



HAPPY NEW YEAR Fraternal Year 2024 -2025



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

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Grand Knight Report



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Congratulations to our new Grand Knight, Ike Udejiofor and the newly elected men of Mother Seton Council #5381.

Dr. Ikechukwu “Ike” Udejiofor is originally from Nigeria and was sponsored by the Federal Nigeria Government to study Dentistry, but changed his course of study to pursue the social sciences. He was a commissioned military officer with the Biafran Armed Forces, and as a Major, he commanded the 58th Infantry Battalion. Ike is the most senior of seven brothers and has two bachelor’s degrees, a master’s degree, and a Doctorate. He has four children (two boys and two girls) all adults and six grandchildren. He is firmly family rooted, and religiously guided. In his spare time, he enjoys a variety of music but prefers Jazz. He is deeply and widely invested and involved in Nigerian, but specifically, Igbo cultural activities.

Dr. Udejiofor has more than thirty-five years of experience in local, state and federal governments human resource disciplines. Ike is currently a Senior Human Resource Specialist (Classification Policy), with the United States Office of Personnel Management. He manages the Classification Policy aspect of the Administrative Law Judges Program. He is recognized as a technical expert in managing the delivery of human resources services and providing government-wide advice and guidance in HR policies, laws and regulations. He also serves as a Personnel Board Member with Prince George’s County Government and has been a Board Member for the last five years. He teaches various Classification classes at the Graduate School, Washington, DC.

Vivat Jesus
Editor
Don Aitcheson



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Mr. Alton Davis, Jr

Assistant to the Chaplain

Reflection

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Love is here to stay

Forever is a long time. Ask the couple who promises fidelity for only one lifetime! Or the celibate who takes vows for the long haul. Or the parents of a child who will occupy their concerns for the next 18 years and more.

Forever, if we can believe it, is even longer than that. Forever is longer than our mortgage; longer than our car and student loan payments laid end on end. Forever is longer than any physical pain we may be suffering and deeper than any misery we must bear.

Think of eternity as a pool of joy that we can never swim the length of. Eternity is well-being and strength, vigor and beauty, love and happiness that cannot die. If you want it to be, that is. If you prepare for everlasting love, you can have it. Even hell may not last as long as eternal joy, if the rabbis are right. In the Targums—interpretive translations of the Hebrew Bible—the sages wrote that the torments of hell would only last until the righteous took pity on the guilty.

Catechisms do not teach that of course. But it is an intriguing idea: that the punishment of the guilty might be determined by the volume of resentment of those whom they have wronged. Did not Jesus say that those whose sins are held would be bound, and those who are loosed would be freed? Scripture also says love is as fierce as death, and passion as mighty as hell. Oh, but that was just an Old Testament love song—but is it not also the Paschal Mystery?

The story of salvation history is all about forever: about God's promises which, like everything else about God, have no boundaries or expiration dates. Today, Moses tells the people about a forever lease on the land of promise. Saint Paul writes about an inheritance in Christ that means glory unending. In the gospel Jesus gives his word to his still weak and doubtful followers that, even though he is leaving them, he will be present to them always. Even though seasons end, Moses disappears, Paul is martyred, and Jesus ascends into heaven, the eternal things remain true, and—the best part—nothing is lost. Goodness has no end because God is good and God has no end. We celebrate our annual God-feast of the Trinity because, hurray, God should have one day on the liturgical calendar, do we not think? Along with all those saints and angels and Mary days and Jesus' days one feast cannot begin to honor the God who is time itself, and timeless as well. God is honored through all these other observances every day of the year.

But on this one Solemnity we remember that most deliberately. And we are reminded of the sweetness of a love that keeps us in mind, this day, and every day. [Alice Camille]



District Deputy Report



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My Congratulations to the newly elected Grand Knight Ike Udejiofor and officers of Mother Seton Council #5381 for the 2024-2025 fraternal year. Your District Warden Hyacinth Uzoma and I look forward to working with you and council members to help you accomplish your established goals and objectives for this fraternal year.

To the retiring Grand Knight and officers, my congratulations and heartfelt appreciation to you for a most successful year. Please continue to provide that same level of support and expertise to your new team of officers during this fraternal year.

The councils in District #2 have selected the following dates for the installation of their new officers: - Mother Seton #5381 – *July 14th* at St. Matthias the Apostle Church, Lanham,
- St. Mary's Landover Hills #10046 – *July 27th* at St. Mary's Church, Landover Hills,
- James C. Fletcher, Jr. #11422 – *August 11th* at St. Joseph Church, Largo
- Prince George's #2809 – *August 10th* at St. Joseph Church, Beltsville
- St. Hugh #10885, *August 3rd* at St. Hugh Grenoble Church, Greenbelt

Congratulations are also extended to our new Sir Knights who received their Fourth "Patriotic" Degree at the Maryland State Council's 66th Exemplification in Prince Fredrick, Maryland, on June 15, 2024.

My heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the former District Deputy of District #3 Harold Sanders, for the superb guidance, support, and expertise he provided me as District Warden of District #3 over the past two years that helped to me prepare for role of district deputy.

Remember, there is a Catholic gentleman out there waiting for "someone" invite him to become a Knight of Columbus. Will you be that "someone"?

"Make a difference in someone's life."

Vivat Jesus



Budget FY 2024-25

Draft budget presented at the meeting for review and discussion on July 2, 2024.
Approval vote schedule for the next meeting on the schedule.

Income	2024-25 Budget
Paid Membership	\$3,000
Concession Stand	\$35,000
Total Fundraisers	\$38,300
Total Events	\$0
Total Other Income	\$5,410
Total Income	\$46,710
Expenses	2024-25 Budget
Scholarships for Students - Tuition/Donation to Funds	\$17,000
Total Administrative Expense	\$29,460
Seminarian Support Program	\$1,500
Total Church Activities	\$2,075
Parish Holiday Food Basket Donation	\$500
Total Community Activities	\$1,050
Expenses	2024-25 Budget
Installation of Officers (Light Refreshments)	\$600
Total Council Activities	\$7,450
Total Family Activities	\$680
Total Youth Activities	\$550
Total Charity Expense	\$2,200
St. Matthias School Folder Ad	\$195
Total Advertising Expense	\$375
Total Expenses	\$46,710
Net Gain	\$0



Seton note



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Family Activity

Family of the Month

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Our family of the month for **May 2024** is the family of **Juan Sotelo**. Juan is a new member who was recently elected as a Guard. He is also an usher. His wife and children former Saint Matthias School students are regular Mass attendees.

Thank you all for your service to the Council, Parish and Community. We pray for God's continued blessings for you and your family.

Faith Activity

Don Aitcheson, PGK

We commemorate the following feast days and saints this month of July:

Thomas, Apostle(3), Elizabeth of Portugal(5), Maria Goretti(6), Benedict(11)

Henry(13), Bonaventure(15), Mary Magdalene(22), James(24), Joachim &

Anne(26), Martha, Mary & Lazarus(29), Ignatius of Loyola(31)

Aug: Alphonsus Liguori(1), Transfiguration of the Lord(6),

Dominic(8), Lawrence(10), Jane Francis de Chantal(12), Maximilian Kolbe(14),

Assumption BVM(15), Stephen(16), Pius X(21), Queenship of BVM(22), Rose of

Lima(23), Bartholomew(23), Augustine(28), Passion of JTB (29)

Fraternal Benefits Corner

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Aneurin M'Carthy Community Activity

The Commanders' Field (formerly FedEx Field) events have begun. We have completed 3 events to date, Next up is a double concert date on July 26 & 27.

NFL preseason starts in August (8/10 & 8/25) and the regular season starts in September. 15th. All regular season games are scheduled to start @ 1PM.

The schedule is out and has been distributed. Please make sure we have certificates of completion for alcohol training and the other on boarding requirements. Headshots will be required for season badges, stay tuned for details.

We look forward to the Ladies of Charity increasing their participation this season. We are still looking for more member participation and school parents who would like scholarship help.

Contact Sony (202-41301066) or Don for more info.

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.*

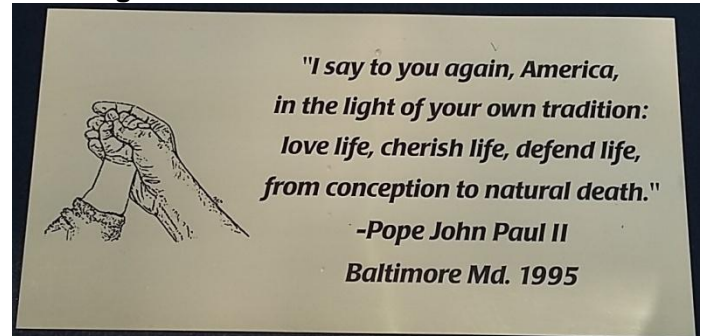
*Through her example and prayers
May we learn to express our love for you
In love for our fellow men and women.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

James Kalshoven, PGK Pro - Life Activity



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:
2024-25 : GOAL: 9
NET: 0
Every day is a new opportunity
www.kofc.org/join

Congratulations on a good year, however we came up short of our membership goal!!



Catholic Corner

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for July/August 2024



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network invites all to join in the Holy Father's
July/ August 2024 prayer intention:

July : For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

August : For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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.



Saint James Cathedral, Seattle , Washington



Sick and Recovering

Brothers

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

Relatives/Friends

Helen Dziduch
Eugenia Ikpi
Jan Jarus
Hidegard Jorgensen
Gay Magruder
Margaret Mary 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.

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



Supreme Council News

Stepping Out in Faith

Thousands of Knights and their families participate in the historic National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

SETON ROUTE



Fourth Degree Knights stand at attention as Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore prays before the Eucharist outside Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, Md., June 6. Archbishop Lori led a procession in the vicinity of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton as part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. *(Photo by Matthew Barrick)*

New Haven, Connecticut

"I had the honor of attending overnight adoration May 19 at St. Mary's, the starting point of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage's Seton Route. It happened to be my birthday, and I figured there was no better way to kick off the age of 44 than being in the presence of our Lord.

"I arrived at 1:45 a.m., and by 3 a.m. I could see and hear the other adorers start to move around. I thought that perhaps they too were starting to get a little restless. At around 3:45, this restless feeling of mine was suddenly replaced by an incredible sense of calm. The subsequent quietness of the others convinced me they felt it as well.



“Coming on the heels of two rather turbulent years in my life, this moment felt like a message from God: ‘As long as you are in the presence of the Lord, you will have peace.’ It was something I believe I was meant to experience and something I will never forget. Through this national pilgrimage, Christ is showing us that we can experience his presence in the Eucharist on a more intimate level than we ever anticipated.”

— *Matthew Ruby, San Salvador Council 1, New Haven*

Emmitsburg, Maryland

“From the start of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s conversion, the mystery of the Eucharist, the true presence of Christ’s body and blood, had what I might call a gravitational pull on her heart, and mind and spirit.

“Elizabeth, as a devout young woman worshiping in her own congregation, it is said, heard bells sounding from a nearby Catholic Church as holy Mass was being celebrated. The ringing of the bells first alerted her sensitive, open heart to a Eucharistic faith that would become the foundation of her life. For when Elizabeth traveled to Livorno, Italy, with her husband, William, in the hope that he might recover from a serious illness, she encountered there a warm, full-fledged Eucharistic devotion.

“Returning to New York, Elizabeth underwent a time of anguished searching, especially as her family and friends tried to dissuade her from converting. Yet her desire for the Bread of Life became ever stronger. ... In 1805, she was received into the Catholic Church. She looked forward with happy anticipation to receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time: ‘At last,’ she wrote, ‘God is mine. And I am his.’

“As we trace the Seton Route along the East Coast, may you and I be overtaken by the same Eucharistic faith that animated St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.”

— *Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, homily at National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, June 6*

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Tanzania
Mount Kilimanjaro
Serengeti National Park...
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We are in the process of putting together tours to the Arusha areas of Tanzania with the help of Fr Casimir Nyaki.

The trips are priced for groups of 6. We are still planning to make these trips a reality. If you have a strong interest and will be able to travel between September 2024 to March 2025 contact Don Aitcheson for details including pricing for the 8 day itinerary .

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



Maryland State Council News



State Deputy
Anthony Salvemini



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New Cash Incentive Sweepstakes
Tickets - \$5 each
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Remember to use Council # 5381

It's that time of the year again

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



Seton note



Fourth Degree Report

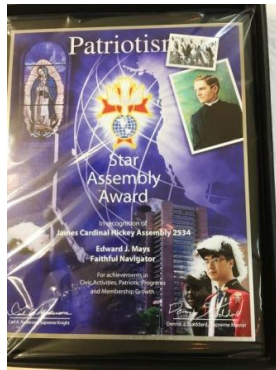


Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly No. 1548

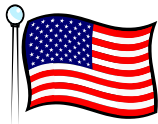
Meets on the 2nd Monday, 7:00 pm at Father Michael Kidd Council, Holy Family Church, Mitchellville, MD

Next scheduled meeting is July 8th / Aug 13th @ 7PM

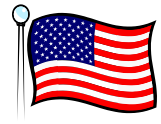
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION



ADW Website (www.awddistrict.org)



Official Flag Days in the USA



July/August

July 4 - Independence Day

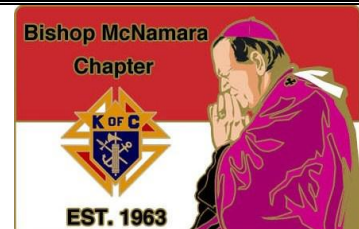
July 27 – Korean War Armistice Day

August 4 – Coast Guard Day

August 9 – Purple Heart Day

Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights Maryland State Council

Upcoming Chapter Meetings



	July 17, 2024	Monthly Meeting	TBA
	August 21, 2024	Monthly Meeting	TBA

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 JULY & AUGUST

Council

JULY

- 1 Julius Unamba
- 5 Kebe Ikpi
- 6 Joseph R Slert
- 10 Divine M Njodzeka
- 14 Demian Hyman
- 18 Charles L. Johnson
- 19 Chukwunonso G Okonkwo
Nicholas Onwumere
- 20 Albert Hayling
- 22 Muted Fofung
- 25 Joseph R Corson PGK
- 30 Frank A Demma



AUGUST

- 1 Don Aitcheson PGK
- 2 Frank H Bauer
- 3 Kenneth Osuji
- 4 Alton Davis Jr
- 6 Augustine Frazer
- 8 Sylvester O Ezeani
- 11 Anthony O Nnorom
- 11 Bede Nnebedum
- 13 Michael J Lewis
Bernard A Zempolich
- 15 Jose A Barahona Roldan
Raymond C Ihegbe PGK
Henry O Mbah
- 20 Everett L Lallis
- 21 Leonard N Garcia
Matthew R Pelfrey
- 22 Thomas A Wolf
- 24 Ramon Lomosbog

- 25 Serafin Avitia IV
- 31 Arthur P Ejimakor



Ladies Auxiliary

JULY

- 17 Elizabeth Kin
- 22 Pat Makowski

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!!!**

AUGUST

- 10 Stephanie Corson



Seton notes
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Happy Independence Day

Upcoming Council Events Calendar

July 2	Council Meeting - 8PM
July 4	Independence Day
July 14	Installation of Officers – 6PM (Mass & Reception following)
July 16	Council Meeting - 8PM
July 25/26	Commanders Field Concert
Aug 6	Council Meeting – 8PM
Aug 6	Feast of the Transfiguration
Aug 15	Feast of the Assumption – HDO
Aug 20	Council Meeting – 8PM
Aug 10 / 25	NFL Pre-Season Games

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: Casual Dress code is in effect for meetings thru October.
Business Casual suggested. Logo KoC shirts with collars are acceptable.
No tank tops, shorts, or flip-flops – entry will be denied.**