are expected to attend. There will be a ladies program for the wives.** More info to come!

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

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Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter of Grand Knights

Serving Western Maryland Councils

Webpage: <http://www.fred.net/satterf/kcsetonchapter>

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

Nov 25th Council 11703, Middletown
Dec 13th Frederick Dinner Theatre (Saturday)
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

President Bob Jack, PGK, FDD, PFN.

COUNCIL & ASSEMBLY BIRTHDATES:

Bishop McNamara Council and Assembly wish the following Brothers and Sir Knights celebrating a birthday during July through August 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 Zakrzwski at e-mail: (redacted) so he can update your personal information.

Br. Kenneth McDonough	Nov. 1
Br. Bob Gabby	Nov. 1
SK William Adams,Jr.	Nov. 2
SK Joseph Guillory,Jr.	Nov. 2
Br. David Hammerle	Nov. 2
SK John Fox,III	Nov. 2
SK Jeremy Ellermeyer	Nov. 3
Br. Pete Sterner	Nov. 3
Br. Ronald Roby	Nov. 6
Mrs. Emmett Norris	Nov. 7
SK Joel Lopez	Nov. 10
Br. Harvey Metcalfe	Nov. 13
SK Joel Tootill	Nov. 15
SK William Jack	Nov. 16
SK Julius Breczinski	Nov. 19
Br. James Hannigan	Nov. 20
Br. Clarence Smith	Nov. 25
Br. Doug Muscott	Nov. 25
SK Reddy Cerezo	Nov. 25
SK Wayne Matthews	Nov. 26
SK David Sappington,Sr.	Nov. 26
SK John Ezeonyido	Nov. 30
Br. John Moberly	Dec. 3

SK Rev. Michael Kottar	Dec. 6
Br. Noel Gergel	Dec. 6
Br. Julius Pellegrino,Jr.	Dec. 6
SK Rev. Mark Reilly	Dec. 7
Mrs. William Loftus	Dec. 9
SK Edgar Haynes	Dec. 13
SK Sean Timmerman	Dec. 14
SK Dawson Weedon	Dec. 15
SK Gregory Lattus	Dec. 17
SK John Handiboe	Dec. 18
SK Bob Ordonio	Dec. 20
SK Timothy Peiler	Dec. 21
Br. Glenn Huntington	Dec. 23
SK Frank Curtis	Dec. 23
Br. James Harris	Dec. 24
SK Rev. Barry Dowd	Dec. 29
SK Christopher Musser	Dec. 30
Br. Joe Scherer	Jan. 4
SK John Keepers	Jan. 5
SK Gregory Francisco	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
SK Rev. Leo Tittler	Jan. 18
Br. David Sabo	Jan. 18
Br. Danny Snow	Jan. 18
Br. John VanBloem	Jan. 19
Br. Eric Phillips	Jan. 22
Br. Tim Corbett	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. George Wenner,Jr.	Jan. 28
Br. Peter Cody	Jan. 28
Br. Tom Jackson	Jan. 31

Dear Worthy Brother Knights ,

The following is the text of the Pastoral letter issued by his Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick. This letter was accompanied by a letter requesting that the Pastoral letter be read from the Pulpit at Mass during the weekend of October 18/19. This is the second year a Pastoral letter of this nature has been issued supporting the Knights of Columbus from the

Archdiocese of Washington and Baltimore.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON
Office of the Archbishop
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center
5001 Eastern Avenue
Hyattsville , MD 20782

July 01,2003

Dear Friends in Christ ,

I write to You today about the Knights of Columbus , who have been a visible sign of faith in the local Church for more than 100 years , and who have a special commitment to promoting charity , fraternity , patriotism and support for the priesthood . I , myself , have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for more than forty years .

Our Holy Father recently referred to the Knights of Columbus as " the right arm of the Church " . The reason is quite clear . The Knights of Columbus is one of the largest charitable organizations in the United States . Locally , members reach out in so many ways , form volunteering in parishes , supporting archdiocesan agencies such as the Kennedy Institute for the developmentally disabled and always being ready to assist at special archdiocesan events .

The Knights also are committed to upholding family life and assisting families through insurance programs , fraternal support and other benefits that help to keep families strong . The generosity with which the Knights give of themselves makes me proud to be a member .

When You are approached by a Knight or when the Knights conduct a recruitment drive in your parish , I strongly encourage you to give consideration to joining this outstanding Catholic organization . It will open up so many opportunities for you to serve your neighbor and your Church .

With every good wish , I am
Faithfully yours in Christ

Theodore Cardinal McCarrick
Archbishop of Washington

THE SUPREME COUNCILS CORNER:

Pope John Paul II Receives Knights In Audience 10/9/2003

Pope John Paul II received the officers and board of directors of the Knights of Columbus in an audience Oct. 9, one week before the 25th anniversary of his election. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson presented the pope with a gift of \$2.5 million, calling it "an offering to support your

work of peace, reconciliation and charity."

The \$2.5 million represented the annual earnings from the Order's Vicarius Christi Fund. Since its establishment in 1981, the \$20 million fund has earned for the pope and his personal charities more than \$35 million.

The pope thanked the Knights of Columbus for its support and prayers. He called the Vicarius Christi Fund "a sign of the solidarity of the Knights of Columbus with the Successor of Peter in his concern for the universal Church."

The pope also acknowledged "the daily prayers, sacrifices and apostolic works of so many Knights in their local councils, their parishes and their communities."

During the audience Supreme Knight Anderson thanked the pope for his "courageous and steadfast witness to the power of the risen Lord." Through his pontificate, Anderson continued, "the doors of many human hearts and of many nations have opened wide to Christ."

The pope urged the Knights to remain faithful to the vision of its founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. "May you continue to seek new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel in the world and a spiritual force for the renewal of the Church in holiness, unity and truth," he said. The cause for canonization of Father McGivney is being investigated by the Vatican.

Celebrations surrounding the pope's 25th anniversary, including the beatification of Mother Teresa on Oct. 19, were telecast via satellite to a worldwide audience with funding from the Knights.

Knights of Columbus Leader Calls Abortion 'A Stain on Our Nation'

"30 years after Roe v. Wade, abortion is a choice 'no society should tolerate.'"

New Haven — The following statement was issued by Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, regarding the 30th year of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade abortion decision:

"This year, on Jan. 22, we note with great sadness, but greater determination, the 30th year of legalized abortion on demand in the United States.

"For 30 years, abortion has been a stain on our nation; a deep wound in our nation's soul. Abortion is the negation of our nation's commitment to human rights and the equal dignity of every individual. It is a tragedy that sets women against their own children. This is a choice no woman should ever have to make. This is a choice no society should tolerate.

"Our society can, and must, do better to address the needs of women, rather than leaving them and their children to the violence of abortion. Young people, especially, understand this. Abortion holds less and less appeal for the generation raised under Roe v. Wade. More and more young people identify themselves as pro-life and they are renewing the ranks of the pro-life movement. The abortion rate is at its lowest since the decision was first handed down, due to the decline in abortion among younger women. Young people who grew up under Roe v. Wade have seen the damage wrought by abortion and they demand better. "

"As we note this 30th year of abortion on demand, we are confident of the day when we will instead celebrate its end, when the law will no longer protect the violence of abortion, but will instead protect the lives and dignity of both women and their unborn children."

With more than 1.6 million members throughout North America and elsewhere, the Knights is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. In 2001 members reported raising and contributing to charity a record \$125 million and volunteering a record 58.9 million hours of service. Included in that figure is approximately \$3.8 million raised and distributed to pro-life groups.

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
Website: <http://www.fred.net/satterf/kcasy384>

Faithful Navigator's Compass Points –

We are already a third of the way through the Fraternal Year with the busiest time still ahead. Recruitment presentations have been made by our Worthy Captain Dave Richards and assisted by your Faithful Navigator. If everyone would bring in a candidate, I have no doubt that we'd recapture the much sought after "Masters Bell" and start a new run at permanently winning and retaining it for Bishop McNamara Assembly.

Our Color Corps is preparing for several events to be held in November. On the 1st, the Corps will present the flags at the Maryland Special Olympics at Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary in Emmitsburg. They will be participating in a Veterans Day celebration sponsored by the American Legion. The final event for the Corps will be their participation in the annual combined Memorial Mass (Council 1622 and its Ladies Auxiliary, the Catholic Daughters of America, Assembly 384, and St. Elizabeth Seaton Chapter of GK's) sponsored by Bishop McNamara Council No. 1622 (See details on the Memorial Mass in this newsletter). I hope to see a good turnout for the Memorial Mass. Last years event was exceptional. As a reminder, each family is to bring a dish to share with other families.

This year, we are going to replace the December meeting with a dinner for Sir Knights and their wives or significant other. The night out will be on our normal meeting night on December 3rd. Our Faithful Scribe, Joel Tootill will be coordinating event (See "Upcoming Events" below for further details). As you know, December is a very busy dining out night so Joel is asking people to RSVP NLT November 7th. This is a new event for the Assembly and we're hoping to have a good turnout and possibly start a new tradition.

In closing, my wife Peg and I want to wish all of you a Blessed and Safe holiday season.

Fraternally,
William Kinsella, Sr. PGK, FN

Upcoming Assembly Events:

Sir Knights and Wives; Our Faithful Navigator is planning a night out over the Christmas Holiday period at a local restaurant. Although the restaurant has not been firmed up as yet, we need to determine how many would like to attend. As of this printing, it looks like we have approximately 10-12 people. The date will be our December 3rd meeting night at 7:00 P.M. and the cost will most likely be between \$25 and \$30 with an open bar (less dependent on your order perhaps). This will be a night to just socialize and enjoy each others company so please consider attending. Please RSVP either by to SK Joel Tootill by Nov 7th at (redacted) if you can attend. Also, if you have any suggestions for a restaurant, don't hesitate to let Joel know. His personal favorite is "Acacia" but SK Tymoch has mentioned Monacacy Crossing, Mealys, and Brewers Alley as possible other choices. Thanks.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A mouse looked through a crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package; what food might it contain? He was aghast to discover that it was a mousetrap! Retreating to the farm yard, the mouse proclaimed the warning, "There is a mouse trap in the house, there is a mouse trap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell you this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me; I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mouse trap in the house."

"I am so very sorry Mr. Mouse," sympathized the pig, "but there is nothing I can do about it but pray; be assured that you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow, who replied, "Like wow, Mr. Mouse, a mouse trap; am I in grave danger, Duh?"

So the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house, like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see that it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife.

The farmer rushed her to the hospital. She returned home with a fever.

Now everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

His wife's sickness continued so that friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well, in fact, she died, and so many people came for her funeral the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide meat for all of them to eat.

So, the next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and you think that it does not concern you, remember that when the least of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Golf Balls, Life, & Two Cans of Beer

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes". The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. "Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life." The golf balls are the important things- your family, your health, your children, your friends, your favorite passions- things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else- the small stuff. "If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18 holes. There will always be time to clean the house, and fix the disposal." "Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand." One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers."

INSURANCE ADVISORS CORNER

NOVEMBER: We all know and appreciate the good work the Knights of Columbus does for the Church and charitable causes. But did you know that our insurance program is an essential part of the Order?

Protecting families from economic adversity has been a key part of the Knights of Columbus mission since its founding in 1882. Our founders passed the hat to support the widows and children of Brother Knights who had died. We've grown into one of the largest individual life insurers in North America – with more than \$38 billion of individual life insurance in force.

Moreover, contrary to some misconceptions, our insurance program is not directed in any way by a "separate company" and never has been.

Our insurance is available exclusively to members, their wives and their dependent children. All field agents – including me – are themselves Brother Knights. We all work full-time for the K of C, serving the needs of you and your family and answering any questions you have.

In this day and age, personal attention has become rare – but in the K of C, we specialize in it. In fact, it's our job to get to know you and your family, and to make ourselves available to you for assistance. We are different from other insurers – and that difference greatly benefits our members. Give me a call to find out more about how the K of C has been "Protecting Families for Generations."

DECEMBER: A Season for Giving

Now that the holidays are approaching, this is a good time to sit down with a Knights of Columbus agent and discuss your family's current financial circumstances – and your future plans. Life Insurance is truly one of the best gifts a member can buy for his family. Think about it: What else can you put under the Christmas tree that can:

- Guarantee that the mortgage on your home would be paid off you die?
- Provide a way for you to ensure money is available for your children to attend college, whether you live or die?
- Ensure your family's financial survival if you, your spouse or both of you met an untimely death?

Conversely, few people over-save, and plenty of folks are financially unprepared for the future. Yet, it's by doing the latter that people demonstrate true love for their spouses and children!

Start early on some new resolutions for the new year. Save more. Allocate expenditures more wisely. Above all, ensure your family's financial protection – come what may. With a K of C life insurance program, your family will have the benefit of financial security for the years ahead ... and be better able to celebrate future Christmases.

Financial hardship is something that you can prevent. By taking steps now, you protect your loved ones against the possibility of your death. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family – and, possibly, for you as well.

As your field agent, it's my job to help you to understand the options available to you, and to help you to make informed decisions in your coverage. Just give me a call.

I wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Norman "Chuck" Teal, FIC (redacted)

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 at (redacted). 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 at (redacted) or Patrick Alyward at (redacted) for further details.

Newsletter Editor for 2003/2004 Fraternal Year. Position filled. Br. Allen Byrne has accepted the task. Thanks to all applicants for your interest. Brother Byrnes will be stepping to the plate with the issue of this addition.

Financial Secretary In Training. STILL A 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 at (redacted) or Dave Zakrzewski/DGK at (redacted) 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 at (redacted).