Knights of Columbus

Fr. Michael C. Kidd
Council No. 14455
**Who are the Knights of Columbus?**

The Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.8 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people. Knights come together to make a positive difference in fraternal, family, religious, charitable, community, and youth activities.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men’s fraternal benefit society that was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world’s foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs. The Canter Agency can be contacted at 443-745-6727 or 301-262-4300 (main).

The Knights of Columbus has grown from one Council to more than 13,000 councils throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan. Within the MD State Council, the Order has grown to over 26,000 members, and currently is represented by 29 Districts under the MD State Deputy.
Our Mission & Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to support the universal and local Church, as well as building strong family ties and community support through our Surge for Service Programs. As Knights, we are bound to not only serve our Church, but to protect and defend life in ALL stages! We hope to add new members so we will be able to grow and expand. We also want to have fun while when we are together and working on projects. By developing relationships and friendships, the organization will become even stronger. As an authentically Catholic organization, we stand in solidarity with our Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Religious. We strive to be positive role models for others in our Church, hoping that many more men will join our ranks in energetically living out their Christian discipleship as Knights of Columbus.

Many of the activities and programs of the Knights of Columbus at the Supreme Council, State Council and local Council sound demanding, and certainly many are. They are also rewarding and contribute to the membership’s cultural and social welfare. Council activities can provide a direct benefit to Council members in return for all the effort they put into supporting and helping others. Council activities can also be a source of income to be used for various Council purposes.

Programs and activities that come under Council activities are unlimited – sports, exhibits, theater events, movies, lectures or demonstrations, holiday events, picnics, open houses, Council anniversary or birthday parties, appreciation nights and trips. All are very familiar and play an important part in our fraternal and everyday lives.
Father Michael C. Kidd Council

Chartered on February 2008, the Parish-based Father Michael C. Kidd Council is associated with Holy Family Catholic Church in Mitchellville, MD. Working in close accord with the Parish and her mission, the Council has been recognized by the MD State Council year after year for its strength in the service areas emphasized by the Knights of Columbus. Revised from six to four, they are FAITH, FAMILY, LIFE and COMMUNITY. Throughout, we are a fraternal organization of Catholic men that stresses responsibility and service. We seek to live our faith as Catholic gentlemen. Our collaboration with the Parish in charity work for the needy and the oppressed is well known. The local community is made all the richer because of the Council’s strong moral presence and social responsibility. We host a multitude of activities throughout the year.

Remembering Our Council Patron

The Council is named after Father Michael C. Kidd who passed away Sunday morning, December 30, 2007, just before 7:00 AM. Monday, December 31, would have been his birthday. Father Mike was Pastor of Holy Family Church for a quarter of a century. He was our spiritual father. He witnessed the marriages of our young people, baptized our babies, and buried our friends and family. He preached the Gospel and gave us the bread of life. He retired in 2005 and was assigned to St. Pius X in Bowie, Maryland. But, in many ways, he left his mark and his heart at Holy Family Catholic Church. Father Mike was a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 51 years. He was a member of Mother Seton Council #5381 in Lanham, Maryland and a Faithful Friar with Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly #1548, in Forestville, Maryland. In past years, Father Mike held the position of Chaplain for Mother Seton and always provided spiritual guidance and support. He made a very
heartfelt effort to promote membership and support for Service Programs as a dedicated member and Parish priest.

**Who is Eligible for Membership?**

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See.

**How does one become a Knight?**

Apply for membership using a Form 100, which can be obtained from any Knight. Initiation occurs through a series of exemplification ceremonies, where you achieve degrees. There are four degrees within the Knights of Columbus. Each degree ceremony imparts a lesson on the Order’s core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

**When do we meet?**

Father Michael C. Kidd Council meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in our Parish Hall.

**Our Principles**

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

**Charity** – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies.

**Unity** – None of us is as good or as effective as all of us together. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that TOGETHER we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. It means
that as a Knight of Columbus you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your Parish and community.

Fraternity – The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died, often prematurely. The Order’s top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

Patriotism – Members of the Knights of Columbus are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it is in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nation and are amongst the greatest citizens.

Who are our current officers (2018-2019) and what are their duties?

GRAND KNIGHT – Emmanuel A. Abongwa

The Grand Knight is the chief administrative officer of the Council. He is directly responsible for every aspect and segment of the Council’s operation and the ultimate success the Council should enjoy. He presides at all meetings of his Council, enforces the rules and regulations of the Council and the laws of the Order, and is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He insures that reports are completed in a timely manner and submitted on time. He appoints committees to carry out the Council activities and is a member ex officio of all committees. He acts as Chaplain in the absence of the regular Chaplain. He represents the Council at all State and District activities and is one of the Council’s two delegates to the Annual
State Convention. He countersigns orders drawn and signed by the Financial Secretary for the payment of monies and countersigns checks drawn and signed by the Treasurer. Receives the vouchers from the Financial Secretary of moneys paid to the Treasurer and the vouchers from the Treasurer showing that such monies were deposited and reads them at the next meeting.

**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT – Leon Alexander**

The Deputy Grand Knight is the Grand Knight’s right-hand man who makes himself valuable as a close adviser and strong supporter. He presides in the absence or inability of the Grand Knight and executes all the duties of the Grand Knight. It has been our pattern at Father Kidd Council that the DGK also functions as the Programs Director.

**CHANCELLOR – Gregory S. Rozanski**

The Chancellor assists the Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight in the performance of their duties and he takes charge of the Council during the incapacity or extended absence of both. He is charged with encouraging the total participation of the membership in the activities of the Council. He should take a special interest in new members and those members who are sick or in distress. He is especially commissioned to keep the Council aware of the need for vocations to the religious life.

**RECORDER – Alexander Wong**

The Recorder keeps a record of the doings of the Council using the books furnished by the Supreme Secretary. While there is still an official record book, most minutes today are recorded electronically with computers, printed and transmitted to members by email. This makes the process of reading and approving the minutes more expedient and accurate. He will
preside at meetings of the Council in the absence of the Grand 
Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Chancellor.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Porfirio Concepcion

The Financial Secretary is appointed by the Supreme Knight and he 
holds office at the will of the Supreme Knight. The Financial 
Secretary is responsible for administering the financial affairs of 
the Council. He is the direct link between the Council and the 
Supreme Office. He collects and receives all moneys due the 
Council, and all funds obtained from any source, by or through any 
person acting for or in the name of the Council or under its 
direction or authority. He will give his official receipt for all moneys 
received and report at the close off each meeting the amounts 
received and from what source. He turns over to the Treasurer all 
moneys received for which he will receive written a receipt. The 
Financial Secretary will give the receipt to the Grand Knight prior 
to the next meeting. He draws all orders for the Treasurer to 
expend funds when ordered by the Supreme Council, the State 
Council, his own Council, the Council Board of Trustees, or the 
Grand Knight. Each order (or Voucher) is signed by the FS and the 
GK. He keeps track of the dues status of each member and issues 
membership cards. He keeps a roll of the members, their ages, 
residences, occupations, and degree dates.

TREASURER – Kevin Renze

The Treasurer is the custodian of all funds of the Council. At each 
meeting of the Council, he receives from the Financial Secretary all 
moneys received by the FS since their last meeting and provides to 
the FS a written receipt specifying the amount received. The 
moneys so received by the Treasurer shall be forthwith deposited 
in an approved Council account. He will give the receipt to the 
Grand Knight prior to the next meeting. Upon receiving a voucher 
signed by both the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary, he
will draft a check which must be signed by the Treasurer and the Grand Knight (in his absence, the Deputy Grand Knight).

**ADVOCATE – Manuel R. Rodriguez**

The Advocate is the attorney of the Council in the case of trial and investigation of any matter whatsoever of interest to the Council. He is the Council’s parliamentarian. He should always bring a copy of the Council Bylaws and be well versed in the order of meetings, procedures and the proper decorum between members. Many Advocates bring a copy of Robert’s Rules of Order. His intervention can preserve civility and insure that partisan politics never enter the Council chamber.

**WARDEN – Innocent Okeke**

The Warden should be present at all meetings of the Council. He is in charge of all Council property and keeps them in proper condition for the meetings of the Council. He should arrive prior to all meetings early enough to insure that all physical arrangements for the meeting or Degree are made and that the Guards are properly posted. He shall instruct his guards in their duties.

**LECTURER – Calvin E. Holloway, Sr.**

The Grand Knight annually selects a Lecturer. The Lecturer should endeavor to devise means to entertain the Council at meetings. His informative and educational programs will improve members' lives and daily burdens by giving them the opportunity to express charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism through programs in which they learn, enjoy, and relax. Jokes can be told, good food shared, games can be played, informative videos can be viewed, etc. Guest speakers can make presentations, as on the Fourth Degree, Wellness, and successful Programs, etc.
The Inside Guard attends the entrance to the Council chamber at its inner door and the Outside Guard the entrance through its outer door. Members must show their current membership card to the Inside Guard and he will permit them to enter. The Inside Guard is also charged by the Warden with insuring that the appropriate card is presented for each activity as follows:

- Council meeting – Any current membership card.
- Second Degree – Only cards of the Second or Third section.
- Third Degree – Only cards of the Third section.

Honorary and Honorary Life cards issued by the Supreme Council do not satisfy the above requirement – such a member must still present a current membership card of the appropriate section. Fourth degree cards also do not qualify. Some Councils have a sign-in log at the post of the Inside Guard and he is to see that all entering (members and guests alike) sign it. There are usually only one of each guards but Councils may provide in their by-law for the election of two outside guards.

**Board of Trustees**

There are three (3) Trustees. They are elected for a three (3) year term such that one term will expire each year. These men along with the Grand Knight as chairman make up what is known as the “Board of Trustees.” The Trustees are **Michael Turner (3), Romero P. Cobo (2), Jaime Cardano (1)**. The Trustees have supervision of all the financial business of the Council and their approval is necessary for the payment of all moneys except those imposed by Supreme, the State, the regular and usual stated payments of the Council or payments authorized by the Council after notice and vote in accordance with Section 122 of the Supreme By laws. They audit the accounts of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and any
other Council activity holding funds in January and July insuring that the approved audit report is submitted on time.

**CHAPLAIN – Fr. Joseph A. Jenkins, Jr.**

The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Board of Trustees annually select a Priest to act as Chaplain. The selection must be made in accordance with any rules established by the Bishop of the Diocese. It is the Chaplain’s duty to celebrate the Council installation and memorial Masses. The Chaplain will act as guide and mentor for the officers and members of the Council and through his talks and spiritual guidance the Council will deepen its call to the Church. It is also the Chaplain’s responsibility to admonish and correct when needed; to ensure that all members are practicing Catholics; and to draw from the membership not only the principles of the order, but the tenets of our Faith.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive committee is composed of the following officers: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, Recorder, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees, and Program Director. They meet once a month and discuss the following:

- Status of the Council budget,
- Communications to be brought before the Council,
- New business to be brought before the Council,
- Status of old business before the Council,
- Discuss the funding status of current projects.

There should be no significant motions, especially when money or funding is involved, made on the Council floor without the proposer first discussing his idea or proposal with the Executive Committee. These motions should then be written down before they are presented to the Council.
CONDUCTING A MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Warden’s Report on Membership Card
3. Lord’s Prayer
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
5. Roll Call of Officers
6. Opening Ode (optional)
7. Chaplain’s Message
8. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
9. Report of Admission Committee & Reading Applications
10. Balloting for Membership (if candidates)
11. Initiations (if there is a degree)
12. Grand Knight’s Report
13. Treasurer’s Report
14. Reading by GK of Receipts
15. Reading of Bills and Communications
16. Financial Secretary’s Report
17. Report of Auditors and Trustees
18. Chancellor’s Report on Vocations
19. Report of Service Program Committees
20. Report of Round Table Chairman (none/parish-based)
22. Unfinished Business
23. New Business
24. Report of the Fourth Degree
25. Field Agent’s Report
26. District Deputy’s Report
27. Prayer for the Sick & Dead
28. Good of the Order
29. Closing Prayer
30. Closing Ode (optional)
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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, who wishes all men to be saved, touch with grace the hearts of many young men and women, moving them to offer themselves as candidates for the priesthood and religious life. Inspire fathers and mothers and all members of the Christian families to become aware of the great need for religious vocations. Endow all people with reverence for these sacred callings that they may encourage many to serve God and mankind in the ranks of religion. These blessings we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD PRAYER

O great and glorious God, You imbued Your holy priest. Father Michael J. McGivney, with deep priestly virtue and especially with pastoral concern for the poor, the orphan, the widow, for the Christian education of youth, for the protection of the faith of the working man of his day. Now that his priestly ministry continues to spread to countless millions throughout the world, through the efforts and influence of the Order of the Knights of Columbus, which Father McGivney founded, we beseech Your, Heavenly Father, to raise Your faithful servant, Michael, to the honors of the altar. We ask this favor through our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Mother, Mary and our Mother. Amen.
PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

Sign of the Cross

The Apostles’ Creed – I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer / Hail Mary / Glory Be / Fatima Aspiration

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1. Annunciation
2. Visitation
3. Nativity
4. Presentation
5. Finding Jesus in the Temple

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. Agony in the Garden
2. Scourging at the Pillar
3. Crowning with Thorns
4. Carrying of the Cross
5. Crucifixion

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1. Resurrection
2. Ascension
3. Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. Assumption
5. Coronation

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

1. Baptism of the Lord
2. Wedding at Cana
3. Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. Transfiguration
5. Institution of the Eucharist

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
_That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ._

Let us pray. O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. _Amen._

**PRAYER FOR LIFE**

Eternal Father, Source of Life, strengthen us with your Holy Spirit to receive the abundance of life you have promised. / Open our hearts to see and desire the beauty of your plan for life and love. / Make our love generous and self-giving so that we may be blessed with joy. / Grant us great trust in your mercy. / Forgive us for not receiving your gift of life and heal us from the effects of the culture of death. / Instill in us and all people reverence for every human life. / Inspire and protect our efforts on behalf of those most vulnerable especially the unborn, the sick and the elderly. / We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who by His Cross makes all things new. _Amen._

_Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us._

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**The Establishment of the LOHFM**

The Ladies Auxiliary associated with Council #14455 formed in the Council’s eighth fraternal year. The election of Auxiliary Officers was held on Monday, August 17, 2015. The current officers are Geneva Murry (President), Pamela Rozanski (VP), Gloria Smith-Hill (Secretary) and Monette-Roxas-Tharp (Treasurer). The women decided to call themselves THE LADIES OF HOLY FAMILY MITCHELLVILLE.
Fr. Michael C. Kidd Knights of Columbus Council meets on the First and Third Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM in Holy Family Church’s Parish Hall @ 12010 Woodmore Road, Mitchellville, MD 20721.

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