



Happy 60th Anniversary Mother Seton Council #5381



Seton Shrine, Emmitsburg, MD

Council Charter Instituted on January 8, 1963

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Grand Knight Report



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This month we celebrate sixty years of existence as a Council. Under the able leadership of our charter Grand Knight Bernard "Bernie" Green, Mother Seton Council has established a legacy espousing the true values of our Order.

Thank you to all Past Grand Knights for their leadership, members for their commitment and family members (especially our Ladies) and friends for their support.

We celebrate the first 60 years and look forward to more blessings and successes for the years to come.

We invoke the protection of our Patron Saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton. Pray for us.
Happy New Year.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus

A Message From the Financial Secretary

Dues invoices have been mailed.

Payments are due January 1, 2023.

Current membership cards expired Dec 31, 2022.

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Chaplain's Corner

(Father Milt's Reflection)



Rev. Dr. Milton E. Jordan (ret)
Chaplain Emeritus

Reflection on St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, Foster Father of Jesus Christ

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis instituted the **Year of St. Joseph**. This was to commemorate the 1870 proclamation of St. Joseph, the patron of the Universal Church declared by Pope Pius IX. For many it is the faith of Joseph, his courage and his silence that is called to mind. We do not have spoken words but we know him by his actions. Truly a case of actions speaking louder than words. Faith in God, Faith in God's promises, faith as Jesus' father, faith in his wife, faith in his son. We have no record of God speaking to Joseph. There are a few dreams leading him in his role as head of the household. When the support of those dreams faded he needed his faith to be his strength. Pope Francis' words: **"Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true 'miracle' by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph's creative courage."**

"Husband and wife," simple words in Matthew's words. But when an angel appears to Joseph, ending his fears and plans to divorce Mary, this man found new determination and peace. History **would never be the same**. To the locals in Nazareth, Mary and Joseph and their baby, this was a regular family, not saints or special people in town. But as Jesus' parents, like any parents they shared parent anxiety over loving their son to being "astonished" by his actions. When Jesus went about preaching and talking about His **Father**, Joseph must have wondered "what's happening here?" Surely Joseph had to rely on his faith after hearing of this child of theirs teaching the learned teachers in the temple. Parents cannot find a better helper when their parental roles are challenged by the actions of their children. Seeking his support and help to be excellent parents, today's husbands and wives have the guaranteed assistance of a most extraordinary husband and foster father. Today let us pray for all fathers that they have the faith and courage of the Man of Nazareth, Joseph, husband of Mary, foster father of the Son of God.

Oremus pro invicem: Let us pray for one another.
Fr. Milt



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District Deputy Report



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Greetings My Brothers,

Happy New Years to everyone! I know the Grand Knight is starting to smile and stand a little straighter since we are halfway through his fraternal year. Registration for the 2023 State convention starts on January 9th for the Grand Knight and delegates. January 20th is the annual National "March for Life". Hopefully you and your families can attend. A Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on February 18th. All 3rd degree members are encouraged to join the Patriotic Degree. The Lenten season starts in February. Let us spend that time examining our relationship with God. A sincere "Thank you" for everyone's hard work in ensuring their council programs have been successful this fraternal year. Remember, there are still catholic gentlemen just waiting for someone to extend an invitation to become a Knight.

Remember "Cry the Gospel with Your Life".

Vivat Jesus,

Harold F. Sanders Jr.

District Deputy #3

Mary, Queen of The Knights

Our Lady, *Queen of the Knights, *bless all the activities of our Order.

***Keep us true to the pledge * to extend the kingship of thy Divine Son on Earth, * Through Thine intercession, * win for us the grace* ever to exemplify in our public and private lives,**

*** the virtues which should characterize* those specially dedicated* to the service of the heavenly court. *Make us always aware *that as your Knights* we are constantly observed, *our faith judged* and our Order appreciated. *Accept, O Mary, *this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion* of thy servants, *the Knights of Columbus.**

AMEN



COUNCIL HISTORY

Mother Seton Council #5381 was instituted on January 8, 1963 as the first new Council of the Order for the year 1963- Some 132 names were carried as Charter Members, 50 of which were new members while the other 50 was evenly distributed among transfers and restatements into the Council. The first installation of Mother Seton Council Officers was conducted on March 6, 1963 under the direction of the then State Deputy, Maurice J. Klein.

Our Charter was officially presented to our first Grand Knight, Bernard Green, by Francis G. McFarland, State Deputy, Maryland State Council, at a Charter Dinner held at the Royal Arms, Hyattsville, on May 9, 1964.

The Patroness of our Council is Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton who was beatified on March 17, 1963, in the Vatican. We constantly offered our prayers for the Canonization of Mother Seton who founded the Sisters of Charity in America, in 1809, and is also recognized as the founder of the Catholic School system in this country. Proud to bear the name of Blessed Mother Seton, our Council members and their families made an annual pilgrimage to her home in Emmittsburg, Maryland, where Holy Mass is offered and a Spiritual Bouquet for her canonization was presented to the Superior of the Sisters of Charity, A trip to the Shrine followed by a family picnic conclude this wonderful annual event.

Mother Seton Council primarily drew its members from St. Ambrose, Cheverly; St. Mary's, Landover Hills; St. Bernard's, Riverdale; St Joseph's in Landover, Holy Family in Mitchellville and St. Matthias, Lanham. Other parishes are also represented in our membership, which in less than two years, expanded to 213 members. The credit for the initial effort to institute Mother Seton Council goes to four dedicated Brother Knights. They are: Bert Parise, our first District Deputy; James Echols, our general insurance agent; Bernard Green, our first Grand Knight and Francis Knowlan, our first Financial Secretary. They did their work well.

From the beginning the Council was very active. Within two months a monthly newsletter was started. The Council chose the name "Seton noteS" with the S at both ends capitalized because the word notes is the same as Seton reversed. The programs and activities of the Council continued to grow and before our 15th anniversary we had sent a Grand Knight to the State Convention to collect first place awards in all of the programs. At that time awards were given in six categories.

The dream of a Council home was in consideration before the Council was a year old. The first income was created by the sale of bonds at a cost of \$100 each. A total of 31 were sold and several members were buying them with payments such as \$1, \$5, \$10 or whatever, some of which were never completed or refunded. The original bonds were purchased back for \$150 many years later or totally donated to the building corporation.

The Council has conducted many fund raising events over the years and both the Council and the Auxiliary transferred funds from time to time. The Building Corporation has also been the recipient of funds for wills



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Family Activity

Family of the Month

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The **November 2022** honoree is **Joy Murray**. Joy is the widow of our late PGK John Murray. She is a lector in the church and still participates in church and council activities. Thank you for your service to the Council, Parish and Community. God's continued blessings for you and your family.

Faith Activity

SK Francisco C. King



We commemorate the following feast days and saints this month of January: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God(1), Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen(2), Holy Name of Jesus(3), Elizabeth Ann Seton(4), John Neumann(5), Andre Bessette (6), Raymond of Penyfort(7), Epiphany of the Lord(8), Baptism of the Lord(9) Hilary(13), Anthony(17), Fabian(20), Sebastian(20), Agnes(21), Vincent(22), Frances de Sales(24), Conversion of Paul(25), Timothy & Titus(26), Thomas Aquinas(28), John Bosco(31)

Fraternal Benefits Corner

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Community Activity Gabriel Achemu/Henry Mbah

Home Game Schedule : Commanders 2022 season

January 1 - Cleveland Kick off.....1PM

January 8 - Dallas Kick off.....TBD

Volunteers should arrive no later than 3 hours prior to start time. Apply for badges to expedite game day entry.

Thank you to members and volunteers who have participated this season. We can always use more help.

Prayer to Mother Seton

Lord God,

*You blessed Elizabeth Seton with gifts of
grace*

*As wife and mother, educator and foundress,
So that she might spend her life in service to
your people.*

*Through her example and prayers
May we learn to express our love for you
In love for our fellow men and women.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Go to <http://stewardsofhopefoundation.org>

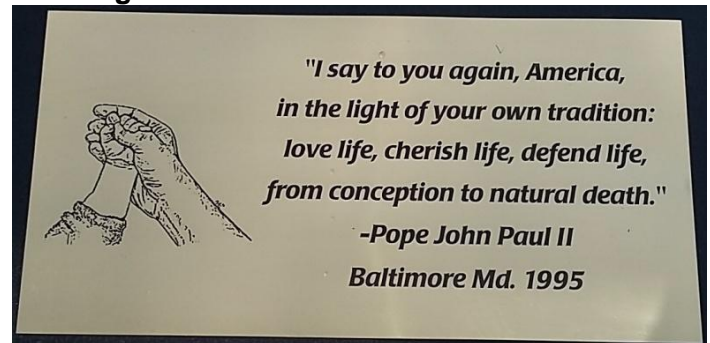


Life Activity James Kalshoven, PGK, HLM



We continue to Defend Life from Conception to Natural Death.

Defend Life - Support the Ultrasound Program



Membership Corner

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"Make It Personal and Ask"

Checker:

2022-23 : GOAL: 9

NEW: 6 LOSS:1

NET: 5

We have a new fraternal year and new opportunities.

Congratulations to our newly exemplified

Member:

John Ojo



Grand Knights

56 Grand Knights in service for 60 years

Bernard Green 1963-64
Bernard Morris 1964-65
James M. Murphy 1965-66
Peter J. Aquillino 1966-67
Robert J Coffren 1967-68
Henry M Perry 1968-69
William J Wolf 1969-70
Vincent F Mayola 1970-71
Peter M Kucyk 1971-72
John A Marchetti 1972-73
John D. Madden, Jr 1973-74
Joseph W. Brown 1974-75
Roland P Ceolla 1975-76
George A Maria 1976-77
Chester "Duke" Sczuka 1977-78
Thomas J Holland 1978-79
Rodney R Oak 1979-80
Thomas L Cryer 1980-81
Henry A Kalinofsky 1981-82
Herman P Klotz 1982-83
John J Magruder 1983-84
Thomas E Gwinn Sr 1984-85
Joseph Lattin 1985-86
Charles "Mickey" O'Berry 1986-87
Joseph R Corson 1987-88
Richard J Pavel Sr 1988-89
Richard E Barber 1989-90
Francis B Pinkston 1990-91
John O Murray Sr 1991-92
Edward C Weber 1992-93
Robert J Madden 1993-94
Arthur L Barry 1994-95
Serafin Avitia 1995-96
Robert G Worthington 1996-98
George H Johnson 1998-1999
Gary J Anson 1999-2002
Sylvester Ikpi 2002-03
Roger Doucett 2003-04
Edward Kin 2004-05
Aloysius C Craig 2005-06
James E Kalshoven 2006-07
Fred Ragazzone 2007-08
James Agboli 2008-09
Kevin Butler 2009-10
Raymond Ihegebe 2010-11
Christopher Agboli 2011-12
Emmanuel Madagu 2012-13
Donahue (Don) Aitcheson 2013-15
Emmanuel S Ajayi 2015-16
Dominic Forka 2016-17
Aneurin M'Carthy 2017-2018
Ferdinand A Ibebuchi 2018-19
Charles I Briscoe 2019-2020
Emmanuel T Ereme 2020-21
Joseph Ngu 2021-22
Aneurin M'Carthy 2022-23

** Highlighted name indicates member is deceased.**



3rd Degree Exemplification held in October 2022



3rd Degree Team



New members with degree team



Members present at 3rd degree Exemplification



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Catholic Corner

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January 2023



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network invites all to join in the Holy Father's January 2023 prayer intention:

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Daily Offering Prayer

God, our Father, I offer You my day. I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings in union with the Heart of Jesus, who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, Who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to your love. With Mary, the mother of our Lord and the Church, I pray for all Apostles of Prayer and for the prayer intentions proposed by the Holy Father this month. Amen.



**The National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton
Emmitsburg, Maryland**



Sick and Recovering

Brothers

Christopher Agboli, PGK
Kevin Butler, PGK
Deacon Alton Davis
Dominic Forka, PGK
Martin Gallagher, PGK
Nicholas Kniska, HLM
Everett Lallis
Rodney Oak, PGK

Relatives/Friends

Helen Dziduch
Avelino Gonzales (Pastor's Dad)
Eugenia Ikpi
Jan Jarus
Anne Keightley-Florimbio
Martha (Marty) Lallis
Gay Magruder
Angie Opalski

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy,
may your healing hand rest upon me,
may your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body
and into the depths of my soul,
cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness
and **strength** for service in your Kingdom. Amen

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



Father of goodness and love; hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering, may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

Death Announcement

We are saddened to learn of the death of member

Jean-Marie Tcheffo .

He died while on a visit to Cameroon in late December.

We will update you as more details are available.

Our condolences to his wife Caroline and family.

May he rest in peace.



Supreme Council News

KNIGHTS MOURN THE DEATH OF THE POPE EMERITUS

In his statement on Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's death, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly calls Pope Benedict's teachings 'a theological treasury and profound testimony to Jesus Christ and His Church.'



Pope Benedict XVI blesses the crowd during a rally for seminarians and young people at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y., April 19, 2008. (CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz)

"Today, with over 2 million brother Knights of Columbus around the world, I join Pope Francis and the whole Church in mourning the loss of a great and holy priest and teacher — our Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI.

"One cannot consider the legacy of Pope Benedict XVI without immediately thinking of his magisterium and theological insights, which Pope Francis recently affirmed 'are not directed towards the past, but are fruitful for the future.'

"Pope Benedict XVI's encyclicals, books, homilies and other writings form a theological treasury and profound testimony to Jesus Christ and His Church, which he served with such humility and fidelity.

"The late Pope, who attended all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) as a priest, theological expert and advisor, went on to serve for nearly a quarter century as Prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith under Pope John Paul II, before himself leading the Church as the Vicar of Christ.

"In both roles, the Knights of Columbus were grateful beneficiaries of the wisdom and teaching of the late pontiff, including by his interventions at several symposia and gatherings sponsored by the Knights through the years. His first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*, remains a guiding light for the world — and for the Knights of Columbus specifically, since one of our founding principles is charity, and our global charitable work is at the heart of our activity as Knights.

"In 2008, during his pastoral visit to the United States, Pope Benedict XVI recognized 'the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus.' The decree of heroic virtue, which Pope Benedict approved in March of that year, opened the way for our Founder's eventual beatification in 2020.

"As we continue to be confirmed and strengthened by Pope Benedict's teachings about the eternal truths of our faith, Knights of Columbus throughout the world join in prayer for the repose of his soul."



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Maryland State Council News



State Deputy
Chris Powers



MD State Convention 2023

May 5th – 7th, 2023, Crowne Plaza, 173 Jennifer Road,
Annapolis, Maryland

Online registration (<https://kofc-md.org/>) for the 2023 KofC MD State Convention will open **January 9, 2023 at 8AM!** Mark your calendar now and be sure to register **EARLY to secure your registration and room at the Annapolis Crowne Plaza.** Visit the convention web page (<https://kofc-md.org/md-state-convention-2023/>) for the current information and direct question to convention@kof-md.org.

To Sign up new members online

Log in to:

[www. Kofc.org/Join](http://www.Kofc.org/Join)

Remember to use Council # 5381

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



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Fourth Degree Report

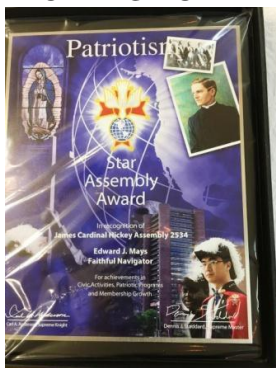
Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly No. 1548

Meets on the 2nd Monday, 7:00 pm at Father Michael Kidd Council, Holy Family Church, Mitchellville, MD

Next scheduled meeting is January 9th @ 7PM



PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION



ADW Website (www.awddistrict.org)

Official Flag Days in the USA



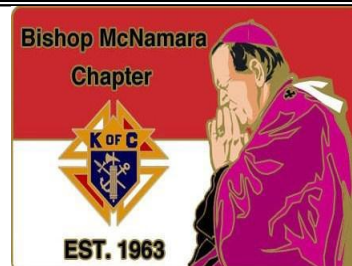
January

1st – New Year's Day

15th – Martin Luther King Day



**Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights
Maryland State Council
Celebrating its 59th Year
Upcoming Chapter Meetings**



January 18, 2023

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Come hear about all the exciting events and activities that are planned for the year. The Chapter encourages not only Grand Knights to attend, but also Deputy Grand Knights and Council Program Directors. The Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month except for December. The location varies.



BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

Council

- 1 James Kalshoven
Oliver Ojiaku
- 2 Richard Atemnkeng
Sakwe Macdonald Bongo
- 5 Jamil Abunassar
Joseph Ngu
George Thompson
- 9 Innocent Nwadije
John Urban
- 11 Clinton Eke
- 13 Augustine Chijioke
- 17 Reverend Blaise Attachie
- 25 Chukwuemeka Ihenachor



Ladies Auxiliary

- 3 Juanita Pielmeier McGinn
- 17 Gailian "Gay" Magruder



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!!!**

Editor's Pen

If there is a special request for a copy of the Seton noteS by mail, let us know. Please send all newsletter related issues to Don Aitcheson at aitcheson@hotmail.com (240-481-0622).

The deadline for article submission is the 20th of each month. The email edition will be sent on or about the 1st of each month. Please feel free to give us feedback. Copies are available in the pamphlet rack at St. Matthias. back of Saint Matthias Church and on the website at www.stmatthias.org.

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Happy New Year

Upcoming Council Events Calendar

January 1	New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
January 3	Council Meeting – 8PM
January 4	Feast Day of Elizabeth Ann Seton - Mass @ 8:30AM
January 8	60 th Anniversary of Mother Seton Council #5381
January 17	Council Meeting – 8PM
February 7	Council Meeting – 8PM
February 21	Shrove Tuesday/Council Meeting – 8PM
February 22	Ash Wednesday

Council meetings are held 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Hughes Center at Saint Matthias Parish, Lanham, MD unless otherwise posted.

Council meetings are now being held in person.

Note:

Dress code in effect for meetings; jacket and tie are required.