



# The Explorer



The Monthly Newsletter of Fr. A. Leo Abendschoen Council 11615

Overlea/Rosedale, MD

Knights of Columbus

April 2019

## Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,  
 Our annual breakfast with the Easter Bunny will take place on April 6th at 9:30 am with a hot breakfast in the church hall. There will be an Easter Egg hunt and everyone can have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.



Later that evening our monthly bingo will start at 6 pm. This month it will take 60 numbers or less to win the jackpot.

In place of our general meeting on April 22 we will be hosting a "Full Ceremony" Admission degree starting at 7 pm.

These events are important to our council, your support would be appreciated.

*Emrick Spacek*

Grand Knight

## Upcoming Meetings

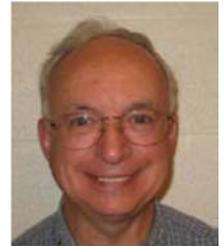
**Officer's Meeting** – Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Annunciation Board Room.

**General Meeting** – Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall. Hospitality will begin at 6:15pm.

On Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, our council will host an Exemplification of the Admissions Degree. The schedule will be as follows: Candidates must arrive by 6:30 pm, the Exemplification will begin at 7:00 pm, a very short business meeting will follow the Exemplification, and then Hospitality will take place.

## Assistant Chaplain's Message

Brothers,  
 We are approaching Holy Week and Easter when Sacred Scripture needs to be at the heart of our reading as we journey through these sacred times with Jesus. Sacred scripture is the story of God and of God's relationship with us.



For us to appreciate this relationship with God, we should sit quietly and read scripture slowly. Meditate on the words and let your mind take you back in time so you can witness Jesus' love for the people where he lived and His love for us.

Scripture is the map that will lead us to Jesus now and eventually to our heavenly home. May God's Word lead you and your family to a Joyous Easter.

God bless you,  
*Deacon Frank*

## Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

### Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>)

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fr. A. Leo Abendschoen Council

### Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>)

April 17 – Resurrection Council – Ellicott City

April 22 – Msgr. Kelly Council - Pasadena

### Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>)

April 26 – Patuxent Council - Laurel

### Patriotic (4<sup>th</sup>)

April 6 - St. Mary of the Mills Catholic Church – Laurel (Washington District Exemplification)

### ***Sick & Shut-In***

Please remember Brothers Fr. Justin Ratajczak, OFM, Conv, Mark Barnstorf, Robert Priller and Ed Yeager, and sisters Joan Gresdo, Charlotte Schaum and Margaret Wyatt in your prayers. If you know of any Brother or Sister who is in need of our prayers, please contact Walt at 410-866-6546 or [wwanko@comcast.net](mailto:wwanko@comcast.net).

### ***Please Remember for When the Time Comes***

Whenever a Knight passes on to his Eternal Reward, he is eligible for a Rosary Call and a presentation is made to the family. His wife is also eligible for a Rosary call. But, the family of the deceased must request the Rosary Call. It does not happen automatically. Also, please do not count on the church, the funeral director or anyone reading the newspaper to notify the council. Someone from the family must notify the council. The easiest way to obtain the Council Rosary Call is to contact the Grand Knight of the Council.

### ***Happy Times***

The following members of our Council family are celebrating Birthdays in April:

- 1 - Charlotte Schaum
- 3 - Terry W. Schreiber, jr.
- 8 - Paul Frey
- 13 - Gilbert Leppert, Jr.
- 20 - Adam Kolb
- 24 - John Geroso & Michael J. Thomas

### ***Anniversaries***

- 13 – John & Susan Conrad
- 29 – Robert & Joan Gresdo

Have Happy Times you would like to see published? Weddings, Baptisms, Births, Graduations, Promotions, etc? See a birthday or anniversary that's incorrect or not announced? Send them to Walt at [wwanko@comcast.net](mailto:wwanko@comcast.net)

### ***BINGO***

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be played for 60 numbers or less. This is our most important source of regular income and has been for the last 13 years.

B	I	N	G	O
4	26	43	59	70
9	30	41	55	68
7	23	32	50	63
8	20	31	60	75
13	18	34	52	69

The profits enable us to conduct many of our programs. As always, we could use additional help both in the Kitchen and on the floor. No experience is necessary. We will show you what to do.

Everyone working inside the kitchen should try to report by 4:00 pm. Everyone else needs to report by 5:00 pm or as close to it as possible. The Bingo starts at 6 pm and we are usually finished by 9:15 pm. So everyone gets home at a reasonable hour.

### ***1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team***

We are always looking for guys who are able to step in for someone who can't make it on a particular night. There are four major speaking parts, two minor speaking parts, and five non-speaking parts. Those who have speaking parts are required to memorize their words. If you are interested in being a part of the degree team, please contact Walt at 410-866-6546 or [wwanko@comcast.net](mailto:wwanko@comcast.net), and we will get your training started.

#### ***The Explorer***

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## MEMBERSHIP

Brothers,

On Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, our council will be hosting an Exemplification of the Admissions Degree at 7:00 pm, in the Annunciation parish hall. While many councils have resorted to showing the Admissions video or reading the degree out of the book, our 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team will do it the old fashioned way – by performing the entire ceremony with a full degree team. This would be an excellent opportunity to bring in a new member who would get the full experience right from the beginning.

Please continue to concentrate on drumming up some additional membership. Let's try to recruit as many new members as possible, but remember, no matter how many guys fill out a Form 100, it doesn't count until we get them to their Admissions Degree. And please make sure they know that. Talk to guys in church, at work, in your community, talk to their wives! We need to grow this council. If we do, we can do great things.

## Faith Activities

### *Religious & Seminarian Vocation Program*

On Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, we wrote checks for \$500.00 each to five young men who are studying to be Franciscans – Alejandro Arias, Tim Blanchard, Richard Rome, Franck Lino, and Chris Garcia. This constituted our annual donation to the Religious Seminarian Vocation (RSVP) program. This is just a reminder that our Council is continuously collecting money for those studying for the priesthood and the religious life. If you'd like to contribute to the cause, you can place your donations into the transparent acrylic boxes that sit near the doors of Annunciation Church, or contributions can also be sent directly to Walt Wankowski, 5211 McFaul Road, Baltimore, MD 21206. Checks should be made payable to "Knights of Columbus 11615."

We thank you in advance for your generosity.



## Family Activities

### *Box Tops For Education*

Box Tops for Education may be placed in the plastic pouch attached to the council display in the back of Annunciation Church or you may mail them to Jason Karolkowski, 1322 Chapel Hill Drive, Baltimore, MD 21237. All box tops collected by our council are donated to St. Michael & Clement's School.

### *Breakfast with The Easter Bunny*

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will take place on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Annunciation parish hall. Volunteers are needed to set-up, cook, serve, and clean up. Volunteers need to arrive by 8:00 am. We should be done by 12 Noon. Full details are included in the enclosed flyer. If you can volunteer, contact Jason.



## Life Activities

### *Pro-Life Rosary*

All members are invited to join in on the monthly Rosary for Life which is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, 7702 Belair Road in Fullerton. This shopping center houses an abortion clinic and the goal is to pray enough to get them to leave our community. The next date for this activity will be Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. We hope that more of you will consider joining in.



### *Mother's Day "Thank You"*

Mother's Day is only a little over a month away. Think back to when you were young and how much mom did for you. All she ever wanted was a "Thank you" and to see you grow up and do your best. Once again this year we will be handing out carnations to all the moms after each mass on Mother's Day weekend to say "Thank you for choosing life". If you would like to help out contact Adam Kolb at 410-679-1923 or [kolb426@yahoo.com](mailto:kolb426@yahoo.com)



## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree News

The next meeting of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly will be on Tuesday, April 9th at 8:00 pm at Columbus Gardens. Hospitality begins at 7:00 pm.



## Chapter News

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be at 7 pm on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Lady Council #5208, Sacred Heart Lane in Glyndon, MD.

## District Message

### Christians Persecuted

My wife keeps a radio on a religious station in our kitchen 24-7

Friday evening I happened to hear stories on that program of persecuted Christians. That program stopped me in my tracks. It made me notice and realize He is speaking about America.

There was one story of the first Black/African American man, hired in Louisiana by the fire department. He had worked his way thru the ranks to become a man of distinction in the department and State. Due to his Christianity and religious affiliation, he lost his positions among other things. Brought about by a person put in power, not because of his race but because he is a Christian.

Another man not of color donated \$1,000.00 to a religious organization, that donation, noted in his employment files for whatever reason. When noticed sometime much latter by someone also put in power he was fired for breaking a rule of theirs which happened in the far past.

We take notice of religious persecution in other places, those persecuted in the bible. Sometimes we

forget that christens were persecuted here in the past. Now it is time to take notice of what seems to be a drive to persecute Christians here on our shores again.

I am sharing this with you, to take notice, we as catholic men with families and religious affiliations need be aware of America's surroundings.

Vivat Jesus  
DD #28 John Holley

## Insurance News

Why do the Knights of Columbus care about life insurance? The answer is simple: Providing financial protection for Catholic families has been at the core of our mission since the beginning.

### Two Problems, One Solution

The drive to offer financial protection for Catholic families comes from our venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. In the summer of 1873, as a young seminarian in Canada, he was forced to leave theological studies and return home to aid his family after the sudden death of his father, Patrick. "He was reeling," it says in his biography *Parish Priest*. "He packed his belongings, knowing that he would never return to Sainte-Marie, and went home." "Money for tuition was no longer available," the authors continue. "Even if the McGivney family could survive without Michael's financial support, it was not clear that he could survive without help from them — or someone." Michael was able to continue his studies only after receiving a scholarship from the then-Diocese of Hartford.

Less than a decade later, as an associate pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., Father McGivney was faced with an all-too-similar situation. One of his parishioners, Edward Downes Jr., was forced to quit the seminary after his father died unexpectedly. He returned home to New Haven to support his mother and 12 siblings. In those days, the court had the right to assign children to public institutions if it had reason to believe that



**Yahoo!**

The Maryland State Council sponsors a communication vehicle at Yahoo.com. Any Knight who has a computer, can sign up for it and it costs nothing. Among the items regularly passed on via the Yahoo site are notifications of illness and deceased members, upcoming activities at the local, State, and Supreme Level, access to information on State Programs, notifications of upcoming degree ceremonials, etc. To sign up for this service, simply go to <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1415/yahoo.asp> and then follow the instructions.

## Supreme Council News

### *Knights lead parish outreach to provide monthly meals to a Philadelphia shelter for homeless men*

Since 2007, St. Patrick Council 13490 in Malvern, Pennsylvania, has coordinated the delivery of meals from St. Patrick Parish to St. John's Hospice, a men's homeless shelter in the Center City district of Philadelphia.



In November 2018, the council hit a major milestone when it sent its 30,000th meal to the hospice. It all began with brother Knight Patrick McGuigan, who had already been a volunteer at St. John's Hospice for several years before the parish program was initiated.

"In January 2007, our pastor asked the Knights of Columbus to assume responsibility for the program parishwide, with Pat as coordinator," said Allan Anderson, who took over as program coordinator after McGuigan stepped aside in 2012. "So it was

really Pat's dedication that got this program started."

On the third Sunday of each month, Knights make empty casserole tins or trays available to members of the St. Patrick congregation after all Masses. Churchgoers take them home, fill them with nourishing meals such as a casserole, freeze them, and return them to church the following Sunday. Knights store the prepared dishes in the parish freezer where they await pickup by the hospice. Each casserole serves six to eight men.

"On average, it is about 50 families per month" who provide meals, Anderson said. "A little lower in summer, a little higher during the rest of the year." Established in 1963, St. John's Hospice provides a residence for 12 medically fragile homeless men, two emergency shelters that sleep a total of 67 men, and day services including meals, showers, clothing distribution, mailroom service, and nursing care. Its dining room feeds 325 men each weekday. Council 13490 does more than just collect meals for the hospice. "We also collect clothing, coats and various sundry items," Anderson said. "We don't track these numbers, but hundreds if not thousands of these items have been donated over the years."

Eleven years into the program and after more than six years as its director, Anderson still defers any acclaim to McGuigan. "He really deserves most of the credit," he said. "He did the hard work getting this program off the ground."

Articles for the May edition of *The Explorer* must be received by Tuesday, April 23rd.

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**Knights of Columbus  
Fr. A Leo Abendschoen Council 11615**

**Presents**

**“Breakfast with the Easter Bunny”**

**Saturday, April 6th, 2019**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Church of the Annunciation Parish Hall**



There will be a hot breakfast for all who attend. Children can have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny and participate in an Easter Egg Hunt! The cost of the breakfast is \$15.00 for families of 3 or more or \$5.00 for individual tickets. There is no additional cost to meet the Easter Bunny or to participate in the Easter egg hunt.

To assure that there is enough food, we ask that you pre-register for this event. Please complete the form below and (1) return it in an envelope in the collection at Annunciation, drop it off at the Annunciation parish office, or mail it to the Annunciation Parish Office at 5212 McCormick Ave, 21206, **by Wednesday, April 3, 2019**. Checks may be made payable to *K of C 11615*. For more information, call Jason at 410-687-2738.

**“Breakfast with the Easter Bunny”**

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Attending:**

**Adult:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed. (Please make checks payable to *K of C 11615*)





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### ***Calendar Reminders***

- April 1 – Council Officer’s Meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- April 6 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- April 8 - Council General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- April 9 - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting – 7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- April 11 - Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights – 7:00 pm – Cardinal Sheehan of Baltimore Council
- April 19 – Good Friday
- April 20 - Monthly Pro-Life Rosary - 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton
- April 21 – Easter Sunday
- April 22 – Exemplification of the Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall