



# The Voyager



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## Grand Knight's Report

### **Knight of the Month:**

Tom Pfeffer

### **Family of the Month:**

Dino Grier & Family

### **March 1st Meeting Canceled**

March 1 is Ash Wednesday. Business meeting will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Membership**

April will be our month for the Recruiting Blitz; we are in need of 20 or more additional members for this year. Let us start now, and keep going strong and be the STAR COUNCIL that we should be! Contact me or membership director Jim Nuzzo with any interested contacts.

### **DEGREES for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2006**

Degree Team to practice in March with a new script from Supreme.

Contact PGK Rob Cutler if interested in joining the team, backups are needed.

(Date Change) 1<sup>st</sup> Degree March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5208 to be moved to March 27<sup>th</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> Degree May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5208

2<sup>nd</sup> Degree March 28<sup>th</sup>, St. Josephs Taneytown

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree held at Archbishop Fulton J Sheen on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Council Directory**

To be emailed out to all with email in March and mailed to the rest of the membership.

### **By-Laws**

Advocate is preparing a list of proposed changes and reasons to be included in April Voyager.

### **Programs**

We are having a great year with so much accomplished and yet so much more to go. Thanks to all of you for what we have done so far. Chairmen to be contacting brothers for assistance to finish projects for this year, please help in every way to finish up our goals for this year. If you have any ideas for programs, please contact the Chairmen or GK.

If you have a program and are struggling to get it done, then please let the GK and Chairmen know how we can assist to accomplish the program and have fun.

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## Chaplain's Report

The holy season of Lent is just about upon us; and it is important that we try to approach it in the right spirit. We know that there is more to it than two days of fast and abstinence and meatless Fridays.

Lent, like the season it is named for, Spring, is a time of opportunity, a time for growth. The fasting that the church imposes and the discipline we may choose to impose on ourselves, e.g., less television, more exercise etc., are not ends in themselves, but a means to spiritual growth and renewal.

Lent is not a time to be sad or depressed. In fact, the familiar maxim, "Don't do anything special for Lent unless you can do it willingly and joyfully," is good advice as we approach this special time.

And yet, it would be sad if we did nothing special or different and lost this great opportunity to get closer to God and to grow spiritually. For one thing, we can accept the inevitable trials and sufferings in our lives in the spirit of the cross, uniting our sufferings with those of Christ, our Savior. This is a conscious change in our attitude towards the more difficult aspects of our life. And we can make some special resolutions in the areas of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to prepare us for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

As Knights, we are challenged to be Catholic men who appreciate and value the gift of our faith and who strive to live our faith in our daily lives. These forty days can be a relaxed yet fruitful time of reflection and retreat that will result in our being more deeply committed disciples of Jesus and more enthusiastic Knights. May it be a truly blessed and profitable time for each of you and your families.

Deacon Jim Ryan  
Associate Chaplain

# LENT

(Continued from GK Report page 1)

**Free Throw Shootout**

Thanks to Dino Grier and crew who had 31 contestants participate on Sunday 1/29. The winners advanced to the District Shootout in Taneytown on 2/19.

**Father-Daughter Dance**

Thanks to Steve Erlemeier and crew for holding our 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Father & Daughter Dance on 2/25.

**Golf Tournament**

PLEASE SIGNUP to be on this year's committee. Please contact Tom Pfeffer or Dino Grier if interested. Golf Tournament to be held in June. We need lots of Golfers and Sponsors to get off the tee now to be successful.

**Parish Priest**

**Fr. McGivney Biography Available**

New book out at Amazon.com for \$16.47 or Buy.com for \$14.92. This exciting new biography of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney was written by best-selling historian and biographer Douglas Brinkley. It is an exciting and engrossing account of the life of the man who may soon become the first American priest to become a saint of the Catholic Church. Learn about the times in which he lived, and the experiences that brought him to found the Knights of Columbus.

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones, and for all your love's sake. Amen. --Saint Augustine

Vivat Jesus,  
Grand Knight Tom O'Donnell

**Calendar**

- 3/1 **Ash Wednesday** No Meeting!
- 3/4 Sheen Councils ART Auction
- 3/6 Annapolis March (see PGK Quentin Sedney to help as Marshall's)
- 3/25 Rosary after 6PM Mass for Unborn Children Day
- 3/27 1<sup>st</sup> Degree 5208
- 3/28 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Taneytown  
April Recruiting Blitz
- 4/1 Sheen Council Safety Expo @ Wal-Mart in Eldersburg
- 4/7 Westminster Council's Spring Dance
- 4/7 State Bowie Baysox Game
- 4/9 **Palm Sunday**
- 4/15 Convention Registration due
- 4/16 **Easter**
- 4/29 MDA Stride & Ride Volunteers needed
- 5/17 **No meeting.** To be rescheduled
- 5/19-21 Convention (See GK if interested in attending in OC)

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**Knights of Columbus**  
**Glyndon, MD**

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**THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ARTICLES IS**

**THE 20<sup>th</sup> OF THE MONTH**

## District Deputy's Report

The next membership blitz will take place in April. I want to encourage everyone to keep membership a top priority. We need to continue inviting every eligible Catholic man to join our honored order. Currently, only 3% of all eligible Catholic men are members of the Knights of Columbus. Brothers, we can do better than that. Every council in District 1 still has the opportunity to achieve Star council this year, but we need the efforts of all of you to make this happen. In the words of our Worthy Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, as Knights of Columbus we have the moral obligation to offer every Catholic man "The Experience of a Lifetime" by asking him to join our great order. But we must ASK.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is coming to a close, and with that there are many reports that will be coming due soon. The Surge with Service reports, Best Pro-Life Activity, Best Senior Citizens Activity, and Best Lecturer's Program forms are all due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The report for the "Book of Reports" which is assembled for the State Convention is due by April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are submitting resolutions for the Convention, they are due by March 20<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to congratulate the winners of the District 1 Free Throw contest, and wish them all the best of luck at the State competition. I would also like to extend my greatest appreciation to Kevin Carter and Allen Shatzer for running the district competition in my absence. Also, thanks to those members of St. Joseph – Taneytown Council who helped Kevin and Allen make this a success.

This year's Founder's Day Mass will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Loyola College Chapel at 2:00 PM with a dinner to follow at Notre Dame Council. Not only do we honor our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, but we also honor the Maryland State Council's Citizen, Catholic Teacher, Family, Police Officer, Firefighter, and Medical Technician of the Year. Please contact your Grand Knight for information on this event. Please see your Grand Knight for more information.

God bless you, God bless our great order, and remember "IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE".

Vivat Jesus,

Joe Gauthier  
District Deputy #1  
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Kevin Carter  
District Warden #1  
410-751-7292



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## Fourth Degree

James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the ARC of Carroll County at 8:00 P.M. All Sir Knights are invited to attend.

**The Renewal of Obligations** was held at the February meeting this year. We welcomed our Worthy Master, Carl Roberts and District Marshall, Mike Dunn. This was one of the most prestigious events for the Assembly. I hope you were able to attend as it was a most impressive ceremony. For those not able to make this event, please plan on attending next January at the regular meeting.

The Assembly is looking for a dedicated Sir Knight who will be willing to chair the Patriotic Essay Contest this year. All those who are interested, please contact me.

Recruitment is not a once a year endeavor. Please continue to ask the members of your Councils to become members of the Fourth Degree. In my opinion, there is no greater honor in our Order.

The James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly has been asked to present the Colors at the Exemplification this year in Hagerstown. All Sir Knights who are interested in this Color Corps activity should contact Stephen Partenope, our assembly's Color Corps Commander, as soon as possible. Practices for the Color Corps are held prior to each meeting at 7:00 P.M. and practices for the Exemplification will be held on 3/07 and 3/14 at the Dundalk Council Home. Call Steve at (410) 913-1566 for information. We look forward to your participation in this event.



The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held in Hagerstown on Saturday, 3/25/2006.  
***Make plans to join us.***

Thom Partenope, Faithful Navigator  
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# Pro-Life Report

Before getting down to business, this year's March for Life deserves a few remarks. After both of us missed last year's March, we were grateful we could join it this time. The chartered bus, to the cost of which our Council had generously contributed, carried about 40 of us. A few other people had signed up to go but were unable to make the trip; with this degree of participation, we would consider the bus transportation to have been quite worthwhile, certainly a boon to all those of us who could make the trip, (We're told that the other bus, chartered by Sacred Heart School, was very well filled, as always.) When we got to D.C., the weather was cool and sometimes drizzly, but not really forbidding. A huge crowd gathered for the noon Rally, on the Mall but this year much nearer the Capitol. The Rally followed the usual format, speeches by leading figures in the pro-life movement climaxed by a brief address by President Bush, delivered by phone from Kansas. (While many people find much about the President to complain about, we in the pro-life cause can be grateful for his support.) After the invariable delay as all those thousands got themselves into the line of march, we set off to go past the Capitol and in front of the Supreme Court. (Actually Tom Damasiewicz and the two of us detached ourselves from the marchers to deliver letters to the offices of our two Maryland Senators; we weren't able to actually march in front of the Court.) As predicted in last month's Voyager, the Sacred Heart bus left from St. Peter's Church instead of its previous departure-point. Volunteers did their best to provide generous hospitality to the hundreds of us waiting for buses, and we understand that the new location affords parking for waiting buses which was not available before. As always, much of what we learned about the March comes from accounts in the next day's newspapers, specifically the Washington Post, Washington Times, and (the Associated Press account appearing in) the Carroll County Times. These sources - and especially the Washington Post, perhaps surprisingly - emphasized the strong youth-participation in the event, which reinforced our own observation. This aspect should encourage all of us. (We're sorry to report our impression that the Baltimore Sun quite ignored this huge and relatively nearby event. If any of you saw a report in the Sun which we missed, give us a call so that we can put a correction in next month's Voyager.)

## Pro-Life News in Annapolis

As was the case a month ago, the biggest life-issue now during this brief session of the 2006 Maryland Legislature remains the proposed Maryland Stem Cell Research Act of 2006, House of Delegates Bill No. 1, sponsored by Del. Samuel Rosenberg and strongly supported by Speaker Busch, together with the parallel measure in the Senate sponsored by Paula Colodny Hollinger. We hope that most of you saw the excellent insert in our recent Parish Bulletin and issued by the Knights; it urges us to contact our Maryland State Senator and all Maryland State Delegates to oppose the proposed Stem Cell Act especially because it would allow for embryonic research, and also to urge them to support

legislation providing for parental notification before a minor's abortion (Senate Bill 369). If you do not now have that very useful bulletin-stuffer and could use information in it explaining which legislators represent which specific parts of our Reisterstown and how to reach them by mail, phone, or e-mail, please call us (410-239-2085) for any such information. (Please note that Sen. Hollinger, who chairs a Senate Committee particularly dealing with stem-cell research, represents a district which includes a lot of Reisterstown.)

Besides the Washington March for Life described above, this winter affords another event where you can demonstrate for life, the Annapolis March for Life in the evening of Monday, March 6. Participants will find that this year's March steps off about 6:40 or 6:45 from the parking lot of St. Mary's Church located on Duke of Gloucester St. (presumably free parking there), reaching Lawyers' Mall (right between the Lowe House Office Bldg. and the State House) about 7:15 for the annual pro-life rally. Those wishing to visit the Galleries overlooking the Senate and House of Delegates can do so at the conclusion of the Rally; others may wish to go back to their cars at St. Mary's. If you need more specific information, we suggest you call PGK Quentin Sedney at 526-4366.

## Life-Issues in Washington

We are of course encouraged by the confirmation of Judge Alito, just now taking his place on the Supreme Court. We cannot of course predict how he may vote when the Court reaches cases involving abortion and other life-issues, as it inevitably will, but hope the Court will benefit from addition of a mind not committed to the "pro-choice" prejudices of the elite legal community which have been so prevalent now for decades.

In Congress, the action now is centered on the Human Cloning Ban Act (Bill S. 658 sponsored by Senators Brownback and Landrieu and H.R. 1357 by Representatives Welton and Stupak). It is our understanding that a similar bill has already passed the House, so that the big question is whether the Senate will vote on it this year. (It is said not to be hung up in any committee, so much depends on whether the whole 100 Senators will get to vote on it. It is unclear to what extent such a law would preempt anything the Maryland Legislature may pass; given the uncertainty of that and indeed whether the U.S. Senate will get to vote on its bill anytime soon, there is no reason for us not to continue to oppose any Maryland law which would support embryonic research and the human cloning which that would almost certainly foster.

## Nearby Pro-Life Vigils

Just a reminder that weekly vigils continue Saturday mornings in Owings Mills and monthly at Greater Baltimore Medical Center and St. Joseph's Fullerton. Just call us (239-2085) if you're inspired to join us in Owings Mills (we're usually there!). We can also provide information about St. Joseph's Fullerton; PGK Stan Chchran (833-4526) is the man who knows - from his own experience - about the effort at GBMC.

Mary & Jim Lewis

# Catechism

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As we all know another season of Lent will begin this year on March 1st which is also Ash Wednesday. This will also be a day of fasting and abstinence which means no meat and only one full meal all day. All the Fridays during Lent also are days of abstinence (no meat) with Good Friday again

requiring fasting and abstinence. The 40 days of Lent are a time to prepare for Easter and should be a time of prayer and penance, using the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert without food or water as our example.

Shown below are a few paragraphs regarding Lent from the Catechism.

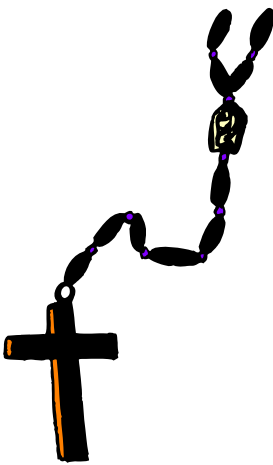
**540** Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter *for us*: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." By the solemn forty days of *Lent* the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

**1438** *The seasons and days of penance* in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works)

**2043** The fourth precept ("You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church") ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.

The fifth precept ("You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church") means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.

## International Day of the Unborn Child



On Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> following the 6 O'clock Mass, we will pray the Rosary with intentions for the unborn. The Knights of Columbus throughout the world are observing the Feast of the Annunciation as a very appropriate occasion to note the plight of the many lives that are in danger.

Throughout the year the Knights and the Parish Respect Life Committee participate in many ways, politically, materially and spiritually for the cause of life and the end of abortion.

We will be praying the 5 Joyful Mysteries in the Main Church with the

Sodality , Respect Life committee .

It will be a Living Rosary so we need as many Knights as we can get, as we do not want to be out numbered at our own Rosary. This is a great thing to do anytime but even more so during Lent, so along with giving something up , it is even better to do something extra in our spiritual life

Robert Cutler

# Christmas Assistance Program Report

Thanks to many people, especially within our Council, we received a total of \$1,976.33 in donations and gift cards; and we were able to serve fourteen families this year. This represented sixty-two people in all: 19 adults (including two seniors) and 43 children (21 teens, 17 young children, 4 toddlers, and 1 new born infant girl, just three weeks old).

We delivered 7 turkeys, 4 hams, 1 seafood dinner, and 2 gift certificates for purchasing special foods, along with the trimmings: canned foods and many items to round out their dinners. Each food box was topped off with a beautiful candy and fruit basket, cookies, and rolls. And each family again received a bible.

Gifts that were purchased were: *all new* clothing (dress shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweat shirts and pants, flannel shirts and blouses, bathrobes and slippers, nightgowns and PJ's, socks, and hats, scarf, and glove sets. We also fulfilled requests for bed linen, blankets, quilts, pillows, and hand towels.

Several received a gift bag with watches, jewelry boxes (including various jewelry pieces), purses and wallets, lotions, soap, creams, perfumes, hair products including a blow dryer, nail and face makeup sets. There were tote bags filled with bath items, tooth brushes and tooth paste, and small plush animals.

Children received a variety of toys, such as, hand-held sports games, board games, puzzles, dolls, CD's (Christmas music), a CD player with headphones, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, and baseballs, cars, and action figures. One family requested and received school and art supplies and educational books.

A coffee pot and filters, along with a small Christmas tree and a plush musical snowman, made one gentleman very happy. But the highlight for this year was giving a brand new three week old baby girl a large layette filled with new baby clothes, toys, and many infant items, including her first tiny baby doll.

We wish to thank many people for all their help and generous contributions. As always, we thank Ann Wheeler who supplied the names of the families served through the Dept of Social Services and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Special thanks are again due to Kathy and Joe Buczynski who boxed all the food at their home and who unfortunately have now moved to a different section of Maryland.

We are indebted to the Northminster Church for the Sykes Toys program and to Easy Movers (Joe and Joyce Geipe) who donated 20 boxes and tape for our food packages. We are grateful to our delivery people: Steve Stephen, Bill Ment, Bob Wagner, and several Ryan family members. We also thank those who volunteered for this, if we had needed them: Mickey, Craig, and Joe. We thank Quentin and Al for the money and many boxes of food supplied by the Breakfast with Santa program and those who donated turkeys and hams, money and gifts cards at the Christmas party and at other times. Finally, we thank those who bought gifts for individual family members or who adopted a family.

All of the families were very grateful for the gifts, and there is no question that our Council's efforts made a difference in their celebration of Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Deacon Jim and D Ryan

## Directory Changes

### Address Changes:

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### Member Withdrawals:

Frederick Brennan  
Craig Chaddon

### Bad Address:

Eric Bennett

## Degree Team Ceremonial Baldrics Expenditure Proposal

Our degrees and dress for them is changing. In line with that, the Immaculate Lady Council #5208 First Degree Team is requesting the council to approve the purchase of 12 ceremonial baldrics. This is an optional item for the exemplification of the first degree, but recommended. The degree team wears these with suits. We are asking the council to approve up to \$350 to include tax and shipment. Each baldric is \$25 apiece (times 12 baldrics = \$300).

## Orioles Concession Stand



The time is drawing near to decide if we will again work the concession stand at Camden Yards.

Last year we worked 3 Oriole games and this was a successful fundraiser for the council. We need to have enough volunteers (15 to 18 per game) in order for this fundraiser to continue.

Please contact Rick Siebert at 410-861-8642 if you are interested in participating

## March Anniversaries

Years	Knight
6	Bill Clare Michael Ruppert
9	Jeff Leone Dave Walther
11	Tony DiFurio Joe Pearson
15	Dan Venedam
18	Tony Fino
19	Jim Smith
23	Dick Krell
24	Steve Stephan
25	Ronald Hohman Lawrence Triplett
27	Bob Tinder (5 years continuous) Lawrence Warfield
32	Jim Ryan
34	Stan Kaniecki (24 years continuous)
35	Lee Fanti Tony Halterman
38	Bob Townsend
39	Charles Sevik
44	John Hooper Joe Nuzzo Sr.
60	Bob Filippelli (13 years continuous)



## Squires Update

Last year about May/June 2005, our council started a Squires Circle. Our Squires Circle is beginning to grow. Just this past month we brought in another young man, a son of our brother Brian Noll - Matthew Noll. Welcome Matthew!

This brings our numbers to seven. We have begun a 3 month membership drive with installations of new Squires planned "tentatively" at each month's end or in combination with another Squires unit as we have new members. Our goal is to have 12 by mid-March or sooner. We feel pretty confident this will be achieved.

We are now beginning work with much of the parish and its organizations in our membership effort. As one element of our membership effort Brothers, we are asking you to talk to your young men if they are between the ages of 10-17 about joining the Squires. This is most rewarding for them as the knights are for you. They will now be really part of their K of C Dad's world by doing this. Most young men will join "IF YOU ASK" as they are most proud of you and what you do as a Knight - Charity and Apostleship. This is an excellent way to show them how to live their faith as well instead of telling them what they should do. So how about it gentlemen - brothers - are your sons interested? Also, you may have Catholic neighbors, even of this parish possibly, this is a good way to recruit both the Dad and the son/s to the realm of the knights/squires. So this is a good way to help your council as well for membership. A thought - but just think of the possibilities. Also, if you have a newly confirmed son or about to be confirmed son, then this is a good "next step" with their faith as that is the commissioning for them to be apostles of Christ. This allows them to start now in taking an active part in their church instead of waiting until later in their years.

If you have candidates for the squires, please notify Stephen Bouchard (Squires Chief Counselor) or Michael Goodson (Deputy Counselor). We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. If you want more information, please call Stephen Bouchard.

Currently our council Squires members are the following: Joe Miller, George Warner, Michael Warner, Chad Hoppa, Steve Luna, Will Daub, and Matt Noll. They also would like you to know, that your sons are very welcomed and would love to have them in their council.

On behalf of all of us, "May God Bless always",

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Michael Goodson, Deputy Counselor  
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## Free Throw Contest

The Immaculate Lady council sponsored a youth free throw contest at the Sacred Heart gym. There were 31 kids participating in this contest and the winners advanced to the District free throw competition. The winners from our council contest were: Alex Hrochta, Symonne Newsome, Gibson Heird and Geralde Clothier. Thank to you Dino Grier for organizing this event and all of the Knights who helped make this a success.

## Programs

We are looking for brother Knights who are interested in being a program chairman for the upcoming council year. Chairmen and assistant chairmen are needed for the following programs: Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the council and help lead our activities during the year. If interested please contact Rick Siebert at 410-861-8642.



**Knights of Columbus**  
**INSURANCE**  
*Making a difference for life.*

Are you expecting a tax refund? Even if you're not, you certainly don't want to pay more in taxes than you have to. Yet, that's exactly what you can expect if you have savings that aren't in a tax-deferred account. Examples include bank savings accounts and certificates of deposit.

I can help you to find a good place to put that tax refund you might be expecting. The Knights of Columbus offers a highly competitive tax-deferred annuity. You don't pay income tax on the earnings until you withdraw them - which most likely will occur after you retire. And these tax-deferred earnings compound at a faster rate than money saved in a taxable account.

You can make one payment and select the age at which you begin receiving benefits. Or, make periodic payments of as much as you want for as long as you want. Either way, an annuity with the Knights of Columbus can provide you with a retirement income you can't outlive.

In a financial world characterized by uncertainty, a Knights of Columbus tax-deferred annuity gives you peace of mind. Your principal is guaranteed, and so is a minimum rate of return. What other kinds of investment vehicles give you those guarantees?

I can provide you with a customized illustration of how an annuity would work for you. Just give me a call.

Thomas White, FICF, LUTCF  
(410)581-1740



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## Prayer and Charitable Service

In his first encyclical, titled *Deus Caritas Est (God Is Love)*, Pope Benedict XVI writes about the important witness of charity given by the saints, from the earliest days of the Church to modern times. He makes special mention of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, citing her as an example of how a life of prayer nurtures and enlivens charitable service.

People who pray for an end to poverty, Pope Benedict wrote, “are not wasting their time.” Piety, he says, “does not undermine the struggle against the poverty of our neighbors.”

“Time devoted to God in prayer not only does not detract from effective and loving service to our neighbor but is, in fact, the inexhaustible source of that service,” says the pope.

There are many lessons for us Knights in this beautiful encyclical, released Jan. 25. Making sure our charitable programs have this prayerful, spiritual impetus seems to me an important first lesson for us to take from this encyclical.

One way to bring the teachings of Pope Benedict to bear on our Order would be simply to begin each service program we undertake with a prayer. We pray to start and conclude our meetings, hold rosary services or prayer programs to honor Mary, sponsor a Blue Mass or corporate Communion, but how many times do we Knights pray before we launch a fund-raising drive, build a wheelchair ramp for an elderly or disabled neighbor, or collect food to restock a parish or community pantry or soup kitchen?

It is unfortunate that we know almost nothing about the prayer life of our founder; however, in *Parish Priest*, the authors recount others’ recollections of Father Michael J. McGivney.

They make reference to his determination, a “strength of purpose” and an “indomitable will,” all of which are displayed in his founding of the Knights.

*Vivat Jesus,*

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