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Chaplain's Message



Msgr Joaquin Bazan

During the fall as a church we read the gospel of St. Luke. The gospel of St. Luke presents the Lord as healer, the merciful one, the Lord who forgives. The role of the Holy Spirit is emphasized throughout the gospel. St. Luke, the Holy Physician, was a disciple of St. Paul. He journeyed with St. Paul as St. Paul went from Asia to Europe.

The gospel of St. Luke is one of the 3 synoptic gospels (the other 2 being the gospels of St. Mark and St. Mathew). Synoptic comes from the 2 Greek words meaning "one eye" or "same eye". The 3 synoptic gospels look at the good news of our Lord, savior and redeemer from the same vantage point, from the same point of view. What may not be so obvious from the English translations of the 3 synoptic gospels, the gospel of St. Luke is written in very formal, literate, well constructed Greek. The gospel of St. Mark is written in a conversational informal style. The gospel of St. Mathew is written by one who appears to be translating his thoughts from Aramaic to Greek. The style is forced like a translation.

My suggestion: Read the gospel of St. Luke and savor its beauty this fall.

Editors Note: The above article has been taken from the archives. If you have not heard, Father Bazan is currently in hospice care. Please keep him in your prayers. For updated information, please contact the Grand Knight.

Grand Knight's Message



SK John Foley
Grand Knight

About 20 years ago, I was visiting Glasgow, Scotland during a port visit, and was taking in the Glasgow War Memorial, which is primarily dedicated to citizens from Glasgow who participated in World War 1. There was a particular inscription on this memorial that caught my eye, and it reads:

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

This quote touched me, and I often think about it. Turns out, this is actually a quote from the Gospel of John, Chapter 15, where Jesus is instructing his followers. Although Jesus is telling others to live by this command, it is a prime example of how Jesus himself lived his life. He gave up his own life so that the rest of us can be forgiven of sin. He put the needs of others before his own...

As Knights, we should strive for the same, putting the needs of others before our own. Saint Michael McGivney had this mindset when he started our order, determined that the needs of the widow and the orphan are of the upmost importance. I remember during COVID, this mindset was on prime time display at our council. Members were checking up on each other, checking on the sick and elderly, and were, in general, more concerned for others rather than themselves. The fact that our members and their families think this way is a reason why I am member of this council.

Changing gears, summer is very quickly wrapping up, but we still have a few good weeks left. Get out there and enjoy it, and I hope to see you at the council!

Vivat Jesus,
SK John Foley

Congratulations to the Knight of the Month, and Family of the Month for all you do to support the Council and the community

September

Knight of the month - PGK Dick Bissell
Family of the month - Arnie and Lise Powell

October

Knight of the month - Charlie Kenny
Family of the month - The Alessandrini Family
Woman behind the Man - Janet Alessandrini

KC CASH INCENTIVE SWEEPSTAKES

This is Council 2809's largest fundraiser. Grand Prize - \$7,000; 2nd prize - \$2,000; 3rd prize - \$1,000. Each ticket costs \$5.00. For every \$5.00 ticket sold, the council keeps \$3.

Think of the additional charitable works we could accomplish if each council member of 2809 sold just 10 tickets

GK John Foley is our raffle chair. Please let him know if you want to purchase tickets, 301-919-0498 or send him an email request, foleyjohnm@gmail.com.

Sweepstake tickets will also be available at the Council 2809 bar. The drawing will be held at the Columbus Day Ball. You need not be present to win. Thank you in Advance for your support.

Culture of Life Corner

Greetings: Brothers and Ladies of the Knights,



John Paul II's mother chose life after her doctor advised an abortion.

This month's newsletter was taken from an article from CAN (Catholic News Agency) a subsidiary of EWTN.

On May 18, over one hundred years ago, Emilia Wotyla gave birth to her second son, Karol, after a life-threatening pregnancy. The child would grow up to become St. John Paul II.

Emilia and her husband Karol made a bold decision. They actually found a new doctor, a Jewish doctor from Krakow, who had moved to Wadowice after the first World War, a Dr. Samuel Taub. The doctor confirmed that there was risk of complication during childbirth, including Emilia's death. He did not suggest an abortion. Emilia had a bad pregnancy. She spent most of her time lying down and had less strength than usual. Dr. Taub recommended complete rest and to feed herself very well.

Emilia, on May 18, 1920, lay in her apartment in the presence of a midwife and while Karl Sr. and 13 year old son Edmund said the Litany of Loreto, in the church across the street from their house. Emilia could hear the Litany of Loreto while little Karol was born. The midwife opened the window because Emilia wanted the first sound her son heard was praises to the Blessed Mother.



Fourth of July Celebration was a big hit. With Kickball, Rock Painting, Tug of War and Tattoos. Also the pool and cookouts in the grove.

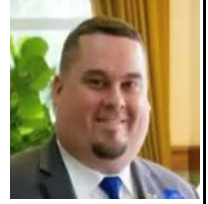
May They Rest in Peace

Edward L. Sinsky, HLM ~ Died 07/18/2024
Raymond Sciannella, Sr, PGK, HLM ~ Died 07/16/2024

*We offer our prayers for the repose of their souls
and for the consolation of their families.*

Financial Secretary's Message

Brothers,



As we begin the new fraternal year I again wish to thank our brother knights who have paid their dues thus far this year. As of right now we still have around 80 who are in arrears, but I want to thank the almost 400 other brothers who have paid timely. I hate to be the guy nagging for the dues, but our dues are the lifeblood for the council. They provide us a substantial base for us to be able to do all of the great works we do here at PG Council.

When we have delinquent members, it puts the council in a bind in order to be able to fund all the good works we do. Remember, the council funds as not the hall funds. We as a council do not receive funding from the hall activities. While we do help when we can the funds for each are not mingled. So we need our dues payment to keep our Council programs going and vibrant.

So now that the business part is covered I want to say that this week the council completed both our official visit and our audit and have received word we are in good standing with Supreme. Joe Cole and myself are a good team and this result shows that. We are now working hard to keep everything going for the new fraternal year.

Unfortunately, I do have to do my duty to report that Brother Ray Sciannella, Sr. PGK, and Edward Sinsky have passed away since our last newsletter. Please let's keep these brothers in our prayers as we pray they rest in peace.

In better news some of our Brother Knights had a change in their Status as Brother Knights. Please join me in congratulating Brothers Stephen J. Adamczyk, PSD, Kevin McNeil, and Brett Wiedel on becoming Honorary Life Members in the Knights of Columbus. Brother Dennis Ponton was also promoted to Honorary Member. Let's congratulate these men on years of dedicated service.

I thank you all for your continued support for me in this role as I work to serve the Council as best I can.

Regards,
Bryan Adamczyk, F.S.

District Deputy's Message



Charles Briscoe
District Deputy

Greetings my brothers all,

I commend your council's new team of officers and members under the leadership of your new Grand Knight for your outstanding accomplishments to date, as you near the close of the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fraternal year.

Also, as brother knights, you should be extremely proud of your council's hours of service and donations over the past year that enabled the "Knights of Columbus" as a whole, to provide over forty-seven million hours in volunteer service and 190 million dollars in donations to those in need during the 2023-2024 fraternal year.

Maryland State Council's annual Columbus Day Ball will take place at 6:00pm on October 12, 2024, at Columbus Garden 4301 Klosterman Avenue in Nottingham, MD 20236. Brother knights interested in attending the black tie or business suit and ladies formal or cocktail attire affair should contact Gil Boisvert at gilb5@outlook.com for more information immediately because only a few tickets remain available.

Sweepstakes tickets are still available for purchase to support the Maryland State Council-Knights of Columbus 55th Annual Cash Incentive Sweepstake to benefit charity and scholarship programs. Sweepstake tickets worth a combined value of \$10,000 in cash prizes (1st Prize - \$7,000, 2nd Prize \$2,000, 3rd Prize \$1,000) may be obtained from members of your Knights of Columbus council. The winning tickets will be announced at the Columbus Day Ball on October 12, 2024.

Also, on October 12th, Knights of Columbus State officers and members of the KofC Color Corps will participate in a Wreath Laying ceremony at the Christopher Columbus Statue in front of Union Station in Northeast Washington, D.C.

The Maryland State Council will hold its Fall Meeting at the Seton Shrine in Emmittsburg, Maryland on October 26, 2024. Maryland State Council District Deputies, District Wardens and Grand Knights are required to attend.

As a brother of the Knights of Columbus, you are hereby challenged to invite at least one Catholic brother to join the Knights of Columbus family in the next 30 days four six six zero eight three two and help support the wonderful program your council sponsors to support your parish and to help "Make A Difference In Someone's Life" in our surrounding communities and the world.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternal Benefits

Financial Pyramid

When I meet with clients, I often draw a pyramid on piece of paper and explain "This is your financial pyramid." I break the pyramid into 3 sections:

The base, which I label "Risk of catastrophic event" (death, disability, or extended care event). The middle section, which I label "Short-term savings, long-term investing and debt repayment". And the top section, which I label "college savings".

I point to the base of the pyramid and explain, "You need to set the foundation of your pyramid. You can have a great investment plan, no debt, an emergency fund set up and a college funding plan in place for your children, but if a spouse dies prematurely or becomes disabled, the plan is in ruins. Let's get your foundation set today, and then we can discuss the other sections of the pyramid."

Please contact me if you need to set your "foundation" or have any questions about your existing "foundation".

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SUPREME COUNCIL INFORMATION

To maintain healthy councils, we need new members to replace us in these leadership positions. Even if you are not filling one of these positions, you can help your council by inviting Catholic Gentlemen to become Brother Knights. Let them become Knights and learn how your council operates. Let these new Brother Knights bring their ideas into your council. Work with them on the different officer positions and their responsibilities

Healthy councils need new members to remain healthy . Gentlemen to become a Knight. New gentlemen that become Catholic through the RCIA/OCIA process deserve to be invited—continue their enthusiasm into their new faith by becoming Knight of Columbus. Give these new Knights a chance to become strong members and advocates for the order. Give them the Leadership training and experience they need to run a council. Let's not wait until one of our members goes home to the Lord before we start inviting gentlemen to become Knights.

Activities:

- * October 12 Columbus Day Ball - www.kofc-md.org/
* Wrath Laying Columbus Statue October 14th Union Station Wash. D.C

BISHOP McNAMARA CHAPTER OF GRAND

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday at 8:00pm with food being served at 7:00pm, at various locations around the state.

ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL J. CURLEY ASSEMBLY No. 383

Assembly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the Monsignor Keesler Parish Center at St. Mary of the Mills Parish in Laurel, Maryland.

MEMBERSHIP

Council 2809 meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:30pm, unless otherwise noted.

Our next Exemplifications are on Monday:
October 28 2024 and
January 27 and April 21, 2025

Candidate report time: 6:30pm
Degree will begin at 7:30pm
Jacket and tie is suggested

Families are welcome to attend the Degree at 7:30pm

Important Notice

Upon the death of a Knight of Columbus, relatives should contact one of the following:

Financial Secretary, Bryan Adamczyk, 301-922-6336
Grand Knight, John Foley, 301-919-0498

Installation of Officers held at St. Joseph's Church in Beltsville, Maryland on Saturday, August 10, 2024.

FAITH



St. Joseph:

Beginning, Sunday, September 1, we are revising our Mass schedule to include adding a Spanish Mass on Sundays at 12:15 pm. This new initiative will help to serve our Hispanic community right here in Beltsville and the surrounding areas. In addition, we are changing the Sunday, 11:00 am Mass to 10:30 am. It is my hope that this minor change will help us to meet all the needs of this ever growing parish.

New Mass schedule, effective Sunday, September 1

- Saturday Vigil 5 pm (no change) English
• Sunday 8:30 am (no change) English
• Sunday 10:30 am (change from 11 am) English
• Sunday 12:15 pm (new) Spanish

Bull & Oyster Roast - Sunday, September 15, starts at 2:00pm

St. James:

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY DAY
Celebrate Grandparents and the Elderly in your family on Sunday, September 8, 2024, during National Grandparents Day. Go to 24WorldDayGrandparents.pdf (dropbox.com) for more information

Holy Redeemer:

Saturday, September 14, 11:00 to 1:00 — Business Meeting and Lunch in the Stricker Room at St. Bernadette's in Silver Spring. We will hold a discussion for future plans and listen to what President Mary Dugan has proposed for the coming year.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- September 1 - Labor Day mass at 9:00am
September 21 - Point 1k, check in at 11:00am, 12:00pm start
October 5 - Car show 9:00am—2:00pm
October 19-20 - Delta Drive



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- September 1st - Labor Day Celebration at the Council: Cookouts and activities
October 18 Trunk of Treat
And Family Friendly Halloween themed dinner special



Check the weekly Happenings for time and additional activities. Not on the list for the Happenings, ask your friendly bartender how to get on the email list.





Ladies,
I find it hard to believe that Labor Day is here! Where did the summer go? However, I will not miss the extreme heat. So, why not plan on doing something for yourself? Join our Ladies Auxiliary making new friends and seeing old friends. Our meeting is the third Saturday of each month at 10:00am; and it only lasts an hour.

We welcome new ideas at help us to better serve the Council, Church and Community. Light refreshments are served. Contact Carolyn Lank at 301-937-8756 or Janet Alessandrini @ jalessan@umd.edu.



The Tootsie Roll Program is dedicated to providing life-based health care, learning, and quality of life opportunities for children, teens, and adults with disabilities. Remember the first principle of Knights of Columbus - Charity. We will have collection points this fall starting with University Maryland games on August 31, September 7, September 21, October 12, October 19, November 16, November 23. We will be working just prior to the game in the parking lot. We will meet at the clubhouse about an hour and a half before game time, riding together to the stadium. We are looking into other opportunities - church, grocery store, etc. ideas are welcome! I will get a list of brothers that are willing to interact to further our charity causes. Please give me a call with your availability! I will be contacting brothers to elicit interest. This not only aids our charity program. The visibility of the drive fosters good will in the community towards Knights of Columbus. We are not restricted to using just Knights. Your family members are welcome to also participate. This is a good way for students to earn their service hours!

Vivat Jesus
SK Joe Odum PFN
410-579-4774

Please pray for our seminarians: Conor Hardy, Joseph Heisey and Gregory Lawrence.

Conor Hardy
Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
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There were 35 units collected in August!

Blood is urgently needed, so I urge you to donate
either Whole Blood (56 days until your next donation)
or Double Red (112 days until your next donation).

I thank you and the American Red Cross
thanks you for your donations.

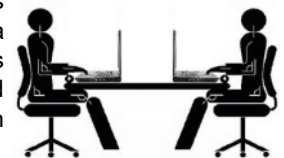
Arnie Powell, Chairman,
2809 Blood Drives



From the Editor's Desk:

Lady Janet Alessandrini

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*Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of
our Order. Keep us true to the pledge to extend the kingship
of thy Devine Son on earth. Through Thy intercession, win
for us the grace ever to exemplify in our public and private
lives, the virtues which should characterize
those specifically dedicated to the service of the
heavenly court. Make us always aware that as
your Knights we are constantly observed, our
faith judged and our Order appreciated. Accept,
O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and
devotion of thy servants, the Knights of
Columbus.*



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Good Luck!

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6	7	8 Taco Tuesday Bread for our Brothers Program Planning Mtg	9 Bread for our Brothers	10 Knight Cap Due Share Order Due	11	12
13 Beef & Brew	14 COLUMBUS DAY 2809 Officers Mtg	15 Bread for our Brothers	16 Bread for our Brothers	17	18 Trunk or Treat Special Halloween Themed Dinner	19 Ladies Auxiliary
20	21 Bldg Corp Mtg	22 Bread for our Brothers	23 Bread for our Brothers	24	258	26 SHARE Delivery
27	28 Bldg Corp Quarterly	29 Bread for our Brothers	30 Seniors Meeting Bread for our Brothers	31	November 1	2