



The Explorer



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

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Knights of Columbus

May 2019

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,
The first Saturday of the month was a busy one. The arrival of the Easter Bunny was a momentous event. He really enjoyed the hot breakfast our K of C members prepared for all.



The Bunny was then escorted to his throne chair surrounded by lavish flowers. This year he brought his own handler dressed for the occasion in a unique bunny head dress with real bunny ears. He usually doesn't bring a handler, but due to his absences last year he went all out for us. The egg hunt was enjoyed by all. Seven sparkle eggs were hidden this year. Those who found them were awarded special prizes. Thanks to all who made the event a success.

That evening our bingo had one of the biggest crowds we ever had. The \$500 jackpot finally was won on the 60th number. Thanks to all volunteers who did both the egg hunt and bingo. Your help is and was greatly appreciated.

Emrick Spacek
Grand Knight

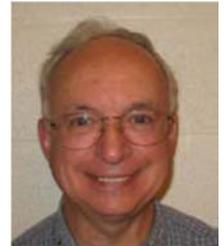
Upcoming Meetings

Officer's Meeting – Monday, May 6th at 6:30 pm in the Annunciation Board Room.

General Meeting – Monday, May 13th at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall. Hospitality will begin at 6:15pm. There will only be one General Meeting in May since the second meeting night will fall on the Memorial Day holiday.

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Brothers,
This past year, the Church has celebrated 50 years since the full restoration of the Permanent Diaconate and the ministry of deacons has blessed our parishes and communities.



Three men from St. Clement parish have been ordained to the Permanent Diaconate since the late seventies and on May 25th, John Micciche, a member of the Notre Dame Council, will be ordained by our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori to become the fourth Permanent Deacon from St. Clement.

Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, by the imposition of Archbishop Lori's hands and the specific prayer of consecration, John will no longer be a layperson. As a deacon, he will receive a particular configuration to Christ the Servant, the Head and Shepherd of the Church.

The ordination will take place at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on Charles St. near the intersection of Charles and Northern Parkway on Saturday morning at a time to follow later. It is a beautiful ceremony and I urge you to attend. St. Clement will host a reception for John after masses on May 26.

God bless you,
Deacon Frank

Upcoming Degree Ceremonials**Admissions (1st Degree)**

May 15 - Patapsco – Catonsville

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Essex

May 29 – Fr. O’Neil – Lutherville

Formation (2nd Degree)

May 16 – Holy Trinity – Severna Park

Archbishop Fulton Sheen – Eldersburg

Knighthood (3rd Degree)

May 17 – Westminster – St. Joseph’s Church –
Sykesville

Sick & Shut-In

Please remember Brothers Fr. Justin Ratajczak, OFM, Conv, Mark Barnstorf, 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.

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. It does not happen automatically. Also, please do not count on the church, the funeral director or anyone reading the newspaper to notify the council. Someone from the family must notify the council. The easiest way to obtain the Council Rosary Call is to contact the Grand Knight of the Council.

1st 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, and we will get your training started.

Happy Times

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

4 - Wayne Ciampaglia

5 - Anne Dirscherl

9 - Jonathan Sewell

12 - Patricia Leppert

13 - Jay Tallent

19 - William Huth

25 - Francis Zeiler

26 - Joseph D. Schaum III

29 - Patricia Priller

Anniversaries

7 – William & Patricia Hodges

8 – Matthew & Michele Miklewski

20 – Gilbert Jr. & Patricia Leppert

29 – David & Joan Fricke

John & Mary Schaefer

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 for Officers for Fraternal Year 2019-2020

Nominations for officers for the 2019-2020 fraternal year are now open. 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. Elective Offices are:

- Grand Knight
- Deputy Grand Knight
- Chancellor
- Advocate
- Recorder
- Treasurer
- Warden
- Inside Guard
- Outside Guard
- Trustee for Three Years
- Trustee for Two Years
- Trustee for One Year

You must be at least a 3rd Degree Knight to hold an office. Nominations will remain open until the night of elections on June 10th.

BINGO

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, May 4th 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 13 years.



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

Brothers,

We are pleased to welcome Benjamin Romero and his family into our council and our Order. Brother Ben took his 1st Degree on Monday, April 22nd in our council home.

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

This is 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

Many thanks to all of those who helped prepare, cook, serve, and clean up after the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 6th. We had a good crowd and good weather for the outdoor Easter Egg Hunt.



Life Activities

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 and the goal is to pray enough to get them to leave our community. The next date for this activity will be Saturday, May 18th at 9:00 am. We hope that more of you will consider joining in.



Mother's Day "Thank You"

Mother's Day is only two weeks away. Think back to when you were young and how much mom did for you. All she ever wanted was a "Thank you" and to see you grow up and do your best. Once again this year we will be handing out carnations to all the moms after each mass on Mother's Day weekend to say "Thank you for choosing life". If you would like to help out contact Adam Kolb at 410-679-1923 or kolb426@yahoo.com



4th Degree News

The next meeting of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough 4th Degree Assembly will be on Tuesday, May 14th at 8:00 pm at Columbus Gardens. Hospitality will begin at 7:00 pm.



Chapter News

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be held on Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 pm at Resurrection Council 1 #11341 (Nominations for Elections), Church of the Resurrection, Multipurpose Room #1, 3175 Paulskirk Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21042, 7PM

District Message

There was no District Message received at press time.

Insurance News

K of C Insurance Benefits You Don't Want to Miss

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have access to a professionally trained field agent who can help you and your family plan for life's eventualities.

Your Knights of Columbus field agent has the tools, expertise and products to address your concerns and needs. Specifically, all agents employ a powerful tool — "Profiles & Forecaster," a proven industry financial analysis. By sitting with your agent and answering a few questions about your current financial situation, your agent can generate an accurate report of your financial needs in the event of death, disability, long-term care, retirement or university funding. This comprehensive review will identify areas in your financial plan where you are on-track and areas that may need attention. It is a complimentary benefit, available through your Knights of Columbus field agent to members and their families. This review is provided in the comfort of your home and is, of course, confidential.

Another complimentary benefit available to members is our Knights of Columbus “Personal Planning Workbook.” This guide assists members in compiling important personal and financial information and helps you prepare crucial documents, such as your will and powers of attorney. You will also be walked through how to plan a Catholic funeral, as well as the steps you must take when someone passes away. This workbook has been prepared from a Catholic perspective by brother Knights for families just like yours. You can obtain your complimentary copy by inviting your assigned Knights of Columbus field agent to visit with you and your family. Your field agent is an expert in the many complimentary services and participatory benefits available to K of C families.

Origin of 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.

Jarvis Decries Commercialized 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.

Mother’s Day Around the World

While versions of Mother’s Day are celebrated worldwide, traditions vary depending on the country. In Thailand, for example, Mother’s Day is always celebrated in August on the birthday of the current queen, Sirikit.

Another alternate observance of Mother’s Day can be found in Ethiopia, where families gather each fall to sing songs and eat a large feast as part of Antrosht, a multi-day celebration honoring motherhood.

In the United States, Mother’s Day continues to be celebrated by presenting mothers and other women with gifts and flowers, and it has become one of the biggest holidays for consumer spending. Families also celebrate by giving mothers a day off from activities like cooking or other household chores.

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.

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 Council News

24 Hours is All It Takes

By becoming a Knight and giving just 24 hours a year, a man can be a better Catholic, father, and husband and make a difference in the Church and his community.

Some men don't think they have time to join Knights. Ask them if they have just 24 hours. In just that short time frame, men can be a better Catholic, father and husband, and part of a great Catholic brotherhood. Here's how the hours break down:

8 HOURS a year working with your council on charitable projects for the local church or community.

4 HOURS a year enjoying a council function with their entire family.

4 HOURS a year attending council meetings to help plan future activities.

6 HOURS a year (half an hour a month) reading the Knights' magazine Columbia, www.kofc.org, K of C social media and other publications.

1 HOUR a year meeting with a Knights of Columbus insurance agent for a free analysis of insurance needs and learning about the exclusive, top-rated programs available only to members and their families.

1 HOUR a year attending Mass together with your council.

That's only 24 hours a year. It's not a lot of time — but it is time well spent. It's rewarding.

Statement on Sri Lanka Easter Bombings

“The Knights of Columbus stands in solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka during this time of trial. Terrorist attacks like those on Easter Sunday are the acts of those who reject the sanctity of life, human rights and religious freedom. In addition to our prayers, the Knights of Columbus is sending \$100,000 to Cardinal Ranjith in Colombo, Sri Lanka, for his use in the rebuilding and repair of his Christian community in the aftermath of this act of terrorism.”

“Globally, it is well documented that Christians are the most persecuted religious group today. Now is the time for every country to take concrete steps to protect their minority populations, including Christians, and to stop this persecution and slaughter. Every country should protect its religious minorities, and freedom-loving countries must demand nothing less of their neighbors. Talk of human rights and religious freedom rings hollow when people are killed for nothing.

Supreme Knight's Statement on the Upholding of Kentucky's Ultrasound Informed Consent Act

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has offered the following response to the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals decision to uphold Kentucky's Ultrasound Informed Consent Act, which requires abortion doctors to show ultrasound images of a baby to the mother.

“Over the past 10 years, the Knights of Columbus has donated 1,038 ultrasound machines to pro-life pregnancy centers in all 50 U.S. states and

internationally. Ultrasound machines provide a window to the womb, allowing a mother to see her developing child and hear her baby's heartbeat. This technology can be credited for making a difference in the lives of thousands of women and their babies. This initiative is the Knights' greatest humanitarian effort, and we applaud the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals for defending the validity of Kentucky's courageous Ultrasound Informed Consent Act.” – Carl A. Anderson

Memorial Day will be observed on Monday,

May 27th. 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 ultimate 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 24th.

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Calendar Reminders

- May 4 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- May 6 – Council Officer’s Meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- May 9 - Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights – 7:00 pm – Resurrection Council
- May 12 – Mother’s Day
- May 13 - Council General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- May 14 - 4th Degree Assembly Meeting – 7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- May 18 - Monthly Pro-Life Rosary - 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton
- May 27 – Memorial Day