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Chaplain's Message



Msgr Joaquin Bazan

Article written by Chaplain Patrick L. Brown

Seasons change Catholic values cannot

Waking up this morning for a walk, I felt the cold chill of October air, magnified by the wind it had me wide awake quickly and ready for my first mug of steaming hot coffee before I finished my walk. I was reminded that Fall was here…Seasons were changing.

As a very young man, I used to be so excited in October, as the temperatures cooled, it was a fun time to be outdoors. Hiking, biking and just enjoying the color of the changing leaves. It was also a time for Halloween. A time when my friends and I could have fun collecting lots of delicious candy and get into some harmless mischief and not get into too much trouble!

Halloween was imported to the United States from Ireland and had originally been part of a Pagan custom. It has evolved into a commercial enterprise for retailers, costume makers, candy companies an entertainment industry.

Like so many secular traditions, we can easily lose sight of the religious or spiritual side of Fall. Our Western culture has over-emphasized October 31, Halloween, and neglected November 1, All Saints Day and November 2, All-Souls Day. As a community of faith, let us remember on November 1, all of the Saints, Martyrs and Holy men and women of our church. So many great spiritual mentors to help us, guide us, and intercede with God on our behalf. On November 2, All-Souls Day, we remember all our family, friends and loved ones who have passed into Eternity. Let us remember to pray for all souls in Purgatory. Let us keep praying for those who have died, maintaining that very Catholic tradition of intercessory prayer. Having the certain knowledge that when each of us passes from human existence into Eternity, there will be Christians praying for the repose of our souls. Don't ever stop! Don't ever give up! May God continue to Bless you and protect you from all evil.

Remember God loves you!

Chaplain's Message



SK Tom Chestlo
Grand Knight

As we enter November, we pause in gratitude for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us: our faith, our families, our parish, and the fellowship we share as Knights. Thanksgiving reminds us that gratitude is more than a feeling; it is a call to serve. Let us show our thankfulness by reaching out to those in need, supporting our Council's charitable efforts and welcoming every opportunity to strengthen our community.

November is also a time to remember and pray for our deceased brother Knights and loved ones. Our Remembrance Mass is scheduled for Monday, November 23, and I encourage all brother Knights and their families to join us in prayer. Their example of faith, service and fraternity continues to inspire us. May we honor their legacy by living the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in all that we do.

As December begins, we enter the sacred season of Advent, preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus Christ. Amid the celebrations and busy schedules, I encourage each of us to make time for prayer, reflection, and acts of kindness. The Christmas season offers a special opportunity to share Christ's light with our families, our parish and our neighbors who may be lonely or struggling.

Thank you to every brother Knight and family member who gives time, talent, and support to our Council throughout the year. Your generosity makes our good works possible and gives true meaning to our fraternity. I look forward to sharing the fellowship of the season with you and to continuing our mission together in the new year.

May God bless our Council, our families, and all those we are privileged to serve.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Tom Chestlo, Grand Knight

Culture of Life Corner

No report was received by the time of this publication.



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Please reach out to the Seniors Committee members for update.

The **Bread for Our Brothers** ministry that the Council has sponsored for more than 25 years needs additional drivers for the program to continue. Work involves picking up boxes of donated bread from Bakery DeFrance in Rockville and delivering them to 2 or 3 specific charities in the district or suburban Maryland. Time commitment is 3 hours once or twice per month on either a Tuesday or Wednesday. This ministry is not restricted to K-of-C members only, and any family members or friends who might be willing to participate are welcome. For information, call Brother Dennis O'Malley, 301-328-7500.

Children's Halloween Party



Financial Secretary's Message



Brothers,

Well, we are already flying through the year under GK Tom Chestlo. One quarter down, three to go.

As of today, we have around 65 members who are still behind in their dues this year. This is still good to sit at as we are below 10%. However, this means the rest of the council is carrying them. So please, if you haven't paid your dues yet, please consider paying it before the end of the year.

Unfortunately, part of my role is that I am one of the people in the council who has to track our brothers who have passed onto the eternal reward. This year, we have had some quick hit us as just this past week we have lost a handful of brothers and wives. This is especially important this month as we are working to celebrate and remember our brothers who have passed on in our Memorial Mass this month. As Knights we have an obligation dating back to our foundation to care for our fallen brothers and widows.

I would also be remiss if I didn't point out that unfortunately of late, we are losing more members than we are bringing into the order. Now, we did just have a very nice exemplification on October 27, where we brought in 3 new members. However, this has only kept our membership level as unfortunately three passed on as well. Therefore, to facilitate our continue existence, I must ask, have you asked an eligible man to join the council? Dave and our exemplification team stand ready to assist with bringing men into the order. We just need interested men to commit.

As to the council's standing, I am happy to report the Council is in good standing with both Supreme three one six three seven one six and the State. This is great news as we are positioning ourselves to be in great position to continue to help our communities and parishes for a bright future.

Thank you again my Brother Knights for your continued support of the council and me to carry out the business side of the Councils affairs. I was recently informed that there have been some regulatory changes that were approved at the Supreme Convention that I will have more information on as it becomes available. Again, I thank you and the officers as well as Supreme for the faith in me in this role. It has been a great pleasure and honor to serve as PC Council's Financial Secretary.

Regards,
Bryan Adamczyk, F.S.

District Deputy's Message



Ikechukwu (Ike) Agbim
District Deputy

No report was received by the time of this publication.

MUSTANG AND FAST FORD CAR SHOW
Saturday, October 17 was a success!



















Fraternal Benefits

Greetings Brother Knights of 2809!

Please take a moment and remember Father McGivney's mission to protect Catholic families and pray for our dearly departed. I had the privilege of resolving the affairs of former Grand Knight Hugh O'Donnell this year, who left funds for his widow and three of his favorite charities. I also met Dina Kozar who used to work with Bob Callaway in the office Supreme had at 2809.

Some previous agents have damaged the reputation of the Fraternal Benefits Advisor and I want to restore the honorable nature of the work Father McGivney set out to do.

2809 is an anchor of the community. Your accomplishments and leadership are worthy of imitation by other Councils. I look forward to deepening my relationship with you.

Thank you for your service!

Merry Christmas!
Reginald Stuart II
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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The Supreme Council website has the Supreme Knights Annual Report.
There is also information pertaining to the recent pilgrimage to Lourdes.
Check out both at the website: https:kofc-md.org

Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights

Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday at St. Katherine Drexel Church, 8428 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick
Christmas Dinner, December 2 @ 6:30, see Faithful Navigator Bill Cutchin for RSVP

Archbishop Michael J. Curley Assembly No. 383

Assembly Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Msgr. Keesler Parish Center at St. Mary of the Mills Parish in Laurel, MD.
Next Meeting is December 4th
Memorial Mass will be held on December 21st

Membership

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

The next Exemplification will be announced by the Grand Knight

Schedule for the exemplification:
Candidate report time: 6:30pm
Degree will begin at 7:00pm
Jacket and tie is suggested

Families are now welcome to attend the Degree.

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, Tom Chestlo, 301-452-5723

Faith

St. Joseph:

Our Sunday, 10:30 am Mass **Choir** is looking for additional voices, especially sopranos, tenors and bass. Practices are on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. For more information or to sign up contact Sarah Garcia at music@stjosephbeltsville.org
Pantry Hours: Saturdays, 8:30am-10:00am
Much Needed Items: Ketchup, Pancake mix, Syrup, Soup, Fruit, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Tuna Fish, Sardines, Canned Chicken, Cooking Oil, Dry Beans, Spam, Canned Vegetables, Corned Beef, Rice, Masa, Cereal, Oatmeal, Canned Pasta.
Gift Cards for: Aldi, Dollar Tree, Grocery Outlet, Giant
More information, contact Linda Marshall: spacelady1978@outlook.com or 301-642-1194

St. James:

Nothing to report

Holy Redeemer:

Our 2026 Harvest Bazaar is scheduled for November 13 and 14th This is the church and school's largest annual fundraiser of the year! The success of the Harvest Bazaar is essential for the financial well-being of our parish!

Council Activities

November 7 - Quarter Auction
November 9 – Blood Drive
November 23 – Remembrance Mass

Family Activities

December 13 – 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.

In September, our Ladies purchased items for a boy or girl that would fit in a "shoe box" for children who would not be receiving a Christmas Present. In October, we held a yard sale. January, we plan a birthday party for Sacred Heart Nursing Home for January Birthdays.

These are just a little of what we are doing to help others. Why don't you come to one of our meetings? You would be surprised at the different things that we do. Our meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00am and usually only run one hour.

Questions, please call Carolyn Lank 301-937-8756 or contact Janet Alessandrini @ jalessan2015@gmail.com



You can be great to our 2026 Tootsie Roll drive by helping at University Maryland Football Tailgates. Please check your schedule and see if you can set aside some time on November 14, and/or November 28. We can carpool to the University and begin handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations. Just after kickoff, and the crowds are gone, we will head back to the clubhouse.

A quick two hours of "hey great shirt", "Knights of Columbus", "Go Terps", "Would you like a Tootsie Roll", "OH", "Help Duckworth Center", "just stick it in my can".

We are also working on arrangements to support drives after masses at Holy Redeemer, St James, and St Josephs in November and December. You will be notified as the dates are finalized.

Feel free to bring out your bride or older children to help. This is a great event to earn service hours. Please let me know, either way, if you can make it out. Looking forward to seeing you!

Vivat Jesus
SK Joe Odum, PFN
410-579-4774

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 – Steve O'Shaughnessy
Family of the month – Burns Family
Woman behind the Man – Kelly O'Shaughnessy

December

Knight of the month – Jim Lintner
Family of the month – Powell Family
Woman behind the Man – Mary Fran Lintner

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Cheddar Cheese (1/2 lb)

Pick up your order at: Knights of Columbus
9450 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD 20740
BY 7:30am on Saturday, November 21, 2026.

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Day Light Savings	2	3 *Bread for Brothers*	4 *Bread for Brothers*	5 *Share Order Due*	6	7 *Quarter Auction*
8	9 *Blood Drive* *Officers Meeting*	10 *Bread for Brothers* *Taco Tuesday*	11 *Bread for Brothers* *Program Planning*	12	13	14
15	16 *Building Corp*	17 *Bread for Brothers*	18 *Bread for Brothers*	19	20	21 *Share Delivery* *Ladies Auxiliary*
22	23 *Remembrance Mass*	24 *Bread for Brothers*	25 *Bread for Brothers*	26 ***THANKSGIVING***	27	28
29	30 *Business Meeting*					

December 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 *Bread for Brothers*	2 *Bread for Brothers*	3 *Share order due*	4	*5*
6	7	8 *Bread for Brothers* *Taco Tuesday*	9 *Bread for Brothers* *Program Planning*	10 *Knight Cap Due*	11	12
13 Breakfast with Santa	14 *Officers Meeting*	15 *Bread for Brothers*	16 *Bread for Brothers*	17	18	19 *Share Delivery* *Ladies Auxiliary*
20	21 *Building Corp*	22 *Bread for Brothers*	23 *Bread for Brothers*	24	25 ***CHRISTMAS***	26
287	28 *Business Meeting*	29 *Bread for Brothers*	30 *Bread for Brothers*	31 ***NEW YEARS EVE***		

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The last Blood Drives for 2026 will be **November 9, 2026** and the 2027 dates are scheduled for: February 1, May 10, August 9 and November 8. from 12:00pm to 5:30 pm at the Council (Fernandez Room).

There were 28 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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Hidden Member Number:

Somewhere in this issue is the seven digit membership number of one lucky Knight. The number is spelled out in words. If you are that lucky member, a prize awaits you if you contact the Grand Knight before the next issue of the Knight Cap. ***Kenneth P. Reising*** could have been a winner had he found his number in the previous publication.

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