



The Explorer



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

Overlea/Rosedale, MD

Knights of Columbus

October 2018

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

Busy October!

The Columbus Day Parade & Commemoration is on Oct. 7, 2018. For information contact Santo Grasso at sgrasso@earthlink.net.



The annual Navy vs. Temple football game and tailgate party will be on Oct. 13, 2018 at Annapolis Md. For additional information contact SMCHawk13@hotmail.com.

Our tootsie roll drive for the intellectually disabled will start in Oct. Adam has started the signup sheet so act quickly to get the best locations.

The Annunciation 50th Anniversary mass and banquet will happen on Oct. 20, 2018. See the church bulletin for all the details.

Bosc's 25% off tickets are still on sale, time is running out.

Other events coming up details to follow.

Emrick Spacek

Grand Knight

Upcoming Meetings

Officer's Meeting – Monday, October 1st at 6:30 pm in the parish board room.

General Meetings – Mondays October 8th and 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall. Hospitality will begin at 6:15pm.

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Brothers,



At no point in Scripture does Jesus ever indicate that His earthly ministry was to be undertaken by Him alone. Early on, He summoned others to assist Him in this important work. Jesus empowered and commissioned the Twelve to do the things He did. As we launch the new Pastorate, all of us are called to assist in insuring that the faith of everyone does not diminish but increases. Just as Jesus called upon lay people to continue His work, we too, as lay members of the Church, are called and directed to do the same.

The enormity of task of establishing the Pastorate becomes more evident every day. I have met all of our new friars and I find them to be very dedicated men who wish to serve all of us. Unfortunately, they are few in number and their task is large. We must step forward and do our part and perhaps do things we have not done before. The friars want us to carry on with the work we have done before without depending on them for direction.

I have encountered some who are angry because of the changes taking place, even to the point of moving to a different parish. My brothers, it is up to each of us to calm fear and anxiety as we encounter it. It is quite evident that many, perhaps unpleasant changes, will be necessary. By working together, in a spirit of cooperation and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church will grow as Jesus planned it.

God bless you,
Deacon Frank

1st Degree Team

We are looking for alternate team members for our 1st Degree team. These include the six speaking parts and three non-speaking parts. If you would like to be part of our 1st Degree team, contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546, and we will get your training started.

Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

Admissions (1st)

Oct. 17 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Essex

Formation (2nd)

Oct. 3 - Belair – Forest Hill

Oct. 24 – Msgr. Kelly – Pasadena

Knighthood (3rd)

Oct. 19th – Calvert – North Beach

Happy Times

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

- 3 – Michael N. Schlepner, Jr.
- 4 – James Johns
- 5 – Walt Wankowski
- 8 – Brian Kolb
- 9 – Michael A. Schlepner
- 12 – Aisamarie Kolb & Joseph Single
- 13 – John E. Gallup, Jr.
- 27 – Paul Sigwart
- 28 – Tiffany Schlepner
- 29 – Margaret Huth

Anniversaries

- 12 – Robert & Patricia Priller
- 19 – William & Marie Edgeworth
John & Dana Moran
- 20 – Joseph & Barbara Single
- 21 – Jonathan & Rebecca Saladini

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

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 .

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 it. 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.

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 September 10th meeting would have been John Conrad. Attendance Prize winner for the September 24th meeting would have been Gerry Dirscherl. 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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BINGO

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, October 6th at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be played for 54 numbers or less. This is our most important source of regular income and has been for the last 12 years.

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

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

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

Membership

It's October. We need to continue to concentrate on drumming up some additional membership. Surely there must be someone out there that we haven't talked to. 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.

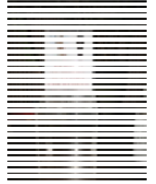
Keep in mind that any prospective member doesn't have to belong to any particular parish. The only requirement is that he be a practical Catholic male, 18 years of age or older.

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

Church Programs

Religious & Seminarian Vocation Program

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



We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pro-Life Programs

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, October 20th at 9:00 am. We hope that more of you will consider joining in.



Community Programs

Friends Helping Friends

Just a Reminder, Harry is still selling Boscov's 25% off Coupons, up until October 17.



Harry's Number is 410-404-0540 if you need Coupons. They are \$5.00 each, all the Money we collect goes into the Councils Charity Fund. As of now we are at \$200.00 Dollars, would be GREAT To make MORE.

Give Harry A Call, He's GOT THE COUPONS !

Tootsie Roll Time

Tootsie roll time is here. We are searching for volunteers to ask for donations after the masses at St. Clements on the weekend of October 13th and 14th and Annunciation on the weekend of October 27th and 28th. Giant of Perry Hall has been added on Mondays October 15th and 22nd. Giant of Rosedale times have been filled. If you are interested in helping contact PGK Adam Kolb at kolb426@yahoo.com or 443-490-2708.



Polar Bear Plunge

The Knights of Columbus invite you to **volunteer to work** at the 2019 Polar Bear Plunge to benefit Maryland Special Olympics on **Saturday, January 26, 2019** at Sandy Point State Park in Anne Arundel County. This is a day-long event that many Knights across Maryland and their families and friends have been involved with for several years now. But you do NOT have to have any affiliation with the Knights to participate, and you do not have to stay for the entire day.



Once again we will need volunteers to assist with directing parking, food preparation, food and drink distribution, memorabilia sales, arcade game operation, etc. **No one is asking you to jump into the icy Chesapeake Bay.** However, yes, some of the volunteers, especially the ones who volunteer to help with the parking, may get cold. But it's for a good cause. And it is a "party" day; especially for young people. There are celebrities, contests, people dressed in costumes, and prizes. Never a dull moment. Bring your camera!

If you are at least 16 years old (required by law), can stand being outside in the cold for several hours and can stay on your feet for that amount of time, you are eligible to be a volunteer. It will cost you nothing to park, nothing get in, you will witness one of the greatest "party" atmospheres of the year, and a lunch will be provided. And if you get one of the good jobs, the time should pass quickly because you will be very busy.

For more information, contact Walt Wankowski at 410-866-6546.

Youth Programs

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.

4th Degree News

The next meeting of the Archbishop Francis P. Keough Assembly will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at 8:00 pm at Columbus Gardens. This will be a regular business meeting. Hospitality will begin at 7:00 pm.



Chapter News

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be held on Thursday, October 11th at 7:00 pm at Bel Air Council #4714, 23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050. All Knights are invited and encouraged to attend.

District Message

As of press time, no message had been received from the District Deputy.

Insurance News

Ten Reasons Why Men of Faith Should Support K of C Insurance

1. The Knights of Columbus has products that help families all across the economic spectrum. If a Catholic family needs a strong insurance company, we are it.

2. Knights of Columbus Field Agents serve their members with high integrity, and so does our organization, which was named a World's Most Ethical Company® by the Ethisphere® Institute for the fifth consecutive year this past February.

3. Your local Knights of Columbus Field Agent is committed to you. His working mission and purpose is to provide the best advice and service to you and your family.

4. Your dollars with the Knights do triple duty: They are invested in a Catholic way, they help those less fortunate and they help your family.

5. The Knights of Columbus offers more than life insurance. We also have insured retirement plans where your IRAs, Roth IRAs, 401ks or non-qualified funds can be placed to maximize your retirement income.

6. Knights of Columbus Field Agents can help members create a solid financial legacy plan. Remember, you don't choose if you leave a legacy — you either leave your family a legacy of love or you leave them burdens.

7. The Knights of Columbus offers long-term care insurance, a product that helps you pay for your extended medical needs in a nursing home facility or in the comfort of your own home. The Knights allow you, not someone else, to decide how and where you should live. It's up to you.

8. With the Knights of Columbus you can guarantee that, even if you run out of money, you will never run out of income.

9. The Knights of Columbus offers disability-income insurance, a product that helps replace lost income if you are unable to work due to a disability resulting from an illness or accident.

10. The Knights of Columbus help to ensure that the dreams a father has for his children can come true — even if he's not here to see to it and provide it himself.

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State Council News

128th Baltimore Columbus Day Parade & Commemoration

Sunday, October 7, 2018



Join in the longest-running parade and commemoration in the country to honor Christopher Columbus - in its 128th year! Festivities include:

9:30 am: Mass at Saint Leo's Church

11 am: Wreath-laying Ceremony at Christopher Columbus Piazza, Little Italy (After the ceremony, Buses will leave from Columbus Piazza to Parade Start – Lot C, Camden Yards)

1-3 pm: Columbus Day Parade starting from Camden Yards, ending in Little Italy
(If you are bringing parade vehicles, line up at Lot C, Camden Yards by 12:30)

3 pm: Wine Festival and outdoor dining

Bring your council banner, wear Knights attire, Show your K of C pride. Come support Columbus Day in Baltimore and Maryland!

All Knights and their families are encouraged to come enjoy the day in Little Italy, and march, walk or ride in the Columbus Day Parade.

If you are planning to attend, want to register your cars or for more information contact Santo Grasso at 443-768-1160 / sgrasso@earthlink.net or Ron Koelbel at 443-600-2365 / rakoelbel@gmail.com .

There is no requirement to spend the whole day! You can just take part in the mass, the wreath-laying ceremony, or march in the parade, or any combination thereof !

National Columbus Day Celebration

**Monday, October 8, 2018
Columbus Plaza, Union Station
Washington, D.C.**



Music Prelude: 10:45 am
Program 11:00 am
Featuring

- “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band
- United States Joint Armed Forces Honor Guard
- Knights of Columbus Color Corps with Historical
Flags of the US
- Presidential and Mayoral Columbus Day
Proclamations
- Diplomatic Corps from the Embassies of Spain,
Italy, Bahamas
- Presentation of National Youth Essay Contest
Winner
- Wreath Presentations – Embassies, Fraternal, Civic,
Service, and Patriotic Societies.

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.

State Scholarship Opportunities

Maryland State Council High School Scholarship Programs

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus is the sponsor of several High School scholarships for its members and for Catholic Students in general. Below is the complete information on these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards. Awards may be applied to tuition payments only.

Application period is from October 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019. All applications must be received in their entirety by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2019. Scholarship information and application information is included below (preferred) or write to:

Maryland State Council
Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee
PO Box 165
Westminster, MD. 21158

The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship

Designed to assist members of the Knights of Columbus holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools, two (2) grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years, and one (1) additional grant of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years funded by the Maryland Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors, will be awarded. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. Continued support after the first year is contingent on continued academic success. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death. Funds are applicable to tuition only. Application packet [MS Word](#) [PDF](#)

The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship

Three (3) grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. Eligibility for a grant under this program is open to Catholic students who are

residents of the State of Maryland. Affiliation with the Knights of Columbus is not required. However, children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland are also eligible. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. Continued support after the first year is contingent on continued academic success. Funds are applicable to tuition only.

For more information and to download forms go to <http://www.kofc-md.org/state1820/scholarships.asp>

Supreme Council News

As North Carolina Knights begin reaching out with relief supplies and volunteer help more is still needed

In the past 13 years living in Wallace, NC, Mark Hopkins has never seen a worse disaster than Hurricane Florence.

Stories like this are being heard throughout the areas of North Carolina hit by the storm. And Knights are heading out to those areas bringing relief supplies and assistance.

The storm rapidly flooded his property, wrecking Hopkins' home and leaving him and his family like they are stranded on an island. In order to travel from his yard to the road, he needs to use a kayak. He journeyed from his home to the Transfiguration Church, where he serves as chancellor and community director for Father Bernadine Council 12921, and was relieved to see members of the Knights of Columbus from around the state delivering supplies to his parish.

"I'm overwhelmed," Hopkins said. "It's good to know fellow Knights are out there." The church hall was a shelter when the storm hit, but has morphed into a supply depot for the Hispanic, agricultural community in which a

majority are still without power and without well-water.. The church itself was without power for six days following Florence's landfall.

The supply caravan, led by North Carolina State Advocate Chris Losack, gathered in the early morning at Father Tom Price Council Hall in Raleigh. Members from Wilmington, Kernersville, Greensboro and Fuquay Varina, filled up their vehicles and a truck with bottles of water, paper towels, cleaning supplies, tubs of clothing, food, dry detergent, masks, garbage bags and insect repellent to the Wallace area. The caravan traveled over an hour to reach their destination.

On the journey the remnants of Hurricane Florence were visible everywhere. Major highways were detoured at the behest of local authorities. Downed trees lined the back roads. Windows were still boarded. While people have come trickling back to survey the damage to their homes and stores, more troubles are forecasted in coastal areas. Several rivers, including Cape Fear River, are expected to crest in coming days, threatening flooding to the surrounding areas yet again.

However, the Knights plan to be back in Wallace in the days to come, as well as other towns affected by Florence including Havelock, Lumberton, and Jacksonville.

Joseph Owens from Father Albert J. Todd Council 12119 in Fuquay-Varina, N.C., one of the Knights who trekked from Raleigh to Wallace, said, "Being a Knight, I feel called that I have to come down here and help. You know that's what we do as Knights."

He added, "The people that have seen us, it's great because it's almost a relief. They're like, 'Oh, that's a Knights of Columbus. I know that there's help around here.'"

Articles for the November edition of *The Explorer* must be received by Wednesday, October 24th. Send all inputs to:

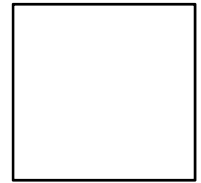
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Calendar Reminders

- October 1 – Council Officer’s Meeting – 6:30 pm – Annunciation Board Room
- October 6 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- October 8 - Council General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- October 9 – 4th Degree Assembly Meeting -8:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- October 11 - Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights - 7:00 pm – Bel Air Council
- October 20 – Pro-Life Rosary – 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton
- October 22 - Council General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall