



# The Explorer



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

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Knights of Columbus

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## Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,  
I would like to thank John Gallup for his service to our council. It is and was appreciated.



The transition team assembled to help me get started was extremely forthcoming. Going forward we need to continue pursuing new ideas to increase our membership.

Increasing the presence and visibility of our knights in the parish through different activities seems to be a good start. New ideas from our membership would be a great. I have a few of my own.

## Emrick Spacek Grand Knight

### The New Slate

The following Officers were elected on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and will serve for the 2017-2018 fraternal year:

- Grand Knight – Emrick Spacek
- Deputy Grand Knight – Wayne Ciampaglia
- Chancellor – Harold Payne
- Treasurer – William Hodges
- Financial Secretary – Walter Wankowski \*
- Recorder – Gregory Fischer
- Warden – Paul Castagna
- Advocate – Michael N. Schlepner, Jr.
- Lecturer – Jason Karolkowski \*
- Outside Guard – Anthony Ciampaglia
- Inside Guard – Joseph D. Schaum III
- Trustee for 1 Year – Adam Kolb, PGK
- Trustee for 2 Years – Shawn Ruby, PGK
- Trustee for 3 Years – John E. Gallup, Jr., PGK

\*Appointed

## Assistant Chaplain's Message

Brothers,



I like to smile and say Hi! How are you! to people I pass on the street. I enjoy receiving a like response in return. Last month, my son Mike invited me to join him and his father-in-law on a trip to the Nascar races in Dover, Delaware. It was truly a memorable experience to attend the races for the first time and to be part of the gathering of thousands of people. There was no sense of concern about personal safety. We walked around during the day and at night among young people, old people, people of different ethnic groups, families with young children, and many adults enjoying an adult beverage. Wherever we went, I enjoyed all of the people I met. I did not experience any rowdy behavior or foul language. People were kind and considerate to each other.

Before each race, there was a huge American flag suspended high in the air from the boom of a crane, a pastor offered a prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and I learned many things about racing. One final thing that really impressed me was the fact that there was NO trash lying about on Monday morning after most of the people had left.

I am so glad I had the opportunity to attend the race and experience really good people who treated each other with kindness and respect. I believe there is hope for us yet!

God bless you,  
*Deacon Frank*

### **Installation of Officers**

A reminder that our Council's Annual Installation of Officers will take place on Sunday, July 9th at approximately 12 Noon, at the Church of the Annunciation. The Installation Ceremony will begin shortly after the 11:00 am mass has concluded. Dinner will be available in the parish hall immediately following the Installation Ceremony. All members of our council and their wives are invited to attend with any family members living in the same household, free of charge. Single members may bring a guest. However, to be sure that we prepare enough food, **RESERVATIONS are required.** Please contact Financial Secretary Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546 or [wwanko@comcast.net](mailto:wwanko@comcast.net), no later than Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm and let him know if you are coming and how many guests you are bringing. If you leave a telephone message, you will receive a return confirmation call. If you send notification by email, then you will receive a reply confirmation by email. All confirmation replies will be made within 24 hours. **If you do NOT get a reply, then we did NOT get your reservation.** All members wishing to attend MUST make a reservation, INCLUDING OFFICERS who are being installed.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Officer's Meeting** – The July Officer's meeting will take place on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Annunciation parish Board Room.

**General Meetings** – There will be only ONE General Membership meeting in July, on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall.

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

We've now had four winners in a row! Our attendance prize winner for the June 12th meeting was Joe Schaum, Jr., and our winner for the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was Paul Schneider. Both found a little extra cash in their hands. If you are not sick or a shut-in, why not try making a meeting once in a while? It could prove profitable.

### **Upcoming Ceremonials**

*At the time of publishing, that Degree schedules for July 2017 and beyond had not been published on the State Web Site. If anyone wishes to take the Formation or Knighthood Degrees, contact Financial Secretary Walt Wankowski and he will obtain the necessary information.*

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

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

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

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**Deacon Max**

In January of 2010, we recruited a young Franciscan Seminarian named Moises Avila to join the Knights and our Council. He has been a member of our Council ever since and this past March 4<sup>th</sup>, he took his 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and became a Sir Knight.

On Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Friar Moises Maximillian Avila, OFM Conv., was ordained a Deacon at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City. God willing, one year from now, Friar Max will be ordained a priest. Let's keep him in our prayers.

Congratulations Max!

**Sick & Shut-In**

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

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

**Happy Times**

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

- 1 - Jonathan R. Potter
- 2 - Paul B. Coppock
- 3 - Matthew S. Miklewski
- 4 - Clementine (Tina) Halecki
- 5 - Robert M. Griguolo
- 8 - Ray R. Potter, Jr.
- 13 - John A. Schaefer
- 18 - Francis Halecki
- 20 - William D. Hodges
- 22 - Frederick C. Hogarth
- 25 - Melissa Witmore
- 27 - Marie C. Koviak

Anniversaries

- 21 - Adam & Aisamarie Kolb
- 28 - Wayne & Carol Ciampaglia

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)

**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.

**BINGO**

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be played for 56 numbers or less.

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

As always, we could use additional help both in the Kitchen and on the floor. 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.

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

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



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

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

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

## Membership

The new Fraternal Year has begun. Now we start all over again. It's not going to be easy, but we need to try to bring more members into the Council. This is not going to happen by itself. We have to work at it. We each need to ask ONE guy to join the Knights. If we can grow this council, we can do great things. Keep in mind that any prospective member doesn't have to belong to any particular parish. The only requirement is that he be a practical Catholic male, 18 years of age or older.

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

If you need a Form 100, contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546.

## Church Programs

### **Religious & Seminarian Vocation Program**

Just a reminder that our Council is continuously collecting money for those studying for the priesthood and the religious life. If you'd like to contribute to the cause, you can place your donations into the transparent acrylic boxes that sit near the doors of Annunciation Church, or contributions can also be sent directly to Walt Wankowski, 5211 McFaul Road, Baltimore, MD 21206. Checks should be made payable to "Knights of Columbus 11615."

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Show Your Patriotism!**  
**Join us in marching in**  
**the Dundalk**  
**Independence Day**  
**Parade. See the details**  
**under 4<sup>th</sup> Degree News**



## 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, July 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope that we will have good weather and we hope that more of you will consider joining in.



## Community Programs

### **Bull & Shrimp Roast**

Mark your calendar! Our annual Bull & Oyster Roast to benefit Annunciation Church will now be a Bull & Shrimp Roast and it will take place on **Sunday, November 12, 2017** from 1 to 5 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall. Details are still being



worked out, but plan on joining us. We will need volunteers and we will need patrons.



This is the BYE week for the Ravens, so you won't be missing the game by attending.

### **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends**

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



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

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

All proceeds will go into the Charity Fund.

## Youth Programs

### *Altar Server Rewards*

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

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

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

The next meeting of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly will held on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Columbus Gardens.



### **WE NEED YOU !**

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

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the Princess Royale Ocean Front Hotel in Ocean City, MD. Any member interested in taking the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree should contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546 or [wwanko@comcast.net](mailto:wwanko@comcast.net) .

### **March with Us!**

Our first activity for the new fraternal year will be to participate in the Dundalk Independence Day parade. Knights of Columbus members are encouraged to walk in the parade with the assembly. A float will also be available for anyone unable to walk in the parade. The float can hold about 15 people. If you are a member of the Color Corp, we encourage you to consider putting on your regalia. Anyone interested in participating in the parade should report to Dundalk Council at 2111 Eilers Avenue (near Merritt Blvd & Sollers Point Road) by 7:00 a.m. for a continental breakfast. You will then be transported to the parade step-off point at Logan Village Shopping Center.

**ALL KNIGHTS – 1ST, 2ND, 3RD & 4TH DEGREE, AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO MARCH IN THE PARADE. JUST SHOW UP IN SOMETHING THAT LOOKS NEAT AND CLEAN AND IF YOU HAVE SOME ARTICLE OF CLOTHING THAT IDENTIFIES YOU AS A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS, WEAR THAT. This is the best parade of the lot because it starts early, at 8:15 am, before the weather gets too hot, and most of the parade route is under tree-lined streets that provide plenty of shade. The entire parade route takes approximately 1 ½ hours to march and when we get to the finish line, we return to the Dundalk Council for lunch.**

If you wish to join us, there is no notification necessary, just show up. And if you show up at the Council hall late, and everybody who is marching is gone, just find your way to Logan Village Shopping Center. If you don't know where that is, ask someone at the Council hall who stayed to prepare the lunch. They will give you directions on the best way to get there. Our unit typically does not begin the march until around 8:45 am.

For more information contact Walt at 410-866-6546.

## Chapter News

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be held on Thursday, July 14th at 7:00 pm at Resurrection Council, #11341, Church of the Resurrection Multipurpose Room #1; 3175 Paulskirk Dr.; Ellicott City, MD 21042

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

## District Message

Well, our first year together has ended and a “New Year” is about to begin. It hasn’t been without it’s trial and tribulations, but we are no worse off than normal “wear and tear”.

You are the only council in District 28 to achieve and qualify to make Star Council. I hope you were able to do the SP7 report. There is absolutely no reason why you shouldn’t finish up and accept the honor you deserve.

First, let me congratulate John Gallup on a job well done as the retiring Grand Knight. Stepping in to fill the spot under normal elections is one thing; to step into that job under a sudden and unexpected vacancy is another. John, you did a great job and am grateful for your leadership of the council. Good leadership always makes my job that much easier.

To newly elected Grand Knight Emrick Spacek: It is always good to see a change in the council Leadership. New leaders always bring fresh air to the council and brings forth new ideas and goals to achieve.

To all, and that includes your new Insurance Agent Tom Strassner, I look forward to another successful year and expect it to be a fruitful one. Worthy Brother Knights – Lets make this one to fulfil our mission to serve our parish and our community with our abilities to improve the lot for all.

Vivat Jesus,

*Ron Koelbel DD28*

## Insurance News

***Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not***  
You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you’ve put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me – and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn’t help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members?

Whether you’re 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

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## State Council News

### **Yahoo!**

The Maryland State Council sponsors a communication vehicle at Yahoo.com. Any Knight who has a computer, can sign up for it and it costs nothing. Among the items regularly passed on via the Yahoo site are notifications of illness and deceased members, upcoming activities at the local, State, and Supreme Level, access to information on State Programs, notifications of upcoming degree ceremonials, etc. To sign up for this service, simply go to <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1415/yahoo.asp> and then follow the instructions.

## Supreme Council News

Ever been to a Supreme Convention?

Opportunity KNOCKS loud this time.

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

The major hosting efforts requiring significant volunteer support are:

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

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

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

### ***Passing the Gavel***

Brothers, it is time to move forward with our new Grand Knight Emrick Spacek . Brother Spacek is taking a large step and needs all the help we can give him. Please show him the same kindness and respect as our new Grand Knight.

As my time has now come to transferring the position I would like to think back and reflect on the great things we accomplished over the past three plus years. We have worked together on so many projects over this time all have been very successful and many of the Knights participated. I have had the privilege to become the new BINGO Chairman, and blessed to have a great mentor, SK Walter Wankowski I trust we will continue to flourish and make a good profit for the Knights and the Church.

I have also been very Blessed to have a great Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Wayne Ciampaglia to fill in for me when I was in the Hospital, many thanks to Wayne.

It has been a great learning experience and one that will be missed. But God willing, I hope to be around for many more years.

Let me also offer my thanks to my wife Connie for all her support and help over the years. Without her I would not have made it. I would like to thank all of the officers that worked with me, you are the best.

Well I would like to close saying, May God Bless all of you and watch over all our families, may he grant us peace and happiness for years to come. God Bless All of you.

Viva Jesus  
John E. Gallup, Jr.  
Past Grand Knight

Articles for the August edition of *The Explorer* must be received by Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Send all inputs to:

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### ***Calendar Reminders***

- July 1 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- July 3 - Council Officer's Meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- July 4 – Independence Day Parade – 7:15 am – Dundalk Council
- July 10 - Council General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- July 11 - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting - 7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- July 13 – Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights – 7:00 pm – Resurrection Council
- July 15 - Pro-Life Rosary – 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton