

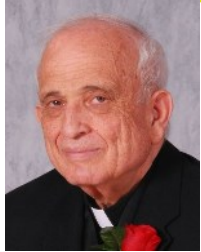
# The ★ Knight ★ Cap

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## Chaplain's Message



Msgr Joaquin Bazan

November is a special month for praying for our deceased.

It is a special period in which we are asked to remember our deceased relatives and then to pray for them. Also I would urge you to think of priests and nuns who have touched your life in baptisms, marriage, and other ways, and who have since passed away. Please don't forget to pray for us. The only family a priest

has, in the sense of direct descendants, is his parish family. And so, when we die, if you don't pray for us, no one will.

Most of your parishes give you an opportunity to place your loved one's name on the Alter. I urge you to avail yourself of the opportunity.

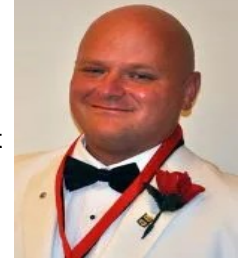
Advent means coming, the coming of the Lord.

During advent we celebrate three comings of our Lord.

- A. His coming in time, as a helpless babe on Christmas day in Bethlehem.
- B. His coming at the end of time when he will come in triumph.
- C. His coming to us now in grace, the advent masses emphasize these 3 comings.
- D. "Come Lord Jesus, Come!" is our advent prayer. Try fingering your rosary beads as bead after bead you use that ancient advent invocation "Come Lord Jesus, Come!"

Remember God loves you!

## Grand Knight's Message



SK John Foley  
Grand Knight

Summer is finally over and we have already had a productive and exciting fall! We held our .1K Fun Run/Walk, which was well received, and we even managed to raise around \$1800 to put towards Special Olympics Maryland. Following that, we had the annual council crab feast, and while it was a good bit of hard work steaming 15 bushels of crabs and cooking up a ton of delicious food, it was awesome to see a packed ballroom of crab eaters. It was great to see the council and clubhouse come together to make the crab feast at least partly resemble one of the "Old School" feasts! I am still in shock at how big those crabs were! We wrapped it up with our annual Mustang and Fast Ford Car Show, with around 20 cars in attendance, along with another nice donation to Special Olympics Maryland!

We can finally take a step back to collect ourselves, but we still have several events on the horizon. Those include the Memorial Mass and Breakfast with Santa. Stay tuned for information on those events as we get closer. Did you know that our council is the SECOND biggest council in Maryland? We are not actually that far from overtaking the leader, Rosensteel, either! Everyone here at Prince George's Council, be it a member, a spouse, or a family member, should take pride in the fact that we are STRONG council. Consider coming to a meeting to see how you can help contribute to our success! We have lots of ideas, but always need good, Catholic, gentlemen to help spring these ideas into reality! Never stop asking your fellow parishioners, friends, and family if they would like to join our ranks. You can start the conversation with, "Have you ever thought of joining one of the most productive and FUN councils in the state.

Thank you and I hope to see you around 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

### November

Knight of the month - Joe Scafone

Family of the month - Bryan & Rhonda Adamczyk

### December

Knight of the month - Joe Cole

Family of the month - The Cole Family

Woman behind the Man - Val Cole

### KC CASH INCENTIVE SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Grand Prize Winner - \$7,000 - Carolyn Anderson, Council 3960,

sold by Steve Roscher

2nd prize - \$2,000 - Silverco Bonilla, Council 13463, sold by

himself

3rd prize - \$1,000 - Frank Pisano - Council 14011, sold by Ed

Makuch

Thank you to all for your participation in this huge fundraiser for our Council.

## Culture of Life Corner

Greetings: Brothers and Ladies of the Knights,



Permit me to share with you some Holy Scripture concerning Pro-Life.

"I have come that they may have Life and have it more abundantly. (John, Chapter 16, Verse 10).

"The young, rich man came to Jesus and said, "What must I do to be saved?" Jesus said, "Keep the commandments". The young man said, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness. (and so forth) (Matthew, Chapter 19, Verses 16-26)

"You formed me in the innermost being, you knit me in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139, Line 13)

Please meditate on these words of God when you vote.

SK Francis A. Hunter  
Pro-Life Advocate #2809

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

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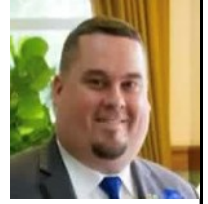
## May They Rest in Peace

Rejean Talbot ~ Died 09/03/2024  
James V. McAuliffe ~ Died 08/22/2024

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

## Financial Secretary's Message

Brothers,



As we come close to the end of the 2024 year it will almost be time to start preparing to send out the 2025 dues notices to Brothers, please be ready. 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 70 who are in arrears but I want to thank the almost 400 other brothers who have paid timely.

I truly hate to be nagging for the dues but our dues are the lifeblood for the council. Without our dues we cannot provide many of the great services this council does for little to no cost. So as we get ready for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, remember as you and your family may partake in events like the trunk of treat, or breakfast with Santa, that these are made possible by our dues paying members. They provide us a substantial base for us to be able to do all of the great works we do here at PG Council.

So now that the business part is covered I do want to say thank to the council for two of the larger fundraising activities we do for the community namely Special Olympics. We had a fantastic Car show and 0.1k. These are great and fun events that all members should come enjoy if they have the chance.

Luckily I do not have to report that the council lost any brothers since my last article. So please as the holidays come lets continue to stay healthy and happy to share with each other.

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.

The Fifth Annual Mustang and Fast Ford Car & Truck Show was held with 20 participants. What a beautiful weather day it was.



## District Deputy's Message



Charles Briscoe  
District Deputy

Greetings my brothers all,

Congratulations to the councils in District #2 who submitted their required reports to the Supreme and Maryland State Councils for the first period of the 2024-2025 fraternal year. Now that we are well into the second reporting period of the fraternal year, councils

are reminded to send their Faith in Action (FIA) reports to Supreme Council, Maryland State Council at [reports@kofc-md.org](mailto:reports@kofc-md.org) and to the District Deputy of District #2. NEVER send a report directly to the State Deputy unless he specifically requests it.

Now is a wonderful opportunity for local councils to consider setting up soccer shootouts competitions for the catholic youth in their catholic schools and communities. Winners of local competitions will be eligible to take part in the Maryland State Soccer Shoutout in November 2024. The same is true for the annual Maryland State Council, "Keeping Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Local councils should coordinate with their respective catholic school principals and encouraged them to invite students, in various grade levels, to compete in the annual "Keeping Christ in Christmas State Poster Contest in December 2024.

To help strengthen and expand our order's humanitarian activities, every brother knight is encouraged to invite at least one Catholic brother to join the Knights of Columbus and/or a Catholic lady to join the Ladies Auxiliary to help our order execute the wonderful programs and activities designed to support our priest, our parish and those in need of our services both locally and abroad.

In closing, I wish the ladies of the ladies' auxiliary and every brother knight, and their families and loved ones, a happy Thanksgiving, and a joyous holidays season, and ask that you continue to "Make A Difference in Someone's Life."

Vivat Jesus,  
Charles Briscoe,  
District Deputy, District #2



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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 Knights of Columbus. Give these new Knights a chance to become strong members and advocates for the order. Give them the Leadership training and experience two seven four one seven zero zero 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:

12/14 State Christmas Party Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521

12/22 10 am Mass - Anniversary of Blessed Michael McGivney Ordination Basilica of The Assumption Baltimore, MD

## 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:  
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

## FAITH



### St. Joseph:

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

### St. James:

The Saint James Ladies of Charity host fundraisers and help where needed in the church. Some of our activities include but not limited to the following:

- Seder Dinner
- Christmas Bake Sale & Photos with Santa
- Visit the sick/homebound

Interested in helping others?

The Ladies of Charity motto is, *"To Serve rather than be served in Humility, Simplicity and Charity."* If you would like to join or just want some more information, please contact Celia Wendel at 410-465-5265.

### Holy Redeemer:

12/20 Christmas Pageant

Donate Fruit for S.O.M.E. Holy Redeemer has supported S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat) - a nonprofit in D.C. that fights homelessness and poverty—for many years with food donations. Parishioners are encouraged to bring fresh fruit to the church foyer on the second Thursday of each month by 9am (a driver leaves the church at 9am). It's helpful if your donation is labeled "S.O.M.E." Here is the upcoming schedule: Oct. 10, 2024 – apples Nov. 14, 2024 – apples Dec. 12, 2024 – apples If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Neary at [kathleenseiler@hotmail.com](mailto:kathleenseiler@hotmail.com)

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

November 25th - Remembrance Ceremony



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

December 5th - Breakfast with Santa



**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,  
We are fast approaching the holidays as we move into November. Many charitable projects already underway for the year: Boxes of Joy (20 boxes filled) and Coats for Kids. January brings a trip to Sacred Heart Nursing home to celebrate birthdays with the residents

and February will bring our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Come out to our meeting and see what we are all about. We meet on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00am and it only lasts an hour.

We welcome new ideas to 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.



Trunk or Treat in the Pool Parking lot. Fun was had by both Kids and Adults.

Point One K Race 2024. Over 30 people walked to raise money for Special Olympics Maryland. Thank you to all that participated.



Our November meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 20th and will be Pizza provided by the Club. Feel free to bring a Dessert to share!

Our meeting in December will be a "Christmas Party" and will take place at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 18 and will be Popeye's Chicken provided by the Club and you can bring a dessert to share! Also bring your checkbook or cash to cover your dues for 2025! Why did this year disappear so swiftly? I was just getting warmed up and it's almost gone.

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at the Council (Fernandez Room).

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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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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27	28 Bldg Corp Quarterly Exemplification	29 Bread for our Brothers	30 Seniors Meeting Bread for our Brothers	31 Halloween	<b>November 1</b>	2
3 Day Light Savings Chili Cookoff	4	5 Election Day Bread for our Brothers	6 Bread for our Brothers	7	8 Share Order Due	9
10	11 Veterans Day Blood Drive 2809 Council Mtg	12 Taco Tuesday Bread for our Brothers Program Planning Mtg	13 Bread for our Brothers	14	15	16 Ladies Auxiliary
17	18 Building Corp Mtg	18 Bread for our Brothers	20 Bread for our Brothers	21	22	23 SHARE Delivery
24	25 Memorial Mass 2809 Council Mtg	26 Bread for our Brothers	27 Seniors Meeting Bread for our Brothers	28 <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	29	30
<b>December 1</b>	2	3 Bread for our Brothers	4 Bread for our Brothers	5 Share Order Due	6	7
8	9 2809 Officers Mtg	10 Knight Cap Due Taco Tuesday Program Planning Mtg Bread for our Brothers	11 Bread for our Brothers	12	13	14
15 Breakfast with Santa	16 Bldg Corp Mtg	17 Bread for our Brothers	18 Bread for our Brothers	19	20	21 SHARE Delivery Ladies Auxiliary
22	23 2809 Council Business	24 Bread for our Brothers	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	26	27	28
29	30	31	<b>January 1 NEW YEARS DAY</b>	2	3	4