



# The Explorer



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## Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,  
 My first month as Grand Knight went fast. The weekend leadership seminar at Solomon's was informative and generated some new ideas. A local church had a BBQ for us on Friday. Saturday started at 7AM with breakfast and ended at 5PM. Many topics were covered on all aspects of local, state and national Kof C issues and procedures. Sunday started with mass followed by a list of activities for the upcoming year. I did meet old friends and made good contacts for the future.



The officer installation and reception went well. Thanks to all who attended. Adam and his catering group took care of everything and the food was great and plenty of it. We had enough left to take care of the Monday general meeting. The next day was my first officers meeting and my first general meeting the following Monday. I appeared to have survived both. I apparently have a heavy gavel strike. Just keep that in mind for the future.

In the July newsletter I mentioned increasing the visibility of the council in the parish. We are very active in large fund raisers and breakfast with Santa and the Easter Bunny. I am thinking about little things we can do for the parish. The K of C has a widows program to recognize our ladies who supported us in the past as wives of fellow knights. There is also a Family of the month program I would like to look at. Fr. Julio is trying to start an indoor soccer team, promoting a younger group participation in the parish and in the Knights. I would like to have a means to find out what the parish would be interested in to bring people  
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## Assistant Chaplain's Message

Brothers,  
 If any of you are having difficulty in your life, and who isn't, and you've tried every possible way out but nothing seems to work, why not try deepening your prayer life. British clergyman William Law (1686-1761) noted: "He who has learned to pray has learned the greatest secret of a holy and happy life." Here are seven suggestions to deepen your prayer life.



- 1) **Pray in a way that feels natural to you.**  
 Customize your prayer life. In her book, *God Alone Is Enough*, Claudia Mair Burney reminds us "People don't all pray in the same way, just as not every plant in the garden needs the same amount of moisture. What works for one doesn't necessarily work for another. We need to try on a few prayer styles to see what fits."
- 2) **Pray like Jesus.** In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus included this sentence: "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Pray like Jesus did by placing your life in God's hands with the confidence that "God works for the good of those who love him." The fact is that we cannot always know what is best for us and that what appears to be a burden can become a blessing.
- 3) **Pray without words.** This is called meditation. In his book, *The Jesuit Guide To Almost Everything: A Spirituality For Real Life*, James Martin, S.J., says "being silent is one of the best ways to listen to God, not because God is not speaking to you during our noisy day, but because silence makes it easier to listen to your heart and listen very carefully when your friend (God) is trying to make a point....If your environment (inside and outside) is too noisy, it might be hard to hear what God, your friend is  
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together to talk and get to know each other. I volunteer in several agencies and you always meet interesting people and make connections you never knew existed just because someone mentioned a word or phrase that triggered an experience from long ago. Someone mentioned NORTH EAST MARKET. That triggered a conversation of experiences which lead to people we both knew years ago.

Let me know what you think of this idea. YOU SPEAK WE LISTEN!

*Emrick Spacek*

Grand Knight

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Officer's Meeting** – The August Officer's meeting will take place on Monday, August 7th at 6:30 pm in the Annunciation parish Board Room.

**General Meetings** – There will be only ONE General Membership meeting in August, on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall.

**Free Money! Wish You Were Here!**

Did you know you can win money just for showing up at a meeting? Every member corresponds to a number on the roster and if your number comes up, you win! If you are not sick or a shut-in, why not try making a meeting once in a while? It could prove profitable.

**Sick & Shut-In**

Please remember Brothers Frederick Hogarth, Robert Priller, Bob Rogers, John Vaeth, Ed Yeager, and sisters Joan Gresdo, Charlotte Schaum and Margaret Wyatt in your prayers.

If you know of any other brother or sister who is sick or a shut-in, please notify Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546 or [wwanko@comcast.net](mailto:wwanko@comcast.net)

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trying to say.”

- 4) **Prioritize prayer.** Set aside time, preferably daily, when you will sit quietly and pray.
- 5) **Pray spontaneously.** Whenever you see a need, offer a prayer. Don't hesitate, because prayer delayed is almost always prayer denied.
- 6) **Pray briefly.** Saint Augustine wrote: "Piety, not verbosity, is in order when you pray." Simple, brief prayers such as these are appropriate to offer throughout the day: God, help me. God strengthen me. God, guide me. God, grant me wisdom, patience, love, insight, etc.
- 7) **Pray when you don't feel like it.** Thomas Merton observed: "True love and prayer are learned in the moment when prayer has become impossible and the heart has turned to stone." Don't permit discouragement, despair or dismay to keep you from prayer. When you just don't feel like praying tell yourself, "I will do it anyway!" and then proceed to do so.

Finally, let your whole life be a living prayer. Saint Frances de Sales advised: "Aspire to God with short but frequent outpourings of the heart; admire His bounty; invoke His aid...give Him your whole soul a thousand times a day."

God bless you,

*Deacon Frank*

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**Upcoming Ceremonials**

**Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree**

August 9<sup>th</sup> – Cardinal Gibbons Council, Fullerton  
August 15<sup>th</sup> – Notre Dame Council, Baltimore  
August 16<sup>th</sup> – Patapsco Council, Catonsville

**Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) Degree**

August 16<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Michael J. McGivney, Glen Burnie

**Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>) Degree**

There are no Knighthood Degrees scheduled in August.

**Patriotic (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree** – a special Fall

Exemplification of the 4th/Patriotic Degree will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Liberty Town, near Frederick. This will be a one-day event with Registration beginning at 8:30 am, the Exemplification starting at 10:00 am, and a luncheon to follow. There will be no Hospitality on Friday and no carry-over to Sunday. Anyone wishing to take the Patriotic Degree on September 30<sup>th</sup> should contact Walt Wankowski as soon as possible.

After September 30<sup>th</sup>, the next Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree (4<sup>th</sup>) will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD.

Anyone wishing to take any degree must contact Financial Secretary Walt Wankowski so that the proper paperwork can be prepared.

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

We are looking for alternate team members for our 1<sup>st</sup> Degree team. People who can fill in for someone when they are ill or cannot attend because of other commitments. These include the six speaking parts and three non-speaking parts.

If you would like to be part of our 1<sup>st</sup> Degree team, contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546, and we will get your training started. Since the State Council is requesting that every Council host regular Exemplifications of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, I recommend that all members frequently rehearse their lines.

**Happy Times**

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

- 1 - Paul J. Castagna
- 3 - Peter W. Sheehan
- 8 - Robert F. Miller, Sr. & Kathy Brotzman
- 15 - Carlustus C. Nnabuife
- 18 - Gregory Fischer
- 20 - Emrich L.Spacek
- 26 - L. Clark Hutson
- 27 - Jennifer Karolkowski
- 28 - Mark Barnstorf & Mary Ellen Frey

**Anniversaries**

- 1 - Henry & Stella Boltralik
- 6 - Paul & Stacey Coppock
- 25 - Robert & Linda Cole

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)

**Car Raffle - Win a 2017 Mustang!**

By now everyone should have received 18 tickets in the mail. We ask you to buy them or sell them.

You could win a 2018 Ford Mustang or a Cash Option of \$18,000! Second prize is an iPad Air 2. Third prize is a \$200 Gift Card. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



This is an opportunity for our council to make some easy money. Our council gets to keep 60¢ of every dollar. If you would like more tickets to sell, just let us know and we can send you more. We encourage all members to participate. You can sell them to your family members, your friends, your neighbors, your co-workers, etc. If you lose the return envelope use any envelope and address it to Walt Wankowski, 5211 McFaul Road, Baltimore, MD 21206.

Remember that all tickets and remittance have to be in by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**BINGO**

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be

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7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

played for 50 numbers or less. As always, we could use additional help both in the Kitchen and on the floor, especially now during the vacation season. 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.

**Membership**

One month is already gone. It's not going to be easy, but we need to try to bring more members into the Council. This is not going to happen by itself. We have to work at it. We each need to ask ONE guy to join the Knights. Talk to guys in church, at work, in your community, talk to their wives! If we can grow this council, we can do great things. Keep in mind that any prospective member doesn't have to belong to any particular parish. The only requirement is that he be a practical Catholic male, 18 years of age or older.

So become familiar with who we are and what we do. Be ready to talk about the programs we get involved in, the contests we run for youth, the things we do for the parish, the things we do in the community, etc. And have a Form 100 and a pen ready when you do.

And keep in mind that it's not enough to get them to fillout and sign the Form 100; we also need to get them to take their 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

If you need a Form100, contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546.

**Church Programs**

**Religious & Seminarian Vocation Program**

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.

**Community Programs**

**Bull & Oyster Roast**

Okay, there's been a change! Mark your calendar! Our annual Bull & Oyster Roast to benefit Annunciation Church will now remain a Bull & Oyster Roast and it will take place on **Sunday, November 12, 2017** from 1 to 5 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall.



Menu: Pit Beef, Pit Ham, Pit Turkey, Oysters on the Half



Shell, Oyster Stew, Maryland Crab Soup, Baked Ziti, Swedish Meatballs, Bar-B-Que Chicken, Country Green Beans, Seasoned Red Potatoes. Sweet Italian Sausage w/green peppers & onions, Homemade Potato Salad, Pasta Salad & Cole Slaw, Assorted Cheese display with crackers & dip, Assorted Vegetable Display w/dip, Tomatoes & Onions, Assorted Condiments, Breads & Rolls, Chips & Pretzels, Sheet Cake, Beer, Soft Drinks, Iced Tea, Coffee & Hot Tea.

Tickets are \$40 each and will be available for purchase starting Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**

We will need volunteers and we will need patrons. This is the BYE week for the Ravens, so you won't be missing the game by attending.



**Boscov's Friends Helping Friends**

We are once again participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Program. The coupons are \$5 and are worth up to 25% off at Boscov's on Tuesday, October 17th.



Chairman Harry Payne needs help selling the coupons after the 4 pm and

7:30 am weekend Masses at Annunciation Church starting in August. This is FREE money. The council gets the \$5. Boscovs get nothing. It only takes about 15 minutes of your time. We would also like you to consider selling some of these coupons to your family & friends. If anyone can help with this let Harry know at 410-663-8141 (H) 410-404-0540 .

All proceeds will go into the Charity Fund.

**Youth Programs**

**Box Tops For Education**

Box Tops for Education may be place 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. Clement's & St. Michael's School.

**Altar Server Rewards**

Each year, our council takes time to recognize the outstanding service that our Altar Servers provide in their ministry to our parish and the church in general.

Discussions are underway as to what kind of reward we will present to our Altar Servers this year. Have any suggestions? We'd love to hear them. Contact Deputy Grand Knight Wayne Ciampaglia at 410-661-1979.

**Pro-Life Programs**

**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 9:00 am at the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, 7702 Belair Road in Fullerton. This shopping center houses an abortion clinic. The next date for this activity will be Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> . We hope that we will have good weather and we hope that more of you will consider joining in.



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

The next meeting of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly will held on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Columbus Gardens.



**WE NEED YOU !**

And as always, we are looking for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members to join the Color Corps. The Color Corps are the Knights who dress up in tuxedo, cape, chapeaux and sword and take part in many events and liturgies throughout the State, throughout the year. They are considered to be the "Visible Arm" of the Knights of Columbus. Any 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member who would like to join the Color Corps should contact Walt at 410-866-6546.

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**We Thank You For Marching with Us!**

We thank Wayne Ciampaglia, Jason Karolkowski, Walt Wankowski and Michael Witemore, Jr., for marching in the annual Dundalk Independence Day Parade. Knights get to meet the nicest people.



**Chapter News**

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be held on Thursday, August 10th, 2017---Msgr. Raymond P. Kelly Council #10966, 8513 St. Jane Dr., Pasadena 21122

On Sunday, August 20th, the annual Installation of Officers will take place at 2:00 pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 10003 Bird River Rd., Middle River 21220 (Meal afterwards \$15 per person)

New Change to the regular meeting this year - the **Meal** will be **served first, at 7 pm**. Meeting to follow at 8 pm (except as noted). This will allow members that come directly from work to enjoy dinner at a normal time and allow discussion between members for possible meeting items.

**District Message**

I want to start out by thanking all those who either stayed on to continue their present council position or stepped up to replace a retiring officer. Good leadership is always important and the continuity of council functions leaves more time to invest in the council’s business as a charitable community asset.

I would also like to thank your new Grand Knight Emrick for allowing me to conduct the Installation of Officers. It is a grand ceremony that adds dignity to the council and conveys a level of commitment to the parish, the community, and the Order.

You are the only council in District 28 to achieve Star Council. I haven’t heard anything to contradict that statement. That, in itself, is an achievement. Lets’ work hard to see if we can repeat the honor.

It is time to speak with the pastor of the Church, and ask him how we can be of service to him. Review your current commitments, refine them as needed and see about adding new directions to build the Domestic Church. The upcoming Program Seminar August 22 is a place for a good start

To all, I look forward to another successful year and expect it to be a fruitful one.

Worthy Brother Knights – Lets make this one to fulfil our mission to serve our parish and our community with our abilities to improve the lot for all. Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus,

*Ron Koebel DD28*

**Insurance News**

**Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal**

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you’re married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

Our products are designed with your needs and budget in mind. With a solid portfolio of life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products, the Knights of Columbus can help you meet all of your financial goals. To learn more about these solutions, contact me today.

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## State Council News

### **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

Ever been to a Supreme Convention?

Opportunity KNOCKS loud this time.

The Maryland State Council will host the 2018 Supreme Convention in Baltimore! Initial planning is well underway, and it's time to start identifying the many volunteers needed to make this a success. Spread the word about this opportunity for you and your spouse to welcome thousands of Knights and families from throughout the Order.

The major hosting efforts requiring significant volunteer support are:

- Registration: Assist w/registration, distributing tickets, provide information to Guests
- Transportation: Transport Hierarchy to and from hotel, airports and train stations
- Greeters: Greeter at all Convention Hotels (greet and provide information to arriving guests)
- Youth: Youth Activities
- Sales: Country Store (assist with sales of merchandise)
- Everything else: Volunteers not assigned to a specific task, will help as needed

Volunteers will be needed to cover 4-hour shifts beginning at 7am each day, from Friday, August 3 through Thursday, August 9, 2018.

To get involved, contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546 or [wwanko@comcast.net](mailto:wwanko@comcast.net).

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***Calendar Reminders***

- August 5 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- August 7 - Council Officer’s Meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- August 8 –4th Degree Assembly Meeting - 7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- August 10 - Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights – 7:00 pm – Msgr. Raymond P. Kelley Council
- August 14 - Council General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- August 19 - Pro-Life Rosary – 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton