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## Grand Knight's Message



**Grand Knight Werner W. Moeller**

### *The Lenten Season is Upon Us*

Worthy Brother Knights and friends  
of Council 13008:

Again I say thank you for all the work that you do to make your Council successful. Our Council is relatively small in size but large in deed. Our Christmas social was hailed as the kind of thing we really should do more often so that we can all get to know each other better. The raffle held at that event raised enough to support not one but two seminarians. Since we want to promote the kind of socialization we experienced at the Christmas social, the Kominski room has been reserved for February 27. Please bring your favorite beer to share with the group and also a favorite snack (to cleanse the palate). The breakfasts continue to evolve, serving not only pancakes but also eggs, French toast and Fraternity as we come together to share our thoughts and our morning (and even early afternoon) meal.

We can also be most grateful for the recruitment efforts that have brought our small Council 11 new First Degree members, 1 transfer and two prospects that have signed their form 100s but were unable to be at our earlier First Degree ceremonies. Hopefully they will be able to attend the next one scheduled for March 27. Those Knights that have not yet reached the rank of Fourth degree are encouraged to advance. Second Degree ceremonies are being held at the Rock Creek Council on February 15 and at Rosensteel Council on February 19. A Third Degree is being held at Rock Creek on February 22 and the annual Fourth Degree will be held at the Colony South hotel on the weekend of April 19-21, 2013.

The February Business meeting happens to coincide with Ash Wednesday so the meeting will be held after the 7:30 Mass. All officers and members are encouraged to attend Mass together before the meeting. All Knights are also encouraged to sign up

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## First Degree January 16th

The Council held a First Degree on Wednesday, January 16th at 7:30 PM. Refreshments were served after the degree ceremony and officers and old members got to know the new First Degree members in the Kominski Room. A heartfelt welcome to the six new Knights that joined our Order on Wednesday night. \*

## February Pancake Breakfast

The council continues to host the Parish Pancake Breakfast every second Sunday. Our last few have been well-attended by the parishioners, our February 10<sup>th</sup> breakfast saw a number of new Council volunteers joining the breakfast team. – Thank You. Council members open the kitchen at 8 and set up the all purpose room and get cooking. We serve after the 8:30, 10, and 11:30 AM Masses. Our next breakfasts are scheduled for March 10, and April 14th.

What can you do? If you'd like to volunteer, we need a cashier, set up, servers, cooks, and drink servers for each breakfast. It's a fun way to get together with your fellow Knights in providing a service to the parish.

If you can't work at the breakfast, stop by, bring the family, and enjoy a meal. It's a great deal at \$6 per adult and \$3 per child. All the proceeds go to fund parish education. \*

## Parishioners Go to Pro-Life March

Several Knights went down to DC for the annual Pro-Life March with Father Dan and the parishioners of St. Andrew's on January 25th. The Pro Life Committee did an excellent job of organizing the event and getting parish involvement. Father Dan celebrated the 10AM Mass, and the attendees said a Rosary on the bus. We marched along the route, and stopped off at St. Joseph's Church before heading back to St. Andrew's. It was impressive to see the energy, especially of the youth participants, along the march route. Last year the parish sent one bus; this year we had two. Attending the march is a great way to stand up as a united group for the Pro Life cause. \*

for the retreat at Loyola on the Potomac on the weekend of February 22-24. It is important to unwind spiritually and other obligations permitting we certainly can do this together. I wish you all the very best for a holy Lenten preparation for the coming Easter celebration

Vivat Jesus\*

## Chaplain's Message

Deacon Michael Bond

### *Dare To Be First*

God calls us to be the first to bring Christ to others. It is fitting that the gospel reading on January 4th, the memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,



speaks of St. Andrew. These two saints share the fact that they were the first to introduce Christ into the lives of those who were dearest to them. They desired to make Christ the dominant focus of their families, and in doing so, grew their family became be body of Christ. They also share the fact that they continue to play a dominant role in our lives. Their love of Christ converges on us here with a Catholic school in the state of Maryland named after the first apostle. St. Elizabeth Seton, the first American saint, is also the first to formally introduce Catholic religious education to America. This mother of five, once converted to our faith, first shared it with her children, and then proceeded to evangelize by establishing parochial schools in Emmetsburg and Baltimore, Maryland, and then throughout early America. In that respect, we may rightfully call her “**Rabbi**” (which translated means Teacher)”. Similarly, St. Andrew, once John the Baptist led him to Jesus, immediately brought Christ to his brother Simon, who became Peter who became the Rock who established the Church as the institutional and spiritual body of Christ.

In this beautiful fresco which Fr. Dan has brought to our parish, if you look closely at the profile of the man on the far left then immediately look to the profile of the statue on the wall to your right, you will see that they are one and the same, which confirms that they share the same artist, or if you will, creator. That is something else that St. Andrew, St. Elizabeth Seton, and our parish family have in common; the same Creator. Likewise, the present day Pope Benedict, standing in the shoes of the fisherman, calls each of us to a new Evangelization, through which we may be the first to

bring Christ to those in our families and various spheres of influence. The Holy Eucharist, the full body, blood, soul, and divinity of our Creator who comes to us at this table, inspires us through this sacred and mystical meal, to be the first to bring others to this table to share it. **“He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah,” which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you will be called “Cephas,” which is translated Peter.”**

Creator calls each of us here today may bring a future “Cephas” from St. Andrew Apostle Catholic School to Jesus.\*

## Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Deacon Michael Bond

### *Our Domestic Holy Family*

The Holy Family includes the domestic church. We revere the Holy Family of the baby Jesus, his mother the Virgin Mary, and Joseph, her most chaste spouse. It is the model for our own families, the sacrament of marriage, and probably the first image that comes to our mind when we think of the Christmas season. As Catholic Christians, through the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation, the Holy Spirit unites us in Christ, that same baby Jesus, as members of the body of Christ, the universal church. Moreover, from the cross, he calls his mother to be our mother. Through this unique spiritual adoption, we are the sons and daughters of God and the Blessed Mother.:

Our human family, into which we were physically and naturally born, is called the domestic church. We tend to think of it as small, just one of many others joined to our parish church. Here at St. Andrew’s, however, after many years of living, worshiping, and serving together, our parish is, in fact, a domestic parish, a spiritual family of physical families. Just as I as a father seek to bring my wife, children, and grandchildren to dwell forever in heaven with God, our pastor plays that same role for his parish family.

Yet, our parish family lacks one essential thing found in all true families; personal interaction and familiarity with one another. When Fr. Dan arrived at St. Andrew’s, he said that he wanted to each parishioner by name. “Right!” I thought; he can’t be serious. Now I know that he was, and is

## COUNCIL #13008

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All council meetings are held in the KoC Meeting Room in the basement of the old convent. Officer's meetings are held at 7:45 on the first Wednesday of the month. Business meetings are held at 7:45 on the second Wednesday of the month. Social meetings are held at 7:45 on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

### February Meetings

Feb 06	Officer's meeting	7:45 PM
Feb 13	Business meeting	7:45 PM
Feb 27	Social meeting	7:45 PM

### March Meetings

March 06	Officer's meeting	7:45 PM
March 13	Business meeting	7:45 PM
March 27	Social meeting	7:45 PM

## Welcome Aboard!

Please extend a hearty welcome to our newest members; Brian R. Becker, Timothy A. Hession, John T. Laracy, Jean A. Najar, and Andrew C. Salatto. Welcome to Brian Christian who transferred into Council 13008. \*

## January Birthdays

Cathy, wife of Brother Michael Caruso on the 29<sup>th</sup>.\*

## February Birthdays

Brother George Hardman on the 6<sup>th</sup>; Associate Chaplain Deacon Kenneth Barrett on the 10<sup>th</sup>; Brother Dennis Gorres on the 10<sup>th</sup>; Brother Fred Gorschboth on the 14<sup>th</sup>; Treasurer David Keefe on the 16<sup>th</sup>; Brother Russell Barrett on the 22<sup>th</sup>; and, Brother Nicolas Orechwa on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also, Elesa, wife of PFN, PGK Wayne Miller on the 25<sup>th</sup>.\*

## February Anniversaries

PGK Prosper Youm and his wife Josephine celebrate their twenty-seventh on the 25<sup>th</sup>.\*

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committed to that reality. After all, what father does not know his child's name? What brother or sister, for that matter, does not know their parents or siblings?

After almost seven years as a deacon, I have presided at many vigil and graveside services. Although I knew some of those who passed away as close friends, very often it was only after they were gone that I found out from their families, friends, and their obituaries how truly wonderful and gifted they had been. I wished that I had known them better, spent time with them, and got to hear "the rest of the story". That's what family should be about; much more than a friendly nod, a handshake, and a few kind words.

In this coming New Year, as Knights, as parishioners, and as Catholic, let us as a council, make a sincere, determined effort to know our parish family better. Starting with our brother Knights, each of us should afford ourselves of the many opportunities know our parish family better. Those opportunities include not just council activities, but such things as Saturday Men's Group and men's evenings of devotion (including teens, young adults, and seniors), Adoration, Stephen Ministry, Pro-Life, Seniors group, youth and school activities, RCIA, Adopt-A-Road (Arcola Avenue); and so on. Our joy will be to discover what an amazing blessed, inspired, and devoted family God calls us to be. \*

## Monsignor Wells Message

[From the Pastor's Desk, Spiritual Reflections by Msgr. Thomas M. Wells]

### **The Absolute Significance of Life** Jan 18, 1998

The Washington Post reported last week the results of a survey that should bring hope to any who recognize that the twenty-second of January is the twenty-fifth anniversary of Roe vs. Wade: the decision of the Supreme Court in which that body invented and decreed the right to abortion. I am sure that many saw the Post article and so a detailed review is unnecessary. What most gave cheer to me is that the number of college freshmen (the group surveyed) who expressed support for abortion declined for the fifth straight year. A still depressingly high 54% of this group supports abortion rights, but this is down from the 65% support expressed in 1990. Remember, this group (at least in public schools) has been exposed to sex education; they probably have never seen a movie or heard a pop song expressing a pro-life message and their parents were the product of the era the sexual revolution. What is happening?

The only answer I can put forward with certainty is that God is answering our prayers. So often, though, His answers come in apparently natural ways and I have a guess—no more than a guess—at part of what might be going on. This generation is the first that could have been aborted. Now, I know there have always been abortions; but, until 1973, the vast number of civilized people—not to mention Christians—saw abortion as the gross obscenity that it is. Of my generation, virtually no one could even conceive of his or her mother even thinking of having an abortion. (Even saying this now gives me chills.) This generation is the first that knows it could have been aborted! If their parents are really liberated, perhaps they have even been told they had aborted siblings. Now, for sure, that is not how parents would put it; but children have an uncanny way of seeing truth through foggy words. In other words, perhaps these college freshmen have an intuitive understanding that they were only conditionally wanted and accepted; that, if conditions were different, they would never have been college freshmen! The Post also bemoans the apathy of many of these young people. Who can blame them?

The March for Life began immediately after the Supreme Court decision in 1973. Annually, on the anniversary of the decision, January 22nd, hundreds of thousands have met on the Mall and marched to the Supreme Court. The weather, so often cold and bleak, seems to match the chances to overturn this ruling. Even now, legal remedies seem far

away; but hearts are being changed. Taking an afternoon and walking down Constitution Avenue may seem a small gesture against so great an evil; but that gesture is a sign and, who knows, that sign may say something about another attitude toward life that could give encouragement to a college freshman in need of assurance about the absolute significance of life.\*

## Adopt a Road Report

Adopt a Road Report for Arcola Avenue in Wheaton

On Saturday, January 12, the Knights of Columbus Council at Saint Andrew Church carefully collected the liter of motorists and pedestrians along our segment of Arcola Avenue from Kemp Mill Road to Georgia Ave. Crews working both sides of Arcola started from the Wheaton Regional Library (borrowing a shopping cart) at the Georgia Avenue end of our section. 2 bags (heavy duty 39 gallon size) of trash were collected and disposed of. The recyclables amounted to another 39 gallon bag and were recycled at Saint Andrews Church. The end segments required the greatest attention but property owners vary greatly in the cleanliness of their frontage. The next sweep will take place in early March.

Submitted by  
Chris Farrell \*

## Free Throw Council Winners

The Monsignor Wells Council (St. Andrew Parish) Knights of Columbus held its annual Free Throw Competition on Sunday, January 27, 2013 at the Barrie School gym with Boys and Girls ages 10 to 14 participating. All participants received certificates

The following youngsters were Monsignor Wells Council winners:

- Isaiah Johnson, 10 year old boys
- Chetanna Nweke, 10 year old girls
- Carleigh Meyer, 11 year old girls
- Odera Nweke, 11 year old boys
- Dylan Sylvester, 12 year old boys
- William Alvarez, 13 year old boys

Congratulations to the Council winners advanced to the District Championship held at the Barrie School on February 10, 2013. Super congratulations to Isaiah Johnson and William Alvarez who advanced to the Knights of Columbus State Championship to be held Sunday, February 17, 2013.

Bill Taylor, Youth Activities Chairman\*

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## Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson

### *America's Spiritual Battle Rages*

America is becoming a value-free, nihilistic, anything-goes society, in which there are efforts to prohibit any public expression of faith and to force people to act in opposition to their consciences. There are movements to ban the display of the Ten Commandments in courthouses, to forbid non-sectarian prayers in public schools, to force pharmacists to dispense abortifacient medications, to require Catholic hospitals to perform abortions, to compel the Boy Scouts to accept homosexual men as scout leaders, to take the words "under God" out of the Pledge of Allegiance, to redefine the meaning of marriage, to mandate that Catholic social service agencies allow same-sex couples to adopt children, and more. It is evident in the recent attempt by the government to define freedom of religion as freedom of worship, and thus to appear accepting of religion while hobbling its influence on public discourse.

There is a clash between those who believe in a higher moral law and those who reject any infringement on their desire to live as they please. It is a conflict ultimately between religious faith and the ideology of secularism.

The future we face is not without hope. As St. John proclaimed in the Book of Revelation, "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb." Those who experience the present tribulation and maintain their devotion to God will "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." In the end they will triumph, "for the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Pope Benedict XVI stated that the future of the Church in the United States requires Catholics to establish a clear Catholic identity, a strong sense of belonging, of being part of a community. The foundation for this is a new effort of evangelization. We must develop once again a sense of the Divine, a knowledge of our faith – and we must practice it in our daily lives. We can begin this evangelization by educating ourselves and our families about what it means to be a Catholic, and living our lives, both publicly and privately, according to its teachings.

The Pope has declared this year to be a Year of Faith, as an invitation for people throughout the world to experience "an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one

Savior of the world." This period began on October 11, 2012, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and will conclude on November 24, 2013, the Solemnity of Christ the King.

The American bishops, in order to make the Year of Faith benefit three major cultural threats that confront the Church in this country -- disrespect for life from conception to natural death; succeeding attempts to change the definition of marriage; and continuing efforts to restrict religious freedom -- are calling on the laity to join with them in a program of prayer, penance and sacrifice. Specifically, the bishops, acting through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (see <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/life-marriage-liberty.cfm>), are asking all Catholics to:

1. Daily: Say the rosary for a renewal of our nation's moral culture
2. Weekly: Fast and abstain from meat every Friday
3. Monthly: Attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour
4. Annually: Participate in a Fortnight of Freedom to be held in July-August 2013

These are small, but potentially significant steps. The Church can only respond to the cultural degradation if its individual members do – if we make prayer and the practice of the faith a natural part of our daily lives. To paraphrase a popular church hymn, let us evangelize the nation, and let it begin with me.

What are we doing as Knights? We proclaim that we are pro-life from conception to natural death, for the sanctity of marriage as the union of one man and one woman, for religious liberty, and are united with our priests and bishops. Supreme is taking action at the national level – supporting legislation, filing briefs in court cases, providing funding for major demonstrations such as the March for Life, and continuing communications through speeches, articles and advertising spots in major media. But battles are won not only by grand strategy, but in the trenches. What are we doing as a state council, as local councils, as individuals?

If we want to improve the culture of this nation and create a supportive moral atmosphere to preserve and strengthen the faith of our children and grandchildren, we must be willing to act. We can do so in two ways. First, by engaging in public activities that oppose the trends, such as Maryland Lobby Night (February 18, 3-8:30 pm, St. John Neumann parish, Annapolis), Maryland March for Life (March 11,

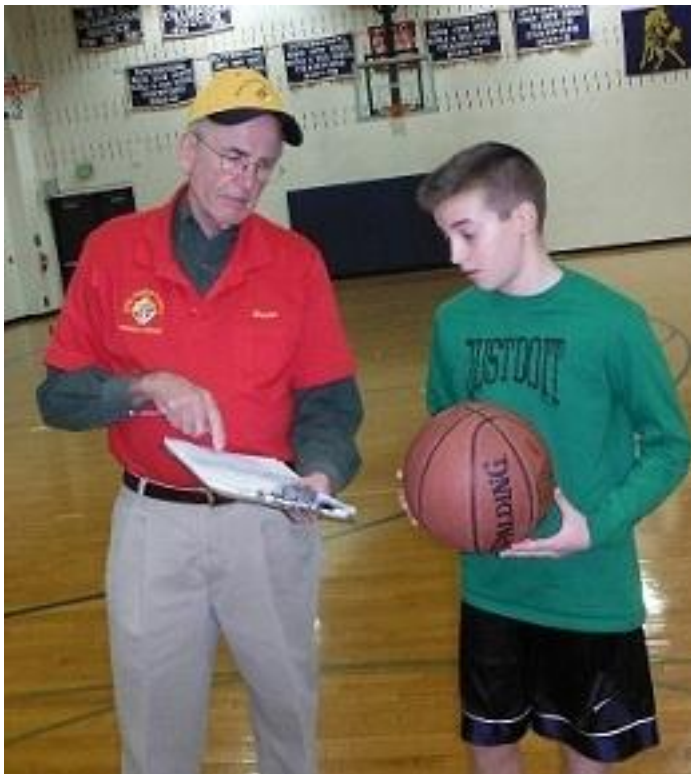
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beginning with Mass at 5:15 pm, St. Mary's Church, Annapolis), bearing public witness at abortion clinics, helping raise funds for pregnancy support centers, signing petitions and supporting legislation endorsed by the Maryland Catholic Conference ([www.mdccathcon.org](http://www.mdccathcon.org)), among other initiatives.

Second, and most importantly, our public action must be accompanied by prayer. This is a battle of a spiritual nature being fought in our temporal world. We cannot win unless we place ourselves in God's hands. Are we willing to follow the program that the bishops recommend? Is it too difficult to spend 15 minutes a day saying the rosary for our country? To fast and abstain from meat on Fridays? To spend one hour a month with Our Lord in front of the Holy Eucharist? Is this too much to ask for the future of our children and their children?

*Vivat Jesus!\**



Marvin Schuttloffel, PGK providing expert basketball shooting technique advice to a patient Free Throw Council participant. *Story on page 4*

## Insurance Agent's Message

Bob Callaway, LUTCF, FICF

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Fraternally,

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## February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 Scout Sunday	4	5	6 Officers Meeting 7:45PM	7	8 Beef, Ham & Oyster roast Council 15084	9 St. Andrew's Men's Group 7:30 AM
10 Pancake Breakfast 9:30 to 1:00 Dstrct Basktbl Free-Throw Barrie School	11	12	13 Ash Wed. Business Mtng After Mass	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17 State Basktbl Free-Throw Gambrills, MD	18 President's Day Holiday	19	20	21	22 Men's Retreat, Loyola on the Potomac	23 Men's Retreat, Loyola on the Potomac
24 Men's Retreat, Loyola on the Potomac Tootsie Roll Banquet @ Rosensteel	25	26	27 Social Mtng 7:45 PM	28	1	2

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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10 Pancake Breakfast 9:30 to 1:00	11	12	13 Business Mtng 7:45PM	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 First Degree 7:00 – 9:00 PM	28 Holy Thursday	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter Sunday						

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		<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b> Officers Meeting 7:45PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> State Council's Mid-term meeting
<b>6</b> Holy Epiphany	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Business Meeting 7:45PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Adopt a Road Arcola Cleanup After 9:00 Mass
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<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> MLK Birthday Presidential Inauguration	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> March for LIFE, Wash DC	<b>26</b>
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