



# The Explorer



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

Overlea/Rosedale, MD

Knights of Columbus

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## **Grand Knight's Message**

Brothers,

This past month I delivered the proceeds from our Tootsie Roll fund raiser to the Exceptional Enterprises group that meets in our church hall. They were very appreciative of our efforts. Thanks to Adam for organizing this fund raiser and to all member knights who participated.



We are planning a bus trip to The Pope John Paul 2 Memorial at Washington D. C. the end of April. More information to follow in the near future.

The morning of April 6, 2019 at 9 AM the Easter Bunny will be arriving for our hot breakfast and egg hunt. The bunny will be bringing 600 eggs to hide for all ages to find. Our monthly bingo is the same day in the evening. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

*Emrick Spacek*

Grand Knight

## **Upcoming Degree Ceremonials**

### **Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>)**

Mar. 14 - Archbishop Fulton Sheen - Eldersburg

Mar. 18 – Bethlehem – Edgemere

### **Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>)**

There are no Formation Degrees scheduled for any Baltimore area councils in March.

### **Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>)**

There are no Knighthood Degrees scheduled for any Baltimore area councils in March.

## **Assistant Chaplain's Message**

Brothers,

I would like to recommend a book titled "Remember to Live" written by Thomas Ryan, CSP, Director of the Paulist North American Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations in Washington, D.C. The book is



about the importance of living your life now, keeping your priorities clearly before you, and accepting the fact that our precious gift of life on planet earth is not given in limitless supply. As we move from being "young olds" to "midrange olds" to the "oldest olds," we will, little by little, learn to let go. It is no longer a question of amassing goods, but of giving them to others who can put them to good use. And when we are among the "oldest old," it's more than ever a time when everything passes or disappears. The fruit of this learning is to one-day consent to letting go, to accept that we are no longer in control, and to gratefully receive what is given.

The lessons that life imposes about where true security lies and what constitutes real happiness and fulfillment, contribute to a deepening of our relationship with God and serve to prepare us for the big "letting go" that will be our passing into the next life. As we age, the real task of life and love that we will have to work at is to continually hand over, without bitterness, regret, or envy, all the things that were once so much our own. Aging is a part of life that calls forth from us a new level of honesty, openness, and willingness to face the inevitable. While we do not get to choose when or how we are going to die, we can decide how we are going to live.

A good strategy is to cultivate friendships, not only  
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with those of our own age, but also with those who are both younger and older than us. We can draw upon the wisdom and experience of our seniors and learn from their coping skills. And since one of the least attractive aspects of aging is the feeling that one is no longer up to date, younger friends can serve as mentors and coaches to keep us in the game with digital technology that enables us to stay connected.

The aged person is no longer defined by possessions, but by this new capacity to receive gracefully what is offered. One enters into a world where everything is given through the kindness of others and nothing is owed. In the ordinariness of daily life, this experience can lead to a deepening of the spiritual life in which one simply allows oneself to be cared for.

We are called at this time in our lives to bless others, especially the young, by admiring their energy, beauty, and achievement without envy or bitterness. This involves saying what John the Baptist said when Jesus appeared: "He must increase and I must decrease." Thoughtful words to consider during the coming season of Lent.

God bless you,

*Deacon Frank*

## Upcoming Meetings

**Officer's Meeting** – Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Annunciation Board Room.

**General Meeting** – Mondays, March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall. Hospitality will begin at 6:15pm.

## Time to Pay Up !



We still have a handful of members who have not paid their dues for 2019. We ask that you remit your dues as quickly as possible.

## 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! The Attendance Prize winner for January 28<sup>th</sup> was Rick Houck, and he went home with a few extra dollars in his pocket. Our Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> General meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. And this edition went to press prior to the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, the attendance prize winner will be announced in the April edition. If you are not sick or a shut-in, why not try making a meeting once in a while? It could prove profitable.

## Sick & Shut-In

Please remember Brothers Fr. Justin Ratajczak, OFM, Conv, 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](mailto:wwanko@comcast.net).

## 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team

We are always looking for guys who are able to step in for someone who can't make it on a particular night. There are four major speaking parts, two minor speaking parts, and five non-speaking parts. Those who have speaking parts are required to memorize their words. If you are interested in being a part of the degree team, please contact Walt at 410-866-6546 or [wwanko@comcast.net](mailto:wwanko@comcast.net), and we will get your training started.

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***Please Remember for When the Time Comes***

Whenever a Knight passes on to his Eternal Reward, he is eligible for a Rosary Call and a presentation is made to the family. His wife is also eligible for a Rosary call. But, the family of the deceased must request the Rosary Call. Please do not count on the church, the funeral director or anyone reading the newspaper to notify the council. The easiest way to obtain the Council Rosary Call is to contact the Grand Knight of the Council.

***Happy Times***

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

- 3 - Deborah Peppersack
- 7 - Lucille Fabiszak & Charles Peppersack
- 11 - Romeo Dalangin
- 14 - Anthony Ciampaglia
- 15 - William Edgeworth
- 16 - Carol Ann Ciampaglia & Susan Conrad
- 17 - Harold Payne
- 21 - Gerard Dirscherl
- 22 - Gary Kendzierski
- 24 - Gregory Brotzman
- 27 - Carole Payne
- 28 - Robert F. Miller, Jr.
- 31 - Edward Yeager

***Anniversaries***

None

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)

***BINGO***

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be played for 59 numbers or less. This is our most important source of regular income and has been for the last 13 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.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Our recruiting efforts have stalled. If anyone has any ideas on how we should go about recruiting new members, please bring them to the attention of the Grand Knight. Please continue to concentrate on drumming up some additional membership. Let's try to recruit as many new members as possible, but remember, no matter how many guys fill out a Form 100, it doesn't count until we get them to their Admissions Degree. And please make sure they know that. 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.

**Faith Activities**

***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.

## Family Activities

### ***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.

### ***Breakfast with The Easter Bunny***

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will take place on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Annunciation parish hall. Volunteers are needed to set-up, cook, serve, and clean up. Volunteers need to arrive by 8:00 am. We should be done by 12 Noon. Full details are included in the enclosed flyer. If you can volunteer, contact Jason.



## Life Activities

### ***2019 Maryland March for Life***

The 2019 Maryland March for Life will take place on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> in Annapolis.



Join the family-friendly, peaceful, prayerful witness in Annapolis!

We will march through Annapolis and Rally at Lawyer's Mall to be the voice of pro-life Maryland! The Rally will serve as a visible witness in support of defending vulnerable life, and it will feature keynote speaker Ryan Bomberger of the Radiance Foundation, Kelly Stauffer from Silent No More, and our guest performer, Jonny Brenns, American Idol Contestant.

For the March, please arrive in St. Mary's parking lot no later than 6:00 p.m. The lot will then close for Marchers to assemble.

4:30 pm Youth Rally  
St. Mary's, Annapolis  
111 Duke of Gloucester St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

5:15 pm Mass & Non-Denominational Worship Service  
St. Mary's, Annapolis  
109 Duke of Gloucester St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Mass - Main Church  
Non-denominational Worship Service - TBD  
6:30 pm March to Lawyer's Mall

Start at:  
St. Mary's, Annapolis  
111 Duke of Gloucester St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
Parking lot

End at:  
Lawyer's Mall  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
7:00 pm Rally at Lawyer's Mall  
Lawyer's Mall  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Keynote speaker: Ryan Bomberger, The Radiance Foundation

Other speaker & performance: Kelly Stauffer, Silent No More & Jonny Brenns, American Idol Finalist

8:00 pm FREE Chick-fil-A  
St. Mary's, Annapolis  
111 Duke of Gloucester St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

### ***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 the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, 7702 Belair Road in Fullerton. This shopping center houses an abortion clinic and the goal is to pray enough to get them to leave our community. The next date for this activity will be Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. We hope that more of you will consider joining in.



## Community Activities

On Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, our council made a presentation to Exceptional Enterprises, Inc. of \$1,025.00. The money came from our 2018 Tootsie Roll drive. Exceptional Enterprises is a Rosedale-based organization that provides a weekly social gathering for adults with Intellectual Disabilities. The group meets at Annunciation parish hall on Tuesday evenings.



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

The next meeting of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly will be on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Columbus Gardens. This will be our Spring Raffle drawing and it is an Open Meeting.



## Chapter News

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be at 7 pm on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Patapsco Council #1960, 1010 Frederick Rd., Catonsville, MD 21228 7:00 PM. This will be Past Chapter President and Honoree Night.

## District Message

Due to the fast changing weather, these last month's with heavy rain very cold temperature and snow, some members in our communities have been in need of various types of help and assistance. Some maybe sick, had doctor appointments, needed transportation, food or many other reasons. If you reached out to someone sent help to someone or even thought of someone you could help but could not get to them **THANK YOU!**

As Knights of Columbus, that is one of the things, we do, contribute charitably when there is a chance and opportunity.

We do charitable work all year round but in times, as this isn't it extra special.

It can also be a great feeling to know we helped a fellow human being in their time of need. They say charity begins at home; well our communities are our homes.

Vivat Jesus  
DD #28 John Holley

## Insurance News

### *Top 5 Questions You've Wanted to Ask About K of C Insurance*

1. How does K of C life insurance work? By purchasing a K of C life insurance policy and paying premiums you ensure that when you die, your beneficiary (or beneficiaries) will receive a lump sum, also known as a death benefit.

2. How much life insurance do I need? Your life insurance needs depend on your current and future financial obligations. Your field agent can meet with you at your convenience and analyze the needs of you and your family.

3. What is a premium and a beneficiary? A premium is the amount of money you pay for your insurance policy; premiums can be fixed or flexible, depending on your coverage. A beneficiary is the person (or persons) who will receive the proceeds of your life insurance policy when you die.

4. What if I already have insurance coverage with my employer? Even if you have life insurance coverage with your employer, your coverage may not be enough and your employee benefits may not be guaranteed. If you leave your company, you cannot take your life insurance with you. It's important to review your insurance policy periodically to make sure it still meets your financial needs.

5. I have K of C insurance; where can I find my current policy? It's easy. Simply contact your K of C agent to discuss the details of your current policy or annuity values. Find your local agent by visiting [kofc.org/findagent](http://kofc.org/findagent).

**State Council News**

***Maryland State Council  
Knights of Columbus***

**9 Night Cruise to Canada and New England  
Aboard the Royal Caribbean  
Grandeur of the Seas**



**October 3-12, 2019**

- Day 1 – Depart Baltimore at 4:00 pm
- Day 2 – At Sea
- Day 3 – Boston, MA  
Arrive 10 am / Depart 11pm
- Day 4 – Portland, ME  
Arrive 8 am / Depart 5 pm
- Day 5 – Bar Harbor, ME  
Arrive 8 am/ Depart 6 pm
- Day 6 – Saint John, NB  
Arrive 7 am /Depart 3:30 pm
- Day 7 – Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Arrive 10:30 am / Depart 7 pm
- Day 8 – At Sea
- Day 9 – At Sea
- Day 10 – Return to Baltimore, MD Arrive 7 am

Balcony - \$2050.12  
 Ocean View - \$1256.12  
 Inside Cabin – 946.12  
 Prices include a \$25pp K of C Scholarship donation which is tax-deductible and a \$75 On Board Credit applied to each Stateroom. Prices do not include Insurance or Gratuities.

Deposit of \$250 per person is due with reservation. Balance is due on or before June 25, 2019. Deposit is refundable if cancellation is received in writing before May 25, 2019.

Information/Reservations – Contact Mary Ann Caguin at 410-527-9700 ext. 1520 or [maryannc@worldtravelservice.com](mailto:maryannc@worldtravelservice.com).

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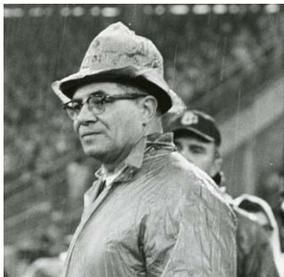
The Maryland State Council sponsors a communication vehicle at Yahoo.com. Any Knight who has a computer, can sign up for it and it costs nothing. Among the items regularly passed on via the Yahoo site are notifications of illness and deceased members, upcoming activities at the local, State, and Supreme 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

### ***INSPIRING KNIGHTS IN THE NFL***

They say teamwork makes the dream work. With Super Bowl LIII this weekend, take a look at a few inspiring NFL players and coaches who also wear the jersey of another team: the Knights of Columbus.

#### ***VINCE LOMBARDI***



This famous Packers coach is the namesake of the Lombardi trophy, but did you know that he spent two years in seminary, studied law at Fordham University, and taught Latin, algebra and physics at St. Cecilia's, a Catholic high school in

New Jersey? After coaching football at West Point, he became an assistant coach with the New York Giants.

In 1958, Lombardi became the coach of the Green Bay Packers. The Packers won five NFL championships under Lombardi, as well as the first two Super Bowls in 1967 and 1968.

A Fourth Degree Knight, Lombardi brought his Catholic players to Mass while on the road. He also served in a number of community leadership roles, including as chairman of the Cancer Fund and president of the Wisconsin Mental Health Association.

#### ***HARRISON BUTKER***



When Harrison Butker arrived at Georgia Tech in 2013, he probably never imagined that by the time he graduated, he would be drafted to the NFL or for that matter that he would

become a member of the Knights of Columbus. Though Butker was thriving on the football field at Georgia Tech, he increasingly felt **frustrated and lonely**. An occasional churchgoer during his high school years, Butker entered college separated from the Church. That separation failed to bring him happiness.

Through his friendship with teammate Grant Aasen — now a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Atlanta — Butker began to learn about the joy that comes with the Catholic faith.

“I started to see how someone could actually be happy as a practicing Catholic, because I was getting a clearer perspective on the nature of God and man revealed through the Church,” Butker said. “I started going to Mass with Grant and then went to confession for the first time since second grade.” Butker and Aasen graduated as brother Knights in May 2017, each with a degree in industrial engineering. After being drafted by the Carolina Panthers in April 2017, Butker signed with the Kansas City Chiefs in September of that same year. His first game with the team, which was also his first regular season appearance as a pro, included a game-winning 43-yard field goal against the Washington Redskins.

Butker and his wife recently celebrated the birth of a baby boy, James Augustine Butker.

#### ***MATT BIRK***



#### **Matt Birk**

Matt Birk is a 15-year veteran of the NFL, recipient of the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year award, devoted Catholic and member of Knights of Columbus

Council 4184. With the Baltimore Ravens, he won Super Bowl XLVII against the San Francisco 49ers. Since retiring from football in 2013, he has been active in the pro-life movement, having spoken multiple times at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Birk serves on the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Game for Life National Advisory Board, and works with the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund, the After the Impact Fund and the Wakota Pregnancy Center in West St. Paul, Minn. He and his wife, Adrianna, are the proud parents of eight children.

## CHRIS GODFREY



Chris Godfrey began his professional football career with a number of setbacks. After getting cut from the Washington Redskins, he signed with the New York Jets. When

he injured his knee the following year, he was let go. The Packers made him an offer and then, after reconsidering, withdrew it the next day.

It was then that Godfrey got on his knees and prayed. It was the first time he really took his faith seriously.

After that moment, Godfrey found success in the NFL, a highlight being winning the Super Bowl with the New York Giants in 1987.

Then, with help from the Knights of Columbus, he made a pro-life video featuring NFL players. It served as the beginning of Godfrey's organization, **Life Athletes**, which gives athletes a platform to share their faith with young people.

K of C councils play a role in Life Athletes' youth camps assisting with registration, food preparation and cleanup.

Godfrey is a member of Santa Maria Council 553 in South Bend, Ind.

## A Happy Day for The Irish



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision:

"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victorius, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. He preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.



## Don't Forget to Spring Forward

....on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, when we switch over to Daylight Savings Time.

Articles for the April edition of *The Explorer* must be received by Saturday, March 23rd. Send all inputs to:  
Walt Wankowski  
5211 McFaul Road  
Baltimore, MD 21206  
Or by email to: [wwanko@comcast.net](mailto:wwanko@comcast.net)

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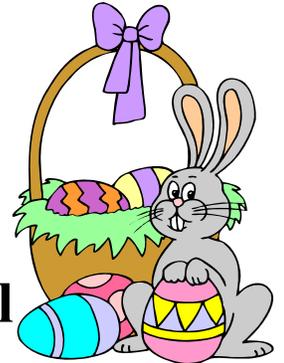
Presents

“Breakfast with the Easter Bunny”

Saturday, April 6th, 2019

9:30 a.m.

Church of the Annunciation Parish Hall



There will be a hot breakfast for all who attend. Children can have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny and participate in an Easter Egg Hunt! The cost of the breakfast is \$15.00 for families of 3 or more or \$5.00 for individual tickets. There is no additional cost to meet the Easter Bunny or to participate in the Easter egg hunt.

To assure that there is enough food, we ask that you pre-register for this event. Please complete the form below and (1) return it in an envelope in the collection at Annunciation, drop it off at the Annunciation parish office, or mail it to the Annunciation Parish Office at 5212 McCormick Ave, 21206, **by Wednesday, April 3, 2019**. Checks may be made payable to *K of C 11615*. For more information, call Jason at 410-687-2738.

“Breakfast with the Easter Bunny”

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending:

Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed. (Please make checks payable to *K of C 11615*)





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***Calendar Reminders***

- March 2 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- March 4 – Maryland March for Life – Annapolis  
    Council Officer’s Meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- March 6 – Ash Wednesday
- March 10 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 11 - Council General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- March 12 - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting – 7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- March 14 - Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights – 7:00 pm – Cardinal Sheehan of Baltimore Council
- March 16 – Monthly Pro-Life Rosary - 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton
- March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
- March 25 - Council General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall