



# The Explorer



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

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## Jesus Is The Reason For The Season



### Grand Knight's Message

Brothers all,  
I hope you and your families had a good Thanksgiving. Once again, I would like to thank everyone for their help. It is with great Joy and Sadness that the time is coming for us to say our farewells to Fr. Justin. As you all know he will be leaving us on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2016, to begin his well-deserved Retirement. As this time approaches we must keep Fr. Justin in our daily Prayers. He has served as our Chaplin and as Chaplin for our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly. Fr. Justin is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight and a credit to all of us. He has been at most of our meetings, despite his pain in walking and being able to do as much as he would like.



Father, we have been blessed to have the time together with you. It certainly has been rewarding to all of us. Please understand how much we will miss you and hope sometime you can come and visit with us. I know how much you are looking forward to NO steps to go to your room.

As I said in the beginning, it is both Joy and Sorrow. Joy for you and your future and Sadness in our loosing you.

May God Bless you and your Families, we love you and will miss you.

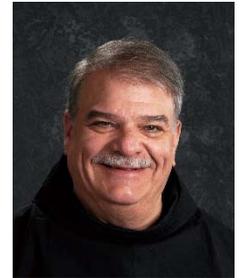
Vivat Jesus,

*John Gallup*

Grand Knight

### Chaplain's Message

Brothers,  
This will be my farewell message to our Council as your Chaplain. I'm sure that most of you have heard that my health issues have gotten the best of me, and therefore I requested and have been granted permission to retire from the full time activities of being a pastor. My last day at Annunciation will be December 12<sup>th</sup>; I will be retiring to the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City. So I really won't be that far away. Feel free to come by and visit if you have the time.



I have enjoyed being your Chaplain for the last two years and will miss the opportunities to meet with all of you on a regular basis and take part in the many activities that you guys get involved in. I will still be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight; I just won't be as active as I used to be. I will definitely miss the Hospitality meals that we have after our General Meetings. I DO like Redner's recipe for fried chicken. I will also miss the networking and chit-chat that takes place after our meetings. It's always been a great opportunity to get to know people better.

The Knights are a great organization and you have one of the most active Councils in the region. You do a lot of good things for Annunciation parish and for the community. I trust that legacy will continue for years to come.

I will keep you and your families in my prayers and I ask that you keep me in yours. May the blessings of the Christ child be with you at Christmas!

God Bless you Brothers.

*Fr. Justin*

**Assistant Chaplain's Message**

Advent calls us to look at a vision born in Bethlehem centuries ago. It is the only vision that has never been changed by any human event, but while remaining unchanged, the vision can be forgotten. The Church urges Christians everywhere to focus on the vision of what lays ahead. Celebrating Advent is part of the Church's method to help keep our focus on what lays ahead for us. Every Advent offers a chance to annually re-examine what Jesus' birth means for us; but Advent is about more than just Christmas—it is about the "day of Christ." The "day of Christ" is not Christmas day; it is a day yet to come. Christmas is only the beginning. The focus of our lives should be the day Jesus will return in glory. More intimately, Advent seeks to prepare us for the day we are allowed our personal encounter with Christ.



How focused will we be in our Advent season? Are we wistful and dreamy only about Christmas Eve and the warmth that it promises? Are we focused on setting up a real family celebration around the altar, or are we more concerned about Christmas parties? Do we feel growing excitement, or are we getting stressed worrying about the shopping that still lies ahead, the food, the Christmas cards and all the other preparations we feel are necessary for Christmas? Are we so locked into Christmas Day that we cannot see past it to the "day of Christ?"

The Romans were fantastic civil engineers. They built incredible cities and roads to get to those cities. Like our roads today, they too needed upkeep and repair. Often time it took an important event to get the finances and manpower together to make repairs. One such event was the coming of the Emperor, a king, or high official of the empire. To please an individual of such power, a messenger was sent ahead to tell townspeople to prepare the road; the king is coming, make straight the path. We are familiar with John the Baptist telling us to "make ready the way of the Lord, clear Him a straight path." Advent is our time to work on our road to our future, "the day of Christ." We know

that only in the vision born in Bethlehem centuries ago will we enjoy a future with Christ.

May God bless you and your family with a Holy and Happy Christmas,  
Deacon Frank

God bless you,  
*Deacon Frank*

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Officer's Meeting** – The Officer's meeting will take place on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the parish Board Room.

**General Meeting** – Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall. There will be no General Meeting on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Ceremonials**

**Admissions Degree**

Dec, 19<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Maurice Wolfe Council – Abingdon

**Formation Degree**

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – St.Catherine Drexel Council – Frederick

**Knighthood Degree**

There were no Knighthood Degrees scheduled for December at the time this edition went to press.

**Patriot Degree**

March 4, 2017 – Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD

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**Welcome Aboard!**

We welcome our newest member, Michael G. Witemore, Jr.! Michael took his Admissions Degree on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in Parkville, his Formation Degree on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> in Catonsville, and his Knighthood Degree on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in Pasadena. He has only been on board for three weeks and he has already achieved full Knighthood. That's the way it should go with every member! We look forward to having Michael as part of our Council.

**Sick & Shut-In**

Please remember Brothers Melvin Bandell, Theodore Gegorek, Frederick Hogarth, Robert Priller, Bob Rogers, John Vaeth, Ed Yeager, and sisters 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)

**Happy Times**

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

- 6 - Connie Gallup & Barbara Single
- 9 - Robert Gresdo
- 11 - John J. Vaeth
- 12 - Joan Fricke & Alidia Irene Yeager
- 13 - Cathy Schleupner
- 18 - Rosanne Houck
- 19 - Rev. Salvatore J. Livigni & Andrea Spacek
- 20 - Michael O. Cierny
- 21 - Thomas Freed
- 23 - John P. Moran

**Anniversaries**

- 6 - Harold & Carole Payne

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)

**Wish You Were Here!**

Our attendance prize winner for the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting would have been John Conrad. This newsletter went to press before the Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting so the attendance prize contestant will be announced in our January bulletin. If you are not sick or a shut-in, why not try making a meeting once in a while? It could prove profitable.

**BINGO**

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be played for 56 numbers or less. As always, we could use additional help both in the Kitchen and on the floor. The more workers that we get cross-trained, the easier it is to make sure that all of our bases are covered if some member of our crew can't make it on a particular night.

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

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 promptly at 6:00 pm and is usually finished by 9:00 pm.

**Council Christmas Party**

Our annual Council Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

at Carson's Creekside Restaurant, 1110 Beech Drive in Middle River. Council Members and their wives are free of charge. Single members may bring one guest. Additional guests may attend at a nominal fee of \$17 each. Reservations MUST be made so we know how many seats we



will need. To reserve your place contact Shawn Ruby at 410-866-4932 or [ruby98@yahoo.com](mailto:ruby98@yahoo.com), **No Later Than Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.

**Church Programs**

**Vocation Support Program**

Keep in mind that our Council is continuously collecting money for this purpose. 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."



**Membership**

We have our first new member and we are working to get our second new member to his Admissions Degree. Now we need to keep trying. We need to grow this Council. We all need to ask ONE guy to join the Knights in November. With 85 active guys on our roster, if we all ask ONE guy, maybe we can get at least two new members. It's hard to believe that we can't find one guy out there who is willing to join the Order. 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.

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

**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, December 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope that we will have good weather and we hope that more of you will consider joining in.



**National March for Life**

The annual National March for Life will take place on Friday, January 26, 2017 on the grounds of the Washington Monument, near the corner of 15th Street and Constitution Avenue in Washington, DC. Following the Rally, the March will begin on Constitution Avenue between 15th and 17th Streets at approximately 1:00 pm.



**11:45 a.m.** Musical Opening

**12:00 p.m.** Rally

**1:00 p.m.** March

**3:00 p.m.** (approx) Listen to Silent No More testimonies outside U.S. Supreme Court

**3:30 p.m.** Visit your Representative or Senator to advocate for life

For more information visit <http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2017/>

## ***Catholics in Annapolis Will Take Place Feb. 15, 2017***

Mark your calendar for the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual “Catholics in Annapolis” on Feb. 15, 2017 from 3-8 p.m.

Meet your legislators and build a positive relationship with them by sharing the great work and the Good News of the Church in Maryland lived out through the works of our ministries, charities, hospitals, schools, parishes and communities. How? Mingle with like-minded Catholics at Catholics in Annapolis!

The event begins at St. John Neumann Mission Church (620 N. Bestgate Rd.) from 3-4:30 p.m. with briefings from the Maryland Catholic Conference lobbyists on the relevant issues considered by the General Assembly from a faith perspective.

Shuttles will be provided to take you to downtown Annapolis where you can meet your legislators from 5-6:30 p.m. Then, join us at a 6:30-8 p.m. reception (catered by the Iron Rooster) in the Miller Office Building on Rowe Blvd. for all the members of the General Assembly, the Maryland bishops and other Church leaders.

**The event and reception are free, but registration is required:**  
[www.MdCatholic.org/LobbyNight](http://www.MdCatholic.org/LobbyNight)

(If you cannot make the 3 p.m. briefing, you are still welcome to come in time to visit legislators’ offices or just to attend the 6:30 p.m. reception.)

## 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. Clement’s School.

## ***Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest***



This contest is open to all school aged children grades one through eight. Posters will be judged in three categories: Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of

November 1<sup>st</sup>.

1. Ages 5 through 7
2. Ages 8 through 10
3. Ages 11 through 14

Posters should be 11 in x 17 in. may contain water colors, crayon, ink, or any combination. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. ***Posters may not contain computer graphics, pictures from books, magazines, etc. or collages!*** [Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest entry form on the back of the poster.](#)

All Posters will be judged using the following criteria:

A 100 point scoring system will be used to determine the winner.

**30 Points:** Slogan — How clearly is the theme presented?

**30 Points:** Visuals — How well do the visuals convey the message?

**40 Points:** Overall impact — How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?

*Council Level Prizes:*

- 1st place winners of each age group will receive a \$50 check, certificate and represent our council in the state competition.
- Second place winners will receive a \$30 check and a certificate of participation.
- Third place participants will receive a \$20 check and a certificate of participation.

The council deadline for this event is Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. Entries can be submitted to Jason Karolkowski at 1322 Chapel Hill Dr., Rosedale, MD 21237 or by calling 410-687-2738.

## Family Programs

### ***Family of the Month/Year***

Anyone who has a family in mind that you think would be deserving, please submit them for nomination. And keep in mind that a single person can still be a family; and a childless couple can also be a family.



The following factors should be considered:

- Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- Does the family enjoy one another?
- Does the family share experiences?
- Does the family communicate openly and honestly?
- Does the family pray and attend Mass together?
- We will need the names of the family members, and if there are children, the ages of the children.

You do not have to use any specific form to submit a nomination. Any ordinary piece of paper will do as long as it contains the need information.

Please forward all nominations to Walt Wankowski, PGK, 5211 McFaul Road, Baltimore, MD 21206 or email at [wwanko@comcast.net](mailto:wwanko@comcast.net)

## Community Programs

### ***Polar Bear Plunge***

The Knights of Columbus invite you to **volunteer to work** at the 2017 Polar Bear Plunge to benefit Maryland Special Olympics on **Saturday, January 28, 2017** at Sandy Point State Park in Anne Arundel County. This is a day-long event that many Knights across Maryland and their families and friends have been involved with for several years now. But you do NOT have to have any affiliation with the Knights to participate, and you do not have to stay for the entire day.



Once again Maryland Special Olympics will need volunteers to assist with directing parking, food preparation, food and drink distribution, memorabilia sales, arcade game operation, etc. **No one is asking you to jump into the icy Chesapeake Bay.** However, yes, some of the volunteers, especially the ones who volunteer to help with the parking, may get cold. But it's for a good cause.

And it is a "party" day; especially for young people. There are celebrities, contests, people dressed in costumes, and prizes. Never a dull moment. Bring your camera!

If you are at least 16 years old (required by law), can stand being outside in the cold for several hours and can stay on your feet for that amount of time, you are eligible to be a volunteer. It will cost you nothing to park, nothing get in, you will witness one of the greatest "party" atmospheres of the year, and a lunch will be provided. And if you get one of the good jobs, the time should pass quickly because you will be very busy.

If you would like more information on how to volunteer for this wonderful event, contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546.

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

The next meeting of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly will be our annual Christmas Social on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm at Columbus Gardens. This is an Open Meeting. Please come and bring the wife and family.



And as always, we are looking for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members to join the Color Corps. Any 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member who would like to join the Color Corps should contact Walt at 410-866-6546.

The next Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is currently scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2017 in Ocean City, MD. It's not too early to start thinking about taking the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Three months goes by very fast. We encourage all Knights to advance to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

## District Message

Whew!! Hard to believe that the first half of the year is nearly up already and this December seems the perfect time of year to do it. Our summer projects are behind us and we should be putting the wraps on the fall projects. A new government administration is behind closed doors working on a direction they believe will define who we are as a country, and where we will stand in the global community.

As Knights of Columbus, we already know who we are and where we stand as members of all communities. As put forward by our State Deputy, Steve Cohen, there are no vacations because the people we serve do not have vacations. There are no vacations from homelessness, hunger, poverty, discrimination, and just being left behind and falling through the cracks of society. Our programs will continue to address as many of these concerns as possible.

There is a move in Baltimore City to change the Columbus Day Holiday to Indigenous Peoples Day. A bill has been introduced by Councilman Brandon Scott to make the change saying "We shouldn't celebrate terrorists," This bill should come for a final vote in the City Council on 5 Dec, and it looks to have a good chance to pass. I wonder if the city would like to plan the destruction of the (at least) three Columbus statues while they are at it. Might as well. I have seen a letter from the Order of the Sons of Italy to accept the celebration on Indigenous Peoples Day, but on another day, and not at the expense of Columbus Day and what it means to the Italian Heritage as well as the Knights of Columbus. We will soon know. Let us Pray!!

In closing: Wishing all a very Merry Christmas! May the New Year find us all renewed and ready to dive back in to make the world just a little better than yesterday. This is meant to include our own families as well. Without them we can't help the others. As the Formation degree teaches us the strength in Unity: Stand Together, Be Strong, Keep safe, Watch over all in need. God Bless every one of us!

Vivat Jesus,

*Ron Koellbel DD28*

## Chapter News

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be the Chapter's Annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Agnes Council #4449 in Catonsville.

## Insurance News

### *What Happens If You Live?*

Thanks to marvelous innovations in medical technology and advances in living and working conditions, many of us will enjoy long, prosperous lives. With average life expectancies on the rise, there's a lot to be grateful for and look forward to. But living longer also comes with added responsibilities that we must take seriously.

Typically, when thinking about insurance products, we think about "what ifs." For life insurance, we think: What if we die? For auto insurance, we think: What if we get in an accident? For medical insurance, we think: What if we get sick? For disability insurance, we think: What if we get injured?

But for long-term care, the question is different. It's not just what happens if something happens to us, but what if something doesn't happen? What happens if we live?

"So what?" you say. "I won't need long-term care." But the statistics tell a different story. Seventy percent of individuals over the age of 65 will need some type of long-term care service during their lifetime. And, just as you would imagine, paying out-of-pocket for long-term care is neither brief nor cheap. The average duration of long-term care needed per individual is three years, at an annual cost of \$83,000 for private nursing home care and \$60,000 for at-home nursing care.

Traditional and government medical insurance programs don't usually provide enough help, either. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare only pays long-term care

services for a maximum of 100 days, and that’s only if you meet certain criteria. Medicaid does pay for long-term care, but only if your income is below a certain level and you meet state requirements. As for employer-sponsored or private health insurance plans, they typically cover a limited range of services, similar to that provided by Medicare.

Subsequently, many of us are left drawing from our own resources or our family’s resources to cover long-term care costs. It can be an expensive proposition just when cash resources need to be preserved for retirement.

That’s why long-term care insurance should be considered part of an overall sound insurance protection strategy, and that’s why the Knights of Columbus is proud to offer long-term care insurance to our members and their eligible family members.

Simply put, long-term care insurance is designed to help cover the cost of your long-term medical needs.

Available in 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year benefit periods, our flexible plans come with a number of different options and ways for you to customize your long-term care coverage to help fit your unique needs and budget.

You choose a daily benefit amount that the policy provides and specify whether you want to be covered for care in an assisted-living facility or at home.

You may also elect to purchase a Compound Inflation Rider, which will increase your maximum lifetime benefit by 3 or 5 percent each year.

And, should you choose to apply for long-term care insurance with your spouse, each of you will receive a 30 percent discount through our Spousal Discount program.

There are many other factors and considerations that go into the crafting of a Knights of Columbus long-term care policy. Your dedicated Knights of Columbus agent can help explain your options.

Contact him today to help ensure that your family and your assets are protected from the unexpected and substantial cost of long-term care.

After all, you have always taken care of your family. You don’t want to worry about what would happen to them if you could no longer take care of yourself.

Our Benefits representative is Norman “Chuck” Teal. And you can reach him at 443-676-3892.

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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.

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## Supreme Council News

### ***A Home For A Hero***

When U.S. Army Capt. Luis Avila encountered an improvised explosive device while leading his combat team in Afghanistan, his life changed forever. Although he survived, his injuries made even the simplest tasks — such as showering or turning on a light switch — nearly impossible. Stairs, high cabinets and many other ordinary household items all became obstacles.

Through its continued partnership with the Gary Sinise Foundation, the Knights of Columbus helped Capt. Avila overcome those obstacles by building him and his family a new custom smart home. The smart home was dedicated on Veterans Day in Chevy Chase, Md.

“I speak for all my brother Knights and their families when I tell you just how proud we are to partner with the Gary Sinise Foundation to build this smart home for Capt. Luis Avila; his wife, Claudia; and their three sons,” said Knights of Columbus Supreme Director Patrick Kelly, who represented the Order at the dedication.

“Capt. Avila is a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus,” Kelly continued. “We are proud to call him a brother Knight — not only for the heroism he displayed in combat, but also for the courage with which he has faced his injuries. And as a family organization, we recognize that no soldier stands alone. Our prayers and support also are with his beautiful family as they start this new chapter in their lives.”

Supreme Director Kelly mentioned that the partnership with the Gary Sinise Foundation is part of the Knights of Columbus’ century-old tradition of assisting veterans and military families. During World War I, the Knights of Columbus established hospitality centers throughout Europe to serve the physical and spiritual needs of Allied soldiers under the motto of “Everybody Welcome, Everything Free.”

“Over the course of the past century, our commitment to our nation’s servicemen and servicewomen has never wavered,” Kelly said. “Through the Second World War, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, we have been steadfast in our commitment to serving those who serve. This smart home is the most recent example. It is an expression of the solidarity that we have with Capt. Avila and his family — and with all the veterans who have served this nation. The Knights of Columbus is proud of our partnership with the Gary Sinise Foundation and proud to be part of the effort to provide our heroes with homes that are worthy of their sacrifice.”

At the dedication was a color corps of Fourth Degree Knights, as well as other members of the Order from the local, state and international levels. Actor and humanitarian Gary Sinise also attended, thanking the Knights of Columbus for their support.

Under its Restoring Independence Supporting Empowerment (R.I.S.E.) program, the Gary Sinise Foundation is building specially adapted smart

homes for the nation’s most severely wounded veterans. These one-of-a-kind homes are being constructed all across the country for wounded heroes, their caregivers and families.

In 2014, the Knights of Columbus began its partnership with the Gary Sinise Foundation, assisting in the creation of a smart home for Cpl. Kyle Hockenberry and his wife, Ashley.

### Annual Dues



Billings for annual dues will be mailed out just prior to Christmas. We ask that you remit your dues as quickly as possible. In addition to the bill, you will also find the annual

Survey of Fraternal Activity, and a request for personal information. The Survey allows us to report to Supreme the types of activities and the number of hours that each of you expend on an annual basis in helping your parish and your community. The request for personal information will provide us with information that will be used to update our Member Management database. All personal information is kept confidential between the Financial Secretary and the Supreme Council.

After we receive your annual dues, your 2017 Membership Cards will be mailed to you.

Articles for the January edition of *The Explorer* must be received by Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Send all inputs to:

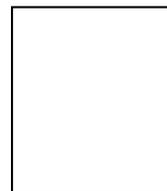
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### ***Calendar Reminders***

- December 3 – Breakfast with Santa – 9:30 am – Annunciation Parish Hall  
Deadline for Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest – 12:00pm  
Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- December 5 - Council Officer’s Meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- December 8 – Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Christmas Party – St. Agnes Council
- December 10 – Council Christmas Party – 1 to 4 pm – Carson’s Creekside – Middle River
- December 12 - Council General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- December 13 – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Christmas Social – 7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- December 17 - Pro-Life Rosary – 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton
- December 25 – Christmas Day