



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NEWS

Monsignor Thomas M. Wells Council
#13008 Silver Spring, MD

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Grand Knight's Message



Grand Knight Dave Czarnecki

Council Fraternity

Worthy Brothers All:

August 1st saw the Installation of Council Officers, an annual event for the Council where newly elected Officers are formally installed into their new offices, followed by a reception and dinner complete with speeches by the Grand Knight and dignitary guest, thanking the outgoing administration, congratulating the incoming administration, reset the bar and declare new objectives for the year. The event is also an opportunity to socialize with Brother Knights and families.

This year we were fortunate in that the speeches given were short and straight to the point, allowing more time for the socializing part. I like to reiterate a point presented in GK talk – the significance of fraternity and the practice by members of the Council. I just did a search on “fraternity” in the Supreme website and came across paper given by Carl Anderson this past March which referenced Pope Francis’ message for the 2014 World Day of Peace, which was titled “Fraternity, the Foundation and Pathway to Peace.” (How was that for name dropping?)

In that message, the Holy Father addresses many different aspects of how the Christian concept of “fraternity” can renew society. The pope states that the key to true economic reform is to see each person “not just as some kind of instrument, with a work capacity and physical strength to be exploited at low cost and then discarded when no longer useful, but as our ‘neighbor.’”

My message is not that we need to work harder to change the world and to treat ourselves as some kind of instrument, with a work capacity and physical strength, but we need to remember to take time out for ourselves, relax and get to know each other. During my talk I asked how many new members were in the room, those who had come into the Council in the last year. The response was a bit disappointing. We, as a Council, have been doing a satisfactory job of recruiting and bringing in new

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Installation of Officers

Congratulations and appreciation to everyone who participated in the evening events. Our guests were quite complimentary on how well the installation and dinner came off. A lot of that success was due to the cooking and preparation by John O'Donnell who prepared an excellent meal and the team effort of Dave Luksic, Dennis Gorres, Rolando DeAlvarez and Marvin Schuttloffel.

Past Grand Knight Tom Beck received a plaque and pin from the Council in recognition of his leadership during the past year. District Deputy Kevin Kittka also presented an unknown gift to Tom for his contributions.

More than 50 people participated in the festivities which was emceed by our PGK Tom Beck. Guest included David Crum, GK from St. Elizabeth Council, #12796, Wayne Miller - Color Corp Commander, Roger Sczabo – State Cantor, District Warden – Joe Stewart, District Deputy of District 18 - Kevin Kittka and Lady Annick and State Family Activities Director - Gil Boisvert and Lady Josie.*

Arcola Kept Beautiful by Knights

Chris Farrell

On Saturday July 25, 2015, members of the Knights of Columbus (Council 13008) swept our adopted segment of Arcola Avenue from Georgia Avenue to Kemp Mill Road. Using two grocery carriages borrowed from Friends of the Library, we removed 2 large (39 gallon) bags of litter. Additionally, we recycled 2 (two) smaller bags (13 gallon) of plastic and metal. The blitz along our segment took four hours.

Homeowners (property owners) are doing a better job. Most litter came from motorists and pedestrians. The fire station could take better care of their frontage. While the Gazette has ended publication, the Montgomery College catalog, just delivered in plastic bags to the odd numbered side of Arcola, may be a problem in future sweeps. We plan to take a photo at our next Adopt a Road clean up.

members but we are less successful in getting them engaged in the activities of the Council

We are now in the process of attempting to address this challenge. We are finally instituting a mentoring program where a new member will be paired with an existing member. Also social meetings will be more social and more get together events will be added to Council activities. The first of which is a Council Picnic on Aug 29. (See details elsewhere in this newsletter)*

Chaplain's Message

Deacon Michael Bond



Adoration: The Holy Eucharist and the Communion of Saints

During the coming council year, I will continue, as I did last year, to focus upon Eucharistic Adoration. Listed below are some of my reflections regarding Eucharistic Adoration

upon which I have meditated and prayed. They are in no particular order; I simply wrote them as they occurred to me. While I am sure that some of them may well be things that I have come across in my various readings over the years, they are things that have tended to stick with me and that have influenced in my spiritual development in some way.

My prayer is that they may serve as food for thought as you and your families are before the Holy Eucharist during Eucharistic Adoration, before Mass, after receiving the Holy Eucharist, in your meditations after Mass, or during your times of prayer. I also invite you, my Brother Knights, to share your meditations with us as well, and in doing so, spiritually enrich all of our time before the Most Blessed Sacrament. I would be honored to share them in upcoming editions of our council newsletter. Please send them to me at mbond@adwdeacon.org.

- The Most Holy Eucharist is Christ Resurrected, not Christ Crucified.
- Whenever we participate in the mass or participate in Eucharistic Adoration, we are not alone as we are there with the Holy Trinity, Mother Mary, the Queen of Heaven, the angels, and saints of Heaven.
- Adoration is a holy encounter with heaven, while at the same time, an intimate, prayerful, and meditative exchange between us and our Creator.

- On an intellectual and spiritual level, Holy Communion and Eucharist Adoration should have the preeminent priority in the life of a Catholic. However, for most Catholics, these encounters are few and far between; more of an after-thought or infrequent action in our daily lives.
- Increasing participation in Penance, Holy Communion, and Adoration requires a leap of faith, a counter-cultural mentality, devout prayer, and God's grace.
- Until one comes to Mass and to Adoration with a true since of "AWE!" don't use the word "awesome". To do so equates God's grace and majesty with a good catch, a good hit, a well-built athlete, or a sports car, etc.
- From the Eucharist comes strength to live the holy life and the zeal to share that life with others.-St. John Paul the Great.*

Lector and Altar Server Pool Parties

Due to rain delays and last minute planning adjustments there were two pool parties on Sat, Jul 18th; one for the Mass Lector families and a second for Altar servers. Although the Council financially supported both events, due to limited available manpower and the last minute schedule adjustments we were only able to physically support the Lector Pool Party at Kemp Mill Swim club.

A thunderstorms that had rolled through the area earlier, delayed the arrival of many of the participants in order that they could complete their Divisional swim meet participation. But once everyone arrived they were met with excellent weather and a well provided barbecue of hot dogs, burgers, chips, refreshments and a tempting platter cake. There were about 35 swimmers and 25 adult non swimmers signed up.

Thanks to those who were able to assist in a very successful event; David Flagg, John O'Donnell, Eric McDonald, Wilfrid Amisial, Bill Taylor, Chris Farrell and Dave Czarnecki. Special thanks to Patrick McManus, who interrupted his walk-about from Australia, to help out and also to Kathleen Perencevich who arranged for the location and general coordination of the event.

Deacon Mike Bond reported that the Altar Servers were not outdone. Thanks to Michael & Anna Kirtland for the use of their home and to Lise Baur who put everything together.*

COUNCIL #13008

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OFFICERS:

Chaplain	Reverend Daniel P. Leary
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Associate Chaplain	Deacon Michel S. Bond
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Lecturer	Casimiro Moratin
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Webmaster	Rolando DeAlvarez
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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

August Meetings

Aug 05	Officer's meeting	7:45 PM
Aug 12	Business meeting	7:45 PM
Aug 26	Social meeting	7:45 PM

September Meetings

Sept 02	Officer's meeting	7:45 PM
Sept 09	Business meeting	7:45 PM
Sept 23	Social meeting	7:45 PM

August Knight of the Month

In recognition of his on-going contributions especially for the excellent dinner preparations made for the August 1 Installation of Officers, Trustee John O'Donnell, PGK is our August Knight of the Month. Whether John is outfitted with a pot and ladle or a hammer and screw driver, Brother John never misses an opportunity to identify and satisfy a need of the Council or Parish.*

August Family of the Month

The family of Inside Guard and Field Agent David Luksic is our August Family of the Month. David, his wife Lisa and their two little ones, Joseph and Julia were all out in force on Aug 1. By rallying participants from the Men's group, Boy Scouts, Youth group and the Knights and utilizing two power washers they directed an herculean effort to wash off a years' worth of dirt and grime from the tables and chairs in the Parish multipurpose room, just in time for the evenings Installation dinner. *

August Birthdays

George G Carter PGK, James Fahey and John Laracy on the 9th. Chancellor and Webmaster Rolando Dealvarez on the 14th. Michael Aitken and Tony Gentilcore on the 16th, Andrew Salatto on the 22nd, Peter Sanneman on the 24th, Christopher Ratto on the 27th and last but not least Stephen Munchak on the 31st. Also Karen, wife of Brother George Hardman on the 10th.

August Anniversaries

It does not appear that any one got married in August.*

New Associate Chaplain

Reverend William Wadsworth has joined our Council as an Associate Chaplain. Father Bill is an long time Knight transferring in from Father Peter Paul Maher Council #6793 *

August Council Picnic

Saturday August 29, 2015 at 1:00 PM in the soccer field behind the school, the Council will gather to mingle and use up left over burgers and hot dogs, left over from the lector swim party. Come on out and enjoy the weather and meet your fellow Council members and do your part to be sure no food goes to waste.

Hot Dogs, Burgers and refreshments are being provided by the Council. Please RSVP to John O'Donnell by 8/24/25.

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Monsignor Wells Message

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

There is a Choice to Be Made August 21, 1994

Sometimes I think so much like a priest that it scares me. However I guess that is who I am, so bear with me. I am probably the only person in the world to make the comparison between last week's concert, Woodstock II, and the World Youth Day activities in Denver with Pope John Paul II, but I do think some interesting points can be made.

First of all, let us beware of over-simplifying. I know a number of young people who went to Denver last summer and some of them, at least, would gladly have been in New York State last weekend. I can easily imagine them sliding down some soaked hill, covered in mud. At every stage in life, but especially in youth, there are pulls toward alternative visions of living. Likewise, I am sure there were large numbers of concert-goers who take faith very seriously, and rightly, they understand that music and fun do not have to be unChristian. Where comparison between the two events is useful is in contrasting their fundamental goals.

Fun is great, and quite frankly, I often describe my priesthood with just that word. But, obviously, fun is not the point of my vocation. What Woodstock represents is a way of looking at life that puts fun or pleasure as one of the highest goods. I do not know enough to critique lyrics of songs in order to pick out any philosophical values, but I can tell you that (if news reports are correct) when one hundred thousand people cheerfully avoid paying a price of admission to an event, certainly some kind of message of self-centeredness is being given.

What the Holy Father called a similar number of young people to in Denver is to follow Jesus; in other words, He reminded us all that we are not the source of the happiness for which we yearn. His challenge was to break out of self in the Christian service of others, rather than to let life be focused on one experience after another. Life is about more than fun.

The two events portray clearly two utterly different visions of life. I do not fear the choice that will be made by our young people. What I fear is that they will not understand that a choice must be made.*

K of C Council #13008 Fealty Prayer of Honor to the Legacy of Monsignor Thomas M. Wells

Almighty Triune God,

Just as you inspired your priest, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney to found our Order to serve the domestic Church, you likewise endowed Monsignor Thomas G. Wells, patron of our council, with the charisms of faith, adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist, pastoral service, humility, and inspirational guidance to those discerning the call to priestly vocation.

As Knights privileged to carry his name, please make us ever mindful of the responsibility such an honor entails. Inspire our officers and brother Knights to proudly take up the yolk of service to our parish families, their youth, infirmed, and elderly so that we may never sully his name or bring it in to disrepute.

Help us to become a council universally known for our devotion to Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, empowerment to those aspiring to Holy Orders, and passionately committed to the sanctity of life and social justice at home and abroad. Let us never fail to answer the call to be Disciples of Christ, ever faithful to Our Lady, the magisterium, and our Holy Father, the Pope.*



Reflections

Lawrence P. Grayson

Stand Strong

A significant danger facing America today is that its people are losing their sense of religious values and allowing the culture of the country to be shaped by militant secularists. The results are unsurprising: abortion and same-sex marriage are legal; assisted suicide and euthanasia are gaining acceptance; pornography is rampant; and religious persecution is underway.

When secularism dominates the culture, religious freedom must be curtailed. Secularism is a belief system that is anti-theistic, rooted in materialism and hedonism. It is alluring because it gives societal acceptance to unbridled human passions. It does away with distinctions of right or wrong, even treating wrong as right and right as wrong. Secularism is an idolatry in which the beliefs of the movement replace God in setting the standards of morality, of conscience, and of truth. If man genuinely believes in God and lives his life accordingly, he would be in direct and continual contradiction to the aims of secularism. Hence, secularism must necessarily oppose religion, persecute its believers, drive it from the public square, and nullify it.

Religious persecution in America has begun:

- On July 14, the courts again ruled that the Little Sisters of the Poor must agree to have contraceptive coverage provided to their female employees or face crippling fines.
- In Houston, pastors were subpoenaed to submit their sermons on sexuality to legal scrutiny.
- Christian ministers who operate a wedding chapel in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho were ordered to perform same-sex weddings under threat of fines and imprisonment.
- Catholic adoption services in several states have closed rather than provide adoptions to homosexual couples.
- In New York City, Yeshiva University was sued for not providing housing to same-sex couples.
- A Methodist Camp in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, lost some of its tax-exemption because it would not allow same-sex, civil union ceremonies on its grounds.

And there are a growing number of bakers, photographers, florists and providers of wedding facilities who are being sued because they are unwilling to provide services for events that violate their consciences. Now there are threats

that religious schools may lose accreditation, student aid, federal grants, and tax-exempt status, if they do not go along with the secularist agenda.

The strongest opponent to the secularist-dominated society, and the most necessary for a return to a moral order, should be the Catholic Church. Its teachings are clear. Popes have been speaking out against secularism in one form or another since at least the French Revolution. And Catholicism is the largest religious denomination in the Western world.

In America presently, the vice president, speaker and minority leaders of the House of Representatives, 31 percent of all members of Congress, six of the nine justices of the Supreme Court, numerous media and business leaders, and almost one-quarter of the population identify as Catholic. If their Faith guided their actions in public life, America would be a different country. Many who claim to be Catholic, however, give little or no thought to God and ignore the teachings of His Church in their daily lives.

Those who are militantly secularist are a very small minority of the population. But there are many, many Catholics who provide societal support for secularist ideas and actions. These are fellow travelers, although they may not consider themselves so. The politician who says his religious convictions will not affect his political actions is a fellow traveler. The judge who rules according to changing societal directions rather than the letter and intent of the law is a fellow traveler. The teacher who prohibits religious expression in class assignments is a fellow traveler. The newscaster who gives equal treatment to a small number of pro-abortion protesters at a massive pro-life rally is a fellow traveler. The parent who privately objects to a school presenting LGBT lifestyles as normal but will not publically oppose it is a fellow traveler.

Christianity will not win the conflict with secularism through political activity, although the legislative and judicial processes certainly should be used. Nor will it succeed by compromise, trying to coexist in a hostile environment. The lion will not lie down with the lamb. The long-term solution is a return of America's culture to its Christian roots.

For the Church to be an effective force for societal transformation, leadership by the bishops and priests is necessary. In the American colonies, it was the clergy, speaking forcefully from their pulpits about the abuses of the British crown and the rights and duties of man, who set the stage for American independence. Similar Gospel-based

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leadership is needed today to decry the evils of secularism and help develop the resolve of the laity to lead their lives, publically and privately, according to the teachings of the Church. “The Catholic laity, in turn, must become more outspoken in defending moral law, fight for the sanctity of the family, raise their children in the Faith, and exhibit a true love of God.

The immediate future will be difficult. But have hope. As the philosopher Dietrich von Hildebrand, who was a strong voice protesting Nazism, wrote, “If God permits evils...it is to test us; it is precisely our struggle against evil that God wills, even when we suffer external defeat.”

The Church will agonize and there will be decreases, most likely significant, in parish membership. Those who remain true to the Faith will experience hostility, social stigma, isolation, and perhaps legal suits, fines, and even imprisonment. But the reduced Church will be a reinvigorated one, comprised of people who are willing to evangelize and live the Gospel on a daily basis.

Pray for the nation. Pray for your family. Be devoted to the Rosary. Fast, attend Mass and Eucharistic Adoration regularly, and put your Faith in God. For if God is with us, who can prevail against us!*

Insurance Agent's Message

David Luksic

We Stand Strong on Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this

commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

“We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life.”

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2014, the Knights of Columbus was named a “World's Most Ethical Company” by the Ethisphere Institute. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.

“Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance,” said the Supreme Knight. “But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values.”

Contact me today to learn more about our products.*

Fraternally,

David N. Luksic, Field Agent

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Fraternal Year Calendar of Events

On Tuesday July 21, the Activities Directors met to lay out the calendar of events for the coming fraternal year. The first six months are listed on the next page. There are a number of openings for Event Chairman and workers. Be sure to support Directors and Chairmen for any call for help.*

Monsignor Wells Council Event Calendar July-Dec, 2015

July, 2015

- 01 Council Officers Mtg
- 08 Council Business Mtg
- 18 Lector Pool Party
- 18 Arcola Road Cleanup
- 21 Council Program Dir Plng Mtg
- 31 Council Installation Practice

August, 2015

- 01 Council Officer Installation
- 05 Council Officers Mtg
- 09 Semi Annual Financial Audit
- 09 Small Item Sale
- 10 State Programs Seminar
- 12 Council Business Mtg
- 22-23 Raffle Tickets sales after Mass
- 26 Council Social Mtg
- 29 Council Picnic
- 29-30 Raffle Tickets sales after Mass

September, 2015

- 2 Council Officers Mtg
- 7 Labor Day
- 09 Council Business Mtg
- 12, 13 Tootsie Roll after Mass
- 13 Pancake Breakfast
- 13 Small Item Sale
- 19, 20 Tootsie Roll Campaign, Giants
- 23 Council Social Mtg,
Msgr Wells Remembrance Mass
- 26 Arcola Road Cleanup
- 27 *St. Andrew Parish Carnival/Picnic*
Membership Booth

October, 2015

- 3, 4 Tootsie Roll Campaign, Giants
- 7 Council Officers Mtg
- 11 Pancake Breakfast
- 11 Small Item Sale
- 11 Membership Blitz
- 12 *Columbus Day*
- 12 Soccer Shoot out
- 14 Council Business Meeting
1st Degree
- 28 Council Social Mtg
2nd Degree

November, 2015

- 04 Council Officers Mtg
- 7-14 *Jamaica Trip*
- 08 Pancake Breakfast
- 08 Small Item Sale
- 11 Council Business Mtg
- 25 ~~Council Social Mtg~~, cancelled
- 26 Thanksgiving
- 28 Arcola Road Cleanup
- 28, 29 Christmas Card Sales

December, 2015

- 2 Council Officers Mtg
- 5, 6 Christmas Card Sales
- 09 Council Business Mtg
- 12, 13 Christmas Card Sales – Last
Sunday
- 16 Social Meeting / Christmas
Party Pot Luck
- 25 *Christmas Day*



Mustard Seed
Communities

CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE



The Mustard Seed Communities and St. Andrew Apostle are partnering together to provide children in Jamaica with stuffed animals and meals for Christmas 2015!

St. Andrew has committed to providing 5,000 stuffed animals for this effort – by Monday, September 21, 2015

We are looking for donations of new stuffed animals of “retail” quality (not the flimsy kind you win at carnivals/arcades) between 7” – 15” in height.


Collection boxes are set up outside of the all-purpose room and in the Rectory

August 2015

Monsignor Thomas M. Wells Council #13008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Installation & Dinner After 5:00PM Mass
2	3	4	5 Officer Mtg 7:45 PM	6	7	8
9 Small Items Sale	10 State Program Seminar 7:30PM	11	12 Business Mtg 7:45PM	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Raffle Tickets After 5:00PM Mass
23 Raffle Tickets After Mass	24	25	26_Social Mtg 7:45P	27	28	29 Raffle Tickets After 5:00PM Mass
30 Raffle Tickets After Mass	31					Council Picnic 1:00PM

Calendar updates are available at any time by checking the Council website. <http://standrewapostle.org/ministry/knights-of-columbus/>
 If you have an E-Mail address change, please send it to the editor at: david@czarnecki.com

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