



# The Explorer



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

Overlea/Rosedale, MD

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## **Grand Knight's Message**

Brothers, well as they say all good things must come to an end. It's that time again and we are now looking at this year's election of officers. It has been an honor serving as Grand Knight over the past 2+ years. This year the nominating chairman is SK Shawn Ruby, PGK. If you have any interest in being an officer, please contact Shawn as soon as you can. New blood is always welcome, please consider being involved as an officer. You will find it is a great group and you will be proud to work with them.



As we mentioned in the past, our big fund raiser is the Bingo! As Chairman, I have found many new friends and appreciate what SK Walter Wankowski, PGK has done over the past many years. He is a very difficult person to replace and no one could take his place. His knowledge is overwhelming and he has worked tireless hours. Walt is still involved in the bingo, but I am trying to fill his shoes, if that is possible. We have been very Blessed with the turnout of workers over the past several months. But Summer is near and we have vacations which creates a shortage of help. Please give us any help or time that you possibly can, you will find it very rewarding.

Thanks to SK Jason Karolkowski, PGK and his committee for the excellent job they did on the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. A good time was had by all and all ages.

Looking to the future, we are in the planning stage of our annual Bull and Shrimp roast. We have a great menu and need your support to make it a success. All proceeds from this go directly to the  
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## **Assistant Chaplain's Message**

On May 13, 1917, three children in the small village of Fatima, Portugal, witnessed the first of a series of apparitions of Mary, the Mother of God. The revelations given to the three children were declared worthy of belief by the Holy See in 1946. Since that time, devotion to Our Lady of Fatima has been a great focus of Marian devotion for Catholics around the world. To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first apparitions, Pope Francis will travel to Portugal on May 12, 2017 to take part in a special Marian pilgrimage. On May 13, 2017 Pope Francis will celebrate Mass at the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. While at Fatima, the Pope will canonize Francisco and Jacinta Marto, the two young shepherd children from Fatima who were included in a list of newly proclaimed saints issued on April 20, 2017.



As we enter the month of May with the special anniversary on May 13, read about Our Lady of Fatima and do pray the daily rosary for Pope Francis, all clergy and for peace in our families and the world.

God bless you,  
*Deacon Frank*

## **Upcoming Meetings**

**Officer's Meeting** – The May Officer's meeting will take place on Monday, May 1st at 6:30 pm in the Annunciation parish Board Room.

**General Meetings** – Mondays, May 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall.

**Grand Knight's Message**

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Church of the Annunciation.

Please get involved, it is a great feeling and all for a very worthy cause. Remember the best thing anyone can give is to share their TIME and TALENT with the Knights.

My God Bless all of you and your families.

Vivat Jesus,

*John Gallup*

Grand Knight

**Upcoming Ceremonials**

**Admissions Degree**

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council - Essex

May 18<sup>th</sup> – St.Louis the King Council– Ellicott City

**Formation Degree**

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Patapsco Council – Catonsville

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Archbishop Fulton Sheen Council - Eldersburg

**Knighthood Degree**

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Horace McKenna Council - Germantown

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Westminster Council, Westminster

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

**In Memoriam**

**James J. Deene, PGK**

We never even got to meet him, but we regret his passing nonetheless. SK James J. Deene , PGK, was a long time member of the Santa Maria Council in Highlandtown, at one time one of the largest councils in Maryland until their membership dwindled and they closed their doors in 2012. Living here in Rosedale, James chose not to join any other council until Sr. Susan Engel, MSHS,

grabbed a Form 100 and convinced him to join our council. He officially transferred into our council in January of this year, but passed onto his Eternal Reward on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

May he rest in peace.

**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)

**A Brother in Need**

John Vaeth, a Past Grand Knight of our council is experiencing dementia and is interested in having visitors at his home in Gardenville. If you know John and have some time to spare, perhaps a visit from a familiar face would be in order. John lives at 5611 Gardenville Ave in Overlea and can be reached at 410-488-7591 or 410-916-9414.

**Wish You Were Here!**

Our attendance prize winner for the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting would have been Bob Loman. Our Attendance Prize winner for the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting would have been Robert F. Miller, Sr. 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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**Nominations and 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 2017-2018 Fraternal year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018):

- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:sruby98@yahoo.com); or Jason Karolkowski, PGK/PFN at 410-687-2738 or [jkarolkowski@bcps.org](mailto:jkarolkowski@bcps.org).

Elections will take place at the General Membership Meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> at which time nominations may still be taken from the floor.

**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, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be played for 54 numbers or less.



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.

**Happy Times**

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

- 4 - Wayne V. Ciampaglia & Keith L. Madison, Jr.
- 5 - Anne Dirscherl
- 9 - Jonathan Sewell
- 12 - Patricia Leppert
- 19 - William C. Huth
- 25 - Francis C. Zeiler
- 26 - Joseph D. Schaum III

**Anniversaries**

- 7 - William & Patricia Hodges
- 8 - Matthew & Michele Miklewski
- 13 - Paul & Dolores Sigwart
- 16 - Michael & Melissa Witemore
- 20 - Gilbert & Patricia Leppert
- 22 - Paul & Mary Ellen Frey
- 26 - John & Mary Schaefer
- 29 - David & Joan Fricke
- 30 - Francis & Darlene Zeiler

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)

## Membership

So here we are nearing the end of the Fraternal Year (only two months to go) and we have no new members to report. Why? Because none of us have worked hard enough to recruit anyone. I'll bet you can't give us the name of the last guy that you attempted to recruit for the Knights of Columbus.

This is not going to happen by itself. We have to work at it. We need to keep trying to grow this Council. 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. If you need a Form100, contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546.

## Church Programs

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

The Knights of Columbus has a Religious & Seminarian Vocation Program (RSVP) that raises money to support young men and women who are studying for the priesthood and religious life. 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."



We thank you in advance for your generosity.

## 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, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope that we will have good weather and we hope that more of you will consider joining in.



### **Thanks, Mom!**

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. Our council is planning to give a small gift to every lady who comes to Annunciation Church on Mother's Day weekend. (We don't want to spoil the surprise so please keep this quiet.) But we will need Knights at the doors of the church after every mass to distribute the gifts. Two at each door is best, but at least one at each door is a must. (If you've never noticed, Catholics leave the church building very quickly.) We all should be going to mass, so we all should be available to help for at least one mass. If you have not already signed the volunteer sheet at one of our previous meetings and would be available to help, contact Adam Kolb at 410-679-1923 or [kolb426@yahoo.com](mailto:kolb426@yahoo.com).

## 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.

### Operation Welcome Home

Back on February 12<sup>th</sup>, Members of our council joined with members of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights and the Student Council from St. Clement Mary Hofbauer School to participate in an afternoon of Bowling to raise money for Operation Welcome Home. In addition, the students at St. Clements held a “dress-down” day which raised additional funds. On Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, a check for \$585.99 was presented to the representatives of Operation Welcome Home. Our thanks to SK Jason Karolkowski, PGK/PFN for organizing and executing the event.



## 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, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm at Columbus Gardens. Hospitality will begin at 7:00 pm.



Nominations are now being accepted for officers for the 2017-2018 Fraternal year. Available positions include:

- Faithful Navigator
- Faithful Captain
- Faithful Pilot
- Faithful Admiral
- Faithful Scribe
- Faithful Purser
- Faithful Comptroller
- Faithful Inner Sentinel
- Faithful Outer Sentinel

Any 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member wishing to run for an office should contact Nominating Committee Chairman SK Carl Roberts, FM at 410-574-0351.

### 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.

## Chapter News

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be held on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Bishop Sebastian Council #5058, 7910 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21234.

Nominations for officers for the next fraternal year will be taken. All Knights are invited and encouraged to attend.

## District Message

The weather is most definitely warming up daily, the trees have plenty of new leaves, and yes, the air is now filled with the drone of lawn mower engines.

We all know you feel the loss of St Clements as a recipient of your council's good will. This was especially evident when you discussed the gifts of gratitude to the Altar servers. It's tough to stand by when you know the other council is not going to honor the commitments previously made by you. I think it would be in the best interest of all to go ahead with all you have done in the past. To quote President Ronal Reagan – "There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit". Many people in the organization know the situation you are in.

I have on at least two occasions over the winter to find myself in the grocery store check-out line behind a person who found themselves just a little short of money to pay for the items they wish to purchase. Both times these orders were very small and only comprised of items you would consider as fairly essential. They were faced with the choice of excluding items to bring down the total. One woman wanted to exclude a small brown paper bag that was pretty obvious her lunch. These items would have to be thrown away as they could not be put back (ready-made food). In each case the short fall was less than a dollar. I could not help but to chip in a little money, but the reward to my well-being was enormous!! A burst of sunshine on an otherwise gray winter day! One person's short coming became two giant wins!! Try it sometime, and feel the rush!

Time also to start thinking about nominations, elections, and a new slate of Officers. The sooner the better and hopefully the transition will be smoother and programs will not be interrupted. Maybe even time to look at a few new programs to fill the Domestic Church Program.

Worthy Brother Knights – Lets make this one last push to increase our ranks (especially with young men), and 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

### ***What does a Catholic life insurance company look like?***

It's an important question to ask. As you consider all the options for your family's life insurance and financial services, you might wonder if any of them are actually unique. After all, every life insurance company sells life insurance. But the Knights of Columbus is, in fact, unlike any other company. We do things differently — because both our faith and our members demand it. We call it the Catholic difference. Here are a few of the things that make us unique:

- We invest morally. The Knights of Columbus screens all of its investments according to guidelines published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We will not invest in companies that deal in abortions, pornography, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning and related endeavors.
- We support the Church. Last fraternal year, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and local councils together donated \$48 million to the Church. The Order gives generously through various programs such as the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), which, in partnership with our councils, has provided more than \$67 million in scholarships to more than 110,000 men and women pursuing religious vocations since 1981. The Knights also helped to restore the facade of St. Peter's Basilica in 1999 for the Millennial Jubilee and purchased satellite equipment that has since broadcasted the recent popes' messages to the world. The Order's aid to the Vatican and the pope is ongoing, with an annual donation from the proceeds of the Vicarius Christi fund given to the Holy Father for his personal charities.

● We put our Catholic families first. We are not a commercial company. We have no stockholders. We answer only to our members. We return a share of our profits through dividends to our participating policyholders, and we donate generously.

● We have given more than \$1.55 billion to charity in the last decade. Most of these funds are generated by proceeds from our insurance business. The proceeds have gone to causes such as prolife initiatives, disaster relief or aid to persecuted Christians in the Middle East — wherever help is needed most.

● We put ethics first. Our corporate commitment to ethics and our ethical business practices have been applauded by the business community. Recently, the Ethisphere Institute named the Knights of Columbus a “World’s Most Ethical Company” for the third consecutive year. We are currently one of only two companies to have earned the designation in the “life insurance” category. Our members, their spouses and their dependent children have exclusive access to our insurance program. Working with your brother Knight field agent, you can purchase top-quality products to protect your family’s future, all while knowing that you are supporting an organization that shares your faith, your beliefs and your values.

More than 130 years after our venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, set our insurance program in motion, we strive to stay true to his mission and our commitment to our members and our Catholic difference. Other companies may come along and try to convince you that they are just like us. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. But on closer examination, you will find what you always suspected: There is only one Knights of Columbus.

We’ll be happy to get to know you better and show you that being Catholic always makes a difference. We now have a Co-Benefits Advisor in Thomas Strassner.Jr. You can reach him at 410-258-0308/Thomas.strassner@kofc.org.

## State Council News

### ***Marvelous Michigan Tour***

***Tuesday, September 12 –***

***Saturday, September 16, 2017***

***4 nights / 5 days***

*See Michigan’s “Crown Jewel” the romantic and historic, Mackinac Island & the Grand Hotel; explore the quaint Bavarian village in Frankenmuth. With lots of interesting sights in between, including one of the most visited museums in North America, The Henry Ford, your tour will be packed with excitement, history and romance.*

***Package includes:***

- Round Trip Transportation on a ***deluxe motor coach***
- Fully escorted tour, gratuities included for escort and driver
- 4 nights hotel accommodations, **including 2 nights on Mackinac Island** at the ***Lake View Hotel***, luggage handling,
- 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners, all inclusive of tax and tip.

***Highlights include:***

- **The Henry Ford Museum**
- **Ferry ride** across the Straits of Mackinac
- **Mackinac Island Carriage Tour** –
- **Fort Mackinac** tour –
- **Lunch** at the **Grand Hotel** –
- Free time in Frankenmuth and at
- **Bronner’s Christmas Wonderland** -
- North America’s largest retail Christmas store!
- **Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens** in Pittsburgh

**Package price per person - Single: \$1,578.00  
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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 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).

**Award for Leadership**

The Benedict Leadership Institute of Belmont Abbey College presented Supreme Knight Carl Anderson with the inaugural Benedict Leadership Award for his work in behalf of persecuted Christians.

The institute selected Anderson for his repeated advocacy of persecuted religious minorities



facing genocide in the Middle East. It also applauded his efforts in leading the Knights of Columbus to raise more than \$12 million in humanitarian relief for Christian refugees.

In his address at the award ceremony, Supreme Knight Anderson described the injustices and dangers faced by Christians in the Middle East. "Christianity was born in the Middle East. We often forget that today." He pointed out that since the early 1900s the number of Christians have dwindled in that area, particularly in Iraq. Christians in the Middle East face extinction, Anderson said.

Supreme Knight Anderson added that the new administration should begin to right this wrong and chart a different course. "It can quickly end this de facto discrimination, and in so doing, help save ancient ethnic and religious communities that could otherwise cease to exist," he said.

In a letter to the supreme knight, Benedict Leadership Institute Executive Director Conor Gallagher wrote, "While your life displays numerous reasons for being worthy of the Benedict Leadership Award, the Board wished to honor and highlight your leadership in one area in particular: your resolute defense of persecuted Christians ... It is our hope that your Award will bring attention and relief to persecuted Christians and move the public to act more decisively in their behalf."

The Knights of Columbus has raised more than \$12 million for Christian refugee relief since 2014. The Knights also spearheaded the campaign that led to last year's March 17 genocide declaration by the State Department. As part of the effort, the

organization and its partners prepared a nearly 300-page report on the genocide being carried out against Christians by ISIS and other extremist groups. The State Department's declaration was only the second instance in which the U.S. government declared an ongoing situation to be genocide.

### ***Did You Know?***

#### ***K OF C COUNCILS AND THE EASTERN CHURCHES***

WHILE MOST Knights of Columbus councils are associated with Roman Catholic parishes, there are some 100 councils in the United States and Canada comprised of members who belong to Eastern Catholic parishes and traditions. Below is a brief overview of some Eastern Catholic Churches, with the number of K of C councils associated with them indicated in parentheses.

- **The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (37)** is the largest of the Byzantine Catholic Churches and traces its history to the year 988. This Church is headed by a major archbishop, currently His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, a member of St. Volodymyr Council 15800 in Kyiv.
- **The Maronite Catholic Church (23)** is headed by a patriarch, currently Cardinal Bechara Peter Rai, and traces its history to the fourth-century St. Maron. Predominantly Lebanese, the Church follows a religious tradition from Antioch and has always maintained communion with Rome.
- **The Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Church (20)** developed in an area of Central Europe known as Transcarpathia. Agreements during the 17th and 18th centuries brought Carpatho-Rusyns into union with Rome. In the United States, it is known simply as the Byzantine Catholic Church.
- **The Chaldean Catholic Church (9)** is led by Patriarch Louis Raphaël I Sako, based in Baghdad and known as an advocate for the beleaguered Christians in Iraq. The Church's roots are in the Assyrian Church of the East.
- **The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church (4)** is the second-largest Eastern Catholic Church. Its head is a major archbishop, currently Cardinal George Alencherry in Kerala, India. St. Thomas the Apostle is said to have evangelized western India, and "St.

Thomas Christians" of India share liturgical, theological, spiritual and other ecclesiastical traditions with the East Syrian Church.

- **The Melkite Greek Catholic Church (3)** traces its history back to the 17th-century missionary activity in the Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch. It is headed by Patriarch Gregory III (Laham) in Lebanon. The Maronites and Melkites are the largest Catholic communities in the Middle East.
- **The Syriac Catholic Church (1)** sprang from evangelization among the Syrian Orthodox in the 17th century. Based in Beirut, Lebanon, the current patriarch is Ignatius Joseph III Younan, a member of St. Rose of Lima Council 6209 in Union City, N.J., where he once served as a priest and bishop.

**Memorial Day** will be observed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The day will be filled with family gatherings, sporting events, shopping, parades, fireworks displays, war movies on television, and overall good camaraderie. And all of that is good. But this is also a special day set aside to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice in the defense of our nation. They are the real reason for this holiday. Please take time to pause and remember them, and maybe participate in a ceremony honoring them. These ceremonies are usually held in the morning hours and there will be plenty to choose from.



Articles for the June edition of *The Explorer* must be received by Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

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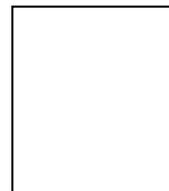
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***Calendar Reminders***

- May 1 – Council Officer’s Meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- May 6 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- May 8 - Council General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- May 9 - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting - 7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- May 11 – Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights – 7:00 pm – Bishop Sebastian Council – Parkville
- May 14 – Mother’s Day
- May 20 - Pro-Life Rosary – 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton
- May 22 - Council General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- May 29 – Memorial Day