



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,

Our Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo fund raiser went off without a hitch. Thanks to a last minute surge in ticket sales we turned the event into a money maker for the parish. Thanks to all those who sold tickets for the event. This fund raiser was our biggest of the year so far and took a lot of volunteers working longer hours than usual to make this happen. Others in the council managed to have businesses donate things we needed, like all the bread for the event and one member donated what we needed to make the salads in spite of a nationwide ban on lettuce. Thanks again to all who helped to make this event work. WE ARE KNIGHTS, THATS WHAT WE DO!



Officer elections are approaching, if you are interested inform our committee which will be formed at our next general meeting.

The bags of peanut from Texas Roadhouse fund raiser are almost gone. Only 8 of the original 36 are left.

Emrick Spacek

Grand Knight

Upcoming Meetings

Officer's Meeting – There will be no Officer's meeting in May.

General Meetings – Monday May 14th will be the only General Membership meeting for May, as the 4th Monday in May will be Memorial Day. The May 14th General Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation parish hall. Hospitality will begin at 6:15 pm.

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Brothers,

On March 3, 2018, Cardinal Robert Sarah, in a letter from the Vatican announced that Pope Francis decided that the Church would celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as "Mother of the Church." The celebration will take place every year on the Monday after Pentecost, as a way to foster Marian piety and the maternal sense of the Church. This year the celebration will take place on May 21.



As Cardinal Sarah explained in his letter, Pope Francis added the memorial to the Roman calendar after carefully considering how the promotion of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under this particular title might encourage growth in "the maternal sense of the Church" and in genuine Marian piety."

The memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church has been added to the General Roman Calendar, the Roman Missal used at mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. The Latin text has been published, and the translation will be prepared by the bishop's conferences.

Pray that this new memorial will encourage greater devotion to our Blessed Mother. I believe that without her help, the evils and suffering in the world will continue and probably get worse.

God bless you,

Deacon Frank

Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

Admissions (1st) Degree

May 14th - St Agnes, Catonsville
 May 21st – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Essex
 May 30th – Cardinal Gibbons, Fullerton

Formation (2nd) Degree

May 16th – St. Philip Neri, Linthicum
 May 23rd – Patapsco, Catonsville

Knighthood (3rd) Degree

May 11th – Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Eldersburg

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

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we report that our Brother Frank Halecki, passed onto his eternal reward on Sunday, April 15th at the age of 90. Frank was a 3rd Degree Knight.

May he rest in peace.

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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 April 9th meeting was Frank Charvat, and he went home with extra cash in his pocket. Our Attendance Prize winner for the April 23rd meeting would have been Michael Witemore, Jr. 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 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.

Happy Times

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

4 - Wayne V. Ciampaglia
 5 - Anne Dirscherl
 9 - Jonathan Sewell
 12 - Patricia Leppert
 13 – Jay Tallent
 19 - William C. Huth
 25 - Francis C. Zeiler
 26 - Joseph D. Schaum III
 29 – Patricia Priller

Anniversaries

7 - William & Patricia Hodges
 8 - Matthew & Michele Miklewski
 13 - Paul & Dolores Sigwart
 16 - Michael & Melissa Witemore
 18 – Michael & Sharon Cerny
 20 - Gilbert Jr. & 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

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Nominations

Nominations for officers for the 2018-2019 fraternal year opened at the 4/23/18 council meeting. Anyone wishing to run for an office should contact one of the members of the nominating committee. This year's nominating committee members are John Gallup, Jason Karolkowski, and Shawn Ruby. Nominations will remain open until the night of elections on June 11th.

BINGO

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, May 5th 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 11 years.

BINGO				
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.

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser Night

We invite all of you to join us for a fundraising night on Tuesday, May 15th or Wednesday, May 16th at the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant, 8207 Town Center Drive in White Marsh. We will receive 10% of your total food purchases. **Eat in or Carry-out.** Proceeds will benefit our various programs. Flyers must be presented to your waiter/cashier at the time of purchase. A flyer is included with this issue of the council bulletin and can also be downloaded from our website at www.kofc11615.com.

Membership

May is here, and while we do have one more new man who has signed up to be a member, we still have to get him to his Admissions Degree. 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.

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 wish to thank everyone who joined us last Saturday for the Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo to benefit the church. We served 136 Adult Dinners, 12 Child Dinners, and had 130 people play Bingo.

We also want to thank Professional Touch caterers for donating the salad mix and F&S Maranto Bakery for discounting the Italian bread.

Spring 50/50: The winner of the Spring 50/50 was Emrick Spacek on ticket number 0037. The prize was \$262.50.

Religious & Seminarian Vocation Program

As part of our RSVP program, we recently sent checks of \$500 each to five Franciscan Seminarians – Steven Arias, Timothy Blanchard, Richard Rome, Frank Sokopile, and Emmanuel Wenke.

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

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is right around the corner and once again our council will be giving all the mothers of our parish a small "Thank You" for choosing life. We will be handing out carnations after all the masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 12th and 13th. If you would like to help out please contact Adam Kolb at 443-490-2708 or kolb426@yahoo.com.



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, May 19th at 9:00 am. We hope that more of you will consider joining in.



4th Degree News

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



District Message

It looks like spring has finally arrived. There seems to be enough sunny and fairly warm days to make one say it is true, It's here!! The flowers that were struggling just a few weeks ago have finally made it into bloom and are here to stay for the season.

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.

There is not much else for me to make any noise about. 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.

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

The Value of Life Insurance for Children

As a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child at certain set dates, without proving insurability.

Unfortunately, as fathers we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know what the future may have in store for our children's health. But did you know that right now you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they won't purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.

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Chapter News

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be held on Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 pm at Fr. Michael J. McGivney Council #7025, 7025 McGivney Way in Glen Burnie. All Knights are invited to attend.

State Council News

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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

The Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut is coming to the aid of persecuted Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East in partnership with the Knights of Columbus. This work was highlighted Sunday at a special Mass at St. Mary's Church in New Haven celebrated by Archbishop Leonard Blair. The Mass, which was promoted in last week's *New Haven Register*, was well-attended with a full congregation. Chaldean Catholic Bishop of Canada, Bawai Soro, a native of Iraq who has ministered for many years to the Iraqi Christian community in North America, was the homilist.

During his homily, Bishop Soro said that persecuted Christians in Iraq and the Middle East need prayers, support, and for people to be aware of their plight. Bishop Soro thanked the students, other Connecticut Catholics and the Knights of Columbus, and explained that the Christians of Iraq would not have survived the past four years without the help of fellow Christians from around the world. "The message that I have for the Knights of Columbus is one of admiration, that you people are amazing. We thank you," the bishop said. The effort by the Archdiocese has included the participation of Catholic students selling olive wood "solidarity crosses" made in the Middle East and supplied by the Knights. The money raised will be used to help assist Christian towns in Iraq and Syria

that were devastated by ISIS and fighting involving the terrorist group.

Since 2014, the Knights have contributed nearly \$19 million in aid to Christians and other religious minorities in the region. Additionally, as part of its advocacy on behalf of persecuted religious minorities in Iraq, Syria and the surrounding region, the Knights led a major campaign urging the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of State to declare ISIS' terrorism an act of genocide. To support the cause, it produced a nearly 300-page report on ISIS' atrocities against Christians that was used by the department to support its 2016 finding that a genocide was, indeed, taking place.

In addition, the K. of C. has urged the U.S. government to ensure that communities targeted for genocide not be overlooked in its aid programs and applauded Vice President Mike Pence's announcement last fall that the Trump administration would begin providing aid directly to religious minorities impacted by ISIS' genocide. Knights of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, "We are very grateful to the Archdiocese of Hartford for its support of those who have been persecuted for their faith in the Middle East, and we have been truly inspired by these high school students who have taken time and energy to learn about this important issue and raise money to help," said. "We hope this program will be the first of many of across the U.S. and Canada."

The Mass was followed by a reception and a question-and-answer session that included Stephen Rasche, counsel to the Chaldean Catholic Archdiocese in Erbil, Iraq, Archbishop Blair and Bishop Soro, Father John Paul Walker, OP, pastor, and Andrew Walther, vice president for communications and strategic planning for the Knights of Columbus.

"Our mission is to preserve the word and example of Christ in the Middle East, and this we are committed to do, whatever the cost," said Rasche. "In this, we are grateful for the support and solidarity we have received from our brothers and sisters in Connecticut and elsewhere."

Mother's Day

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children.

After gaining financial backing from a Philadelphia department store owner named John Wanamaker, in May 1908 she organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at a Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia. That same day also saw thousands of people attend a Mother's Day event at one of Wanamaker's retail stores in Philadelphia.

Following the success of her first Mother's Day, Jarvis—who remained unmarried and childless her whole life—resolved to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Arguing that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she started a massive letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood.

By 1912 many states, towns and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday, and Jarvis had established the Mother's Day International Association to help promote her cause. Her persistence paid off in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Anna Jarvis had originally conceived of Mother's Day as a day of personal celebration between mothers and families. Her version of the day involved wearing a white carnation as a badge and visiting one's mother or attending church services. But once Mother's Day became a national holiday, it was not long before florists, card companies and other merchants capitalized on its popularity. While Jarvis had initially worked with the floral industry to help raise Mother's Day's profile, by 1920 she had become disgusted with how the holiday had been commercialized. She outwardly denounced the transformation and urged people to

stop buying Mother's Day flowers, cards and candies.

Jarvis eventually resorted to an open campaign against Mother's Day profiteers, speaking out against confectioners, florists and even charities. She also launched countless lawsuits against groups that had used the name "Mother's Day," eventually spending most of her personal wealth in legal fees. By the time of her death in 1948 Jarvis had disowned the holiday altogether, and even actively lobbied the government to see it removed from the American calendar.

Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 28th. 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 Friday, May 25th.

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Calendar Reminders

- May 5 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- May 8 - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting - 7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- May 10 – Ascension Thursday
Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights – 7:00 pm – Fr. McGivney Council
- May 13 – Mother’s Day
- May 14 - Council General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- May 19 - Pro-Life Rosary – 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton
- May 28 - Memorial Day