



The Explorer



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

Overlea/Rosedale, MD

Knights of Columbus

February 2017

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers all,

Now that the new year is upon us let us continue to grow and work together. We are faced with the possibility of new changes and opportunities. We have the bowling activity, Bull Roast and Bingo, Breakfast with Easter Bunny and many other activities coming.



We need your help to make these programs come true. Please try to make the Bingo this coming month, we need your help.

Let us pray for all our Brothers and their families. Stay well and be active.

Vivat Jesus,

John Gallup

Grand Knight

Upcoming Meetings

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

General Meetings – Monday, February 13th & 27th at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall.

Welcome Aboard!

We welcome our newest members, David Gresdo and James Deene and their families. David is a Charter Member who has returned and James has transferred from the former Santa Maria Council in Highlandtown. We sincerely hope they enjoy being in the Council.

Assistant Chaplain's Message

All of us have been in situations that we cannot solve on our own so we pray for an answer and hopefully a solution. I found a story, written by an anonymous author, about an old southern lady without any money to buy food. With complete trust in God, she got down on her knees and prayed aloud: "Dear Lord, please send me a side of bacon and a sack of cornmeal." Over and over again, she repeated the same plea in a loud voice. One of the town's most detestable characters, overhearing her loud plea for help, decided to play a trick on her. He hurried to the nearest store and bought a side of bacon and a sack of cornmeal, and then he returned to the woman's cabin and dropped the food down the chimney. The food landed right in front of the hungry woman as she knelt in prayer. Jumping to her feet, she exclaimed jubilantly, "O Lord, you've answered my prayer!" Then she ran all around the neighborhood telling everyone the good news. Her story about the Lord's help was too much for the scoundrel. He ridiculed her before the whole town by telling how he had dropped the food down the chimney himself. The wise old woman quickly replied, "Well, the devil may have brought the food, but it was the Lord who sent it!"



The old woman, in her desperate situation, is a good example for us to emulate in our difficult situations. Get down on your knees often to pray and trust in our Lord to answer your prayers however He sees fit.

God bless you,

Deacon Frank

Upcoming Ceremonials

Admissions Degree

Feb. 15th – Knights of Fatima Council – Baltimore
Feb. 18th – Patapsco Council – Catonsville
Feb. 20th – Fr. Maurice Wolfe Council – Abingdon

Formation Degree

Feb. 15th – Patapsco Council - Catonsville

Knighthood Degree

Feb. 17th – Rock Creek Council – Bethesda

Patriot Degree

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

Sick & Shut-In

Please remember Brothers Melvin Bandell, 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

Happy Times

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

- 2 - Rev. Justin Ratajczak
- 6 - Charles P. Franz Sr.
- 16 - Richard S. Houck
- 17 - Thomas A. Koviak
- 19 - Lynn Hilditch
- 20 - Melvin W. Bandell & Barry Sewell
- 25 - Alfred Hilditch 5
- 28 - Frank Charvat

Anniversaries

19 - Michael & Cathy Schleupner

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

Wish You Were Here!

Our attendance prize winner for the January 9th meeting would have been Thomas Freed. Our attendance prize winner for the January 23rd meeting would have been Bob Rogers. If you are not sick or a shut-in, why not try making a meeting once in a while? It could prove profitable.

1st Degree Team

We are looking for alternate team members for our 1st 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 1st Degree team, contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546, and we will get your training started.

Time to Pay Up

Bills for our Annual Dues were mailed out on December 16th and Second Notices to those who have not yet remitted were mailed on January 25th. In addition to your invoice for dues, you should also have received a request for personal information to be kept on file by our Council and the Supreme Council. We ask you to remit your dues and return the information sheet as soon as possible. Membership cards for 2017 will be mailed out shortly after we receive your dues.

If you have NOT received the invoice for your dues, please contact Financial Secretary Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546 or wwanko@comcast.net.

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BINGO

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, February 4th at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be played for 51 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	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.

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 now have five new members and two former members have transferred in. We need to keep trying. We need to grow this Council. We each need to ask ONE guy to join the Knights over the next six months. 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. If you need a Form100, contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546.

Pro-Life Programs

Catholics in Annapolis Will Take Place Feb. 15, 2017

Mark your calendar for the 33rd 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

(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.)

In addition to a President who is favorable to Pro-Life legislation, we also have a Governor who is Catholic and Pro-Life. Let's let our voices be heard.

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 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, February 18th. We hope that we will have good weather and we hope that more of you will consider joining in.



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 communicate openly and honestly?
- Does the family pray and attend Mass together?
- Does the family share experiences?

You do not have to use any specific form to submit a nomination. Any ordinary piece of paper will do.

We will need the names of the family members, and if there are children, the ages of the children.

Please forward all nominations to Walt Wankowski, 5211 McFaul Road, Baltimore, MD 21206 or email at wwanko@comcast.net

Youth Programs

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Fr. A. Leo Abendschoen Council #11615 is pleased to announce that we had one winner in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest at the State Level. Maia Te won second place for ages 8-10.



James E. Pierce, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

Applications are now being accepted for the Jim Pierce Memorial Scholarship Awards. This scholarship was established to encourage the parishioners of Annunciation Church to send their children to St. Clement Mary Hofbauer School.

With the merger of St. Clements and St. Michael the Archangel (Overlea) schools on the horizon, the scholarship awards are now extended to both schools. Applications MUST be submitted by March 1st. Applications and other information may be obtained from the pouch in the K of C display in the back of Annunciation church or call Walt at 410-866-6546.

Community Programs

Time to go Bowling!

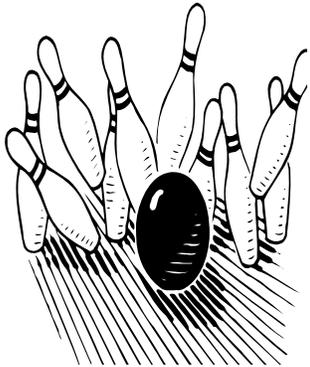
Our annual trip to the Bowling Alley will take place on Sunday, February 12th, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Brunswick Perry Hall Lanes in the Perry Hall Shopping Center at Belair Road and Joppa Road. All of the proceeds will go to Operation Welcome Home. If you are not familiar with Operation Welcome Home, this is an organization composed of volunteers who periodically gather at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport to welcome home our troops who are returning from Southwest Asia and Europe. Besides giving them a roaring welcome home, our troops are presented with snacks, beverages, toiletries, phone cards and other goodies. Full details of our Bowling outing can be found on the flyer on the next two pages.

Fr. A Leo Abendschoen Council #11615,
Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly #385,
St. Clement Mary Hofbauer School Student Council

&

St Clement Mary Hofbauer Home School Association (HSA)
are sponsoring

“Bowling For Operation Welcome Home”



Sunday, February 12, 2017
2:30-4:30 p.m.
(check-in at 2:00 p.m.)

At

Brunswick Perry Hall Lanes
4359 Ebenezer Rd.



Please Register by February 8th

All proceeds will benefit
Operation Welcome Home

Cost: \$15 per person
Or

Collect at Least \$15 in pledges



Price Includes:

- 2 Hours of 10-pin bowling
- Shoe rental
- 1 door prize ticket

(Bumpers and Handicapped Ball Ramps will be Available)

Prizes will be awarded for:

- Highest Individual Adult Pledge Collector
- Highest Individual Child (13 & under) Pledge Collector
- Highest Individual Adult Average Score
- Highest Individual Child (13 & under) Average Score

Questions can be answered by calling Jason at 410-687-2738.
Register ahead and enjoy a great day of friends and bowling!

See Registration Form on back of Flyer!



Fr. A Leo Abendschoen, Council 11615
Knights of Columbus
Bowling Charity Registration Form



Participant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please Check:

Adult: _____ Child (13 or under): _____

I will pay the flat fee of \$15: _____

I will be collecting Pledges and bring the money to the event: _____

Participant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please Check:

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4th Degree News

The next meeting of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly will held on Tuesday, February 14th at 8:00 pm at Columbus Gardens. Hospitality will begin at 7:00 pm. This will be a regular business meeting.



WE NEED YOU !

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

The next Exemplification of the 4th Degree is currently scheduled for 11:00 am on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel in Ocean City, MD. Registration begins at 9:00 am so rooms are available at a discount rate for those wishing to avoid the panic and arrive the night before. Many people also spend the night after attending the banquet.

For more information on the Exemplification and/or the Rooms, contact Past Faithful Navigator Jason Karolkowski at 410-687-2738/jkarolkowski@bcps.org or Past Faithful Navigator Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546/wwanko@comcast.net .

Chapter News

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 pm at Patapsco Council #1960, 1010 Frederick Road in Catonsville. This is Ladies Night. All Knights are invited and encouraged to attend.

District Message

The Holidays are done (hope you had a successful recovery) and now the inauguration is over and a new Administration is digging in to begin the next vision of America. Our election process and the peaceful transfer of power has demonstrated to the world that a republic form of government is valid.

BUT, as our State Deputy, Steve Cohen, has said many times this fraternal year – “there are no vacations” from our State and local council programs. To those who need us the most, their needs continue on.

Early in the Month was the State Mid Term meeting, where we assessed our progress and was spurred on to meet our recruitment goals. The Polar Bear Plunge, with many opportunities to volunteer a little time to help the ones who really do go into the water, will be behind us. January also brought the “March for Life” in Washington. As you are already involved with the abortion Clinic in Overlea, this is just an extension of the work you already do. And of course, recruiting new members is always an ongoing task.

Before I close, let me take an opportunity to thank Father Justin for his service to the church and to this council. In spite of his health problems, He offered us his consultation and support in all the activities of our order. Father Justin, salute and best wishes on your retirement. I am happy to have made your acquaintance and call you friend.

In closing: May we continue to be renewed and ready to make the world tomorrow just a little better than yesterday. 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 Koelbel DD28

Insurance News

Financial Fitness for the New Year

When a new year begins, we like to look at our lives and take stock of where we are. Many make resolutions to challenge themselves to be better. Many focus on their health and well-being. These are great practices. No matter how good we're doing, we can always be doing better, and critical self-reflection and setting goals can help. This is true not only for our physical and spiritual health, but also our financial health. So, as we begin 2017, here are a few suggestions to help you look at your financial situation and find opportunities for improvement.

Start With a Comprehensive Review

Take stock of your entire situation. Look at your assets and liabilities, as well as the plans and protection that you already have in place. Try to anticipate the future. Are you hoping to have more children? Do you want to help pay for your children's education? Are you nearing retirement? This is a valuable and revealing process — and one that you don't have to do alone.

As a Knight of Columbus, you can work with a dedicated, well-trained professional brother Knight field agent who can help you identify what you need to adequately protect your family. Through their agent, members receive a comprehensive, complimentary financial needs analysis. This analysis, titled "Profiles & Forecaster," is a proven industry tool that helps you determine your needs. It's a fraternal benefit that costs you nothing but could tell you a lot. The Profiles & Forecaster analysis will help you identify surpluses, shortages, insurance and income replacement needs, final expenses and more. It's a great way to start.

Focus on the Future

Ask yourself a series of questions: What happens when you die? Will your family be adequately protected? Do you have life insurance? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? Is it temporary or permanent? As a member, you have exclusive access to our extensive portfolio of

permanent and temporary life insurance products that can be customized to fit your needs. What happens if you get injured? If you're disabled and can't work, how long can your family survive without your income? Do you have disability income insurance? How much of your income does it cover? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? The Knights of Columbus has recently introduced a disability income insurance product that can help provide critical protection for your paycheck.

What happens if you get sick?

If you need extended care in a nursing facility or at home, will you have money set aside for those needs?

Have you looked to see what care like that may cost?

Members of the Knights of Columbus have the ability to purchase long-term care insurance that can provide the cash needed to pay for long-term care services while shielding the savings they've set aside for retirement and other purposes.

What happens when you retire?

Do you have enough money tucked away?

How do you know if it's enough?

How will your retirement age and social security affect your financial situation?

By working with your brother Knight field agent, you can establish a Knights of Columbus retirement annuity that takes the guesswork out by guaranteeing your principle, guaranteeing growth and — when properly structured — an income stream for life, no matter how long you live.

Prioritize Protection

Make protecting the most important things a priority. Think of all the things you insure in your life: your car, house, important electronic devices and major appliances. But how much more precious and valuable is your life? Shouldn't this be protected and prioritized as well?

Proper protection is much more affordable than you may think. Just how affordable? Contact our Benefits representative, Norman "Chuck" Teal at 443-676-3892.

You just may be surprised.

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.

119th Annual Maryland State Convention

The 119th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus, will be held at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort, Ocean City, Maryland, Maryland, May 5, 6 & 7, 2017. Online registrations can be made until March 7th. Note that you **MUST** register for the Convention **BEFORE** you will be able to register for your hotel room. Both registrations must be made online at <https://www.mdkocconvention.org/>

Suite Rates are as follows:

Ocean/Pool View Suite - \$120.00 per night
 Ocean Front Suite - \$164.00 per night
 2 Bedroom/2 Bath Condo - \$260.00 per night
 3 Bedroom/3 Bath Condo - \$280.00 per night
 (ALL HOTEL RATES ARE PLUS 10.5% TAX
 PER NIGHT)

Children under 17 stay free/\$20.00 additional per adult person.

The annual Convention Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, May 4th at the Ocean City Golf Club. Registration at 11:00 am/ \$80 per Golfer. The number of participants is limited so you are encouraged to register early. For full details on the Golf Tournament call Paul Weber at 410-879-0558 or email him at apaulweber@verizon.net.

Supreme Council News

New Poll: Vast Majority of Americans Want SCOTUS Nominees Who Apply Constitution as Originally Written

A new poll conducted by the Marist Poll, and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, has found overwhelming support for the swift nomination of a Supreme Court justice who will apply the Constitution as originally written. Majorities also support interpreting the Constitution as originally intended and quick action to protect religious freedom.

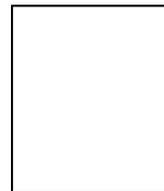
Eight in 10 Americans (80 percent) say it is an “immediate priority” or an “important” one to appoint Supreme Court justices who will interpret the Constitution as it was originally written. This includes 56 percent who say such an appointment is an “immediate priority.” Fifty-three percent of Independents, 80 percent of Republicans and 42 percent of Democrats also say it is an “immediate priority.”

By 12 percentage points, a majority of Americans (52 percent versus 40 percent) want the court to interpret the Constitution “as it was originally written” and not on what the justices think the “Constitution means now.” Independents agree (50 percent to 42 percent), as do Republicans (78 percent to 18 percent). Even three in 10 Democrats share this opinion (31 percent), and about six in 10 do not (59 percent).

Articles for the March edition of *The Explorer* must be received by Monday, February 20th. Send all inputs to:
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Calendar Reminders

- February 4 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- February 6 - Council Officer’s Meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- February 9 - Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting – 7:00 pm – Patapsco Council
- February 12 - Bowling for Operation Welcome Home – 2:30 pm – Brunswick Perry Hall Lanes
- February 13 - Council General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- February 14 - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting - 7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- February 15 - Catholics In Annapolis – 3:30 -8:30 pm - Annapolis
- February 18 - Pro-Life Rosary – 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton
- February 27 - Council General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall