



The Explorer



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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

The summer is coming to a close with the approach of Labor Day. Our monthly bingo is on the first of the month so it's closer than you think. Our officers meeting usually held on the first Monday is being cancelled due to the holiday. We will resume our two general meetings in Sept. so we won't skip a beat.



Church of the Annunciation, St. Clements and St. Michaels have been formed into a pastorate which is well under way. New priests have been assigned and taking over their duties. This is a unique opportunity for all three parishes to come together in joint activities to benefit all of us.

Emrick Spacek

Grand Knight

Upcoming Meetings

Officer's Meeting – There will be no Officer's meeting in September because the first Monday in September is Labor Day.

General Meetings – Mondays September 10th and 24th at 7:00 pm in the Annunciation Parish Hall. Hospitality will begin at 6:15pm.

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.

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Brothers,

I have just learned from an announcement, published by Rev. Patrick Carrion, of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, that nearly 25% of pregnancies end in a miscarriage. Often families have no place to bury their child in order to memorialize the child's short life and to care for their grief. The parents are not sure what to do to have their child buried.



The Office of Cemeteries and the Office of Respect Life have established a ministry to families who have miscarried. HOLY INNOCENTS is a ministry where the primary mission is to assure every child who is miscarried (dying before they are born) has a sacred place to be buried. A memorial garden at Holy Cross Cemetery has been established for the burial of these children. On October 6, 2018 at 1:00 pm, Bishop Brennan will dedicate the memorial garden and bury those children who presently are in the custody of the Office of Cemeteries and Office of Respect Life.

If you know of anyone that wishes to have more information regarding this ministry or is interested in serving in this important ministry, please contact the help line 410-547-3142 or email the office at holyinnocents@archbalt.org. If you wish to serve, training will be provided.

Please remember these children, their families and this ministry in your prayers.

God bless you,

Deacon Frank

Upcoming Degree Ceremonials

Admissions (1st)

Sept. 12 – Cardinal Gibbons - Fullerton
Sept. 17 - Fr. Maurice Wolfe – Abingdon
Sept. 19 – Patapsco - Catonsville

Formation (2nd)

Sept. 19th – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Essex

Knighthood (3rd)

Sept. 28th – Fr. Michael Kidd - Mitchellville

Happy Times

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

- 1 – Rev. Max Avila & Richard Yienger
- 6 - Jonathan Saladini
- 9 - Rebecca Saladini
- 11 - Michele Miklewski
- 16 - Barbara Sheehan
- 17 - Brian Stone
- 18 - Paul D. Schneider
- 21 - Robert Priller
- 24 – Michael G. Witmore, Jr.
- 25 - Debra Cieslak

Anniversaries

- 8 – James & Kristen Johns
- 13 – David & Lucille Fabiszak
Emrick & Andrea Spacek

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.

Car Raffle - Win a 2019 Mustang!



You could win a 2019 Ford Mustang or a Cash Option of \$18,000! Second prize is an iPad Air. Third prize is a \$200 Gift Card. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

All members should have received 18 tickets to sell or buy. This is an opportunity for our council to make some easy money. Our council gets to keep 60¢ of every dollar. We encourage all members to participate. You can sell the tickets to your family members, your friends, your neighbors, your co-workers, etc. If you lose the return envelope use any envelope and address it to Walt Wankowski, 5211 McFaul Road, Baltimore, MD 21206. Checks should be made payable to *Knights of Columbus 11615*.

Remember that all tickets and remittance have to be in by September 29th.

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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 August 13th meeting was Greg Fischer, and he went home with a few extra bucks in his pocket. If you are not sick or a shut-in, why not try making a meeting once in a while? It could prove profitable.

BINGO

Our next Monthly Cash Bingo will be held on **Saturday, September 1st at 6:00 pm** in the Annunciation parish hall. The \$500 Jackpot will be played for 53 numbers or less. This is our most important source of regular income and has been for the last 12 years.

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

We may have good news to print here in October, but for now let's just concentrate on drumming up some additional membership. July and August are now gone; ten months to go. 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.

Note: There are no Form 100s in the pouches of the K of C display in the back of Annunciation Church because someone or someones keep taking them. Over the last few years, some 40 membership packets containing a Form 100 have disappeared from the display, and no one has as yet submitted one to join. So we stopped putting them in there. If you need a Form 100, contact Walt.

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.

Family Night of Bingo

The Ladies Auxiliary of Annunciation Church would like to thank all of the Knights who worked the parish's annual Family Night of Bingo on Saturday, August 25th. The event was a success and all proceeds benefit Annunciation Church.

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, September 15th at 9:00 am. We hope that more of you will consider joining in.



Community Programs

Friends Helping Friends

We are once again participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Program. The coupons are \$5 and are worth up to 25% off at Boscov's on Tuesday, October 16th.



Chairman Harry Payne needs help selling the coupons after the 4 pm and 7:30 am masses in the Annunciation parish hall

during the months of August and September. If anyone can help with this let Harry know at 410-663-8141 (H) 410-404-0540. All proceeds will go into the Charity Fund.

Tootsie Roll Time

Tootsie Roll time is almost upon us again. At this time we will be asking for donations at St. Clement Church on the weekend of October 13th and 14th, the Rosedale Giant on October 20th from 10am to 12pm and 12pm to 2pm (they currently do not allow for Sundays), and Annunciation on October 27th and 28th. PGK Adam Kolb is looking to set up at least one more location. If you would like to volunteer for any of these dates, you may contact him at kolb426@yahoo.com or 443-490-2708.



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 have a special Mass to commemorate Patriot's Day on Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 pm at Columbus Gardens. This will be an Open Meeting (wives & family invited) and refreshments will be served after mass.



Chapter News

The next meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will be held on Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council #2452 (Crab Night), 1707 Eastern Blvd., Essex, MD 21221. Ladies are invited.

District Message

Significance of Labor Day

Every country in the world celebrates some kind of Labor Day. The United States is about to celebrate Labor Day, significantly the last holiday of the summer season, changing to autumn season. Trees change from shades of green, to some vibrant colors of the spectrum and from hot to cool. Enjoyed by many people this season change is welcome with enthusiasm.

There are other things significant to Labor Day, things we take advantage of without thought from day to day. Like the labor movements creation of Labor Day.

There are two people said to have started the drive to have a holiday recognizing the workers in this country.

Some records show Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, as first to suggest a day to honor those “who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold”.

Many others believe Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N. J. proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. The Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The first Labor Day holiday celebration was Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The second celebration was again on September 5, 1883. The following year, 1884 the first Monday in September was the holiday as originally proposed. By 1885, many industrial centers of the country were celebrating Labor Day. After 1885 and governmental municipal ordinances Congress passed an act on June 28, 1894, making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

I have read, “Labor Day is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and wellbeing of our country”.

Labor Day is the day set a side especially for you! Celebrate your achievements for your country, be conscious of other people, and above all be safe! One other thing see the connection 1882, Father McGivney and Labor Movement.

Vivat Jesus
DD John Holley

Insurance News

TEN QUESTIONS ALL CATHOLICS SHOULD ASK THEIR INSURANCE COMPANY

Not sure if your insurance carrier lines up with your values? Ask these 10 questions:

1. Does my company promote Catholic values?
2. Does it protect the unborn?
3. Does it work to combat human cloning and embryonic stem cell research?
4. Does it provide funds to build schools for AIDs orphans?
5. Does it pay for clean drinking water wells for communities in Africa?
6. Does it help finance the distribution of warm winter coats to children in need?
7. Does it partner with Special Olympics International?
8. Does it promote and support vocations for priests and religious life?
9. Does it annually support Catholic media like EWTN and Salt + Light Television?
10. Does it support the Holy Father’s charities?

If items like these are important to you and your family, now is the time to buy insurance from a company that feels the same.

Please contact me today if you would like to discuss our programs in greater detail.

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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 .

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.

Supreme Council News

On Saturday, Aug. 25, the World Youth Day Cross returned to the U.S. for the third time in 25 years. The Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. hosted the official World Youth Day Cross and Icon as part of the international procession in advance of the World Youth Day event in Panama this coming January. The cross traveled from Chicago, Miami, and Houston to Washington, D.C., before departing to Los Angeles.

While in the Washington, D.C. the cross was processed from the Lincoln Memorial to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial to the National Mall in front of the Smithsonian Institution Building, ending at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for veneration.

When St. John Paul II entrusted the Cross of the Jubilee Year of Redemption in 1984 to the young people of the world, he encouraged them to “carry it throughout the world as a symbol of Christ’s love for humanity, and announce to everyone that only in the death and resurrection of Christ we can find salvation and redemption.”

A year later, the pontiff, in front of 300,000 young people, announced the institution of World Youth Day on Dec. 20, 1985, in response to the United Nation’s International Year of the Youth.

The first international World Youth Day took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Since then, the cross has travelled around the globe, from Spain to Poland to the Philippines to Australia, with millions of young people in total enthusiastically gathering together in communal praise at each stop.

When the cross finally came to the U.S. in 1993, St. John Paul II told the 700,000 people gathered in Denver “the liberating message of the Gospel of Life has been put into your hands,” adding that the “mission of proclaiming it to the ends of the earth is now passing to your generation.”

Almost a decade later, the cross graced the United States in a two-day stop in New York City following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

50 Years Of Ministry to the Community

It probably has not escaped anyone’s attention that our Council’s home base of the Church of the Annunciation is celebrating its 50th anniversary of service to our community. The parish was founded in 1968, and on Saturday, October 20, 2018, a special Jubilee Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 pm with our Supreme Chaplain and Archbishop of Baltimore, William Lori, presiding. After the mass a Jubilee Banquet will be held at Rosedale Gardens.

The mass is open to all; no reservations are required. For those of you who may wish to attend the banquet, here are the details:

50th Anniversary Banquet

Saturday, October 20, 2018

7:00 pm

Rosedale Gardens

8037 Philadelphia Road

Rosedale, Maryland

Cheese & Vegetable Tray

Tossed Salad w/Dressing

Choice of Boneless Baked Chicken Breast or Roast

Beef Au Jus

(Must choose when purchasing tickets)

Roasted Red Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Ice

Cream, Dinner Rolls & Butter,

Sodas, Iced Tea, Hot Coffee & Hot Tea

Tickets – \$30.00 per person

Tickets will be available for purchase in the parish hall after all weekend masses starting September 1st or contact Walt at 410-866-6546 or

wwanko@comcast.net. **Tickets MUST be purchased by Sunday, October 7th.** No tickets will be sold at the door.

Dress Code for the banquet– Jacket and Tie or Business Suit for the gentlemen; dresses for the ladies.

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

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Calendar Reminders

- September 1 - Monthly Cash Bingo – 6:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- September 3 – Labor Day
- September 10 - Council General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- September 11 – Patriot’s Day - 4th Degree Assembly Mass -7:00 pm – Columbus Gardens
- September 15 – Pro-Life Rosary – 9:00 am – Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Fullerton
- September 13 – Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights - 7:00 pm - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council
- September 24 - Council General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm – Annunciation Parish Hall
- September 29 – Last Day to Return Car Raffle tickets