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## "We're Under Attack"

First the Obama administration decided they would dictate what policies the Catholic Church would follow even if it ran contrary to church teachings.

Now the State of Maryland has decided that the sacrament of matrimony is open to anyone - not just a man and a woman. I shake my head wondering where this is going. Several bishops have stated publicly that they will close down all Catholic institutions (such as hospitals) rather than submit to a policy that defies Catholic moral teaching. Let's hope that the Obama administration comes to its senses.

In Maryland we have the option of getting a recently passed "gay marriage" law on to the ballot so the people of Maryland can actually vote on it directly. But our representatives in Annapolis think that they are wiser than the great unwashed electorate so they make it extremely hard to do so. It requires more than half a million signatures on petitions to get a law on the ballot. In addition, those signing the petition must fill out the form exactly as it appears on their voter registration card or the signature is disqualified. Not registered to vote? Then, in Maryland, you cannot petition your government to address a grievance.

Rich Sosna has been asked by Father Wible to coordinate signatures at St. Francis during the month of May after Masses to help get the "gay marriage" bill on the ballot. He will need a lot of help. If you can help get signatures after Mass please contact Rich at 410-569-9374 or by email at [sosna@verizon.net](mailto:sosna@verizon.net)

**Vivat Jesus**  
Dan Trout - Grand Knight

### Membership

**Bill Hengemihle 410-569-5252**

With regret we announce the passing of Brother Daryl Gardner. May he ever rest in eternal peace. Brothers Jeff Perkins, Rich Bossey and Chip Hagner received the honors of the third degree on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> at Cardinal Gibbons Council. Brothers Mike Novak, Jim Dimaggio and Bill Hengemihle were in attendance.

Keep alert brothers.... we still need more members in our army. If you are in arrears in dues payment please pay promptly.....Thanks

**PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES PROMPTLY....AVOID SUSPENSION NOTICES**

## Lent – is it over?

*You've probably already guessed that the answer is no! Lent should be an ongoing process that we follow all year long. Sure, by the time you read this article, Lent will soon be over. We will soon celebrate the Resurrection and be ready to go from purple to white vestments to celebrate the Easter season.*

*Lent should not be over for any of us just yet. As we all know, it's a time we try our best to change our lives, to make things a little bit better for our families, our friends, and our coworkers. How did we do this year? Did our lives change for the better? Are our family relationships any better than they were before we started? Are we closer to God than we were on February 22<sup>nd</sup>?*

*I know it's not that easy to change. We'd rather stay doing the same old thing every day. It's so much easier. We don't have to work so hard. Let's just put a Band-Aid on it and hope the changes happen by themselves. We all know that's not going to happen, changes require us to really work at them. If we tried this Lent, and didn't make a change in our lives and relationships, there's still time to do so. Actually, there's lots of time to make a change in our lives. It takes effort, it takes prayer and it takes a commitment to really want to change. Is Lent really over? Not for me and not for you. We've only just begun.*

*Peace and All Good,  
Deacon Jim*

## *Ladies Auxiliary*

*Martine Uveges*

Many thanks to all who attended, purchased items, and helped support the "Premier Jewelry" party held after Masses on Sunday, February 26, 2012. Over \$700 has been raised for the Ladies' charitable efforts so far from jewelry sales! You can still help raise money for the Ladies group by hosting a Premier Jewelry show in April. If you are interested, you can contact the event chairperson, Mary Celeste Eder, at 410- 538-4433, for further details.

Welcome to new member, Christine Lieu, who recently joined the Ladies!

The Ladies agreed at the March meeting to donate \$250 to the Citizen's Nursing Home in Havre de Grace. \$100 will be donated in quarters for the residents to play bingo, and \$150 will be used to purchase items, such as body wash and shampoo, that can be given to the residents on their birthday. Connie Colvin will contact staff at the nursing home about scheduling an event in 2013 for the Ladies to provide companionship, such as sponsoring a tea, for the nursing home residents.

The Best of Country Cookie books will be available for purchase at St. Francis de Sales Friday night bingos and from Bernie Pavlitsa at (410) 676-6404 for just \$10 each or 3 for \$25. All proceeds go to SVDP.

The Ladies' next meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., Monday, April 16th in the K of C Hall.

## **Quote of the Month**

I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.

**Thomas Jefferson**

# Supreme Chaplain Bishop Lori Appointed Archbishop of Baltimore

Bishop William E. Lori, who led the [Roman Catholic Diocese](#) of Bridgeport through a wrenching sexual abuse scandal left behind by his predecessor while emerging as a forceful national voice for religious liberty, has been named the 16th archbishop of Baltimore. Bishop Lori also served as the Supreme Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus.



Pope Benedict XVI made the announcement Tuesday, according to the Vatican Information Service.

Lori succeeds Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, who served as Baltimore's 15th archbishop from October 2007 to August 2011 when he was named pro-grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Lori, the 60-year-old leader of the Bridgeport diocese since March 2001, had been viewed as the favorite for the job after taking an increasingly prominent role among U.S. bishops in recent years. He will be formally installed in his new post May 16. Until then, he continues in Bridgeport.

During Lori's time in Bridgeport, he helped write the Dallas Policy, also known as the [Charter](#) for the Protection of Children and Young People, which set zero tolerance for abusive priests; fought off a proposed state law to place control of parishes in the hands of laypeople; and testified before Congress on the need for religious liberty.

At Tuesday morning's news conference, he told press, clergy and nuns that the issue of religious freedom is a priority of the U.S. Conference of Bishops, "and I will carry this issue forward. It's been hard to miss that there has been an erosion of religious liberty in this country, along with the secularization of society." He said he will also stress evangelical outreach in an effort to draw more people into the church.

The Metropolitan Archdiocese of Baltimore is the nation's oldest, serving nearly 550,000 Catholics attending approximately 100 churches. About 45 percent of people residing in the archdiocese are Catholic, making Baltimore the 39th largest diocese. Bridgeport is the nation's 45<sup>th</sup> largest.

"The new evangelization is proclaiming the gospel afresh," said Lori, who appeared at the Tuesday news conference bare-headed, without the traditional red skull cap. "It's a matter of listening. People sometimes have a caricature of what the church teaches, rather than what it does teach."

Lori follows in the footsteps of the late Cardinal Shehan, who was the first bishop of Bridgeport when the diocese was created in 1953 and left to become archbishop of Baltimore in 1961. Shehan was elevated to cardinal in 1965 and died in 1984. Lori, like Shehan, had been an auxiliary bishop in Washington, D.C.

Lori on Tuesday fielded questions on Maryland's pending referendum on gay marriage, and on church closures and new vocations.

"Marriage is one man and one woman; it's an institution that predates governments," he said. "I'll be teaching as a bishop and working with other bishops and leaders in Maryland as the referendum unfolds." Having moved to close several Bridgeport-area churches, citing declining parish enrollments, Lori faces the same issue in his new post. "That is not uncommon in a large diocese as this one is," Lori said.

Undoubtedly the most explosive issue during Lori's time in Bridgeport was the disposition of dozens of sex-abuse lawsuits against priests brought against the diocese in previous years. Lori settled those lawsuits, with the diocese paying out about \$36million.

We are indeed fortunate to have Bishop Lori join us as we begin our fight against the recently passed "gay marriage" bill as it would only be a matter of time before the administration in Annapolis pushed to force the Catholic Church to perform gay marriages.

(Condensed from [Newstimes.com](#) and [CardinalNewmanSociety.org](#))

## Activity Director's Report

### **Activity Director – Rob Hardy <robhardy@gmail.com> – 410-459-6132**

Brothers, I will likely be incognito for the month of April after my son is born. If you have an urgent need, please contact Keith Marchiano in my absence. That said, I'd like to point out the St. Francis Volunteer Dinner on April 21<sup>st</sup> and our very own Spaghetti Dinner on May 19<sup>th</sup>. I'd also like to see as many brothers as possible come out for the State Convention May 4-6. As always, for a constantly up to date calendar, make sure to go to the website: <http://kofc11372.org>

### **Council – Greg Ward <gjward63@comcast.net> – 443-243-1333**

The Leo Bernt Horseshoe Tournament is coming up in June. A date will be announced shortly.

### **Youth - Dave Michalov <umes96pt@yahoo.com> and Jacob Burlin <jdburlin@gmail.com>**

The Touch-a-Truck event is coming up on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The Knights will be on hand to cook hotdogs for preschool aged youth as they acquaint themselves with trucks from Abingdon Fire Company. We need help from 9:30 to 2 at Kilduff Hall.

### **Church – Mark Hopkins <markhopkins1@comcast.net> – 410-225-7248**

Sometime after Easter Sunday, we will be cleaning the windows in the worship center. A date and times will be released soon; likely on a Saturday in April or May.

### **Family – Marc Bolden <mbolden509@me.com> – 443-528-4964**

Brothers and sisters, our council will be attending an Orioles game on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:05 PM vs the Royals. This includes all you can eat food and non-alcoholic drink. The cost is tentatively \$35. If interested, please contact Marc with the number of tickets you would like to reserve.

### **Community – Charles Duke <charldk@aol.com> – 410-879-4312**

May Day at John Archer will occur on May 5<sup>th</sup> at John Archer school. We will meet tentatively at 10 AM for setup and we should expect to be there for 3-4 hours to cook food. Keep an eye on the website – [www.kofc11372.org](http://www.kofc11372.org) – for further updates.

### **Pro Life – Ed Petrovic <e.petrovic@verizon.net> – 410-679-4179**

Marigolds will be handed out to all mothers on Mother's Day, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at all masses. We need 4 people per Mass. The time commitment is only 10 minutes after Mass and then you're free. If you're willing to help, please contact Ed. Email is the best way.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

We are in need of some brothers to step up to be activity directors. Currently we have openings for the following:

Church

Community

Family

Brothers please pray and consider being an activity director? You will get all the support you need from the Grand Knight, Program Director, and your fellow brothers in executing the activities you decide to have.

Reprinted from a Knight's Newsletter in the DC Area

## Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

Excerpts of an article written by non-Catholic Sam Miller - a prominent Cleveland Jewish businessman:

"Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States, namely the Catholic Church?"

Do you know - the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at the cost to that Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. The graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%.

The Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrollment of 700,000 students.

The Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people - not just Catholics - in the United States today

But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage.

Let me give you some figures that Catholics should know and remember. For example, 12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner; 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church, 41.8% of clergy women reported unwanted sexual behavior; 17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed.

Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia. 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. This is not a Catholic Problem.

A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving.

The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the Church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now.

Walk with your shoulders high and your head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States.

Then remember what Jeremiah said: 'Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions.

Be proud that you're a Catholic."



## Nomination Time



We are accepting nominations for the slate of officers for [2012-2013](#). If you are interested in a position please contact Lee Eder. Nominations will be accepted up until the election of officers to be held May 21st.

# Evil Truly Walks Astride the World

## Introducing Peter Singer

Peter Singer, a prominent philosopher and ethicist, who is the Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics at Princeton University has a rather strange value system, at least to us as Catholics. He is a very prominent philosopher who champions animal rights yet also promotes the idea of killing handicapped newborns on the basis of they have not yet achieved "personhood."

It is his bizarre concept of "personhood" that we as Catholics find so abhorrent. Singer argues that human development is a gradual process so that it is nearly impossible to mark a particular moment in time as *the* moment at which human life begins.

Professor Singer says that a newborn child has no ability for rational thought, no autonomy, and no sense of self-consciousness. Because of that it has no ability yet to have preferences (such as wanting to live), therefore "killing a newborn baby is never equivalent to killing a person, that is, a being who wants to go on living."

So, the natural progression of thought says just as pro-choice people claim that a fetus is just a lump of tissue, a newborn child is merely a logical extension of that concept – a bigger lump of tissue. And since a newborn child or a handicapped child, or even a Handicapped adult, is not fully a person in Singer's judgment, so it is fine if we kill him or her. In fact, a person with severe brain damage or who is in a coma is not truly a fully rational human and therefore can be killed or otherwise dispensed with.

Singer also argues that in some situations, euthanasia is morally acceptable particularly in the case of self directed euthanasia. Oddly, or perhaps not so oddly, Professor Singer's mother suffers from Alzheimer's and Singer stated in an interview that if he was responsible for his mother's care, instead of his sister who is currently in charge, he might direct that she not continue to live.

Professor Singer's philosophy derives from his belief that he considers humans to be nothing special, simply one variety of animal and in fact he described humans as, "we are great apes." I suppose this helps explain the low regard he has for baby humans. Oddly enough, Professor Singer is a vegan and doesn't believe in killing animals for food. Apparently, he seems to accord more respect to animals than he does to us great ape humans.

This shows the depths to which our society has sunk. A renowned professor at one of our most prestigious universities, advocates killing people who are substandard in any way whether they are handicapped or aged or just newly born.

I'm not sure I would want to live in Peter Singer's world. Thank God for the Catholic Church and our bishops who are saying "NO" to Planned Parenthood's abortions and history of eugenics and our current President who voted to let babies who are accidentally born during an abortion to be allowed to be put into a cupboard and allowed to die.



**"Once abolish the God, and the government becomes the God." G.K. Chesterton**

# Please Note!!!!

## Change in Meeting Schedule for April

April's schedule is changed due to Holy week and the primary election.  
This means there is no meeting room large enough for us to meet.

***April 2nd Officer's meeting is in Room 200 Religious Ed Building***  
***April 9th- Council meeting is in KofC Hall***  
***April 15th- Council meeting and 1st degree in Kilduff Hall***

**District Deputy**

**Jim Crosse**

### District Deputy Message April 2012

Every Council a Star Council (numbers as of 3/20/2012)

Council #/Goals	New Members	Dropped Members	Net Membership Increase	Net Insurance Increase
8736 / 13-5	9	0	9	4
9815 / 8-3	5	0	5	3
10100 / 8-3	0	6	(6)	0
11372 / 17-6	11	0	11	1
District Total	25	6	19	8

Star District Goals 32 New Members; 12 Insurance Members

Congratulations to those that took their Third Degree at Columbus Gardens on March 16, 2012:  
Long Green: John Canoles, Dean Manzoni, John Bushman, John Sochurek, Robert Sapp.  
Mason Dixon: Matthew Robbins, Tom L Seiter, Joseph Genovese, Michael Palazzo, David Racine.  
Father Wolfe: Jim Hagner, Wayne Long, Jeff Perkins, Richard Bussey.  
This speaks well for the future of our Councils..

A few key dates to remember:

First Degree at Father Wolfe on April 16, 2012.

First Degree at Long Green on May 22, 2012

Second Degree at Father Wolfe May 16, 2012.

State Convention May 4-6, 2012.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Cross, District Deputy #4

## Different life stages, changing needs

You may have a long-range expense for which you are saving, such as college for your children. You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. You may want to protect your ability to earn a living. You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets. You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren.

At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20, may not be at 30, or 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?

One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead.

During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care, disability income insurance and guaranteed retirement products that will help you rest easy at night.

Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help. Contact me today to learn more.

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## Medical Insurance Changes

**Due to the changes in the government's takeover of medical care, some new medical terms may be different. This month we bring you some of the new terminology courtesy of the Alabama School of Medicine.**

Anus.....	It was somebody else.	Labor Pain.....	Getting hurt at work
Artery.....	The study of paintings	Medical Staff.....	A Doctor's cane
Asphalt.....	Injured posterior	Morbid.....	A higher offer
Bacteria.....	Back door to cafeteria	Nitrates.....	Cheaper than day rates
Barium.....	What doctors do when patients die	Node.....	I knew it
Benign.....	What you be, after you be eight	Outpatient.....	A person who has fainted
Caesarean Section...	A neighborhood in Rome	Pelvis.....	Second cousin to Elvis
Cat scan.....	Searching for Kitty	Post Operative.....	A letter carrier
Cauterize.....	Made eye contact with her	Recovery Room.....	Place to do upholstery
Colic.....	A sheep dog	Rectum.....	Darn near killed him
Coma.....	A punctuation mark	Secretion.....	Hiding something
Dilate.....	To live long	Seizure.....	Roman emperor
Enema.....	Not a friend	Tablet.....	A small table
Fester.....	Quicker than someone else	Terminal Illness.....	Getting sick at the airport
Fibula.....	A small lie	Tumor.....	One plus one more
Impotent.....	Distinguished, well known	Urine.....	Opposite of you're out



# FATHER MAURICE J. WOLFE COUNCIL



## THREE MONTH PLANNER

April			
Mon	2	Officers' Meeting – Education Building Room 200	7:30pm
Mon	9	Rescheduled Council Meeting – Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	13	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	14	Preschool Event – Touch a Truck	10:00am
Mon	16	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Sat	21	Rescheduled - St. Francis de Sales Volunteer Dinner	6:15pm
Fri	27	Bingo!	5:00pm
May			
Fri-Sun	4-6	State Convention in Ocean City	7:00pm-12:00pm
Sat	5	May Day at John Archer	9:00am
Mon	7	Council Meeting – Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	11	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sun	13	Mother's Day – Marigolds for Life	8:15am
Mon	14	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30pm
Sat	19	Spaghetti Dinner – Kilduff Hall	4:00pm
Mon	21	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	25	Bingo!	5:00pm
Sat	26	Family Activity – Orioles vs Royals	4:05pm
June			
Mon	4	Council Meeting – Knights Hall	8:00pm
Fri	8	Bingo!	5:00pm
Mon	11	Officers' Meeting – Knights Hall	7:30pm
Mon	18	Council Meeting – Kilduff Hall	8:00pm
Fri	22	Bingo!	5:00pm



### *Announcement*

**Your editor and his lovely wife Kay are now the proud grandparents of Nolan Xavier Mowery.**

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