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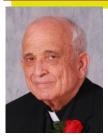
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Chaplain's Message



In the Gospels this month Jesus reveals his divinity. It was disclosed to the magi by a bright star, and after seeing the baby Jesus and his parents, the magi understood the significance of the baby's birth. Later, when Jesus was baptized, a voice from heaven revealed him as the "beloved

Msgr Joaquin Bazan

Son." At the wedding celebration at Cana, Jesus changed water to an overabundance of the finest wine. This particular miracle was the dawning of the messianic age. Jesus knew that at this point he was not ready for his crucifixion but performed the Cana miracle for respect of his mother. Mary knew at that point that the future for her son would not be easy. His earthly work was just beginning.

- How will we know Jesus and experience his continual revelation in our lives during the New Year? Through an epiphany such as the magi experienced and following something in the sky? Not likely. Visually witnessing water changed to wine and an overabundance at that? Not likely either, although we learn towards the end of Jesus' earthly life that the significance of this miracle is a precursor to his death and he bids us to do this in his remembrance. Indeed, we do continue this in the Holy Eucharist through a higher divine (not human) level in transubstantiation. How do we, in our humanity, continue to experience the revelation of Jesus? Jesus, as God, always was, is, and always will be.
- The experience of an epiphany can start with a witness of something ordinary. We have the inclination to seek answers to our questions about the ordinary. We have the ability to question why things happen. Stars in the sky are ordinary. The magi were witness to them on a nightly basis. There was a deliberate significance in the brightest star that particular night. Searching for an answer became personal to them. It became self-embracing. Sometimes the witness of an event may be eyecatching if only for a moment. It might be seeing a full moon or even witnessing one of the atrocities pervading the world today. Again, this

Grand Knight's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

This may get you before Christmas, so if it does, I hope everything is going well and your advent preparations are going well. With Fall officially

over, things have calmed down

a bit at the council. We held a



SK John Foley Grand Knight

very sincere and solemn Memorial Mass, which was well attended, and at the time of this writing, our annual Breakfast with Santa is in a few days, which is hopefully jam packed with kiddos looking for their favorite single malt loving Santa Claus!

A big shout out to Lise and Arnie Powell... not on winning the guest pool yet again, but for a very successful blood drive in November! If I remember right, there was around 40 units collected, which is massive! Great work, Arnie and Lise!

Vivat Jesus, SK John Foley

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witness can become personal. How we embrace the answers in our search of questions can affect us either in a positive or negative way. The choice is ours. We have our free will and perceptions of events. If we select the choice for us that may not be God's, he will show us the way.

Searching the ordinary experiences of our lives for the extraordinary, or epiphanies, is personal and selfembracing. Our humanity limits us to be able to fully experience their fullness. We pray for intercession in order to help us understand what occurs around us.

We pray:

Most powerful Holy Spirit, come down upon us and subdue us. From heaven where the ordinary is made glorious, and glory seems but ordinary. Bathe us with the brilliance of Your light like dew." (Celtic Daily Prayer).

Culture of Life Corner

Greetings: Brothers and Ladies of the Knights,

I love to quote the holy scriptures in reference to Pro-Life. The word of God is powerful as you know.



"You knit me in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139, V13).

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." (Jeremiah 1, V5).

"God hates the shedding of innocent blood." (Proverbs 6, V17).

This is the Word of God from the Holy Bible.

Respectfully, SK Francis A. Hunter Pro-Life Advocate, #2809

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

Conor Hardy Mt. St. Mary's Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Joseph Heisey Theological College 401 Michigan Avenue, NE Washington, DC 20017

Gregory Lawrence St. John Paul II Seminary 145 Taylor Street, NE Washington, DC 20017

May They Rest in Peace

Thanks be to God that we did not lose any Knights of Columbus members or family members this period.

Financial Secretary's Message

Brothers,

As we begin to wind down and as 2024 draws to a close, it is time my role as Financial Secretary begins to ramp



up. As I write this article I have begun 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 please as I ask be ready for these dues requests. If we pay them timely it will allow for the council to be as active as ever.
- Remember that due to the great efforts of the council in the beginning of the year we qualified for the Fast Start initiative. This has allowed our council to become exempt from Per Capita for the first half of 2025. This is a great savings to the council and will allow us to do more next year.
- So now that the business part is covered I do want state that the council is in the midst of preparing for one of our most charitable events. I was happy to place the order for our coats for kids earlier this month. This is a great event as we get to help children in the community experience a warm coat for the winter. And based on recent temperatures they will need them.
- 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.

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Happy New Year and greetings brother knights of councils in District #2.

As we move into the second half of the 2024-2025

Charles Briscoe District Deputy

fraternal year, your attention is
directed to events and activities that

are scheduled to occur during January and February of 2025.

- The National March for Life will take place in Washington, DC on Friday, January 24, 2025, beginning with a Pre-Rally Concert at 11:00am, followed by a pro-life rally, and the March for Life procession at 1:00pm. All brother knights and their families are encouraged to support and, where possible, participate in the March for Life activities.
- The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC needs brother knights to serve as ushers for the various march for life masses that will be offered for local and out of state participants and visitors.
- The Maryland State Council's127th State Convention will be held at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis Maryland from May 2—May 4th , 2025. Online hotel reservations at negotiated discount rates are now being accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until March 1, 2025. Reservations made after March 1, 2025, will have to be made through the Crowne three three one two nine five one Plaza Hotel management at the prevailing rates.
- As we begin the new year, I challenge every brother knight to make a resolution to invite a new member, monthly, to join the Knights of Columbus or invite a catholic lady to join the Ladies Auxiliary, and "<u>Make a Difference in</u> <u>Someone's Life</u>."

Vivat Jesus, Charles Briscoe District Deputy, District #2 Brothers, as Knights, we emphasized the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas. In fact, keeping Christ at the center of everything we do is a year-round mission. Whenever we serve our parish or community, we serve Christ. I also see my service to families as a way to honor Him. When I sit down with a family and help them ensure their financial protection, I am serving his Church. I think about this often, and as I look back on 2024, reminiscing on all of the relationships I have made with Knights and the security I have helped provide them and their families, I am incredibly grateful.

Now, I ask you, as we enter into 2025, consider how any changes from the past year might affect your life insurance portfolio. Even joyous occasions like buying a new house or sending a kid to college. This time next year if the unimaginable happened to you or your spouse? If your answers to these questions are not certain, I encourage you to set up time to meet with me. Let's work together to create a plan that would not only help protect your family but give you the peace of mind and security you all deserve. If there is any way I can offer help, please reach out to me.



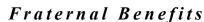
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Congratulations to the Knight of the Month, and Family of the Month for all you do to support the Council and the community

January

Knight of the month - Tom Chestlo Family of the month - The Chestlo family **February**

Knight of the month - Patrick Geisler Family of the month - The Smith family Woman behind the Man - Lisa Chestlo



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Council, State, Supreme Information

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 and 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 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:

1/4 Midterm Meeting Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521 Jeffrey Wilk

1/11 Maryland District 4th Degree Exemplification Ocean City Council 9053 Jeffrey Wilk

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

St. Joseph:

Faith

Continuing Education Spring 2025: "Called to Love: Theology of the Body".

Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm, Jan. 22-April 30, 2025 Jesus called the Samaritan woman to a conversion of the heart, to be able to live God's call to love in truth. This course will explore how John Paul II unfolded the Catholic vision of the person and the vocation of human love. information@johnpaulii.edu or 202.526.3799

St. James:

Join us at the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 8, 2025, 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples must register with their parish office by January 24, 2025, to attend the Mass and/or request a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year. All married couples and their families are welcome, regardless of how long they have been married. Please contact your parish office to register.

Holy Redeemer:

Guest speaker January 15th at 7:00 pm in the Four Seasons Room. Mr. Michael Ortner, Philanthropist supporting Catholic Education and Mr. Alvaro de Vicente, Headmaster of the Heights.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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.

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

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025



Ladies,

I can't believe another year has passed! Time to make keep those New Year's Resolutions. Did you promise yourself to do something for yourself? Did you promise to give something back to the

Church or Council. Why not fulfill that promise and join the Ladies Auxiliary. We generally meet the third Saturday of each month at 10:00am with light refreshments served. Our meetings only last an hour and it is refreshing to get together and make a difference in our Council and Community by doing acts of Kindness.

Our January meeting will be held on the 25th due to the MLK Holiday.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the ladies or call Carolyn Lank at 301-937-8756 or Janet Alessandrini at jalessan@umd.edu.





Happy New Year!

January 29, 2025, the Seniors Club will have a "Brown Bag" lunch at 12:00noon followed by a brief meeting and several games of Bingo!

On February 26, we will again have a "Brown Bag" lunch followed by Bingo!

The Club will provide desserts!

Several attendee at the December meeting paid their dues for 2025. If you are not among them, please bring your dues when you attend the next meeting.

Thank you to Santa, Mrs. Claus and Frosty for making the Breakfast on Saturday, December 15th such a treat!



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> Order Deadline: Thursday, January 2, 2025

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Note: You must first purchase a Value Package before adding on one or more of the deals below. All specials below are limited!

Smoothie Special (NEW) (\$20)

Frozen Strawberries - 2 lbs Frozen Blueberries - 2 lbs Frozen Pineapples - 2 lbs Frozen Spinach - 2 lbs

Superbowl Party Wings (\$15)

3 2.5 lb bags of party wings

Produce Box (\$23) 10 lbs of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Download your flyer here: http://www.kofc2809.org/share/share.pdf

Pick up your order at: Knights of Columbus 9450 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD 20740 BY 7:30am on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

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Council Bulletin

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Knight or Family of the Month

If you would like to nominate someone for Knight of the Month or a family for Family of the Month, please contact GK John Foley at 301.919.0498 or foleyjohnm@gmail.com

Knights Clubhouse Information

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Mary, Queen Of The Knights

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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