



The Explorer



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

Overlea/Rosedale, MD

Knights of Columbus

June 2018

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

With May coming to a close several of our projects were concluded. The dinner and bingo went off without a hitch. We had 134 people attending. Thanks to all who contributed their time to make it a good fund raiser.



On Mother's Day several of us gave flowers to the Moms of the parish after all of the masses. Please plan to attend the first general meeting in June. The budget for the new fraternal year will be voted on to run our council. The voting for the new slate of officers will also take place. The results of these changes will help our council to plan for the new year of activities.

The first activity for the new fraternal year will be the chicken dinner to be held on Saturday Sept the 8th. Details to follow.

Emrick Spacek

Grand Knight

Upcoming Meetings

Officer's Meeting – Monday, June 4th at 6:30 pm in the Annunciation Parish Board room.

General Meetings – Mondays June 11th and 25th at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall. Hospitality will begin at 6:15pm.

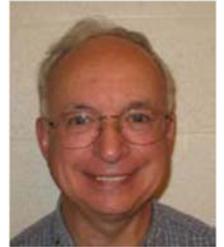
June 17th Is Father's Day!

If your father is still alive, spend some time with him. If he has already gone on to his Eternal Reward and his grave is close by, visit his grave. At the very least, take a few moments to think about him.

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Brothers,

The cold, dreary days of winter have been replaced by the warm, sunny days of spring that invite us to get out of the house. As we meet others who are enjoying the out of doors, friendships blossom. How do the friendships we experience become special and long lasting?



Saint Francis de Sales, in his "Introduction to the Devout Life", advised forming friendships only with those with whom one can share virtuous things. "If your mutual and reciprocal exchanges concern charity, devotion and Christian perfection, O God, how precious this friendship will be!" he wrote. "It will be excellent because it comes from God, excellent because it leads to God, excellent because its bond will endure eternally in God."

Christian friends care for each other, share life and prepare for heaven together. They model virtue and grow in it together, sometimes with a common mission. Unlike other friendships, Christ is a third Person in the group, teaching us through His example and our lived experience. As Saint Thomas Aquinas said, "There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship."

God bless you,

Deacon Frank

Flag Day

Thursday, June 14th is Flag Day. This is a day set aside to honor the emblem of our country. Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, take time to Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm EDT.



Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

Admissions (1st) Degree

June 12th - Patapsco Council, Catonsville
 June 13th - Cardinal Gibbons Council, Fullerton
 June 27th - Dundalk, Council, Dundalk

Formation (2nd) Degree

There are none in the Baltimore area in June

Knighthood (3rd) Degree

June 1st - Patapsco Council, Catonsville

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

Wish You Were Here!

Did you know you can win money just for showing up at a meeting? Every member corresponds to a number on the roster and if your number comes up, you win! Our Attendance Prize winner for the May 14th meeting would have been Fr. Justin Ratajczak, There was no general meeting on May 28th because of the Memorial Day holiday. If you are not sick or a shut-in, why not try making a meeting once in a while? It could prove profitable.

Happy Times

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

- 7 - Michael Miklewski
- 15 - Linda M. Murphy-Cole & Dolores Sigwart
- 20 - Mary Katherine Thomas
- 22 - Michael G. Witemore
- 29 - David Fricke & Jason Karolkowski

Anniversaries

- 18 - Lynn & Patricia DiGennaro
- 19 - William & Margaret Huth
- 25 - Alfred & Carol Lynn Hilditch
- 26 - Gerard & Anne Dirscherl
- 28 - Jason & Jennifer Karolkowski

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

Nominations & Elections

It is that time of year to go selecting the Leadership Team for the next Fraternal Year. Nominations are now open for the following Officers for the 2018-2019 Fraternal year (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019):
 Grand Knight
 Deputy Grand Knight
 Chancellor
 Treasurer
 Recorder
 Warden
 Advocate
 Inside Guard
 Outside Guard
 Trustee for 3 Years
 Trustee for 2 Years
 Trustee for 1 Year

The Financial Secretary is appointed by the Supreme Knight and has a three-year term of office. The Lecturer is appointed by the Grand Knight.

Any member wishing to run for an office must be at least a 3rd Degree Knight. If you would like to throw your hat into the ring, contact Nominating Co-Chairs Shawn Ruby, PGK at 410-866-4932 or sruby98@yahoo.com; or Jason Karolkowski, PGK/PFN at 410-687-2738 or jkarolkowski@bcps.org

Elections will take place at the General Membership Meeting on June 11th at which time nominations may still be taken from the floor.

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Sick & Shut-In

Please remember Brothers Robert Priller and Ed Yeager, and sisters Joan Gresdo, Charlotte Schaum and Margaret Wyatt in your prayers. If you know of any Brother or Sister who is in need of our prayers, please contact Walt at 410-866-6546 or wwanko@comcast.net.

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser Night

We thank everyone who participated in our Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser nights on May 15th & 16th. As of this writing we do not yet know how much we raised. We will publish that information when we find out.

BINGO

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, June 2nd at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be played for 50 numbers or less. This is our most important source of regular income and has been for the last 11 years.

B I N G O				
4	26	43	59	70
9	30	41	55	68
7	23	32	50	63
8	20	31	60	75
13	18	34	52	69

The profits enable us to conduct many of our programs. As always, we could use additional help both in the Kitchen and on the floor. No experience is necessary. We will show you what to do.

Everyone working inside the kitchen should try to report by 4:00 pm. Everyone else needs to report by 5:00 pm or as close to it as possible. The Bingo starts at 6 pm and we are usually finished by 9:15 pm. So everyone gets home at a reasonable hour. We hope you will find the time to pitch in and help.

Membership

We are now into June. And while we have one new member who has filled out his form 100, he doesn't count as a new member until he takes his Admissions Degree. We still have 30 days left in this Fraternal Year. Let's try to keep up the momentum. Talk to guys in church, at work, in your community, talk to their wives! We need to grow this council. If we do, we can do great things.

Keep in mind that any prospective member doesn't have to belong to any particular parish. The only requirement is that he be a practical Catholic male, 18 years of age or older.

Be ready to talk about the programs we get involved in, the contests we run for youth, the things we do for the parish, the things we do in the community, etc. And have a Form 100 and a pen ready when you do. If you need a Form 100, contact Financial Secretary Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546 or wwanko@comcast.net.

And keep in mind that it's not enough to get them to fillout and sign the Form 100; we also need to get them to take their 1st Degree.

Church Programs

Spaghetti Dinner & Cash Bingo

We again wish to thank everyone who joined us on April 21st for the Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo to benefit the church. We made \$2038.90, which was donated to Annunciation church. #

Religious & Seminarian Vocation Program

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



We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pro-Life Programs

We Got Lots of Smiles



.....when we handed out individual Carnations to all of the ladies leaving Annunciation church on Mother's Day. Every lady received one as she was leaving the church. We had a few leftover and they were placed

into the vase in front of the Blessed Mother. Our thanks to Adam Kolb for Chairing the event and to all those who showed up at the various masses to hand out the flowers.

Pro-Life Rosary

All members are invited to join in on the monthly Rosary for Life which is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, 7702 Belair Road in Fullerton. This shopping center houses an abortion clinic. The next date for this activity will be Saturday, June 16th at 9:00 am. We hope that more of you will consider joining in.



Youth Programs

Altar Servers 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.

Box Tops For Education

Box Tops for Education may be placed in the plastic pouch attached to the council display in the back of Annunciation Church or you may mail them to Jason Karolkowski, 1322 Chapel Hill Drive, Baltimore, MD 21237. All box tops collected by our council are donated to St. Michael & Clement's School.

Community Programs

Special Olympics Summer Games

The 2018 Special Olympics Summer Games will be held June 8th thru 10th at Towson University. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact John Durbin at 301-762-4448.

Spinning Our Wheels

The Rosedale Community Carnival will take place the week of June 25th thru June 30th, on the grounds of St. Clement Mary Hofbauer Church. Volunteers are needed to man several of the gaming wheels on Wednesday, June 27th & Thursday, June 28th. Reporting time is 6:30 pm and the carnival usually closes around 10:30 pm. Snacks and beverages are provided.



Anyone who can volunteer to help at the carnival should call Jason at 410-687-2738 or contact him by email at jkarolkowski@bcps.org.

4th Degree News

The next meeting of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly will be held on Tuesday, June 12th at 8:00 pm at Columbus Gardens. Hospitality begins at 7:00 pm.



Chapter News

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be held on Thursday, June 14th at 7:00 pm at Bishop Sebastian Council, #5058, 7910 Harford Road in Parkville, just north of Taylor Avenue. All Knights are invited to attend.

District Message

It looks like the Summer season is now upon us. This Memorial Day weekend Holiday is the unofficial start of Summer. BUT, I implore everyone to take just a few moments out to reflect upon the real reason for the Memorial Day Holiday and just maybe say a little prayer for all those who sacrificed all to keep this country in the vision of our founding fathers. Then make a little resolution to the future to see that it keeps within the vision. That done, breakout the grill, hamburgers, hot dogs, and a cold drink.

The message from our State Officers is to keep making that last effort to push new membership and insurance members over the top. They would like to see every council make STAR council. The year does not end until 11:59 June 30th.

This is going to be my last monthly report before turning over the reins to the next District Deputy. I surely hope it is John. He has served me well and I know he will do the same for you. As a council, I think you have done well in your regular endeavors to make the Abendschoen community a place that you can be proud of. You have served your community well. Your council leadership has been effective and you came to port in spite of some stormy weather. Even though there are still some challenges to overcome, I am confident the end result will be one of mutual. My personal thanks to all, because you have made my job that much easier. My best wishes to the new class of council officers, and my thanks to all those retiring. I hope to stay in touch and occasionally make my way back to some of your affairs.

With all the blessings of the Season, I only ask that you keep all your charity work up to your promise and be of service to anyone in need. To be served, you must first serve. Be safe, watch over each other.

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Koelbel DD28

Insurance News

“Do you have Long Term Care Insurance?”

Yes, each of you do. You might not have a traditional long term care policy...but you have long term care insurance in the form of your other assets.

Your 401K is your long term care insurance.

Your pension check is your long term care insurance.

Your social security income is your long term care insurance.

Your savings, CD and investments are your long term care insurance.

Your home and or your second home are your long term care insurance.

HERE’S the point: You can either take all the risk...or you can export that risk to an insurance company like the Knights of Columbus. If you self-insure that risk (either by design or neglect) that’s

an awful situation your spouse and family might end up in. You don’t self-insure your car or home, right? Same concept, just a much bigger exposure with long term care as costs are about \$7500 a month, on average.

Brothers, take control of this risk and get some peace of mind. You’ll be glad you did. Call me for more information. We now have several options that you can choose from – one which allows you to keep the money you put into the policy if you don’t have a claim.

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State Council News

**State Sponsored Tour
Branson & The Ozarks**

**10 Days – 9 Nights
September 9 – 18, 2018
Deluxe Motor Coach**

Package Includes:

9 Nights Lodging/ 9 Breakfasts/ 1 Lunch
9 Dinners including King’s Palace Café
8 Spectacular shows:

Raiding the Country Vault
Doug Gabriel
The Haygoods
Ayo-Voices of Glory
Patsy Cline & Friends
Show at the Uptown Café
Hughes Brothers
Shoji Tabuchi

Guided tour of College of the Ozarks, including the Veterans Tribute & Keeter Center

Moonshine Tour

Meet & Greet one of Branson’s famous entertainers

Branson Landing & Downtown Branson

Dick’s 5 & 10

Graceland Experience

Tour of Memphis Highlights

Visit to the St. Louis Arch

Souvenir Gift

\$1,598 per person double occupancy
\$1,997 single occupancy

\$200 pp reservation due by June 5, 2018
Balance due by July 20, 2018

Checks only; NO CREDIT CARDS Accepted
Checks should be made payable to: World Travel Service

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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 ceremonies, etc. To sign up for this service, simply go to <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1415/yahoo.asp> and then follow the instructions.

Supreme Convention

Just another reminder that the Supreme Convention is being held in Baltimore this year from Friday, August 3rd to Thursday, August 9th at the Baltimore Convention Center downtown. Volunteers are still needed. If you wish to donate some of your time, you can find more information at [http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1617/Volunteer Information Sheet 2018 BaltimoreConvention v4.pdf](http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1617/Volunteer%20Information%20Sheet%2018%20BaltimoreConvention%20v4.pdf)

Or contact Jack Giacalone at Jgiacal48@gmail.com or call Jack at 301-774-6338.

Supreme Council News

Statement of the Knights of Columbus on the Trump Administration's Change in Title X Funding for Abortion

“Today marks an important step in protecting the lives of unborn children in the United States. The Knights of Columbus applauds the Trump administration’s announcement that it intends to end the use of Title X taxpayer funding for centers that perform, support or refer abortions. Americans should not be forced to have their tax dollars fund abortion. In fact, Knights of Columbus Marist polling conducted earlier this year found that most Americans believe abortion is morally wrong and six in 10 want an end to its funding with tax dollars.

There is a consensus that crosses party lines. Of those polled, four in 10 who identify as pro-choice and more than four in 10 Democrats—along with the overwhelming majority of Republicans—want to see an end to taxpayer funding of abortion.”

Why is Flag Day on June 14th?

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes – one for each state. Although it is not certain, this flag may have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled “The Fourteenth of June” in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand’s effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation to: call on government officials in the USA to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day; and to urge US residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

Father’s Day

Will be observed on Sunday, June 17th.

The campaign to celebrate the nation’s fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm as Mother’s Day, perhaps because, as one florist explained, “fathers haven’t the same sentimental appeal that mothers have.” On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation’s first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December’s explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother’s Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation’s first statewide Father’s Day on July 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father’s Day. However, many men continued to disdain the day. As one historian writes, they “scoffed at the holiday’s sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself.” It did not become a nationally recognized holiday until 1972.

Articles for the June edition of *The Explorer* must be received by Sunday, June 24th.

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Calendar Reminders

- June 2 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- June 4 – Council Officer’s meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- June 11 - Council General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- June 12 - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting - 7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- June 14 - Flag Day
Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights – 7:00 pm – Bishop Sebastian Council
- June 16 - Pro-Life Rosary – 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton
- June 17 – Father’s Day
- June 25 - Council General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall