



Associate Chaplain's Corner Reverend Milton E. Jordan

Father Jordan is away on retreat, his article will resume when he returns.

Go to: <http://prayeronthehill.blogspot.com> to read Father Jordan's daily blog



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First, thank you to the few members and their families who braved the cold temperatures to celebrate the feast day Mass on Saturday, January 4th. Our gratitude to Father Milt for taking time out of his schedule to support the Council.

February marks the start of the registration period for the 116th Maryland State Convention to be held in Ocean City on May 2-4, 2014. Additional convention information can be found on the State News page of this noteS edition.

The mid-year meeting provided an update on progress towards our membership and program goals. Our degree schedule will pick up as we go through the next months. This is the opportunity for new member initiations and for existing members to progress to the next degree level. Third degree members are reminded that they should be registered now if they intend to participate in the annual Fourth Degree exemplification on March 28-29.

Upcoming Events:

Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, March 4th.

Prayer Service for the Immaculate Conception Icon Program is scheduled to be held in our District sometime in February. Stay tuned for date and details.

As always, God Bless you and your family. Happy Valentine's Day. Vivat Jesus.



District Deputy Report Charles "Pat" Springmann, PGK, PFN

With the recent snow storms behind us and Spring looming ahead, we must continue to recruit new Knights and strengthen our Council roster. It is important to support our parish activities with our membership. February 3rd is sneaking up on us and the State Convention will be our time to shine. Basketball, horseshoes, and hockey will be important at the Grand knight Olympics.

Keep charity in our hearts and fraternity in our daily lives. Vivat Jesus.



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Family of the Month



Our family of the month for December 2013 is family of **Francisco and Gwendolyn King and Family**.

Despite busy professional lives, the Kings and their children are very active and involved parishioners. On a typical choir morning, Francisco and Wesley can be seen and heard as part of the Sunday 9:30 am Mass traditional choir.

Mother Seton Council of the Knights of Columbus takes this opportunity to recognize the ongoing service and the dedication of this family. Dr. King, we thank you and all your family members for all you do for our parish and community. May God bless you all!

Church Activities

Ocee Esene

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On Saturday, January 4th, Knights and some wives gathered to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton at an 8:30 am Mass. Father Jordan was the celebrant.

In February, we anticipate receipt of the Immaculate Conception Icon in our District. We will schedule a prayer service when the date is ascertained.

Common saints and feast days we commemorate in the month of February are: Presentation of the Lord (2), Agatha (5), Scholastica (10), and Chair of Saint Peter (22).

Ladies Auxiliary Corner

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January was a quiet month for council activities. We look forward to our 26th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on March 4th.

Community Activities George Edet

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Our used glasses collection project has begun. A box is in place in the back of the church. Please use this drop off location or members can simply bring donated glasses with them to meetings. If there are any questions feel free to contact me.

Youth Activities

James Kalshoven, PGK

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The winners of the Keep Christ In Christmas Poster contest at the Council level were:

- Category I (Grades 1-3): Jacob Oneynwe
- Category II (Grades 4-6): Jason Kalshoven
- Category III (Grades 7-8): Melissa dela Cuesta

There were no local winners at the State level.

Prolife Activities

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The 22nd of January was the 41st anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the U.S., which has resulted in the death of 55 million babies in the US alone. Every year there is a march by Pro-Life supporters from the DC mall to the Supreme Court Building in Washington DC. Each year we have approximately 250,000 to 500,000 people show up for this event called the "March for Life". The only new thing about this event in the past few years is... there are new placards and posters being held up by young pro-lifers which reads "WE ARE THE PROLIFE GENERATION" or "WE ARE SURVIVORS". This is a result of the Pro-life movement succeeding to pass a message to the younger generation. Every one of them born after 1974 is a survivor of abortion. If their mother had decided to kill them while they were in the womb, it would have been okay and accepted by their government. This is the "TRUTH" that has finally been accepted by the next generation.

Knight of the Month



Emmanuel "Sonny" Ajayi

This award is for the month of December 2013.

Emmanuel Ajayi is the recipient of the December 2013 Knight of the Month Award. Emmanuel is an active member who participates in Council events and currently serves as our Chancellor. Over the past months, Emmanuel has been a volunteer at FedEx Field and has helped at the Soccer Shootout. Usually keeping a keen eye on the kitchen activity, he is always helping to get meals prepared for Council events. Emmanuel is a positive and strong supporter of the Council. **Sonny, thank you and congratulations on a job well done.** You are an exemplary Mother Seton Knight. May God continue to bless you and your family in all you do!

Grand Knight
Don Aitcheson

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In Memoriam **Robert "Bob" Coffren**

Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator
December 31, 2013



Robert "Bob" Joseph Coffren, 89, of Annapolis, died December 31st at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Born on August 13, 1924 in Washington, DC to the late Robert L. and Julia M. Coffren, Bob graduated from McKinley High School. After graduation, Bob went to work as an apprentice machinist for the Department of the Navy. In 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a signalman second class, helping to transport U.S. troops to combat zones in Italy, France, and Belgium. In recognition of his service, Bob received the American Theater of Operation Ribbon, European Theatre of Operation Ribbon and Victory Ribbon. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1946.

Upon discharge, Bob went to work for the General Accounting Office. He continued his education after the military and graduated in 1950 from the Columbus University School of Accounting. That same year, Bob moved to the Department of the Air Force where he became the Deputy Finance Officer at Bolling Air Force Base. In 1959, he transferred to the Department's Directorate of Accounting and Finance where he remained until his retirement in 1978. Bob's federal career was recognized with the USAF Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service.

He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1963 and became the 5th Grand Knight of the Mother Seton Council #5381 in Lanham and Faithful Navigator of the Bishop Walsh Assembly in Oxon Hill. He was a member of the American Legion and Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Annapolis where he served as a Eucharistic Minister. Bob enjoyed baseball and golf; he was a member of the Bowie Golf and Country Club and MISGA for 30 years. He also enjoyed traveling, making visits to Spain, Bermuda, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, and most of the United States.

Sick and Recovering

Brothers

Kevin Butler, PGK
Al Craig, PGK
Nicholas Kniska (HLM)
Everett Lallis
Joe Makowski
Pablo Rocha
Harold Roger



Sending Healing Prayers

Relatives/Friends

Virginia Aquillino
Edie Brophy, GK, wife of Don Brophy
Jack Jordan, brother of Father Milt Jordan
Kay Kaderabek
Cecelia Sanders, mother of Harold Sanders
Phyllis Sczuka, wife of Duke Sczuka, PGK

If you know a Brother Knight or a family member who is sick, recovering or recently deceased, please contact us so that we may pray for them. Your help is needed to manage this list. (Editor: aitcheson@hotmail.com.)



Supreme Council News

New Survey Finds 84% of Americans Support Significant Abortion Restrictions

This includes nearly 6 in 10 of those who identify as strongly pro-choice



New Survey Finds 84% of Americans Support Significant Abortion Restrictions



More than four decades after the Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*, the vast majority of Americans are still very uncomfortable with the reality of widespread abortion in the United States.

A new survey of Americans finds strong support for abortion restrictions – including among those who identify as “strongly pro-choice.” Eighty-four percent of Americans would limit abortion to, at most, the first three months of pregnancy, with 58 percent of strongly pro-choice Americans supporting such limits.

The Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll also found that almost three-quarters of Americans (74 percent) favor a ban on abortions after 20 weeks except to save the life of the mother, a majority of Americans (53 percent) believe life begins at conception, and more than 6 in 10 (62 percent) think abortion is morally wrong.

More than 8 in 10 Americans (84 percent) do not see the abortion debate as an all or nothing proposition, saying that laws can protect both the well-being of a woman and the life of the unborn.

Other key findings of the survey include:

- 80 percent support parental notification before a minor can obtain an abortion.
- 79 percent support a 24-hour waiting period prior to having an abortion.
- 76 percent oppose allowing abortions to be performed by non-doctors.
- 62 percent want to change laws to allow for some restrictions on abortion.
- 58 percent support showing a woman an ultrasound image of her baby at least a day before an abortion.
- 57 percent believe abortion does a woman more harm than good in the long run.
- 55 percent — including 6 in 10 Millennials (adults 18 to 32) — want continued debate on the abortion issue.

On a related note, the survey also found that more than 7 in 10 Americans (71 percent) also believe that freedom of religion should be protected above government laws.

“Four decades after *Roe v. Wade*, abortion remains at odds with the conscience and common sense of the American people,” said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson. “The American people understand that abortion is bad for everyone, and even those who strongly support abortion want it reduced significantly, so it is time that our lawmakers and our courts reflected this reality.”

This survey of 2,001 adults was conducted Dec. 10, 2013, through Dec. 15, 2013, by The Marist Poll and sponsored by The Knights of Columbus. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Results are statistically significant within ± 2.2 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

For more details about the survey results and methodology visit www.kofc.org/polls

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Maryland State Council News

Maryland State Council

**115th
Annual Convention
May 2-4, 2014
Ocean City, Maryland
Honorees**

Rev. Donald Grzymiski, OFM Conv.

**Ronald B White, PSD
Supreme Director**

Conference Registration begins on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 am

Reservation attempts made prior to 7 AM February 3rd will not be honored.

Ocean View Suites have a view of the ocean, but are not directly oceanfront. To request a room overlooking the atrium make sure you state that you want a **"POOL VIEW"** room.

To make reservations, **Call 1-800-476-9253**, identify yourself as a Knight of Columbus attending the convention in May, and you will then receive the discount rates. A credit card will be necessary to reserve your room and they will charge the first night, including all taxes, to your card. Be sure to examine the confirmation very carefully when you receive it to avoid any confusion. If you don't receive a confirmation, call the Princess to follow up.

All reservations must be made by **APRIL 1, 2013**. Late reservations will be charged the prevailing rates normal for that time of year.

For more details go to www.kofc-md.org



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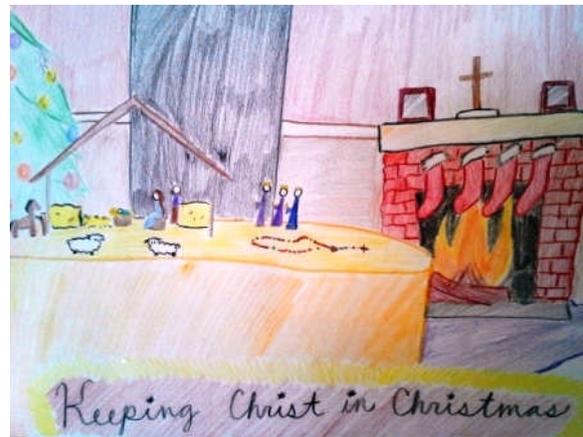


Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest (Council Winning Entries)

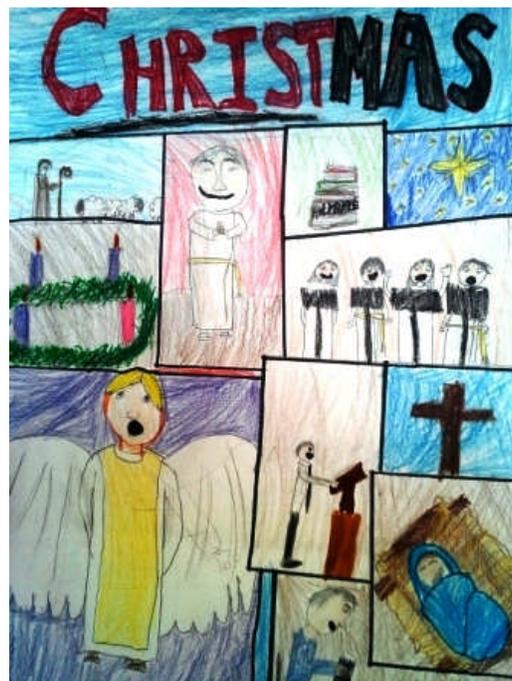
The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle students
competed in three categories.



Category I: Jacob Oneynwe



Category II: Jason Kalshoven



Category III: Melissa de la Cuesta



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Fourth Degree Report

Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly No. 1548



Meets on the 2nd Monday, 8:00 pm at Saint Pius X Council, Sarto Hall, 3611 Stewart Road; Forestville, MD 20747-1747 (301) 735-8855.

The annual 4th Degree Exemplification will be held on March 28-29, 2014 at the Colony South Hotel in Clinton, Maryland.



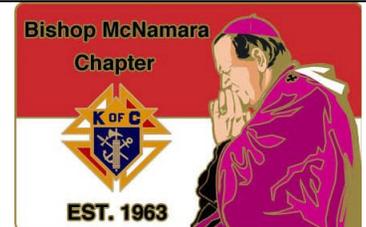
Official Flag Days in the USA



February 17 – Presidents' Day

Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights Maryland State Council

Celebrating its 50th Year



Come hear about all the exciting events and activities that are planned for the year.

The Chapter encourages not only Grand Knights to attend, but also Deputy Grand Knights and Council Program Directors. The Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month except for December. The location varies.

Congratulations to Father Stan as he celebrates 20 years of priestly ordination during the month of February.



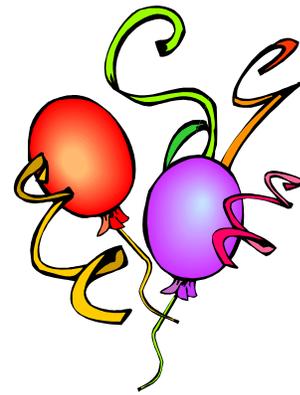
BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Council

- 1 Magnus Onyima
Pablo Rocha
Charles "Pat" Springmann
- 2 Tobechukwu Ejinkonye
Charles Shryock, III
- 4 Michael Thomas
- 5 Michael Amatucci
Donald Brophy
- 7 Thomas Nchotu
- 10 Aneurin M'Carthy
- 11 Brian Holste
- 12 Ramon Calalang
- 13 Aloysius Craig
- 14 Edward Dory
- 16 Lucas Gepert
Emillio Stokes
William Wolf, Jr.
- 19 John Williams
- 22 Gregg Kaderabek

Ladies Auxiliary

- 7 Sue Oak
- 25 Barbara Dillard



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!!!**

Editor's Pen

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Upcoming Council Events Calendar

February 3	Maryland State Convention Hotel Registration begins 7:00am
February 4	Council Meeting 8:00pm
February 18	Council Meeting 8:00pm/First Degree Exemplification
March 4	26 th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
March 5	Ash Wednesday
March 18	Council Meeting 8:00pm

Council meetings are held 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month unless otherwise posted