



The Explorer



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

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Knights of Columbus

August 2018

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

The officer's installation on July 8th went off without a hitch. Let me take this opportunity to welcome new officers and those who switched positions. Chris Powers came as the state representative. We welcomed John Holley to his position as DD and thanked Ron Koelbel for his support the last four years to our council. Fr. Mitchell who celebrated the 11 am mass stayed to help with the installation ceremony and joined us at the reception.



The leadership seminar at Solomons Island and the Membership and Program seminar at Cardinal Gibbons presented new ideas for gaining new members and retaining the members we have.

On Saturday Sept. 8 from 12 to 5 pm the state will sponsor an End Of Summer Picnic at North Point State Park in the trolley pavilion. This event is open to all, not just K of C members. August 31, 2018 is the deadline to register. I have copies of the registration forms.

Emrick Spacek

Grand Knight

Upcoming Meetings

Officer's Meeting – Monday, August 6th at 6:30 pm in the Annunciation Parish Board room.

General Meetings – Monday August 13th at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall. Hospitality will begin at 6:15pm. Reminder, there is only one General Meeting during the Summer months.

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Brothers,

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I recently had the opportunity to attend the closing session of the Bible Camp held at St. Clement where it was obvious that the children enjoyed the week's activities of learning about their faith while having fun with their friends and making new friends. Under the direction of Ms. Margaret Brogden, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, a group of teens and adults made the week of activities for the children a great success as evidenced in the enthusiasm of everyone present.



The week was a success because dedicated people of different age groups came together to share their gift of faith with young children. Our faith calls us to join in this work. What are we doing, as members of the Knights of Columbus, to inspire others, especially children and teens to have the same enthusiasm about our faith as I experienced in the children at the Bible Camp?

With the establishment of the new Pastorate, we have a great opportunity to launch projects to work with the youth in the Pastorate. As we work with the youth, such as the scouts and the new K-5 elementary youth group at St. Clement, parents will become involved. Fathers will become available to join our ranks once they witness our good work. As the children mature, they will become interested in the Knights.

I suggest that now is the time to contact representatives of groups in the area to develop a coordinated plan of action.

God bless you,
Deacon Frank

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! Our Attendance Prize winner for the July 9th meeting would have been James Johns. If you are not sick or a shut-in, why not try making a meeting once in a while? It could prove profitable.

Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

Admissions (1st)

- Aug. 15 – Knights of Fatima – Baltimore
- Aug. 16 - Fr. Burgraff – Perry Hall
- Aug. 29 - Fr. O’Neill – Lutherville

Formation (2nd)

- Aug. 15 – Fr. Mc Giveny – Glen Burnie

Knighthood (3rd)

1st KNIGHTHOOD Degree of 2018 - 2019 will be in September

Happy Times

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

- 1 - Paul Castagna
- 5 - Robert F. Miller, Sr
- 13 - Peter W. Sheehan
- 18 - Gregory Fischer
- 20 - Emrick Spacek
- 27 - Jennifer Karolkowski
- 28 - Mark Barnstorf

Anniversaries

- 6 – Paul & Stacey Coppock
- 25 – Robert & Linda Cole
- 28 – Jay & Donna Tallent

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

Sick & Shut-In

Please remember Brothers 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 .

Car Raffle - Win a 2019 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 2019 Ford Mustang or a Cash Option of \$18,000! Second prize is an iPad Air. 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. Checks should be made payable to *Knights of Columbus 11615*.

Remember that all tickets and remittance have to be in by September 29th.

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BINGO

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, August 4th at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be played for 52 numbers or less. This is our most important source of regular income and has been for the last 12 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. We hope you will find the time to pitch in and help.

Membership

July is gone; eleven months to go. Surely there must be someone out there that we haven't talked to. 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.

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.

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. If you need a Form 100, contact Financial Secretary Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546 or wwanko@comcast.net.

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.

Pro-Life Programs

Pro-Life Rosary

All members are invited to join in on the monthly Rosary for Life which is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month 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 18th at 9:00 am. We hope that more of you will consider joining in.



Youth Programs

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.

Community Programs

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 16th.



Chairman Harry Payne needs help selling the coupons after the 4 pm and 7:30 am masses in the Annunciation parish hall

during the months of August and September. 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.

4th Degree News

The next meeting of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly will be on Tuesday, August 14th at 8:00 pm at Columbus Gardens. Hospitality begins at 7:00 pm.



Chapter News

Installation of Officers for the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, August 19th in the Seton Chapel of St. Issac Jogues Church, 9215 Old Harford Road, in Carney.

Feast of the Assumption



Wednesday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holyday of Obligation.

District Message

Focus On the Family

Congratulations to the new family of Officers for Fr A. Leo Abendschoen Council 11615. As you move forward in this new fraternal year following your predecessors success, there is no doubt you will be as successful and even more. Your council is a hard working council and recognized for that. I look to your continued success.

Speaking of families and success, we men are considered the leaders and protectors of our families. As catholic men and Knights of Columbus members, we know that family comes first.

Question, if you had to make a choice to choose only one form/way of protection for your family what would it be?

Remember the list shows many variations of ways to protect ones family but you can only choose one. The rule to this question is you can only choose one!

This is not a trick question. You may say that is easy to answer, if it is, you are truly blessed. Each family confronts different circumstances. Our families have needs that some others are not facing. Think what is paramount to you in your family as you choose your way to them protection. Search your heart see if your family can really benefit from your choice.

Is it really just one way to protect your family your best way or is it something to find in a perfect world.

A friend asked me that question. After seeing me struggle for some time, he chimed in with the question is meant for us to realize the importance of a leader and protector. As I leave you with that question. I have another , do we really lead and protect or are we the supporters of the leader and protector. What do you think?

Vivat Jesus

DD John Holley

Insurance News

Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal

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 your Field Agent today.

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State Council News

End of Summer Picnic

Saturday, September 8, 2018

12 Noon to 5 pm

North Point State Park
8400 North Point Road
Edgemere, Maryland

\$8.00 per Person

Group Rate of 5 or more \$7.00 per Person

Family of 4 - \$30.00

Children 5 and under are Free

Menu: Ribs, Barbeque Chicken, Coney Island Burgers, Sweet Italian Sausage with peppers & onions, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Assorted Desserts, Beer, Wine, Sodas & Water

Activities: Scavenger Hunt, Balloon Toss, Three-Legged Races, Horse Shoes & Corn-hole, Nature Trails, Fishing Pier

Payment due by Friday, August 31st

Make Checks payable to:
Maryland State Council K of C
And mail to:

Buzzy Stockman, Picnic Chairman
1712 Searles Road
Baltimore, MD 21222
For info call Buzzy at 443-690-2452.

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

His job title is “Bagger at Kroger,” a seemingly candid label that hardly describes his best work, even if he’s handled groceries since June 2001. Shoppers may be unaware that the man asking them if they want paper or plastic personally asked Congress for funding in 2005. An international public speaker, Knight of Columbus and Special Olympics athlete, Paul Marretti has raised tens of thousands of dollars for people with intellectual disabilities.

Marretti’s enthusiasm and support for sports goes back to his childhood, when, in no particular order, he participated in soccer, golf, basketball, skiing, bowling, tennis, aquatics and softball. In 1995, he approached a local baseball league about sponsoring a softball game at Richmond’s ballpark. The goal was to raise a little money for the Special Olympics. The outcome was tens of thousands of dollars more than anyone expected, providing funding that resulted in local Special Olympics programs which are still active today.



Marretti entered the Special Olympics the same summer he started his job at Kroger, a regional grocery store chain, earning three medals at the 2001 Special Olympics Virginia Summer Games. He joined the Knights of Columbus the following year and began speaking publicly about the positive impact the games had on the lives of participants. He then became one of a dozen athletes designated as Global Messengers, going on to speak about his experience before 75,000 people at the Dublin Special Olympics World Games in 2003.

In August 2003, he spoke at the 121st Annual Supreme Council Meeting in Washington D.C. An audience of 2,500 listened at the States Dinner as Marretti explained his journey with the Special Olympics.

“It’s always nice to be among friends who are so involved in two organizations which have so

dramatically changed my life, Special Olympics and Knights of Columbus,” he said. “Without the Knights of Columbus, Special Olympics athletes like me simply would not have the opportunities we do.”

As an ambassador for the games, Marretti emphasizes that the Special Olympics not only provides an outlet for athletes with disabilities to compete in sports but also provides them a new way to view themselves. The competition gives participants recognition and respect, inspiring people with intellectual disabilities to contribute to their communities and maintain the program for future Special Olympics athletes.

The multisport athlete works to expand the opportunities for people with disabilities, serving on the Board of Directors for Special Olympics VA and the United States Leadership Council for Special Olympics Inc. On top of all of this, he serves on the board of People First, where he also volunteers. Marretti encourages fellow Special Olympic athletes to serve on their regional boards as well, keeping them involved even after they have stopped competing.

Through all of this, Marretti continues to help others back home with his customer service and dependability at Kroger. Over a decade after his employment and Olympic debut, Marretti received the honor of Regional Employee of the Year from Kroger in Virginia. According to his supervisor, his knowledge, dependability and excellent customer service made him a great candidate for the award.

No matter where he is, Marretti continues to make a positive impact on those around him.

As a “Founding Champion of the World Games,” the Knights of Columbus has supported the games since the first Special Olympics in 1968, donating more than \$600 million to programs for people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Happy Anniversary Special Olympics!

In June 1962, Eunice Kennedy Shriver – sister of brother Knight and President John F. Kennedy – held a summer day camp for young people with intellectual disabilities in her backyard. She was inspired to do something for this group of children after seeing limited opportunities for them to participate in athletic events. This was the revolutionary moment that eventually led to the first International Special Olympics Summer Games at Soldier Field in Chicago on July 20, 1968 – 50 years ago today – where about 1,000 athletes from the U.S. and Canada competed.

Since the first games, the Knights of Columbus have been there. Here are the highlights of the 50 year history between the Knights and Special Olympics:

Founding members of the Special Olympics were associated with the Knights of Columbus

- Eunice Kennedy Shriver's brother, John F. Kennedy, was a Knight. Her husband, Sargent Shriver, was also a Knight. He was a member of the Mater Dei Council 9774 in Rockville, Md.

The Knights have raised and donated more than \$600 million to the Special Olympics

- The Knights of Columbus has collected and given more than \$600 million to programs for people with intellectual and physical disabilities, with the Special Olympics being among the largest benefactors.

The Knights of Columbus has pledged to expand the Special Olympics

- In 2005, the Knights of Columbus pledged to raise \$1 million in a four year period to help grow the Special Olympics in North America. The Order also pledged increased volunteer support for state and local games, as well as help to expand the program to underserved countries. The Knights of Columbus has subsequently extended that commitment through 2016.

The Knights donated \$1.4 million for the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles

- The Knights of Columbus donated \$1.4 million to cover the costs of athletes from the United States and Canada who travelled to the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles.

Since 2014, Brother Knights have spent almost 4 million volunteer hours toward Special Olympics events

- In 2014, the Knights of Columbus spent a more than 800,000 volunteer hours. Every year since, the hours have increased. This past year, volunteer hours surpassed 1 million. In total, brother Knights spent 3,836,255 hours with the athletes. As Supreme Knight Carl Anderson stated, "We are leading the way not only in donating money, but in donating our personal time and effort."

Visit the [Special Olympics website](http://SpecialOlympics.org) to find out how you can help today! Also, visit kofc.org to learn more about the Knights of Columbus! Happy 50 years to the Special Olympics!

Six months until the 2019 March for Life!

On Jan.18, 2019, we will gather in Washington, D.C., to stand up for the protection of all life. Saving lives and promoting a culture of life is why the March for Life happens each year. Help us speak up for the rights of all babies and moms by being part of this effort — on both a national level and at a local level throughout the entire year.

Articles for the September edition of *The Explorer* must be received by Saturday, August 25th. Send all inputs to:

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Calendar Reminders

- August 4 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- August 6 - Council Officer’s meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- August 13 - Council General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- August 14 - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting -7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- August 15 – Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 18 - Pro-Life Rosary – 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton
- August 19 – Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Installation of Officers – 3:00 pm - St. Isaac Jogues