



The Explorer



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

Overlea/Rosedale, MD

Knights of Columbus

January 2017

Happy New Year!

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers all,
 I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all that they have done for me and the Knights.
 I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year. May God, bless you and your families.



Vivat Jesus,

John Gallup

Grand Knight

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Many people around the world enter the New Year hoping they can succeed with their resolutions. But hope does not arise from the individual's desires or wishes. Hope originates from God. Genuine hope is not wishful thinking, but a firm assurance about things that are unseen and still in the future. Pope Francis speaks of Christ's birth as the inauguration of the Redemption, a different hope, and a reliable, visible and comprehensible hope because it is founded on God. Jesus entered the world and gave us the strength to walk with Him. As God walks with us in Jesus and we walk with Him towards the fullness of life, we receive the strength to be in the present in a new way. This is a hope that we are with Christ on the way to the Father. This hope, which the Child of Bethlehem gives us, offers a goal, a good destiny to the present, the salvation of humanity to the one who entrusts himself to the merciful God. Pope



Francis suggested that we ask ourselves, do I walk with hope or is my interior life stopped, closed? Is my heart a closed drawer or a drawer open to hope, which has me walk with Christ, and not alone?

In Mary, who trusted in God's word, we see the Mother of Hope. Joseph, too, is the man of hope, who gave Jesus his name, which means "God saves". The shepherds heard the peace proclaimed by the angels with joy. As we enter this New Year, may we too open our hearts to the Good News of the Savior's birth and renew our hope in the Kingdom of justice, peace and holiness that He brought at Christmas.

May the New Year bring joy and peace to you and to your family,

God bless you,

Deacon Frank

Welcome Fr. Vincent & Fr. Julio!

We welcome Fr. Vincent Gluc, OFM Conv. and Fr. Julio Martinez, OFN Conv., to the Church of the Annunciation, our council's home parish. Fr. Vincent, who is also Pastor of St. Clement Mary Hofbauer parish in Rosedale, has been appointed Administrator of Annunciation. Fr. Julio, who comes to us from the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, has been appointed Parochial Vicar. Fr. Vince is already a Knight and we hope to convince Fr. Julio to join the Order.

Upcoming Meetings

Officer’s Meeting – The January Officer’s meeting will take place on Monday, January 2nd at 6:30 pm in the parish Board Room.

General Meetings – Monday, January 9th & 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall.

Welcome Aboard!

We welcome our newest members, Paul B. Coppock, Romeo G. Dalangin, Charles P. Franz, Sr., and Frank A. Kelly II, and their families. We sincerely hope they enjoy being in the Order.

In Memoriam

It is with both sadness and a smile that we announce that one of our Council’s Charter Members, Theodore C. Gegorek, passed onto his Eternal Reward on Thursday, December 1st after 99 ½ years on this earth. He was our oldest member. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Upcoming Ceremonials

Admissions Degree

- Jan. 11th – Cardinal Gibbons Council – Fullerton
- Jan. 16th – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council – Essex
- Jan. 18th – Patapsco Council – Catonsville

Formation Degree

- Jan. 9th – Bel Air Council – Forest Hill
- Jan. 19th – St. Louis the King Council– Ellicott City

Knighthood Degree

- Jan. 13th – Resurrection Council – Ellicott City

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 January:

- 1 - Shawn T. Ruby
- 2 - Kathleen Loman & Darlene Zeiler
- 4 - Dennis G. Cieslak & Frank A. Kelly II
- 9 - James M. Ashley, Jr.
- 11 - Kevin J. Vaeth
- 13 - John M. Meaney & Mary Schaefer
- 17 - Rev. Jacques-Luc Bakouba
- 20 - Patrick A. Saladini
- 30 - Phyllis Sewell
- 31 - Robert N. Loman

Anniversaries

- 4 - Dennis & Debra Cieslak
- 19 - John & Connie Gallup

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 November 28th meeting would have been Gilbert Leppert, Jr. Our attendance prize winner for the December 12th meeting would have been Michael Thomas. If you are not sick or a shut-in, why not try making a meeting once in a while? It could prove profitable.

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BINGO

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, January 7th at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be played for 50 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	39	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.

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. In addition to your invoice for dues, you should also have received our annual Fraternal Activities Survey and 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 sheets as soon as possible, but no later than January 25th. 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.

And our thanks to Gary Kendzierski, who was the very first to send in his dues.

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, courtesy of our Benefits Advisor "Chcuk" Teal, and we are looking forward to getting even more. 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 Form 100, 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 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, January 21st. 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 27, 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

We have the opportunity to make the upcoming March for Life on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, the largest and most effective pro-life event ever!

Not only are more than a quarter million pro-life supporters expected to travel to Washington, D.C., for the event, but also the timing of this year's event is particularly significant — it takes place only days after the presidential inauguration.

The president-elect is favorable to both pro-life legislation and the appointment of a pro-life U.S. Supreme Court justice, and we hope that you will join us in showing the new president and Congress that the majority of Americans strongly support pro-life legislation. As Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has said, "I ask every Knight that can make it to Washington, D.C., for this event — which is a true witness to the devotion we and so many others hold to support a culture of life — to please do so."

Information about the march and many related events, such as the March for Life Conference and Expo, Youth Rally and Rose Dinner, is available at <http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2017/>

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-elect 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.

Youth Programs

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



Fr. A. Leo Abendschoen Council #11615 would like to thank all of the students who participated in this year's Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. The event was an overwhelming success with 140

posters being submitted. The following is a list of the grade level winners.

Grades 1-3: 1st Place - Petrina Maria Maximiano, 2nd Place - Alyssa Venker, 3rd Place - Sophia Karolkowski

Grades 4-6: 1st Place - Maia Te, 2nd Place - Jillian Thayer, 3rd Place - Emily Smith

Grades 7-8: 1st Place - Christiana Maximiano, 2nd Place - Austin Jenkins, 3rd Place - Abigail Salisbury

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, 5211 McFaul Road, Baltimore, MD 21206 or email at wwanko@comcast.net

Community Programs

Polar Bear Knights Plunging Again in January.



Tony Ciampaglia, along with his youngest sister, Theresa and his dad, Papa Polar Bear, will be freezin' for a reason for the 14th straight year. The Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge for the benefit of Maryland Special Olympics will take place on **January 28, 2017** at Sandy Point State Park. There are also other plunges scheduled for that week; a Cool School plunge, police plunge, corporate plunge and the super plunge. Tony, Theresa and Wayne have raised over \$20,000 during the previous 13 years. We hope that our brother Knights will continue their generous support as we plunge again in January.

The Knights of Columbus invite **YOU** to **volunteer to work** at the 2017 Polar Bear. 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.** 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 to get in, you will witness one of the greatest "party" atmospheres of the year, and a lunch will be provided. For more info contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546.

4th Degree News

The next meeting of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly will be our annual Renewal of Vows on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm at Columbus Gardens. Officers should wear tuxedo and social baldric; other members should wear tuxedo or business suit.



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. They are known as the “Visible Arm” of the Knights of Columbus. Anyone who sees the Color Corps knows that the Knights of Columbus are present. 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.

It's not too early to start thinking about taking the 4th Degree. Two months goes by very fast. We encourage all Knights to advance to the 4th Degree. 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 .

District Message

By the time you get this newsletter, you should be done with all the parties, get-togethers, gift giving, and catching up on some much needed rest before New Year's Eve and the last hurrah!! Then, it's just one last Raven's game, and done! I sincerely wish all had a Merry Christmas and the New Year will bring all your wishes home.

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 is the State Mid Term meeting, where we will assess our progress and spur on to completion. Shortly thereafter will be the Polar Bear Plunge with many opportunities to volunteer a little time to help the ones who really do go into the water. January also brings 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.

In closing: May the New Year find us all renewed and ready to dive back in to make the world just a little better than yesterday. Whether a new government administration will help or hinder, we know the work has to go on. You are a strong council and I have every bit of faith in your dedication to those in need. 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,

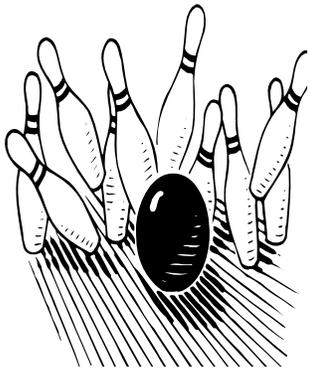
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Fr. A Leo Abendschoen Council #11615,
Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly #385,
St. Clement Mary Hofbauer School Student Council

&

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:

Adult: _____ Child (13 or under): _____

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Chapter News

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be on Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 pm at Cardinal Sheehan of Baltimore Council #205, 6509 Harford Road. Please park in back and use the Rear Entrance. All Knights are invited and encouraged to attend.

Insurance News

Are you interested in a career of service and unrestricted earning potential? What if you could enjoy professional independence without the risk of going it alone? Can you see yourself working for a mission-oriented organization that is fiercely loyal to its principles and customers? Then consider a career as a Knights of Columbus field agent. What you do will have a positive impact on your clients, their families, your local community and the world.

Not Your Typical Sales Job

Being an agent for the Knights of Columbus is not like being a typical salesman. On your very first day as an agent, you will be assigned an exclusive territory of hundreds of Knights of Columbus families. You won't need to start from scratch. And since all of your clients will be Knights or their family members, you will be welcomed as a brother, not as a stranger.

Well-Compensated

We don't put a limit on your success. As an agent, you can thrive in our commissions-based system, which ensures that you make what you earn. As an agent, you would also have access to an excellent benefits package that includes medical and retirement benefits, as well as incentive awards and programs.

A Clear Path to Success

Knights of Columbus agents use proven techniques to grow their business and be successful. As a new agent, you will learn those techniques through an extensive training and support system that includes agent mentoring, classroom learning and the

Knights of Columbus Online University. Our pre-contract program allows you to engage in real sales situations with veteran agents, helping you to understand an agent's day-to-day work and determine if it is the right career for you.

Independence and Brotherhood: A Perfect Match

Knights of Columbus field agents are in business for themselves but not by themselves. Agents love the flexibility that allows them to plan their time to be there for family events. They also love working in regional teams and learning from their fellow agents. As a Knights of Columbus agent, you will have all of the perks of independence without having to go it alone.

Work You Can Believe In

The Knights of Columbus is unique. It's not your typical life insurance company. It is both one of the largest life insurers in North America* and also one of the largest donors to charitable causes.** It is a proud Catholic company that puts values above profit, earning the respect of its members as well as the insurance industry. When you work for the Knights of Columbus, you won't need to check your principles at the door — you can carry them with you.

Our field agents not only help safeguard the financial futures of Catholic families in their communities — they also work closely with their councils to help them increase their charitable impact. As a Knights of Columbus field agent, you too can make the world a better place.

This is a unique opportunity. It combines service, professionalism, independence and brotherhood in ways that no other opportunity can. Its potential is limitless and so is its promise.

To find out more about a career opportunity with the Knights of Columbus, contact our Benefits representative, Norman "Chuck" Teal. You can reach him at 443-676-3892.

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 will be available beginning Monday, January 9th, and will provide you with room confirmation by 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

Supreme Knight Recognized As Outstanding Catholic Leader

We're proud to announce that Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was among the outstanding Catholic leaders recognized by *Our Sunday Visitor* for contributions to the Church and society throughout the year!



In order to gain awareness and help for Christians whose presence has diminished from the Middle East at an astounding rate, Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, has expanded the charitable efforts of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization.

"Our interest in the issue of genocide comes from our humanitarian concern for those suffering people and for their spiritual and physical well-being," Anderson said in a March 10 statement at the National Press Club. The comments followed the release of a nearly 300-page report compiled by the Knights of Columbus and an organization named In Defense of Christians, which called on the U.S. Department of State to designate the activities of ISIS against Christians and other ethnic and religious minorities as a genocide.

The Christian population of Iraq is estimated to have dropped by 80 percent from the more than 1.4 million who lived there before the U.S. invasion in 2003. In Syria, the Christian population has dropped from an estimated 1.25 million in 2011 to less than 500,000 this year, according to ADF International. Many of the Christians remaining in those countries have been forced from their homes to other regions.

The report documents murders, torture, kidnapping, rape and mass deportation of Christians and others carried out by members of the Islamic State in Iraq, Syria and Libya.

That designation of genocide made by Secretary of State John Kerry on March 17 was the first such U.S. declaration since Sudanese actions in Darfur in 2004. It allows the possibility of — but does not require — greater resources for the genocide victims.

Under Anderson's leadership, the Knights of Columbus have raised more than \$11 million since 2014 to aid refugees in the Middle East, both those internally displaced and those who have fled to neighboring countries. Anderson personally has testified about the plight of Christians in the Middle East in front of a congressional subcommittee. Anderson, 65, has a history of public service, working at the White House under Ronald Reagan and then as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

But it is for his work on behalf of persecuted Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East that he has been honored as a 2016 Catholic of the Year.

Supreme Knight Awarded Emmy

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was honored with an Emmy award for serving as executive producer of *Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism* at the 58th annual Chicago/Midwest Emmy Awards, Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016.

The red carpet event, which honors regional Emmy winners in a wide range of broadcast and craft categories, was hosted by the Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. It is one of the largest and most senior local chapters in the country, with a proud history of innovation and excellence in the field of broadcast television and beyond.

Supreme Knight Anderson was honored in the category of Outstanding Achievement for Documentary Programs – Historical, along with the film's producers Justyna Czystek, Szymon Czystek, David Naglieri and Michele Nuzzo-Naglieri.

George Hosek, the film's director of photography, was also awarded an Emmy in the category of Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air: Photographer – Program (Non-News). The film had been nominated for five Emmy awards.

Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism illustrates how St. John Paul II was a driving force in liberating Central and Eastern Europe from communist rule, inspiring a “revolution of conscience” that was pivotal in the collapse of the Iron Curtain. The film has been airing nationwide on public television throughout the United States through a partnership with WTTW Chicago and the National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA).

With original music by renowned composer Joe Kraemer (*Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation*, *Jack Reacher*) and narration by actor Jim Caviezel (*Person of Interest*, *The Passion of the Christ*), the documentary features rare archival footage and exclusive interviews with papal biographer George Weigel; John Paul's lifelong assistant, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz of Kraków; former President Ronald Reagan's national security advisor Richard Allen; and numerous others.

For information about the film, including the trailer and ordering information, visit jp2film.com.

Articles for the February edition of *The Explorer* must be received by Monday, January 23rd. Send all inputs to:

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Or by email to: wwanko@comcast.net

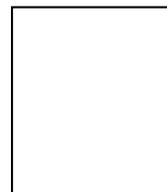
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Wise Men STILL Seek Him





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Calendar Reminders

- January 1 – Solemnity of Mary/New Year’s Day
- January 2 – Council Officer’s Meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- January 7 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- January 9 - Council General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- January 10 - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting/Renewal of Vows – 7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- January 12 - Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights Meeting – 7:00 pm – Cardinal Sheehan of Baltimore Council
- January 21 - Pro-Life Rosary – 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton
- January 23 - Council General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- January 27 – National March for Life – 12 Noon – Washington, DC
- January 28 – MSP Polar Bear Plunge – Sandy Point State Park