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Worthy State Deputy, herein submitted for your approval is the annual report of the Council Growth Team of the Maryland State Council.

Council Growth and Retention were carried out during the 2020 -2021 year by a team made up of a Council Growth Director, On-Line Membership Director, Retention Chairmen, Round Table Chairman, Regional Advisors, a team for New Council Development and a District Deputy for Spanish Speaking Councils.

Directors – COUNCIL GROWTH -Tom O'Hara, Council #13859, ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP – Hank Pokigo, Council #13859.

Regional Advisors – Paul Zimmerman Council #8159 (Districts 2,9,12,29), Chris Daigle Council #2521 (Districts 1,17,19,28), Stephen F. Conley Council #4714 (Districts 13, 16, 27), Steve L. Law Council #2293 (Districts 2,9,12,29), Steve P. Ransdell Council #1393 (Districts 21,25,32), Bernard Liswell Council #12054 & Thomas E. Irwin Council #9053 (Districts 22,26), Robert T. Donnelly Council #5253 (Districts 3,4,10,15), Bill Szyperksi Council #14099 (Districts 5,7,23,24), Anthony (Tony) Durso Council #11105 (Districts 6,11,18,30) Bob Sweitzer Council #1442 & Michael Jacobs Council #13290 (Districts 8,30,31). Retention Chairman – Baltimore Chapter Dick Belmonte Council #4714, McNamara Chapter - John Vassallo and Section Chapter Bob Jack Council #11703. Our New Council Development Team of General Agents Robert S. Marlowe, JR. Council #2521 and Harry Canter Council #2527. The Advisors to the Spanish Speaking Councils Willians A. Castillo-Vallenas DD Council #17192 and Jesus Lopez-Villa DW Council #1384.

At this time, I would like to give a special "Thank You" to our Online Council Growth Chairman, Hank Pokigo #13859. Hank handled the duties of seeing to it that all the EMEMBERSHIP Applications were funneled to the proper councils. Along with that he made several presentations to explain EMembership. At times that became a daunting task. Also, many thanks to Eric Johnson, PSD and Supreme territorial Growth Director and Steve Cohen, PSD Supreme Regional Growth Director for fielding the many questions concerning the Prospect Tab that Hank and I had. We would have been lost without them.

The mission of the Council Growth and Retention Team is to develop and strengthen the membership of the Maryland Jurisdiction, assessing the State's growth and retention needs and develop strategies to enable councils to recruit members and to activate former members.

Recruiting strategies were presented at the Grand Knights Seminar, the Fall, Mid-Term and Spring Meetings which due to the Covid-19 Pandemic were all virtual. Recruiting strategies were based on the "Evangelization Concept". In other words, be the best example of what a Knight is by your example and ask men to join and they will come.

We supplemented Council Growth with an active Retention Program. The core message was that retaining our Brother Knights is Fraternity in action. Councils were encouraged to never

let their fraternal relationship to their members to become impersonal or merely administrative. This was the year of "Faith in Action". It was to reinforce our Catholicism and called on us to be agents of the new Evangelization. Grand Knights along with Council Growth and Retention Chairmen were reminded of this throughout the year and invited to be living examples of Blessed Father McGivney's vision of Catholic men. Our Knights are making a difference at the local level throughout the State of Maryland.

The Council Growth and Retention Team thanks our Worthy State Deputy for the opportunity to combine as a single team this year and looks forward to continued growth of our Order as we live the reality of Our Faith in Action.

Respectfully,

Tom O'Hara – Council Growth Director

Hank Pokigo – Online Council Growth Chairman

Report of the Maryland State Council Program Director

The annual report of the Maryland State Council Program Director is submitted for your review and consideration.

The 2020-2021 fraternal year was incredibly unique with the challenges it presented due to covid-19, yet the way in which councils throughout Maryland responded by putting their faith into action was remarkable. More councils than ever participated in the Faith in Action model and it was exciting to see how they activated programs across the entire platform, including those in faith, family, community and life.

Activity Directors for this fraternal year included Faith- Lou Woods (7025); Community- Bill Newbrough (5567); Family- Dirk Griffin (1965); and Life- John Sniezke (11898).

The Leadership Seminar was held virtually on June 26 (DD's) and June 27 (GK's). At that time Maryland State Council topics were covered and included: introduction of the State program directors, explanation of why we conduct programs, new reporting process and procedures, calendar planning, and program updates.

Program and Membership Seminars were conducted virtually over the course of four evenings during July and August which enabled each program director to describe in detail his key ~~programs- and then answer any questions from councils.~~ The State Program Director hosted these seminars, most of which were well attended.

The Fall meeting was held on October 24, 2020 at The Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg. A formal presentation regarding Programs was given by Terry Waters who covered topics such as: program options during the pandemic, new programs and program updates.

The Mid-term meeting was held virtually on January 9, 2021. Terry Waters presented content that included: YTD successful program execution, program planning for the back half of the year, new programs, and program updates. Note that incoming GKs were invited to attend in an effort to help them in their planning process with the upcoming fraternal year.

The Spring meeting was held virtually on March 6, 2021. Terry Waters presented program updates that included: YTD program success stories, program awards and the reporting process, and new programs.

The State Activity Directors are responsible for judging all of the activity reports submitted by the councils. To be eligible for any of the **Faith in Action** awards that are presented at the convention, councils had to conduct an activity in each of the four programs areas during each reporting period, and then submit reports to the State Program Director by March 15. A **Faith in Action** participation plaque will be presented to each council that performed and documented their activities in the fraternal year. Note the Peter O'Sullivan maintained the FIA tracking form.

This year the Program team placed an enormous focus on FIA program execution and took significant steps to improve communication and understanding. We removed the "fear" of report writing by requiring only the submission of Form 10784 after the completion of a program. In addition, only one written report was required, and that involved the completion and submission

of a council's "best of the best" program- one for each of the program categories. The Program Director also participated in numerous District Deputy meetings, during which he would explain the new reporting process to the DD and to the GK's on the call. In addition, the new report tracking process that we implemented involving report submissions to Peter O'Sullivan, enabled us to continually focus on councils who were struggling with program execution.

The program team also hosted a number of Program Forum "Happy Hour" sessions on the last Monday evening of the month. These were fun and informative zoom sessions that enabled Knights to share their success stories and to learn from each other.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Worthy State Deputy Vince Grauso for appointing me as the Maryland State Program Director. It has been a most rewarding experience to work with the DDs and GKs of the Maryland jurisdiction. It also has been my pleasure to work with the Activity Directors and their Chairmen- these men showed grace under pressure and did a wonderful job!

I also want to thank the activities director's wives – Susie Woods, Melanie Newbrough, Tami Griffin, and Virginia Sniezek for their support throughout this fraternal year. It takes a great deal of personal time for the directors to perform in their roles and I appreciate each of these wives and their willingness to share that with the Knights.

Fraternally,

Terry Waters
Program Director

Book of Reports – Community

Bill Newbrough, Community Director

In fraternal year 2020 – 2021, we were in the midst of an unprecedented pandemic that called for our commitment to service like never before. At times, our standard approach to providing volunteer support by rolling up our shirt sleeves and calling upon our Brother Knights was a challenge due to restrictions of social distancing and limits on in person gatherings. That being understood, exceptional times call for exceptional efforts to serve our communities as we seek to embody the spirit of this year's signature Community Program "**Leave No Neighbor Behind.**" Following the direction of our Supreme Knight, Community Programs hosted by our councils sought to:

- Serve our Brother Knights, their families, and widows in this time of need.
- Support our parishes and pastors.
- Provide support for our communities and all those in need.
- Make special effort to feed the hungry and support local food distribution efforts.
- And to support, promote and hold blood drives.

The Community Programs planned, promoted, and hosted by our councils this fraternal year benefitted our communities and parishes in much needed and in some cases critical ways. These programs were greatly appreciated by Catholics and non-Catholics alike. By putting their Faith into Action our councils' programs, served those in need while inspiring others to service – personifying St. John Paul II's call to live the "**Charity that Evangelizes!**"

Leave No Neighbor Behind

This program was planned and executed across the state in a wide variety of ways. Communities across Maryland vary widely. The fraternal year 2020 – 2021 saw each council, identifying the critical needs of their community and responding in effective and much needed ways. The response included reaching out to each Knight of the council to check on their condition and to offer services like providing a ride to the doctor or delivering food. Councils supported their pastors and parishes by helping to clean and sanitize the churches and providing much needed supplies and funding. Many of our councils worked to support their communities by providing volunteers to man the parking lots of Covid testing sites or by taking members for Covid vaccines. One of the most effective and frequently hosted programs included support for local food pantries, food collections and distributions. Finally, many councils worked hard to plan and host blood drives organized through American Red Cross.

Little Sisters of the Poor Support

Starting in May of 2020, councils across the state of MD began taking up monthly collections to support elderly care facilities run by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington DC, Catonsville MD, and Wilmington DE. Over the past year, councils have dropped off cleaning supplies, personal care items, office supplies, food, water, and personal hygiene items as well as financial contributions to support the Little Sisters of the Poor who care for the destitute elderly in our communities. Items were dropped off

at 7 collection sites across the state on the 3rd Saturday of every month. To date, well over 12 tons of donated items and \$15,000 in financial contributions have been delivered to the Little Sister's Jeanne Jugan Houses. FDD Walt Leskuski led this effort with great success!

Coats for Kids

This program was once again led by Program Chair Ray Traub who continued to receive excellent support from the MD State Council which donated over 850 coats to 6 inner city schools in Baltimore and 5 parishes and communities. A highlight of the program occurred on December 4, 2020 at Holy Angels School in Baltimore as the State Council was joined by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori who personally gave out 40 coats. The Catholic Daughters of America also provided tremendous support in helping with this event. In addition to the coats purchased by the MD State Council, Mother Seton Chapter of Grand Knights purchased and distributed 524 coats to needy children in the Frederick MD area.

Box of Joy / Cross Catholic Outreach

In its 4th year as a major Community activity in Maryland, the Box of Joy program led by PGK Alex Lopez Bueno, continued to gain momentum as 38 councils and ladies auxiliaries participated in this annual Christmas gift campaign organized by Cross Catholic Outreach (CCO). Working together, Maryland Knights contributed over 2,200 gift boxes, all of which were shipped to several Third World countries where children received them as Christmas presents. And on Saturday April 10, 2021 Knights from throughout Maryland provided volunteer assistance for first annual food packing event sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach to address the critical issue of hunger in our world today. That morning the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights hosted the event in partnership with Cross Catholic Outreach as volunteers packed over 40,000 nutrient-rich meals for children in Guatemala! 4,000 of the meals were sent to the Baltimore area and benefitted local children.

Christmas Cards for Military Service Members

This inspiring program involved Knights from throughout Maryland sending Christmas cards with hand-written notes to service members overseas. Led by Former Master Thomas Gruel, the program successfully shipped 2000 cards to 12 forward operating bases and 781 pounds / 81 boxes of "goody" items to our deployed troops.

Recognition Program:

The Maryland State Council and Program Chair Steven Bayliff recognized and celebrated our "Hometown Heroes" including the Family of the Year, Catholic Teacher; CCD Teacher; Citizen; Law Enforcement Officer; Firefighter, Healthcare Worker and EMT of the Year after the 139th Annual K of C Founder's Day Mass Sunday, March 21, 2021 at Our Lady of the Fields Church, 1070 Cecil Avenue South, Millersville, Maryland. This year's awards included the new category of "Healthcare Worker of the Year" in order to recognize the significant life-saving work of healthcare workers during the pandemic. The day was a great success and one of the first "in person" events of the fraternal year.

Intellectual Disability (aka “Tootsie Roll”) Program

Our Knights’ ability to raise funds this year through the “Tootsie Roll” program was greatly hampered by Covid restrictions. In an effort to give councils more time to collect for this most important charitable outreach, the MD State Council pushed back the funds submission date for Tootsie Roll collection to June 1, 2021. Councils were encouraged to “think outside the box” and plan an innovative approach to fund raising focusing on the charities themselves. Intellectual Disabilities Program Chairs John Strawbridge and Yen Lee continue to work hard to meet the critical funding needs of the many local charities sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Socks for Souls

Socks are the #1 most requested and least donated clothing item for those in need. By hosting a “**Socks for Souls**” drive, councils help those in need in a safe but life changing way – allowing them to: Stay Mobile / Find Shelter / Identify and prevent foot injuries before they become debilitating and Help them to find work. The Threaded Cross Christian Sock Ministry founded by Brother Knight Steve Cleary and his wife Roseann has been providing socks to those in need since 2009. The MD State Council continues to promote The Threaded Cross “**Socks for Souls**” Ministry and its mission to distribute 10,000 pairs of socks every month to those in need.

Wheelchair Program

On Thursday March 25th, 2021, the MD State Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 20 wheelchairs to members of the military services and veterans undergoing medical treatment at Perry Point VA Medical Center in Perryville, MD. The program was organized by MD State Wheelchair Program Chairman Wayne Davis. The presentation took place in the chapel of the Perry Point VA Medical Center and commenced at 2 PM. In attendance were MD State Deputy Vince Grauso, Immediate PSD Dale Trott, Master of the 4th Degree for the Maryland District Fritz Leach, Director of Community Programs Bill Newbrough, MD State Photographer Rick Askins, Don Kerns Past State 2nd Degree Chairman and Brother Knights of various councils in District 16 including Havre de Grace Council 2002 and Bel Air Council 4714.

Faith Activities

Louis R Woods, Jr. Director

The Maryland State Council Vocation Enhancement Programs supports the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Archdiocese of Wilmington, and Archdiocese of Washington DC Seminarians and Young Ladies who are in the Novitiate Program are included in this program. Due in large part to the efforts of the Vocations Support Chairmen, all Archdiocesan seminarians are sponsored by at least one Council, Assembly, Ladies' Auxiliary or Squires Circle.

The Blessed McGivney Guild promotes the cause for canonization of our founder, The Blessed Michael J. McGivney. The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. Membership in the Guild is open to anyone who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Blessed Michael McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory.

The Shrine Usher Program is one of the Supreme Council signature programs that the Maryland State Council is very heavily involved. The program is a joint effort by the Knights of Columbus from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. It takes approximately 300 ushers to serve the weekend Mass schedule as well support other special Masses and celebration at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. The Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg also has a great Usher Program. The responsibility of each usher in both programs is to protect the Eucharist when given out at Mass and to protect the shrine from possible harm.

The State Council has a Perpetual Memorial Society. A memorial can be made for any brother or lady who passes away. Mass cards are given to the next of kin. The names are inscribed in a permanent Memorial book, which is present at every State sponsored Mass. The book is carried in the Offertory procession and is placed upon the altar. Those memorialized are remembered in each mass.

The Marian Icon program, Mary Help of Persecuted Christians ended up on Hiatus due to the Covid 19 pandemic. It will hopefully begin again in the new Fraternal Year

The State Memorial Mass was celebrated on November 16th, 2020 at St. Louis Church in Clarksville, MD. The Mass was celebrated by State Chaplain Fr Jojo Opalda. Prior to Mass, a necrology was read by the State Officers which included over 150 brother Knights and Ladies who had passed during the year.

The Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference, which was scheduled for St. Phillip Neri church in Linthicum, MD. Became a Virtual meeting because of the Pandemic

On March 28, 2021 the State Council will hold the annual Founders' Day Mass at Our Lady of the Fields Church in Millersville, MD.

I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy Vincent Grauso for giving me this opportunity to serve the State Council. I would be remiss if I did not also thank my wife, Susie, for all her assistance and support this past year.

None of these events would be possible without the efforts of the Faith Activities chairmen. Please thank our team.

Faith Activities Team

Phillip Tabbita – Religious Liberty Promotions
James Duryee - Memorial and Founders Day Mass
Stephen Jacobs - Our Lady of Persecuted Christians Icon
W. Fred Taylor - Rosary and Spiritual Reflections programs
Thomas Speck - Father McGivney Guild
Patrick McAleer - Basilica Ushers
Dirk Griffin - Seton Shrine Ushers
Regina McCurdy & Mary Jo Sierco - Liturgical Music
Steve Hubbard - Cantor
Anthony Boehk - Catholic Men's Fellowship
Michael Clemens - Vocations Enhancement & RSVP Chairman
Lawrence Grayson – Archdiocese of Washington Liaison
James Chachulski – Vocations Support Baltimore Archdiocese
Jamie Caulfield – Vocations Support – Washington DC Archdiocese
Thomas Irwin – Wilmington Diocese
Bob Sweitzer - Perpetual Memorial Society
Nick Clemens – St. John Paul II Pilgrimage

Report of the Maryland State Council Family Activities Director

The Maryland State Council Family Activities Team was ready to provide leadership and guidance to the Councils in our State. With the support of our State Deputy, Vince Grauso, the State Council Officers, State Council Program Director Terry Waters, District Deputies, my fellow Directors and all the Program Chairmen and Chairladies, we oversaw programs that were offered at the State and Council levels. Together the families of Maryland had ample opportunity to gather fraternally through the various family events.

Unfortunately, the 2020-2021 coronavirus pandemic put a huge damper on some of the annual family activities held throughout the state. The challenges began with the cancellation of the Annual State Council Picnic, which was to be held on September 12, 2020. My thanks to Chairmen Craig Van and Ike Agbim for the work they had completed before all ground to a halt. Likewise, the spring Family Day at Hersheypark also was cancelled for the year, as well as other family event gatherings during the year. We hope and pray that through the touch of our Lord and Savior's hand, the new fraternal year will bring a return to normalcy for these programs.

Despite some big cancellations, other programs continue to flourish during the pandemic:

Food for Families

The Food for Families Program was one of the Order's programs that actually got a big boost from the pandemic as many families throughout the Maryland jurisdiction and the entire Order were suddenly hit with a lack of food due to income issues and problems with the food supply chain. Councils throughout the Maryland jurisdiction sprang into action by conducting food drives and distribution events. Many were conducted under the Leave No Neighbor Behind banner of programs, under the ~~Food for Families~~ program, and under the auspices of many local food pantries and other organizations. Literally tons of food and thousands of dollars were donated throughout the state.

In an effort to recognize some of the greatest and most productive efforts in this arena, councils in Maryland were polled and asked for their best stories and programs so they might be recognized and shared throughout the state in order to inspire even wider participation. As a result of this call, the efforts of Patuxent Council 2203 and Msgr. John Pennington Council 9808 were recognized in the State newsletter and each council was awarded \$50 to put forward to their efforts.

Many thanks to Chairman Chris Coker for his oversight and guidance in both the Family of the Month and Family of the Year Programs.

Family of the Month and Family of the Year

The Family of the Month Program is designed to offer a way for councils to extend appreciation and gratitude to the families in their council in recognition of their services to the church, community, and family. It is an inexpensive and effective way to recognize both the knight and his family. Each month, the Supreme Council randomly selects one family in each of the Order-wide jurisdictions to receive a beautiful Holy Family plaque and a personal letter from the Supreme Knight. This year, we increased participation in this program and look to continue that upward trend.

The Family of the Year Program is an extension of the Family of the Month Program. This year we received many high-quality nominations. The Family of the Year winner was the family of Jimmy Williams and Sarah Patishnock from Patuxent Council #2203. The award was presented to the family at the Founder's Day Awards on March 21, 2021.

Many thanks to Chairman Tom Chayka for his oversight and guidance in both the Family of the Month and Family of the Year Programs.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

This year as in previous ones, this program was a success despite the challenges facing councils in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Rules were adjusted to allow for more time for the competitions and electronic submissions were accepted to encourage virtual or remote participation. All the posters were given to the chairman by the January 9th deadline. The hardest part was choosing the winners from more than 75 very talented artists who had won council competitions. All winners received certificates and first place winners in each age group (5-7, 8-10, and 11-14) were awarded \$50 while second and third place winners were awarded \$25 and \$10, respectively. The State's winners were announced in the April 2020 State Newsletter and the first place entries were forwarded to the Supreme Council for participation in the International competition.

Many thanks to all of the councils and participants and to Chairman Ed Day for directing a great program in the midst of our 2020 challenges.

Widow's Program

This long-standing program that seeks to recognize widows of past members continues to be well received by the majority of Councils in Maryland. This program is chaired by Dick Bissell. If your Council is not participating, contact Dick or myself and we can show you how your council can join in.

Ladies Auxiliary Program

The Ladies Auxiliary Program is Co-Chaired by Beth Ward and Cynthia Santiago-Pagan. Ladies Auxiliaries provide vital assistance to their Knights of Columbus Councils and can be integral to the success of their programs. There are currently 40 active auxiliaries. With over 146 Councils in the state, there is definitely room for more Ladies Auxiliaries. If there are any Grand Knights or group of ladies who would be interested in fulfilling a Ladies Auxiliary, please contact myself, Beth, or Cynthia, and we will be happy to assist you.

In conclusion

A huge thank you to all the chairpeople on the Family Activities team for a great year in the face of adversity. Thank you to State Deputy Vince Grauso for allowing me to serve the Maryland State Council and all 146 Councils and to our Program Director Terry Waters and my fellow Activities Directors for their support and guidance throughout the year. Most of all, I thank the love of my life, my wife Tami, for her love and support.

Faternally,

Dirk A. Griffin

Family Activities Director

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Life Programs for the 2020 - 2021 Fraternal Year

Life programs serve as one of the four pillars of the Supreme Council's "Faith in Action" initiative. At the State of Maryland leadership and program seminars, all Councils in the State were challenged to heed the words of St. Pope John Paul II, to "Defend Life in all its stages and in every condition." I am so very happy to report that the Councils in the state of Maryland did accept that challenge and promoted a life culture in both their councils and their community. While this year was a challenge due to the pandemic, it did not stop over 100 councils from being Life active and defending Life in all its stages and in every condition. Below is just a sampling of the excellent work done this year.

Ultrasound Project Chairman Larry Grayson has continued Maryland's initiative to place Ultrasound machines in pregnancy care centers following the guidelines from Supreme Council. I am so happy to report that four ultrasound machines were donated to pregnancy care centers this year, and funding for an additional three machines are currently underway, with each having obtained Supreme funding approval. In addition to this chairmanship of the project, Larry also writes a Pro Life Newsletter and Reflections for the Maryland State Council.

Maryland's March for Life Chairman John Eure has also continued to serve as our Legislative Liaison. The National March for Life was initially promoted to be an in-person event. Shortly before the scheduled National March, the event was changed so that only a small number of pro-life leaders could participate in-person. John transitioned quickly to promote the virtual (on-line) event. In addition, many Councils set up Holy Hours of Adoration to substitute/supplement the online activities. The Maryland March for Life was also changed from a march to an in-person "Life Chain" styled event in downtown Annapolis. Participation was smaller, but still strong. Advocacy Day was changed to a virtual event prior to the pandemic. It was again promoted as a virtual event. Due to successful previous Knights opposition, Physician-Assisted Suicide was not a serious issue in 2021. The Knights supported a bill to promote perinatal hospice information. As of this writing, the bill status is pending.

Cemetery of the Innocents Chairman Jim McFillin has continued to make this visual remembrance to the unborn available to councils and other organizations throughout the state. This memorial is displayed not as a political statement but as a memorial to the unborn/preborn. A person is a person, no matter how small. This fraternal year, it was a challenge to get permission to erect physical displays throughout the state. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, multiple councils were able to erect displays this year, and since inception there have been 343 displays erected throughout Maryland.

Special Olympics chairman John Durbin, Ambassador Jill Durbin, and Program Advisor Steve Adamczyk continued the State Councils strong support for Special Olympics of Maryland. The Knights of Columbus and the State Council provided financial and physical support to the Special Olympics Maryland (SOMD) by raising funds and by volunteering at various SOMD events. This was a challenging year for Special Olympics of Maryland as nearly all in person activities were suspended due to the pandemic. In addition, the annual Polar Plunge was 100% virtual. Despite this challenge, many Councils took the challenge to raise funds through virtual plunges. I am happy to report that the Councils in the state donated over \$20,000 to Special Olympics of Maryland via the virtual plunge. The Knights look forward to a resumption of normal next year where we will once again volunteer at the Maryland State Summer Games as well as numerous regional and county events.

Silver Rose Chairman Romeo Paternoster made sure that the journey through Maryland for the Silver Rose was supported by our local councils. Due to increased popularity of the Silver Rose throughout the country, as well as Covid restrictions, the Maryland jurisdiction only had the Silver Rose for two weeks this October. Despite the pandemic and the shortened period with the Silver Rose, seven councils were able to host the Silver Rose in person. In addition, numerous other Councils held virtual Silver Rose services throughout the year. Supreme is looking to add an additional Rose next year so that jurisdictions can have the Rose for a longer period and have more councils participate.

Pregnancy Center Support Chairman Mickey Dillow undertook the Supreme Council initiative to further awareness throughout Maryland that Pregnancy Centers are in need of spiritual, physical, and monetary support. Mickey continues the current initiative to associate each Council in the State with a specific pregnancy care center or maternity home, in an effort to have each Council "Adopt" a pregnancy care center or maternity home.

Pro-Life Couple Frank and Sue Arlinghaus did an outstanding job this year keeping the state up to date with all the critical life issues occurring throughout the state. In particular, they served as a liaison between the State Council and the Respect Life offices of the Baltimore and Washington Dioceses as well as making themselves available throughout the year for any Council who requested assistance.

MaryGold Program Chairman Mike Leumas reinitiated the Marygold program this year after the program was cancelled last year due to Covid. Mike has worked with Catocin Mountain Growers to obtain marigolds and anticipates good participation from the councils in the state on Mother's Day. Mike also stressed the importance of each Council inserting a thank you to moms in the parish bulletin and Flocknotes.

Christian Refugee Relief Chairman Stephen Holowenzak has raised the awareness of the plight of Christians in the Middle East through both publicity and an excellent speaker presentation. Council support for this program is very similar to Pregnancy Center support as spiritual, physical, and monetary needs are addressed to support the needs of Christians especially throughout the Middle East.

Mass for People with Special Needs and Novena for Life are two programs without a State chairman. Councils are asked to be creative when looking for ways to support both these initiatives. We saw an uptick in Novena for Life reports this year as prayer was especially needed during the pandemic, and we anticipate a surge in Councils hosting a Mass for People with Special Needs next year as Covid restrictions are loosened and life returns to more normalcy.

It has been very rewarding and very humbling and a true pleasure for me to be the Life Director for the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus this fraternal year. I would like to thank all Councils for the many robust and inspiring Life Programs I have had the privilege to witness this year. Your efforts are making a difference in many lives and we are slowly changing hearts and minds and rising to the challenge to **"Defend Life in all its stages and in every condition."** I can not wait to see what next year brings!

Fraternally Submitted by

John Snizek

Maryland State Life Director

Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus
Charity Fund, Inc.

The Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund, Inc. was incorporated July 6, 1984 and is a corporate entity in the State of Maryland. It is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. All contributions to the Fund are tax deductible. The purpose of the Charity Fund is to provide financial assistance to individuals in temporary, urgent need in the name of the Knights of Columbus of Maryland. The Fund is not designed to take the place of the council charity funds, but to supplement them. All donations received, except for minor administrative costs to cover postage, copying, an audit, etc., are available for distribution.

The Fund depends mainly on the donations of members and their families, councils, and districts. Donations to the Charity Fund can be made using the pre-addressed donation envelope and designated pledges through all United Way-type campaigns in Maryland and the United Way of the National Capital Area. Total donations to date for this fraternal year are \$ 20,703. Any investment income earned by the Fund will be credited in the fourth quarter of the fraternal year.

From the beginning of the program in 1984 through March 31, 2021 the Fund has granted \$1,250,831 to needy individuals in the name of the Knights of Columbus of Maryland. This fraternal year, from July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, \$ 5,004 has been granted. Four applications for assistance were received this fraternal year. ~~Three were approved and one was denied.~~ Payments have been made for rent assistance.

We wish to thank our worthy State Deputy, Vincent Grauso for appointing us as Co-Directors of the Charity Fund and for his support and guidance. Thanks to our worthy State Chaplain, Rev. Jose Opalda for his spiritual guidance and assistance. His knowledge and experience have been a tremendous asset and blessing to the Fund's Board of Directors. Thanks to the State Officers for their enthusiastic support of the program. Thanks to our wives Mary Seidleck and Josie Boisvert for their love and understanding. Their presence and support aided us in carrying out our duties while administering the Fund and helping to make a difference in the lives of those we assisted.

In closing we ask each of you to continue to support the Charity Fund enabling it to continue to provide financial assistance to individuals in urgent need in the name of the Knights of Columbus of Maryland.

James Seidleck
Co-Director

Gil Boisvert
Co-Director

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From
Chapter Presidents
&
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**MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS
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My Brothers All;

First, I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy Vince Grauso for his participation and support to the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights. I would also like to thank his team of State Officers, Directors and Chairmen for their support for the councils within the Baltimore Chapter.

Secondly, I would like to thank my fellow officers of the Baltimore Chapter: Vice President, Jim Bocklage, Secretary Jim Duryee, Treasurer Mike Forehand, Marshal Buzzy Stockman, Immediate Past Chapter President Jamie Gouldin, and Special Projects Mark Sprucebank for their assistance.

Third, I would like to convey to the Grand Knights, council officers, directors and chairmen of the fifty-three councils, comprising 9,259 members, affiliated with the Baltimore Chapter my gratitude for the way their membership conducted themselves throughout this fraternal year. It is through the fraternal cooperation between all of the councils within the Baltimore Chapter that the chapter was successful.

This fraternal year has had its fair share of challenges for the Knights of Columbus, it's councils (both state and local), and the three chapters. Through the watchful eye of the Blessed Virgin, we were able overcome the adversity and restrictions placed upon everyone because of the COVID-19 pandemic and continued to work towards the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity as established in 1882 by our founder, Fr. Michael McGivney. During the course of the year, we were able to hold a majority of our meetings in-person at the various council homes of affiliate councils. For those times when meeting in person was not possible, the meeting was conducted via the ZOOM virtual platform. It can be attested by meeting attendance that the in-person meetings were preferred.

The primary purpose of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights is to provide charitable outreach programs that would not be possible at the individual council level. Through the charitable works of its members, the chapter was able to continue to provide monetary support for Villa Maria to continue to conduct their Breakfast with Santa program, provide Christmas wreaths for the Wreaths Across America Program, and various other charitable activities. The Baltimore Chapter was also able to provide monetarily support and over 135 workers for the packing of over 40,500 meal for shipment to Guatemala via Cross Catholic Outreach. Of the total number of meals prepared, 4,000 were delivered to Saint Veronica Parish for further distribution to the poor of Baltimore, Leaving No Neighbor Behind.

It is with pleasure that I conclude this report with my utmost love and appreciation of my wife Mary, for her dedication to our order and consideration of my commitment toward the success of our order, the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights, and the Maryland State Council. Thank you, and I love you, Mary.

Fraternally Submitted: Paul Messina, President, Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights

Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights

Chapter President: Jeffrey T. Koscho

The Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights meets on the third Wednesday of each month at various Councils in the Chapter's jurisdiction.

Chapter Officers:

Chaplain	Rev. Jim Boccabella
Associate Chaplain	Rev. Joe Jenkins
Assistant to Chaplain	Deacon James Dominic
President	Jeffrey Koscho
Vice President	Michael Davenport
Secretary	Phillip Tabbita
Treasurer	Roger Lie
Marshal	Terry Reinhart
Activities Director	Steve Law
IPCP	Jack Giacalone

On Saturday, September 18th 2020, The Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights held their Installation Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Clinton. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Jim Boccabella and concelebrated by Monsignor Jim Brady, resident priest at St. John the Evangelist. The Bishop McNamara Chapter Officers were installed by Maryland State Deputy Vince Grauso. We were honored to have Color Corps from Bishop James E. Walsh Assembly 1548 participate in the Mass and Installation. Also in attendance were Maryland State Secretary Chris Powers and Lady Annie, and Lady Mary Jane Grauso. A reception followed at Mama Stella's Ristorante Italiano in Clinton.

Honoree and Charity: The Chapter Honoree is Archbishop Timothy Broglio, from the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA. Archbishop Broglio has been an ardent supporter for the Knights of Columbus and welcomes the Order wherever he visits. The charity for the 2020-2021 Columbian year is the Seminarian fund for the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA.

Fraternal Year 2020-2021 Chapter Activities

Speakers:

All of the meetings for the Fraternal Year included an inline component. When possible, the chapter held an in-person component with a hybrid on-line/in-person meeting. Although it was difficult to maintain schedule, a few hybrid meetings were held. Meeting locations and availability were scheduled/cancelled according to State and County guidance.

State Council Growth Director Tom O'Hara was a featured speaker at all meetings, and gave updates on membership status as well as guidance and information on promotions from Supreme and the State Council.

Maryland State Program Chairman, Terry Waters also spoke at every meeting, or had a representative discuss the State Programs. Representatives include PCP Stephen Ransdell and State Community Activities Director Bill Newbrough.

Crab Feast: The Chapter's annual Shrimp and Crab Dinner at Calvert Council #7870 in North Beach, Maryland, on October 21, 2020 was cancelled due to safety concerns of the Pandemic. The Chapter held an online meeting only.

Memorial Mass/Silent Auction: The Chapter's annual Memorial Mass and Silent Auction was scheduled to be held at Our lady of Grace church in Silver Spring hosted by Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council 6793 on November 18, 2020. The Mass was cancelled due to the Pandemic. Chapter Chaplain Jim Boccabella let an online Rosary service in prayer for our departed Knights. Chapter Officers read the necrology at this online service. Fr. Boccabella dedicated a daily Mass for the departed of the McNamara Chapter. In addition to the Knights that departed in the past year, the Chapter also remembered all departed members from the McNamara Chapter jurisdiction.

Christmas Party: The Chapter Christmas Party was another casualty of the Pandemic. Scheduled to be hosted by Fr. Kidd Council #14455 in Mitchellville on December 16, 2020, pandemic restrictions made holding the Christmas Party impossible.

Tri-Chapter Mass: The Bishop McNamara Chapter participated in the Tri-Chapter Mass. Recently, the annual Past Chapter Presidents Dinner combined with Maryland's two other Chapters in a combined evening honoring all of the Honorees. With this pandemic year, the Dinner idea was shelved in favor a Mass on 18 April with presentations after the Mass.

Coats for Kids: The Chapter involvement in the Coats for Kids program was also limited due to the pandemic. The Chapter Treasurer was the Chairman for the activity where the Chapter encouraged all councils to participate in the event, either ordering coats directly from Supreme, or collecting and redistributing gently used coats.

Food for Families: The Chapter asked that member Knights bring non-perishable food items to our meetings that were to be donated to the local food pantries. Because of the cancellation of many of the in-person meetings, the Chapter's Food for Families was not as successful as previous years.

Chapter Activities to Come: As we are exploring new ways of holding Chapter meetings, and the unpredictable nature of the pandemic, the schedule for remaining year is still in question. Meeting locations will be confirmed month-by-month, and special activities will be scheduled accordingly.

Chapter Elections for 2021-2022 Dr. John Henry Griffin Council 2293 in Waldorf if it is possible to hold an in-person election, but the Chapter is researching alternate election strategies.

The Chapter is researching to host a Maryland Blue Crabs baseball game with a tailgate/cookout. The challenge is whether we can safely hold a tailgate and have our members and guests attend a game. This also has a dependency on restrictions by the Blue Crabs organization.

The Exchange of Chapter Jewels will take place in the final Chapter meeting of the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year at James C. Fletcher Council #11422 on June 17, 2021.

Conclusion: The Chapter President thanks my fellow Chapter Officers for their tremendous support throughout this challenging Fraternal Year. We successfully adapted meetings to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We also thank the Maryland State Council, particularly our Worthy State Deputy, Vince Grausso, for their tremendous support throughout the year.



SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

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While this past fraternal year brought historic changes and challenges to our church, nation, and councils in our chapter and the state, it also demonstrated our willingness to embrace new ideas and technology to allow our continued mission and function. Attending Mass and meetings virtually was not preferential, however it was necessary.

During our meetings we heard many new ideas to aid our communities and "leave no neighbor behind" The Chapter President along with the visiting state program directors and officers were inspired to hear councils asking their parish members and communities first with the means of social media and then in person, for donations to help those in need.

- To raise money to feed first responders and front line workers.
- Support the Little Sisters of the Poor with record food donations and monetary gifts.
- Provide Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners to local communities and feed those in need and those who lost work.
- Support of parishes monetarily and in ushering and or sanitizing after Masses and other functions which were appreciated due to decline in revenue from regular offertory.
- Providing carry out meals, fish dinners to allow for fund raising and rebuilding the faith and community.
- Plus many more reports from councils

In summary, the pandemic wreaked death and havoc to all corners of our communities, yet the councils within the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter were very appreciated by our pastors, parishes and communities and found our councils' charitable spirit to be a beacon of hope, light and love.

Our Chapter also hit the ground running with an introduction of several groups and their missions to raise awareness.

- L'Arche Frederick and their mission build an inclusive community to aid those with developmentally disabilities.
- Coats for Kids
- Frederick County Right to Life at their programs of sidewalk vigils at abortion clinics, 40 days for life.
- Growing Hope Globally

In summary the Chapter President found his time to be rewarding and was pleased to serve and hope to provide all possible support and experience with our future chapter presidents.

Fraternally
Jose Rector

Report of the Master of the Archdiocese of Washington District

Worthy Brother Knights, as Master, I am privileged to report to you on the condition of The Archdiocese of Washington District Fourth Degree. With a tremendous amount of pride and gratitude I can assure you the District is healthy! We are financially sound, we are strong from a Program delivery prospective, and our Color Corps is the best in the order. I am very proud of the effort of all who have worked so hard to make this statement possible.

We begin with the goal of focusing on three principles, Our Father, Our Faith, Our Flag in all that we do, and making ourselves, our Assemblies, and this District, better than we found them. We continue to be more than just Color Corps. We are making a difference by improving in and reaching out in our program areas of Church, Fraternity, Patriotic Support, and Patriotic Education. We have built and are continuing to refine these programs that support our defenders and veterans, educate ourselves and our communities on what it means to be a patriot, help our own members to come together in fraternalism to strengthen the order, and assist our Bishops, Priests and Pastors, in conjunction with the Councils wherever and whenever they need help!

My sincere thanks and gratitude to the men who acted as our spiritual leaders in the District: SK Msgr. Joaquin Bazan, SK Fr. Paul Nguyen, SK Fr. Thomas LaHood, SK Fr. Pawal Sass and SK Fr. James Boccabella.

With regards to programs, we have continued to improve on what was started by previous Masters, District Staff and Fourth Degree members, focusing on patriotic support, patriotic education, church and fraternity. I thank SKs Roger Lie, John Durbin, Richard Bissell and Jeff Koscho and all past chairmen for their leadership. Programs that span the focus areas like Wreaths Across America, gift items to Charlotte Hall, and DC VA Medical Center, Donations to the ~~Archdiocese of the Military Services~~ Chaplain Scholarship Fund, Letters sent to Pastors pledging our support and encouraging all Priests to join and support the Fourth Degree, and the monthly patriotic education educational reading, mark just examples of the things we have accomplished.

Programs such as these are changing the face of the 4th Degree to exhibit more than just Color Corps! To that end, we have seen a change in the composition of the men who are considering becoming Sir Knights. As of this date 110 Sir Knights have been added to our ranks. We see a good number of more youthful, active brother knights now joining because if they do not find their niche in the Color Corps, they find it in the other Patriotic Degree Programs! I would also like to specifically highlight the work done through the dedicated effort of our VAVS team of SK John Durbin, SK John Weaver, Jr., SK Peter Gabauer and IFM SK Micheal Thumm. Even though schedules have changed, IFM Thumm and Lady Patti have shown remarkable leadership skills and dedication in their contributions and commitment to Warriors to Lourdes. The Archdiocese of Washington salutes them and their many contributions to the Fourth Degree.

I am also very proud to report that along with our continued program focus, we have maintained the best Color Corps in the Order. My best estimate is that the ranks of active Color Corps has grown by 15% over the past year. Through the efforts of District Marshals SK Michael Davenport, SK Yen Le, SK James Oxford and SK Thomas Chayka, the superb Color Corps of the AWD continues to support as many events as possible always being aware of any local protocols that may come into play.

The AWD Color Corps continues to maintain a strong partner relationship with the Archdiocese of Washington, the Archdiocese for the Military Services, and our local Parishes, as well as the Calvert Province and Supreme Office.

Even though the opportunities for turn outs are low, the Color Corps continues to refine and improve its skills.

The AWD also enjoys a healthy relationship with the Maryland District. My sincere thanks to Maryland

District Master SK Francis Leach and Provincial/District Marshal Tommy Ebaugh for their assistance.

We also have maintained a strong focus on operational administrative excellence. The District Administrative team has established and operates with clear processes that shows the team is making good decisions based on current and accurate data. Because of the team's hard work, dedication, and attention to detail, we are now operating the Virtual Exemplifications in a manner that demonstrates to our subordinate Assemblies, and new Sir Knights that we are operating thoughtfully and professionally.

The driving force behind this is SK Joseph Massimini, Secretary to the Master, SK Vernon Hawkins, District Comptroller, SK Robert Van Rite, Membership Chairman and SK David R. Wilson Exemplification Team Captain. As a significant contributor to our operational success, the team of Wardens SK Larry Perkins, SK Paul Javier played a major role is coordinating and organizing the logistics of meetings, all of which were virtual Thank you to all who hold many other District staff positions, each important to the accomplishment of very important tasks and activities! I also want to thank my predecessors for their advice and guidance, IFM/VSM SK Micheal Thumm, SK John Winfrey, SK Charles Smallwood and SK Joseph Murtha. Without their support, all that we have accomplished would be lost.

In conclusion as I close out this Fraternal Year, I want to thank the many men and women who have supported the district. It is successful as a result of your efforts! There have been so many changes, obstacles and protocols with which to deal, it is a salute to the conviction and dedication of the Sir Knights, Ladies and families of the Archdiocese of Washington Fourth Degree that we have been able to maintain and, in many cases, surpass our program and membership goals.

As a final note I want to thank my beautiful wife of 50 years, Lynn. Her love and support have sustained me through good times and bad in yet another leadership opportunity. She has stood beside me through this entire experience. Thanks to her for her love and support.

Fraternally and Patriotically,
SK Joseph M. Feakes
Master Archdiocese of Washington District

Our Father, Our Faith, Our Flag

2021 RESOLUTIONS SUMMARY

2021 Resolutions Summary

A Report of the Resolutions Committee, 123rd Annual Maryland State Council Convention

Resolutions 1 through 15 are honorific, congratulatory or resolutions that are generally repeated each year:

Submitted by the Maryland State Council

- 1) Honors Pope Francis
- 2) Honors the Ordinaries of the Archdiocese & Diocese
- 3) Honors Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori, S.T.D.
- 4) Honors New Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly
- 5) Honors Former Supreme Knight Carl Anderson
- 6) Honors State Chaplain Rev. Jose D. Opalda, Jr
- 7) Honors our Supreme Board of Directors, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and the Daughters of Isabella.
- 8) Honors the Diocesan Newspapers
- 9) Recommends that members of the Knights display our flag of this United States.
- 10) Honors the men and women in military service to our country
- 11) Congratulates the Associate Chaplains for the Maryland State Council
- 12) Congratulates the Master of the 4th Degree, Maryland District, PFN, Francis D. (Fritz) Leach
- 13) Congratulates the Master of the 4th Degree, Archdiocese of Washington District, PFN, Joseph M. Feakes.
- 14) Congratulates Honoree Joe and Gail Sauro
- 15) Congratulates State Deputy and First Lady Vincent & Mary Jane Grauso

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee

Approval

Resolutions 16 - 56 are congratulatory

16) Congratulates AMS Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio	10 years	State Council
17) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	60 years	State Council
18) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	55 years	State Council
19) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	55 years	State Council
20) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	50 years	State Council
21) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	50 years	State Council
22) Congratulates Priests, Diocese of Wilmington	50 years	State Council
23) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	45 years	State Council
24) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	45 years	State Council
25) Congratulates Priests, Diocese of Wilmington	45 years	State Council
26) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	40 years	State Council
27) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	40 years	State Council
28) Congratulates Priests, Diocese of Wilmington	40 years	State Council
29) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	35 years	State Council
30) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	35 years	State Council
31) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	30 years	State Council
32) Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	30 years	State Council
33) Congratulates Priests, Diocese of Wilmington	30 years	State Council

34)	Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Baltimore	25 years	State Council
35)	Congratulates Priests, Archdiocese of Washington	25 years	State Council
36)	Congratulates Priests, Diocese of Wilmington	25 years	State Council
37)	Congratulates Rev. Michael Mellone	50 years	2203
38)	Congratulates Monsignor Joseph L. Luca	50 years	11898
39)	586 Cumberland Council	120	State council
40)	2169 Fr. Rosensteel Council	100	State council
41)	2274 Regina Coeli Council	100	State council
42)	2279 Archbishop Neale Council	100	State council
43)	2293 Dr. John Henry Griffin Council	100	State council
44)	2323 Montgomery Council	100	State council
45)	2942 Dundalk Council	75	State council
46)	5208 Immaculate Landy Council	60	State council
47)	6188 Corpus Christi Council	40	State council
48)	7914 St John Francis Regis SJ Council	40	State council
49)	7941 Fr. Joseph G McManus Council	40	State council
50)	9462 Santo Nino Council	35	State council
51)	11703 Our Lady of The Valley Council	25	State council
52)	11769 Our Lady of Vietnam Council	25	State council
53)	11787 St. Matthew's International Council	25	State council
54)	11815 St. Ignatius Of Loyola Council	25	State council
55)	13008 Monsignor Thomas M Wells Council	20	State council
56)	13091 Father Sebastian De Rose Council	20	State council

Recommendation of the Resolutions Committee

Approval

2020-2021
STATE COUNCIL
“HIGH SCHOOL”
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Dale W. Trott, IPSD, Chairman

Committee Members

Vincent Grauso, State Deputy

Romeo Gauthier, PSD

Ronald White, FSD, PSD

Edgar Haynes, PSD, FM

Stephen Cohen, PSD

2020-2021 State Council High School Scholarships

Committee Report

Chairman, Dale W. Trott, IPSD

Reverend Father, Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, Past State Deputies, Columbian dignitaries, my brothers all, it is my honor and privilege, as a member of the Maryland State Council Scholarship Committee, to present this report for the Fraternal Year 2020 - 2021.

The State Council Scholarship Committee consists of the State Deputy and Past State Deputies appointed by the State Deputy. My thanks to the committee members for their time and due diligence in selecting this year's scholarship winners. Also, my thanks to the State Public Relations Director and the State Web Master, for updating the Scholarship information and placing the application forms and information sheets on the Maryland State Council Web Page.

The committee members consider this appointment an honor. Under normal conditions, it allows us to meet the parents and interview the scholarship finalists, who are some of the finest young people you could meet. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing concerns with covid, it was decided to forego the "in-person" interviews for this year's applicants. Therefore, the committee reviewed each candidate's academic credentials, their involvement in their Church, schools, and communities; including, any involvement with Knights of Columbus councils, and their financial needs. The scholarships available to students through the State Council's Program are as follows:

THE WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN, JR. MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: Three grants of \$1,500 per year for up to four years. Grants are made based on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need.

THE FREDERICK M. GOSSMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: Three grants of \$1,500 each year for up to four years. Father or Grandfather of the applicant must be a member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing. Grants are made based on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need.

THE ANDY GLEESON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: One grant of \$1,500 per year for up to four years. To be eligible, the student's father must be an insurance member in good standing. The criteria of the Frederick M. Gossman Scholarship are used for this grant.

In October 2020, packets of correspondence were prepared and mailed announcing the Maryland State Council Scholarship program. Application instructions were provided and details of eligibility requirements for each scholarship were also included. The recipients were the Pastor or Administrator of each parish in the State; the Principal of every Catholic Elementary School; the Principal, Guidance Counselor and Student Counselor of every Catholic High School in the State, the State Officers, District Deputies and Grand Knights in the Maryland jurisdiction. Applications could be obtained by downloading from our Web Site, and, as necessary, in response to telephone requests and requests by mail. We received 113 applications; 23 for the Frederick M. Gossman and 80 for the William J. O'Brien.

The applications were received by the State Office and were subsequently reviewed and evaluated. This review and evaluation resulted in the presentation to the Scholarship Committee of the names of the ten (10) finalists in each of the two scholarship categories. Again, due to the crisis surrounding the Coronavirus, in person interviews were not conducted this year. Each committee member reviewed and evaluated each of the finalist's applications. The committee members then rated each of the ten finalists per category and submitted that information to the Chairman. Once all selections were received from the committee members, they were tabulated, and the winners determined. Since there were five committee members, as the chairman, I abstained from any decision making or voting except to break any ties.

The Scholarship Recipients selected are as follows:

FREDERICK M. GOSSMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP:

Luis E. Martinez-Molina, his father is a member of St, Mary's Landover Hills Council #10046

Lionelle-Mirah Allepot, his father is a member of Holy Family Council #5547

Kosidinna Achikeh, her father is a member of Sacred Heart Council #2577

THE ANDY GLEESON MEMORIAL INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP:

Antonette Maria Maximiano, her father is a member of Knights of Fatima Council #14612

WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP:

David C. Acaso

Gabiela Melissa Manzano

Cecilia Hannibal

My sincere thanks go to all the members of the Committee for their enthusiasm and dedication to the task of selecting the best of the best. Serving with me were, State Deputy Vincent Grauso, and Past State Deputies Romeo Gauthier, Ronald White, Edgar Haynes, and Stephen Cohen.

A special thanks to the Marlowe and Callaway Agencies for their continued financial support of the State Scholarship Fund throughout the Columbian Year.

And finally, a heartfelt thanks to you Worthy State Deputy, for according to me the honor and privilege of serving as the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Dale W. Trott, IPSD
Scholarship Committee Chairman

REPORTS
From
DISTRICT DEPUTIES
&
COUNCILS

District No. 1



Richard Opatick
District Deputy

Billy Swann
District Warden

Councils

9638

11341

11898

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Maryland State Council-District 1

District Deputy: Richard Opatick

District Warden: Billy Swann

District 1 is comprised of the following four Councils /number of Brothers (FY membership):

#11898 St. Louis the King, total membership of 263 (+8)

#11341 Resurrection, total membership of 176 (+3)

#9638 Father Joseph J. Comyns, total membership of 123 (-26)

#13294 St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, total membership of 94 (0)

Total membership in the district as of April, 1 2021 stands at 656 members. This is a decrease of -15 members this fraternal year compared to the same time frame for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year. District 1 Councils' membership recruiting for the Fraternal Year was down - - numbers reflect the lack of openness of each parish and the ability to hold programs for prospects to attend or see Brothers in action. St. Louis the King Council made membership a priority again this year and recruited ten (10) new members - - meeting Supreme revised membership quota criteria.

This year the financial strength of each council has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Each council scaled back traditional fund-raising programs and activities due to inability to hold parish fund raisers; the Councils recognized charitable giving was lower, yet there was a determination to prioritize and help others as finances permitted.

During this fraternal year District 1 Councils conducted a spectrum of Faith, Family, Life and Community virtual (on-line) and in-person activities. Programs ranged from seminarian support, school scholarships, Keep Christ in Christmas poster contests, parish blood drives, virtual Rosaries, food pantry collections, Respect Life, Into the Breach, support of Special Olympics and many hours of assisting the parish with cleaning sanctuaries, parking, checking-in parishioners at Mass, and directing drive-thru confession traffic.

District 1 understood the importance of the Supreme Webinars; Grand Knights, Chair Officers, Council Officers, Financial Secretaries, and other council members participated in these Webinars. The Councils were active in the Fraternal Benefits Night.

Leave No Neighbor Behind

Councils were active and supportive of Leave No Neighbor Behind; St. Louis the King has supported bi-monthly food collections at their parish since the start of the pandemic and is a regional collection site for the Little Sisters of the Poor, collecting + \$2,000 and providing thousands of pounds of non-perishables and cleaning supplies to the Little Sisters. Resurrection donated contributions to the Little Sisters, St. Alphonsus has collected non-perishables for St. Gregory the Great food pantry (Baltimore) and Father Comyns helped with food distribution to families in need throughout the region. Councils actively helped their parishes or sponsored collections for school supplies, winter coats, and cleaning supplies.

ST. LOUIS THE KING COUNCIL #11898
GRAND KNIGHT HERMAN STEWART JR.

Council #11898 holds two monthly meetings virtually, both beginning promptly at 7pm. The first meeting is the Officers Planning meeting held on the first Monday of every month and our Council meetings is held on the second Monday of every month.

On Sunday, August 16, 2020 at 1pm, the Officers for St. Louis the King Council #11898 were installed at St. Louis Church, celebrated by Monsignor Joseph Luca. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a small group of Knights and family members were in attendance and no reception was held afterwards.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR – Joseph Knight, Deputy Grand Knight

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Frank Arlinghaus

Our Council year began with our August school supplies and coat collection, yielding 80 coats and more than \$1500 in school supplies. Also, we began a 2nd season of staffing and running a concession stand at the Baltimore Ravens games; however due to the pandemic we were allowed only one home game this year, on December 3, 2020 vs. the Dallas Cowboys in which we raised \$900 for our efforts. Next, we conducted our 20th Annual Fall 5k/10k race held virtually on Saturday, August 30, 2020. Our joint work with Saint Louis Respect Life on the baby bottle campaign raised more than \$7,000 for the Columbia Pregnancy Center. Our Fall blood drive raised more than 40 pints of blood. Our fundraising allowed us to support 4 seminarians and many charities. We joined our St. Francis brothers for the Fall Soccer Challenge on October 4, 2020 and held the Living Rosary on October 9th. Beyond that our council has supported the Adopt-A-Highway program, the parish request for Christmas and Easter ushers, Christmas and Easter magnet sales and a host of other activities. We raised \$3400 for Special Olympics during the winter months of 2020-21 from Polar Plunge pledges and a Super Bowl related fundraiser. Early in the pandemic, we collected \$1500 to provide financial support the church, and we raised \$1055 for relief of Christ the King parish in Chiana, Ghana that was suffering from severe flood damage. Our Spring mulch sale fund raiser was held on March 27, 2021. We have had a team of Brothers who have worked drive thru confessions in the St. Louis parking lot since May 15, 2020. We have raised more than \$50,000 in cash, food, and supplies for the Leave No Neighbor Behind program including \$2500 to the Little Sisters of the Poor who were unfortunately quarantined for much of this year.

LIFE ACTIVITIES – John Snizek

Life Programs were both plentiful and successful this year in Council 11898. From a Life perspective, our Council accepted the challenge issued at the Summer Program Seminars to create a Life Culture within our Council and community. A sampling of the many Life Programs our Council participated in this year includes: A two-weekend baby bottle fundraiser at our parish that raised nearly \$7,000 for the Howard County Pregnancy Center; a virtual Silver Rose program where different members of the Council and parish, along with their families prayed the Silver Rose program each hour for 12 consecutive hours; support for various 40 Days for Life

activities both this past Fall and this current Spring; support for the revised National and Maryland March for Life activities; lobbying of our representatives in Annapolis in regard to various legislation involving Life; the collection of diapers and other items for Mary's Home (a home for single moms who choose life); and raising over \$3,400 for Special Olympics of Maryland between our virtual Polar Bear Plunge and a Super Bowl squares fundraiser. I would again like to thank our Grand Knight Herman Stewart for his leadership in all our Council programs and activities, especially in the Life programs of the Council.

FAITH ACTIVITIES – Mike Leumas

On September 7, 2020, members of the Brotherhood resumed our weekly Bible Study that is normally held in the library of the St. Joseph Cupertino Friary on Sundays at 7:00 pm. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions we have held the Bible Study virtually via Zoom. In October we held our Right-to-Life Candlelight Rosary with St. Francis Council of Maple Lawn. The following month of November featured our Memorial Mass for our fallen brothers (36). We conducted our Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest and the Keep Christ In Christmas Magnet sales in December. Also, as the Easter season approached, we conducted our Easter magnet sales on March 21, 2021. Upcoming April event include the first time ever co-ed Annual Retreat to Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. In May, we hope to lead the May Crowning procession and present rosaries to the graduating 8th graders of St. Louis school.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES – Keith Coates

The Council does not forget its widows of deceased Brothers. During our Memorial Mass the widows are invited to light a Memorial candle for our deceased brothers and during the holiday season Grand Knight Herman Stewart offers and personally delivers a large poinsettia to all the widows who accepts. The Council promoted the Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest. Winners in three categories were forwarded to the State finals. Grand Knight Herman Stewart proudly recognizes the selfless contributions of all Knights and families and consistently names the Knight of the Month and Family of the Month winners during our monthly Council meetings. The Council is very active in the Food for Families program whereby food is dropped off at the St. Louis Church parking lot, sorted, packed into boxes and delivered to food pantries by Knights using their vehicles. Roughly 1000 lbs. of food is collected each month for area food pantries to include Little Sisters of the Poor, Assisi House, Our Lady of Victory Food Pantry, FISH in Howard County, Franciscan Center in Baltimore and St. Benedict Food Pantry.

CONCLUSION

The Grand Knight would like to thank the Program Director, Faith in Action Committee Directors, Membership Director and all the brothers of the Council for their outstanding support and participation for a very successful year. Any success the Council has achieved is because of its members and their families and they are honored monthly by recognizing and bestowing the Knight and Family of the Month award upon deserving recipients. Throughout this past pandemic year, I continue to be humbled and honored to lead this organization, to work with my fellow Grand Knights, to learn from our District Deputy and the State Officers to help sustain Maryland as one of the premier State Councils in the country.

ST. ALPHONSUS RODRIGUEZ COUNCIL #13294
GRAND KNIGHT ERNEST O. TUCKER

Our council holds three regularly scheduled meetings each month at St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Parish, 10800 Old Court Road, Woodstock, Maryland. The monthly Council Meeting is the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm, preceded by a recitation of the rosary at 6:30 pm. The monthly Social Meeting is the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm, preceded by a recitation of the rosary at 6:30 pm. The monthly Officers Planning Meeting is held on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the parish center. During the pandemic, we have held these meetings virtually via Zoom or as hybrid meetings; both in-person and virtually.

On Wednesday, July 22, 2020, the officers of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Council were installed at 7:00 pm in a virtual ceremony.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR – Byron Arnold, Deputy Grand Knight

FAITH ACTIVITIES – Tom Lauer

Between July 20, 2020 and September 21, 2020, the council held a series of eight Into the Breach men's study group sessions using the Knights of Columbus video series in a virtual environment on Zoom. The sessions were led by council Faith Director, Tom Lauer, and ranged in attendance between 12 and 15 men each week. On every Wednesday evening in October, the council hosted a parish-wide rosary. The first two weeks (Oct 7 and 14) were held in-person in the church and then because of covid gathering restrictions the rosaries on Oct 21 and 28 were prayed via Zoom. In January, the council made a significant donation to the parish for the construction of a custom Ambry in the church to house the sacred oils. On Saturday, January 30, 2021, the council participated in a parish leadership retreat themed around the covid gathering restrictions with time for prayer and discussion on how we as parish leaders are moved to lead in this environment. The council is scheduled to hold a Marian Icon Prayer Service on April 28, 2021.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES – Rich Baldwin

On August 30, 2020, the council distributed "The Family Fully Alive" devotional booklet to all families registered in the St. Alphonsus Rodriguez parish religious education program. Each booklet was accompanied by a letter from the Grand Knight encouraging parents to invite God into their homes and nurture their domestic church. On Friday, October 23, the council teamed with the parish youth director for an outdoor Family Movie Night, which featured the film "Onward." At all of the Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family on December 26 and 27, 2020, members of the council distributed Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards to families and led parish families in the Consecration to the Holy Family prayer at the conclusion of Masses. The council also provided the consecration prayer to all families who were out of town or not attending Mass that weekend. Family Director Rich Baldwin and his wife Susan, with support from the council, coordinated Lenten Family Fridays throughout Lent 2021, which included Mass, Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – John Roth

The council continued its efforts to Leave No Neighbor Behind by supporting brother Knights in the council, supporting the parish by covering ushering and sanctuary cleaning duties for Masses

– critical to keeping the Church open, and promoting food donations for the St. Gregory the Great Food Pantry in Baltimore City. For many years, our council has been a sponsor of the Lazarus Caucus Fall Gala, which is its primary fund-raiser in its efforts to help homeless men in West Baltimore. Because of covid gathering restrictions, the Lazarus Caucus was unable to hold its annual fund-raiser in 2020. Council Advocate, Luke Browning, PGK, PFN, FDD, a member of the Lazarus Caucus Board of Directors, came up with an alternate fund-raiser and on September 21, 2020, numerous council brothers worked at and participated in a Lazarus Caucus Golf Outing at the Woodlands. This year, for the first time, the council participated in the Box of Joy program and collected 73 Boxes of Joy. Once again, the council conducted its 40 Cans for Lent campaign from February 17 through March 31, 2021, and collected canned food and dry goods for the St. Gregory the Great Food Pantry. Since late in 2020, council Recorder, Barry Frederick, has been leading a “Boots on the Ground” outreach campaign to parish families. The “Boots on the Ground” campaign will culminate in April 2021, when teams (including many brothers of the council) will personally visit all parish families at their homes to check in on them.

LIFE ACTIVITIES – Chris Jermann

Our Respect Life activities began with a Rosary for Life on August 26, 2020, led by Life Director Chris Jermann. Twenty people gathered at the grotto of Our Lady on the parish campus to pray the rosary. Six brothers from our council (most with their families) participated in the Fall 40 Days for Life campaign at the Hillcrest abortion clinic in Catonsville each Tuesday afternoon from September 29 through November 3. Normally, our council charters a coach bus from St. Alphonsus Rodriguez parish to the March for Life in Washington, DC. Since the March for Life was held virtually this year, our council hosted a morning of prayers for life at our parish on January 29, the day of the March for Life. The morning began at 9:00 with a rosary for life at the grotto of Our Lady on the parish campus, followed by a “march” from the grotto to the church for Mass at 9:30. Mass was followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 10:00, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11:30, and Benediction at noon. Over 30 people attended the morning of prayers for life on January 29. For the Spring 40 Days for Life campaign, five brothers from our council and members of their families again covered Tuesday afternoons in March from 1:00 to 6:00 in peaceful, prayerful vigil outside the Hillcrest abortion clinic in Catonsville.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – Ed Pelsinsky

Since in-person church drives were almost impossible because of covid gathering restrictions and social distancing requirements, and with low Mass attendance most of the year, the council decided to try targeted recruitment letters to men in the parish. We began the year by mailing personally addressed recruitment letters (e.g., Dear Ryan) to ten men in the parish on July 30, 2020. This resulted in one new member and two new prospects. In January, we sent another round of 20 letters to men new to the parish. We also promoted online membership and MCGIVNEY 2020 in the church bulletin. Three new members have joined the council thus far this year.

CONCLUSION

The Grand Knight thanks the Program Director, Membership Director, Officers, Faith in Action Program Directors and brothers of the council for their outstanding support this past year. The council also wishes to thank District Deputy, Rick Opatick, for his valued support and participation in council activities this past year.

District No. 2



Robert Bowles, Sr.
District Deputy

Charles Widmayer, Sr.
District Warden

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District 2

Robert Bowles, Sr., District Deputy, Charles Widmayer, Sr., District Warden

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, Delegates to the State Convention and Brothers all, the Councils of District 2 are:

St Mary's Council, 1470

St John Francis Regis, S.J., 7914

Immaculate Conception, 8159

St Francis Xavier, the Missionary, 10957

Our Lady of the Wayside, 16986

Darrell Carney, GK

Dorian Tavarez, GK

Greg Walcutt, GK

Michael DeManss, GK

William Mattingly, GK

All the Councils of District 2, conducted activities under the Faith in Action Program and reported on them. The District united for **seven** specific events during the Fraternal year to show charity to our fellow man. The **first** event was Food for Families, collecting food for our local food kitchens and food pantry's. The **second** was support for our Seminarians, between the five Councils in the District they supported eleven Seminarians and two women in Catholic Vocations and life as a Sister, through both spiritual and financial support. They also participated in the Ride for Seminarians, either manning a station or riding in the event. The **third** was the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, supporting The Center for Life Enrichment and Special Olympics, within our County. The **fourth** event was Box of Joy, every council participated in this event, collecting and filling these boxes. The **fifth** event was a District wide effort in support of Care-Net, monetarily, due to the pandemic. The **sixth** event was the Leave no Neighbor behind Program, each council worked to check, pick up groceries, medication and other things for their senior brothers who were affected by this pandemic. The **seventh** event was every council, helped to clean our churches after every mass, either weekday or at the weekend masses, to keep them open and were mostly accreted with the livestreaming of the masses.

I congratulate and thank all of the Grand Knights and Officers of District 2 for their cooperation and leadership throughout this fraternal year, especially during these trying times. Thank you for the hospitality shown to the District Warden and myself during our visits to your councils and events.

I extend my thanks to each Knight of Columbus in the District. Your efforts have shown that great things happen when you are united. I wish to thank the wives and families of these men for supporting the Knights, enabling them to be active members and for their steadfast support and understanding of their time away from home, when called upon.

I offer my appreciation to the District Warden, SK Charles Widmayer Sr., Charlie has provided unwavering support and is constantly ready to lend a helping hand and smile wherever needed.

Congratulations to the Worthy State Deputy and the State Officers for a successful year. Thank you for the support and guidance you provided during these unusual times, which allowed us to be successful. It was an honor to be part of your team. Thank you for the opportunity to be a "Servant Leader".

Vivat Jesus,

Robert E. (Bob) Bowles, Sr.

Maryland State Council, District Deputy, District 2

St. Mary's Council #1470
Grand Knight SK Darrell Carney

St. Mary's Council conducts a Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. We also have a Planning Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month. Both meetings are held at our council hall which is located at 41605 Fenwick Street, Leonardtown, Maryland. Ad hoc meetings are conducted occasionally, usually to conduct a vote on new membership candidates. During the pandemic we continued to keep our meeting schedule, utilizing Zoom and hybrid Zoom/in person meetings as allowed.

St. Mary's Council is pleased and honored to support four local parishes: St. Aloysius Gonzaga and Our Lady's at Medley's Neck, both located in Leonardtown as well as Holy Angels located in Avenue, and Sacred Heart in Bushwood. Additionally, we support three schools: Father Andrew White S.J. School and St. Mary's Ryken High School, both in Leonardtown, and Mother Catherine Academy in Helen.

On Sunday, August 9th, 2020, the officers of St. Mary's Council were installed after the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Aloysius Church. The Officer Installation Ceremony began with an invocation by Father David Beaubien, Council Chaplain. Then the District Deputy SK Bob Bowles, assisted by the District Warden SK Jim Berned, addressed the attendees with a warm welcome and later swore in the new council officers. Normally we would have gathered for a celebration and picnic after the installation but due to Covid protocols this year's picnic was cancelled. The Grand Knight did make two presentations at the installation ceremony. After the ceremony it was the Grand Knight's pleasure to announce the Council 1470 "Knight of the Year", our long time inside Guard, SK Matt Mattingly, along with the "Family of the Year", SK Ed Donohoe and Lady Fammie.

Programs Director-Deputy Grand Knight SK Gordy Stellway

It goes without saying that Covid had a major impact on many of our long-standing Council Programs. Council 1470 persevered during the pandemic and kept things going. We quickly transitioned to virtual meetings and were able to keep up with all Council Planning and Business meetings throughout the year.

Faith Activities - Faith Director SK Chris McDaniel

Our Council Chaplain, Father David Beaubien celebrated our Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 22nd, 2020 at St. Aloysius Church in Leonardtown. Our council did keep up with the fifth Sunday Rosary program at St Aloysius Church during each month with a rosary at the 11 a.m. Masses, although attendance has been down. Our annual Priest Appreciation Dinner was once again cancelled this year due to the COVID19 situation. We have further demonstrated our commitment to the clergy by continually praying for our four seminarians (Ryan Braam, Noah Junge, Christopher Feist and Alexander Wyvill) and three council deacons (Joe Vavrus, Joseph Lloyd and Thomas Spalding) as they dedicate themselves to a life of service. Additionally, we provided financial support for our five seminarians, participating in the RSVP program. The Council continued to support the St Aloysius parish Vocation Tree program during Lent. On October 17th Council 1470 along with Council 9258 provided the manpower and refreshments at the St Aloysius Church rest stop for the first annual Ride for Vocations, Southern Maryland Catholic Churches Century bike ride to support seminarians and religious. This was a very successful event and both councils had a great time working this event together.

Community Activities - Community Director SK James Hoffmann

This year, St. Mary's Council was again pleased to donate over \$15,000 to charitable organizations, primarily in St. Mary's County. These donations were made possible due in part to our dedicated members who donate their time and labor to manage and operate our Bingo program, chaired this past year by a very hard-working SK Chris McDaniel. Our bingo program has been one of the longest running bingo events in the state and is held at Father Andrew White School on nearly every Friday evening throughout the year. This year our program was significantly impacted with all of our regularly scheduled bingo events being cancelled for the fraternal year. We hope to resume over the summer and get back to bingo after Covid subsides. During the pandemic we have reached out to our membership and our widows to ensure their needs were being met. Calls to our Knights in need and our widows were made offering to pick up groceries or provide other delivery services for those who couldn't get out. Council 1470 also hosted its very first blood drive, providing the venue and volunteer support for an American Red Cross Blood drive on 20 January 2021. Ninety-one units of blood were collected from the maximum donor appointment capacity of 43 donors. Five local hospitals benefitted from this blood drive. A second blood drive is scheduled for 17 April. Our Council also participated in the Maryland State Council Incentive Raffle Program to raise funds for scholarships in local Catholic schools albeit in a limited capacity as we were unable to participate in Leonardtown Beach Party on the Square where we normally sell raffle tickets. Our council also pitched in to assist Father David Beaubien and St Aloysius parish by assisting with lawn care for the grounds while the grounds keeper was going through cancer treatments. Knights from the council mowed the lawn and provided maintenance and upkeep on the lawn care equipment. These programs demonstrate our Council's commitment to the Knights of Columbus' number one principle -Charity- while providing a visible presence within the local community.

Family Activities - Family Director SK Ed Henderson

Many of our family programs were also impacted by the pandemic. We were not able to continue with our monthly Movie Night Programs with the Southern Maryland Community Resources (SMCR). SMCR is an organization that promotes the inclusion of persons with special needs into our community through various social activities. We plan to continue this activity once the pandemic is over. Our other "regular" family annual events; the Summer Picnic, Fall Dinner, and Family Christmas Party were all cancelled due to Covid concerns. The Council was able to participate in and helped to judge posters for the annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest this year. Council 1470 did continue our participation in the Family/Knight of the Month program, honoring a number of very deserving families and Knights this year for all of their outstanding efforts and support of the Council, their parishes and their communities. Finally, our council participated in the Box of Joy program over the Christmas holiday. Council 1470 delivered 84 individual Boxes of Joy (a 42% increase from last year) to the regional collection center at KofC at St. Michaels in Ridge, MD that were sent on to the Cross Catholic processing center for distribution.

Life Activities - Life Director SK Ed Donohoe/SK Derek Adams

Council 1470 did not participate in person this year at the "March for Life" this year but we did continue our financial support via CareNet Pregnancy Center, providing support for the September 2020 event. Members from Council 1470 also assisted Father David Beaubien in livestreaming Masses during the pandemic. Masses were made available on the internet and were broadcast via radio for those who wanted to social distance in the parking lot.

Conclusion

The Grand Knight takes this opportunity to thank all Brother Knights of Council 1470 and their families who have graciously donated their time and talent in order to make St. Mary's Council successful. Special thanks goes to DGK SK Gordy Stellway and Lady Barbara, Chancellor SK Steve Tomaszkeski and Lady Liz, our Financial Secretary SK Jim Goebel and our Treasurer SK Gene Lewis for their dedicated support and wise counsel.

**St. John Francis Regis Council 7914
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**Grand Knight SK Dorian A Tavaréz
Program Director – SK Michael Little**

Faith Activities Chairman

In November, we conducted a 40 hour adoration for the election and the right to life. We held our annual Memorial Mass on November 21th in honor our departed brothers with a reading of a full necrology; this year the necrology was read as part of the homily.

The Council maintains a ground keeping crew, which not only maintains the grounds, but also maintains the cemetery, playground, and sports fields. The Parish estimates the Church avoids \$70,000 per year by our service.

At the start of each Advent season, we initiated the keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. We erected the outdoor Christmas creche and wooden stable that displays the major figures and animals. Immediately following the creche assembly, we turn-to on setting-up Christmas decorations in the Church. Finally, we have multiple Knights on the Parish Advisory Council, and our Council continues to dominate the list of ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, sacristans, and those that count and deposit the weekly collections.

Community Activities Chairman – Jason Duke

~~We served our regular community breakfast on the first Sunday of each month beginning in September throughout the remaining school year.~~

Since the pandemic started the Knights have been cleaning the church after each mass to ensure it can be safely used by the parishioners.

A large crowd attended our Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper; with over 140 pounds of link sausage and countless pancakes served.

We began the school year with our annual “Ice Cream Social” where our brothers served ice cream and assorted toppings to our school students, teachers, and staff,

Family Activities Chairmen Lance Strzok Co-Chair Jason Duke

One of our Council Brothers organizes the Annual Father-Daughter Dance

Our Parish Christmas Party was another successful potluck dinner and party, with over 200 family members in attendance. Our monthly breakfast in Decembers turns into a Breakfast with Santa. The Consecration of the Holy Family in December.

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Life Activities Chairman – Rich Schwartz

We held the Novena for Life in January before the March for Life in Washington DC Our council supports. Brothers conducted daily rosary for the unborn prior to 8:00 am mass.

Conclusion

The Grand Knight thanks the Council Officers, Program Chairmen, brothers of the council, and our families for their terrific support in this difficult past year. It is a true team effort to conduct some of these activities. I want to thank the District Deputy, fellow District Grand Knights and the State Officers for their guidance and support.

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Immaculate Conception Council #8159

Grand Knight SK Gregory Walcutt

Our Council meets on the 2nd Monday of each month and last Monday of the month at 07:30 p.m at the Immaculate Conception Church Center 28297 Old Village Road Mechanicsville MD.

Sunday August 16 2020 our officers were installed by District Deputy Bob Bowles, and District Warden Charles Widmyer. We were honored to have Deacon Kyte bless our jewels with the Color Corps present. Due to COVID restrictions, NO reception was held.

Program Director: SK Michael Munshaw, DGK

Community Activities: Thomas L. Taylor

- Monthly breakfast fund raisers to raise funds for various worthy charitable causes. Intended to raise awareness of one of the aspects of what the Knights of Columbus do and to involve our community. Breakfasts have been suspended due to COVID restrictions; we are planning to resume after implementing COVID safety modifications.
- In November, the annual Pig Roast was held with proceeds going to our Council's Parish, Immaculate Conception. Brother SK Danny Morris coordinated the event, supplies, and ~~community service volunteers~~. The pig was roasted overnight along with 3 turkeys. Cole slaw, potato salad and baked beans were provided by wives and/or donors. A Great time had by all!!! 10 Knights participated in the event.
- The WARM (Wrapping Arms 'Round Many) program (a partnership between the faith community, local human service agencies and citizens to provide safe shelter and hot meals to homeless citizens during the coldest months of the year) was suspended county-wide due to Covid. In lieu of WARM, Brother SK David Skarwecki established a program to collect monetary donations for the local Lexington Park Homeless Shelter; for last Q2020 and 1stQ 2021, over \$800 has been raised for the shelter.

Faith Activities: Timothy C. Steelman

- Monthly Rosary activities lead at the newly installed "Mary's Garden" adjacent to our Parish Hall at Noon on Saturday, and at Church before Saturday evening /Sunday morning Masses, which helped deepen the connection of Faith thru praying the Rosary.
- On November 8th, the Youth Picnic/ Bonfire Event was held at the Church Parish Center. Children and young adults, along with their parents participated at the Picnic/ Bonfire. Activities included hayrides and pumpkin carving. A Great time had by all!!!
- In December, the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest was held. Children from the Faith Formation classes submitted posters which were judged on Sunday, 9 Dec. Winning posters were delivered to the State Chairman after the December judging. Thanks to the following brothers who participated as judges: Leo Hoffman, Tom Taylor, Joe Davis, Kee Abell and Deacon Kyte. Thanks to Deacon Tim Steelman for securing the supplies and collecting the posters. Prizes were awarded to the Faith Formation student winners.

Family Activities: David A. Adams

- In the Month of October, the "Ride for Vocations" fund-raiser was conducted to benefit local Seminarians studying for the Priesthood. ICC was the first "R&R" stop on the 100 mile bike ride, and we provided water and food/ snacks for the riders.
- In December, the Knights assembled the boxes of joy from the items donated by the Faith formation classes and Parishioners. I am happy to report their generosity far exceeded last years. We are sent 105 full boxes to children this year, this was a total of 6 cases collected and packaged for the less fortunate children. Please extend our appreciation to the children and families.

Life Activities: Joseph Jarboe

- A Virtual March for Life was held in Washington, DC on Friday, January 29th, 2021. The council made announcements for this event and encouraged our members to attend.
- The pre-Covid monthly breakfast fundraiser was dedicated to the CareNet Center in Leonardtown MD. The breakfast was served after each of the three Sunday masses at Immaculate Conception Church. The Knights served a variety of egg, pancakes, potatoes, ham, sausage served to parishioners and families. 10 Knights participated in the event.
- In May 2021, the Knights are supporting ICC's Annual raffle and dinner, to help 'welcome back' ICC Parishioners who have been isolated by Covid.

Conclusion:

The Grand Knight thanks the Program Director, Membership Director, Officers, Committee Directors, Event Chairmen and Brothers of this council for their outstanding support this past year. Throughout this year, I had a fulfilling time meeting and getting to know my Brother Knights more. I am thankful of the opportunity to work with the District Deputy, Bob Bowles, the District Warden, Charles Widmyer, and the State Officers to help sustain Maryland as one of the premier State Councils in the country.

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ST. Francis Xavier the Missionary Council # 10957

Grand Knight: SK Michael DeManss The pandemic and COVID restrictions hampered our programs this year. During our parish history of over 358 years, we have weathered many tough times. But not since the British suppressed Catholics with the Intolerant Act, which forbade public worship in 1704, has our parish gone without general Masses. However, we successfully worked around these challenges and provided excellent programs and events. Our Council continued to meet, albeit virtually at 7 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, and an officer's and planning meeting on the fourth Tuesday. On September 27th, District Deputy SK Robert Bowles performed the 2020-2021 officers' Installation after the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church. Our celebration followed at Fitzie's Marina. SK Herb Male served as MC, and the GK SK Mike DeManss presented a series of awards. First and foremost, he recognized the support of our wives and families and awarded the Family of the Year - Rosine Downs Family, Knight of the Year – Matt Cosgrove, and Citizen of the Year – SK Jim Howe, Jr. Finally, we were awarded the Columbian Award.

Program Director: SK Mark Coontz Jr. replaced SK Michael Holton, PGK, and Trustee SK Michael Holton continued his exceptional performance for most of the fraternal year. Then Mark took over and maintained the outstanding job of organizing and leading our programs. He is an invaluable asset to our Council.

Faith Activities: Paul Roman Our Council was instrumental in the Re-opening of the Church. We took the lead to assist the pastor with planning and carrying out the Mass in three locations simultaneously. Jim Howe and Peter LaPorte organized the rosary at daily Mass once we were re-opened. We also lead the First and Fifth Sunday Rosary program. Our Council assisted in a Celebration Mass on the Feast of St Francis Xavier and conducted our annual Lenten Fish Fry on March 26th. Matt Cosgrove and many council brothers ran the second year and two semesters of That Man Is You (Into the Breach-like) Program. This leadership program for men meets on Saturday mornings at 6:00 AM for breakfast, a presentation, and discussion. As part of our spiritual reflection to St. Joseph. We began with Mass, prayers, talks, and pilgrimage to St Joseph (founded 1858) parish in Morganza, MD. We received a tour and history lesson of the Church and grounds. Our lecturer also presents studies from the "Into the Breach" program at our General Membership meetings. Year-round we also help with the Church's upkeep, the Social Hall, the rectory, the church grounds, and the graveyard. We also post monthly our Grand Knight's and Chaplin's report.

Family Activities Chairman: John Breck Our twelve-month Family of the Month program continues and reaches all parish families. John presents a certificate and a rosary to each selected family, and the Council awards a Family of the Year. We joined the parish in consecrating the Christmas season to the Holy Family. Knights and their sons planed and set up a Nativity Scene in the courtyard. We also assisted in decorating the Church along with the nativity scene. We joined the parish at Christmas, Feast of Holy Family, Epiphany, and Baptism for the Holy Family's intercession. Our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest was a hit again this year, and we give wards to each of the first-place winners. We held a memorial Mass and recognized all our deceased Knights and wives.

Community Activities Chairman: James Morgan, PGK, Trustee Our community activities were canceled or postponed due to the COVID restrictions imposed by the State. Our annual golf tournament, Council Christmas Party, Basketball Free Throw Contest Easter Egg Hunt, Family Picnic,

and Wrapping Arms Round Many (WARM) programs were canceled. We helped with Food for Families by collecting and distributing non-perishable foods for the local Food Kitchens within the restrictions. We have partnerships with M.L. Gough, IMH, and 1st Saints Food Pantries along with Care Net Pregnancy Center and delivered over 2.5K lbs. of food. To reduce our contact, we provided Food gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas for parish families, designated by Father Rob. We also collected Boxes of Joy for impoverished children in South America. We did hold one of our most significant events once the governor eased the restrictions. – On August 15th, we had our annual "Family Fishing Derby and Picnic at St. Clements Shore." A lot of action on the pier that afternoon as the Knights ran the grill, prepared lunch, and presented awards. Although the day was overcast, everyone left with a big smile on their face! On September 27th, we held the officers' Installation and a celebration followed by a St Mary's County Feast. We expressed our gratefulness to spouses, family, and community members. We honored the Knight, Family, and Citizen of the Year. Our GK focused on extending our limits, making it fun, and meeting our first principle - charity. We also held a Celebration. Our pastor and our Council planned and carried out a parish community celebration of Fr. Michael McGivney's Beatification. Knights, spouses, and parishioners joined for prayers, a documentary film, and a review of Fr. McGivney's life and contributions.

Life Activities Chairman: SK Herb Male, DGK Several brothers participated in Care Net of Southern Maryland's "ARISE" 2020 Un-banquet virtually with Ms. Mellissa Ohden as the keynote speaker. Our Council planned, announced, & held a Sunday Drive-Thru Breakfast with the proceeds to CARENET. We served 80 meals and netted \$530. It was very successful. Our Tootsie Roll Campaign will be held at the end of the year to raise over \$2,000 for Special Olympics. We rescheduled our annual Robert B. Rezza Memorial Golf Tournament and Pig Roast at the Breton Bay Country Club next year. From January 21st to 29th, we lead a parish-wide "Novena – 9 Days for Life" to protect human life. We joined for the rosary, daily Mass, and Novena prayers and reflections daily and Sunday Masses.

Membership Director: SK James Berned, Jr, PGK, Trustee We applied the new K of C Delta Church Drive principles to our membership drive for November 2nd and 3rd with Father Rob's involvement and support. Council members provided the congregation an overview of the Council's contributions at each Mass. On March 20th and 21st, our Council held our second Church drive at each Mass. We have participated in a Benefits Seminar in the fall and will participate in one again this Spring. We set up a new team for the new Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Exemplification. However, due to COVID, we are using the on-demand Exemplification online. We recruited two new Knights and have two more transferred. We have also identified a couple of others willing to join us this year.

Conclusion: Our brothers, spouses, and families' support is exceptional. Most importantly, they donate their time, a truly precious gift. I must thank our wives for their continued backing that allows us to accomplish our program. Our DD, SK Bob Bowles, and our DW, SK Charlie Widmayer, give us their guidance and encouragement. And, finally, our Council would not run as smoothly without the tireless efforts of George Morgan and Jim Howe, who always has the answers to my questions, even before I ask them. Together, our Council will continue to lead, serve others, and be solid defenders of our faith as we continue to make a difference.

Vivat Jesus,
Michael DeManss,
Grand Knight
ST. Francis Xavier the Missionary Council # 10957

Our Lady of The Wayside, Council 16986

Grand Knight SK William Mattingly

Our Council conducts a Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We also have a Planning Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of each month. Both meetings are held at Our Lady of the Wayside, Lorreto Hall, 37575 Chaptico Rd., Chaptico, MD 20621. Other meetings are conducted occasionally, for various reasons. During the pandemic we continued meeting, utilizing Zoom.

On Sunday the 6th of September 2020, the officers of our council held their installation of officers. This installation was held virtually. The District Deputy SK Robert Bowles, assisted by the District Warden SK Charlie Widmayer, addressed the attendees with a warm welcome and later performed the installation of the new council officers. Fr. Chip Lockett, Chaplain, was in attendance.

Programs Director-Deputy Grand Knight Matthew Quinn

It goes without saying that Covid had a major impact on many of our Council Programs this year. We transitioned to virtual meetings and were able to keep up with all Council Planning. Matt did a great job coordinating and leading our programs. We had a very good year. He and his family are a valuable asset to our council.

Faith Activities Chairman: Stephen Wright, Financial Secretary

We organized and performed a Spring clean-up and beautification for the church and hall grounds and buildings. We organized a Rosary for the unborn after masses. In late November we sold Christmas cards after each mass. On October 17th Our Council 16986 provided the manpower and refreshments at the St Joseph's Church rest stop for the annual Ride for Vocations,

Family Activities Chairman: James Summers, Trustee

Our Family of the Month program is going very well. Our parish is the hub for the Mary Lou Gough food pantry where we meet at the parish hall every Thursday and distribute food to our community.

Community Activities Chairman: James Dorsey, Treasurer

Every year, in our community, we host an Annual Apple Festival. This year the festival consisted of a drive thru theme. We had dinner and a bake table. The festival was a huge success. We sold over 800 dinners. We also held a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. The program went well. Certificates were given to participants. Again, this was done virtually. Our Council also participated in the Maryland State Council Incentive Raffle Program, selling raffle tickets, Knights from the council provided maintenance and upkeep to the church and hall.

Life Activities Chairman: David Norris

Our Pro-Life event was rosary for the unborn after masses. These masses were conducted in person and virtually. We held our annual campaign for individuals with disabilities. We passed out

Tootsie Rolls at local businesses, but mainly at Church at all the masses. The money raised goes to Special Olympic of St. Mary's County.

Membership Director: Steve Estevez

We hold an annual membership drive, twice a year in our Church, October and March. This year with the restrictions and the pandemic we were not successful. We are a small parish. New members are a challenge. There are a couple of gentlemen who are interested, and we continue to offer them membership, we do strive for new members.

Conclusion:

I must thank the council officers, the program and membership directors, all my chairman and all my Brother Knights for their continued support this past year. While it has been challenging the members continue to be there when I call. Our parish and community are their top priority. I must also thank the wives of our members for their support. The wives are very dedicated to our mission. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our District Deputy, SK Robert Bowles and our District Warden, Charles Widmayer. They are true role models for me. Thank you both for your patience, guidance and especially your encouragement. I would also like to thank our State officers for their help and interest in keeping out Council up and running. We are a small Council, but we continue to do great things for our church and community.

District No. 3



Terry Reinhart
District Deputy

Michael Turner
District Warden

Councils

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**Maryland State Council
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2020/2021 Fraternal Year
District 3
District Deputy Terry M. Reinhart**

**Sacred Heart Council #2577
St. Mary of the Assumption Council #9302
Fr. Peter C Boyle Council #12254
Fr. Michael S. Kidd Council #14455**

District 3's four Councils did an amazing array of projects in spite of the difficulties imposed by COVID-19 restrictions.

Their efforts benefited the communities and supported their pastors, parishes and families.

The councils helped brothers Knights , ~~their families and members of the~~ community celebrate life by promoting a culture of life.

All four Councils were exceptional in their support of Leave No Neighbor behind.

District meetings helped the Councils stay focused and motivated as evidenced by their own book of reports.

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Saint Mary's of The Assumption Council 9302

Daniel Hall, Grand Knight

This fraternal year Saint Mary of the Assumption Council 9302 maintained the water filtration system for the Sister Servants of the Lord located in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The old farmhouse is supplied with water from a well and the filtration system must be serviced quarterly. Council 9302 purchases and installs the needed parts. Members from Council 9302 are involved with the Prince George's County Public Safety (Bill Milligan) Food Basket Program that feeds over 2500 families during the Christmas holiday season. Our Grand Knight has an allotment of 110 food baskets that are delivered to the domestic violence programs within Prince Georges County Maryland. Additionally, baskets are also reserved for and delivered to the sister servants of the Lord located in Upper Marlboro MD. Council 9302 prepared and served meals for up to 110 people once a month at a church in Hyattsville, Maryland that hosted the program. Due to the pandemic direct service to clients was no longer possible because direct public contact was no longer allowed. Council 9302 currently donates monetary funds to the Community Kitchen of Prince George's County. Council 9302 Supports one Seminarian this reporting period at The Saint Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. The entire council participates through the use of dues to fund this effort.

Father Michael C. Kidd Council, No. 14455
Grand Knight: León E. Alexander, Jr.
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The Father Micheal C. Kidd Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at the Cobo/Romero Meeting Hall at Holy Family Catholic Church, 12010 Woodmore Road, Bowie, Maryland. Our meetings are held at 7:30 pm. We have our Council Planning meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

On Sunday, August 2, 2020, we held a virtual installation of the officers of the father Michael C. Kidd Council. They were installed by our Worthy District Deputy Terry Reinhart and assisted by our Worthy District Warden, Micheal Turner.

Faith Program: James H. Murry, Trustee, PGK, PFN

The Father Michael C. Kidd Council 14455 has struggled just as other councils during these unusual times to remain active with meaningful activities for our brother knights. We witnessed the turmoil of the summer which caused the entire society to rethink our relationships with each other. Meanwhile, the Washington Archdiocese offered us the opportunity to relook at the emphasis of Blacks in religious life. We took on this task with the help of our parish priest, Father Joseph Jenkins, to highlight Black's contributions to the Catholic Church. In this effort we embarked on a book review and lecture series by chronicling "*Celebrating the Black Experience in the Catholic Church*." This undertaking had an additional meaning because our church, Holy Family, in Mitchellville is of historic origin because it was built in the late 1800s by newly freed slaves and sharecroppers.

Our virtual book and lecture series has been a tremendous success in bringing our brother knights, other Holy Family Church members and even persons outside of our church community together. The range of topics have included the Black Bishops Letter, Father Augustus Tolson (from slave to becoming the first American Black Priest) and Sister Thea Bowman, a young woman from the Mississippi Delta rising to national prominence as a nun and educator. These sessions have been warmly received and have imparted a renewed acknowledgment that there is reason to celebrate the black experience in the Catholic Church. The church's history represents a mosaic, and many can claim a stake in its vibrance and enduring meaning to living the good life. We share this legacy and joyfully embrace the glorious strength that the church bestows in our daily lives. We have also tied this is the purchase of materials for the Book Review and rehab of a building where these materials will be housed for members of the Parish to enjoy.

It is our future goal to expand this program beyond this fraternal year and capture the rich religious legacy of the other groups (Whites, Philippians, Spaniards, Continental Africans) within our church and showcase their contributions to our Catholic faith.

Family Program: Micheal J. Turner, DW, Trustee, PGK

Throughout this year and dealing with the Pandemic, it was challenging to come up with ways to still support families of our Parish with all the guidelines that were in place. One way of keeping our families engaged with the council was to resurrect our Family of the Month Program at Holy Family Catholic Church. Even through the Pandemic there were families still committed to getting things done and kept our Parish running in support of our Pastor Father Joseph Jenkins. On Tuesday, January 19, 2020, the Father Michael Kidd Council conducted a Family of the Month Presentation virtually for all the Families of the Month for the first 6 months of the Fraternal Year. It was very well attended with all the families except one family. We even had in attendance our Honorable Mayor of Bowie, MD, Timothy Adams who is also a member of the Father Micheal C. Kidd Council.

Life Program: Nino Foronda

In past years, our council was always available to participate in multiple events throughout the year to support life. Being that we were limited to physical contact in groups and a lot of events being cancelled, we still found a way to support our commitment to life. We decided to do a drive to collect Baby Supplies, (blankets, clothes,) and a Baby Diaper drive. This all occurred at different times throughout the year and was a great way to support our local Pregnancy Clinic Ministry. This turned out to be a very successful endeavor and all of brothers really came through with support and donations of materials. Grand Knight Leon E Alexander JR was able to deliver all the donations safely.

Community: Peter Rozanski

Our Community Programs at Holy Family Church have been some of the most widely attended and successful programs throughout the years. Because of the Covid-19 restrictions and the Holy Family Church Hall being closed, we were not able to accomplish what we normally do. We still were able to assist in a couple of areas and still take brother's safety in account. Being that school students were starting their school year virtually, we thought it was important to still support schools with school supplies for students in need. We asked the parish and members of the council to donate school supplies. On Monday November 09, 2020 Grand Knight Leon E Alexander was able to donate over 20 bags of school supplies to Mattaponi Elementary School in Upper Marlboro, MD. We were able to deliver snack and food donations for the elderly residents in the Little Sisters of the Poor. On Saturday, November 21, 2020, the Father Michael C. Kidd Council also participated in a Thanksgiving Food Drive along with members of Holy Family Catholic Church. Being that this was a car drive-thru event, our Knights prepared the parking lot of the church and assisted in distributing food to over 56 families.

District No. 4



Jose Rivera
District Deputy

Harold Sanders, Jr.
District Warden

Councils

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Prince George's Council 2809 2020/2021 Grand Knight's Report

Our Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month, at 8:00 pm, at our Council home, located at 9450 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD 20740. Our Council was founded in 1939, by a group of enthusiastic individuals, with the hope of serving Northern Prince George's County. Our Council currently serves three parishes, St. Joseph's, Holy Redeemer, and St. James. Our building corporation meets the third Monday of the month.

Our installation of officers was held on Saturday August 1, 2020, at 5:00 pm. The opening mass and installation ceremony was held at St. Mary of the Mills in Laurel Maryland, home parish of Grand Knight David Alessandrini. Worthy Council Chaplain, Msgr. Juaquine Bazan was present, serving along with Fr. Christian Hubner of St. Mary's. SK David Alessandrini was installed as Grand Knight; SK Keith Hurst, PGK, as Deputy Grand Knight; SK Tim Keifline as Chancellor; and SK Paul Wood as Warden. Our guest of honor was Maryland State Advocate John Winfrey. Following the mass and installation, a formal plated dinner was held at our Council home (socially distanced). All officers and trustees were attired in their white tuxedo jackets with black slacks.

As always, our Council is very active, even in these times of socially distanced Covid-19. We have approximately 800 members and hold over 30 events each year. We logged in over 1,000 volunteer hours, and donated over \$6,800 to various, worthy causes this fraternal year. Some of the events we conducted this fraternal year include the following;

- As Covid-19 restrictions began to ease a bit in June, I reached out to our three parishes, and asked if the Knights could help them in any way. Two of our three parishes noted a need for ushers at their masses, as many of their ushers were still at home, socially distancing. Our Council has provided 10 ushers, to help at various masses. A number have stayed on to help weekly, with a few serving as needed. I felt this was a very important program, as one of our key initiatives is help our local pastors and churches.
- Labor Day and Memorial Day masses are annual events held at our Council, always served by our Worthy Chaplain, Msgr. Bazan. Although attendance numbers were down, due to Covid-19, the masses were still held, and breakfast was served following each mass.
- In September, we held our 7th annual .1k fun run/walk, for Special Olympics Maryland. You read that right, .1k, which comes to about 300 yards. As we were in the middle of Covid-19 restrictions, I was happily surprised to have 45 participants for the event. We had to cancel the picnic afterwards, but fellowship was shared by all. We raised \$1,300 for Special Olympics Maryland.
- We held a Rosary Bonfire Prayer Service in September, amidst the Covid restrictions. As inside events were not permitted, we chose to hold the event outside. We snuck it in between rain showers and finished the final prayers in a light rain. Participation was light, due to the weather, but a successful program none the less.
- The Silver Rose Ceremony returned to our Council in October, after a 3-year hiatus. When word came out about registration for the event, I was one of the first callers to our State rep. I attended my Council's last ceremony and was moved by the historical significance. We did not hold a formal mass, due to Covid-19 restrictions, but were able to perform a rosary ceremony, per the guidelines.

- In October, our Council hosted our first annual Charity Mustang Car Show. Although still in the midst of Covid-19, this outdoor and socially distanced event was a success. We had 37 cars participate, with trophies awarded. We raised over \$1600 for Special Olympics Maryland. This event was originally scheduled for April, but Covid-19 restrictions forced us to cancel. I could not let such a promising event not happen, so it was rescheduled. We kept advertising to a minimum, as to keep the participation numbers down. I can see this event expanding in the future.
- Food Pantry Drives for St. Joseph's and St. James were held in November and February. Our members made me proud in the amount of food donated to each parish's food pantries, especially given the restrictions put on our Council home. We donated over 350 pounds of food, along with \$120 cash.
- Coats for Kids has always been an important charitable event for our Council. This year was so much more important, due to Covid, and layoffs. We were able to donate and distribute 5 cases of coats, while one of our brothers donated another dozen coats, he stumbled across, on sale, at a local store. All the coats were lovingly distributed to children in need.
- In December, I reached out to St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families, to see if my Council could help their residents during the Christmas season. Typically, we host a summer pool party for the residents, but were unable this year, due to Covid-19. The request of Sister Mary was not for gifts or toys, but for practical items, such as diapers, bed sheets, 2 microwaves, sealable containers, etc. Our Council stepped up, and filled two cars, checking off each item requested, along with \$140 cash. Words cannot describe the appreciation felt for the Knights of Columbus.
- Breakfast with Santa is a favorite annual event, as we have an in-house Santa. We had to be creative with this year's event, ~~respecting social distancing~~. We set up a Plexiglas divider between Santa and the kids that was barely visible to the camera. We served breakfast to go, but the weather was so nice, we set up tables in the parking lot for outdoor dining. Again, we had to improvise for a successful event.
- In January, we learned the Annual Polar Bear plunge would be going virtual, with no group plunge planned in the Chesapeake Bay. Brother Bryan Adamczyk, a super plunger, still had funds to raise. His plunge went virtual, looking to 24 outside donors to assist in his "24 hourly plunges". Our Council stepped up and planned a virtual event at our Council home. We were shot down when the County closed our clubhouse, due to Covid-19, but I was able to rally a small group outside the Council home to hold the event. In attendance with Bryan was his partner in crime, Lori Plaxen, from Special Olympics Maryland.
- In February, our Council hosted a St. Valentine's Day Wedding Vow Renewal Mass. Although attendance is not what I would have liked, we are all coping Covid-19. The mass was presented by our Worthy Chaplain, Msgr. Bazan. All who attended received a wedding certificated and bottle of champagne. Finger foods were served following the mass.
- April brings Easter, and our annual Easter Egg Hunt, the weekend prior. The weather cooperated, and we had a good turnout. Even the Easter Bunny showed up.
- To close out the year, we will hold our Widow's Luncheon, to show our appreciation to the wives of our deceased Brothers, our Memorial Day Weekend camp-out, mass and pool dedication, along with our flag retirement (assisted by the Fourth Degree).

Our Council holds 4 yearly Blood Drives, in February, May, August and November. Donors from our Council and throughout the community donate between 30-35 units of blood per donation drive. Brother Knight Arnold Powell and his wife head the blood drive committee, and make sure each event is properly staffed, make calls to potential donors, and schedule donations along with the Red Cross.



This has always been an important program that assists our community.

Our Abortion Clinic Prayer Group was started by Brother Frank Hunter, our Culture of Life Chairman. He, along with his daughter, and a fellow member, pray at the local abortion clinic with others, two to three times a week. They have had great success in having women turn away from the clinic.

Bread for our Brothers is a weekly program, started by Brother Dennis O'Malley. His assembled team of volunteers go twice a week to a local bakery, pick-up day-old bread, and deliver it to 4 charitable food distribution sites. Covid-19 put a damper on this program, cutting our bread runs to once a week, and distributing to only three locations.

In support of our Council's Building Corporation, following social distancing requirements, we were able to introduce Friday night, carry-out dinners, a Bier Garten, during the summer/fall months while indoor dining was banned, host Super Bowl and St. Patrick Day parties, and open our pool and picnic grounds in the summer months.

I have been extremely proud to serve as Grand Knight of Council 2809, especially during the year of Covid. I am privileged to head a Council with so much support and volunteers every time they are needed. The Council truly exemplifies our mission of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. I have confidence our new Grand Knight will continue with the tradition.



Vivat Jesus,
David A Alessandrini
Grand Knight
Prince George's Council 2809

James C. Fletcher, Jr. Council #11422



*Auxiliary Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr. - Chaplain
Rev. Patrick Mullan - Associate Chaplain
Deacon Steven A. Nash - Assistant to the Chaplain
Peter Methodius-Ngwodo - Grand Knight*



"...Teamwork Yields Best Results"

James C. Fletcher Jr., Council 11422 initially met on the first and third Thursday of each month at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2020 St. Joseph Drive in Largo, Maryland. Later, Planning and Council meetings were held virtually, using the medium of "Zoom" because of the COVID-19 pandemic virus. Our meetings start at 7:30 P.M. We factor-in our Executive Committee meeting during the first Thursday of the month's "Planning Meeting" and this starts at 6:30 P.M., prior to the full-blown meeting that starts at 7:00 P.M. prompt.

We began our Fraternal Year with the Installation of our 2020-2021 Council Officers which took place on Sunday, August 23, 2020. The Council Officers and the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary were installed following Mass celebrated by our Chaplain Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The District Deputy (DD), Jose Rivera, served as the Installation Official and was assisted by District Warden (DW), Harold Sanders. We were unable to conduct a reception after the installation at St. Joseph Church Rosemont Room due to COVID-19 pandemic. However, "pick-up & take-home" refreshments accompanied attendees as they drove off in their vehicles.

Lamentably in the year, we lost SKs Matthew Koker on 7/29/20; Robert Sistare on 10/22/20 and Isaiah Teasley on 02/26/21, who were called home to the Lord after battling with health issues. We greatly miss them for they had provided remarkable services to the parish and to our council!

PROGRAM DIRECTOR - Harold Countee (DGK)

Our Program Director coordinated all the events and activities. He was supported by GK Peter Methodius-Ngwodo and other Program Leaders PGKs Alan Davis, Fidelis Ajudua, Bernard Broadus, Ike Agbim, Emeka Onwezi, SK Phil Beauboeuf; as well as our remarkable KC Ladies Auxiliary.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES - Alan M. Davis (PGK)

Knights' Sunday Mass - Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, every Sunday (including the third Sunday of the month), council members come together to pray together and to assist in the Mass. Knights serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality Ministers and Lectors. Fletcher Council Knights, family members and parishioners also met and conducted every 5th Sunday Rosary event; whereby, we pray the rosary prior to the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

Support Your Pastor & Parish - Knights served as Hospitality, Eucharistic, Lector and "Protocol Officers" to ensure masking, temperature-taking, hand sanitizing & distance sitting during every Saturday and Sunday services - including Stations of the Cross.

Deacons Convocation - Hosted the Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) Deacons Convocation to enable renewal of their commitment to the church. Ceremony was concelebrated by Cardinal Gregory and two other Auxiliary Bishops of ADW. The wives of the Deacons also attended the ceremony.

Day of Reflections - Supported & donated \$600 for the Day of Reflections coordinated by Rev Fr. Boxie at Immaculate Conception Parish, Washington, D.C.

RSVP - Celebrated recognition Mass and extended RSVP to our Seminarian, donating \$500 to Dylan Prentice.

Leave-No-Neighbor-Behind - Knights assisted in funeral ceremonies serving as ushers and pallbearers for both member Knights and parishioners.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - Fidelis Ajudua (PGK)

Bread to the Shelters - is done every weekend by Fletcher Council Knights. Leading this endeavor, we have SK Bernard Broadus GK, SK Alan Davis PGK, and SK John Huntley PGK, who continue to support the food shelters and food banks throughout our community with bread donations from Costco and Panera Bread.

Helping Hands Scholarship - Conducted Community Helping Hands Scholarship for College-bound students of our parish & community at-large.

Food Distribution to Families - Assisted the St. Vincent the Paul in Food Distribution to Families in Need on several occasions.

Community Recognition Awards - Conducted & nominated for Citizen (Worthy Harold Countee), Police (Cpl. Jessica Johnson), and Teacher (Mrs. Bernadette Crawford).

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - Bernard Broadus (PGK)

Coats for Kids & Luggage for the Needy - As we always did in the past, the council purchased two boxes of Coats for Kids and donated them to St. Joseph's Good Samaritans annual coat drive and Empowerment Ministries. The coats were distributed to needy families/children in our community. The luggages were given to the homeless to gather their mobile belongings in suitcase; instead of in plastic or garbage bags.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - Ikechukwu R. Agbim (PGK)

Family of the Year - Conducted & Nominated Worthy Michael Akpan (FDD, PGK) & family of the year.

Halloween for Family & Kids - Organized Halloween drive-thru Party and for Kids & Family.

Family of the Month - Family of the Month program continues to be a key council and church activity. We are usually successful in selecting a Family of the Month for all 12-months of this fraternal year. Each family was presented with a Family of the Month (FOM) certificate.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITIES - Dr. Peter Methodius-Ngwodo

Novena for Life - Conducted Novena for Life to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and prayed the Rosary to strengthen our faith and to be strong against temptations.

Holy Hour of Life - Conducted Holy Hour of Life to pray for peace and cessation of the Corona Virus.

Culture of Life - The council continued its promotion and participation in the Culture of Life programs through published articles in our KnightLine Newsletter. In other cases, we participate in online virtual events that reinforce the essence of Pro-Life. Through the efforts of our Pro-Life Activities Director, the council supported (by virtual mode) the March for Life in January; the 40 Days for Life Campaign; National Prayer Vigil for Life; Pro-Life Letter Campaign, United Nations Petition for the Unborn Child and Annapolis Night at the State House in Annapolis Maryland.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Philippe A. Beauboeuf

Financial Scholarships - This fraternal year, Fletcher Council presented 10 Scholarships to deserving youth of the parish. The ceremony was held following the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday, August 15th at St Joseph Catholic Church in Largo, MD. Recipients had a 3.0 GPA or better and were excellent students. They were evaluated based on GPA, SAT Score, Community Activities and Interviewing Skills.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR - Emeka Onwezi (PGK)

Membership - Notwithstanding the COVID-19 challenges, the council met its quota of 10 members and then, exceeded this by an additional recruitment of 3 members in the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year! There were no suspensions in our role and our council was in "Good Standing" during the entire fraternal year. Our Member participation in zoom council meetings and in activities continue to remain high!

HEALTH SERVICES - Chiedozie Ojimba

Health Promotion - Conducted Zoom workshop on Substance Abuse for young people (ages 12 - 25).

CONCLUSION

Yes indeed, the COVI-19 pandemic challenges were present; however, our Council 11422 completed this 2020-2021 Fraternal Year. We delivered in areas pertaining to Pro-Life - Novena for Life; Community - Helping Hand; Faith - Support Parish; and Family - Food for Family. Nonetheless, these accomplishments were not easy to come by... Therefore, kindly allow me the opportunity to thank all my officers, activities chairpersons and of course, our own wonderful KC Ladies Auxiliary. Our Ladies were dedicated and tireless in their contributory efforts on behalf of our council. Many thanks to SK Vernon Hawkins, Jr. for his unbending support this year. Special thanks to our Pastors and Chaplains, Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr., Father Patrick Mullan, and Deacon Steven Nash for all their support and encouragements. I would like to thank DD Jose Rivera, and DW Harold Sanders for their support; as well as, our Fraternal Field Agent (Benefits Advisor), Harold Sims, who reinforced the importance of taking care of our immediate family members, especially when we cannot be there for them any longer. In addition, many thanks to all other member Knights who directly and indirectly contributed to our Council 11422's success this year. Finally, to my family members and children, I say a big thank you for your support throughout my Fraternal Year of service to the K of C. *Vivat Jesus!*

District No. 5



Gregory McClain
District Deputy

Richard Przybylski
District Warden

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Gregory E McClain, District Deputy 5

As a result of the election of officers for the 122nd Maryland State Council Convention May 1 through 2, 2020, Sir Knight Ron Hassan was elected as State Warden. By virtue of his membership with Saint Bernadette Council District 13 became District 5 with the sitting Councils comprised of Father Michael J McGivney (7025), Our Lady of the Chesapeake (10881), Monsignor Raymond P Kelly (10966), Saint Bernadette (11214) and Saint Philip Neri (14612).

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and in an attempt to comply with local and Archdiocesan directives for social distancing each of the Councils decided on how and when they would conduct business.

All Councils were represented during the Maryland State Council Leadership Seminar which was conducted virtually.

All Councils were reminded to submit the necessary forms to reflect that they were prepared to fulfill requirements towards achieving Star Council status.

On July 5, 2020, Gregory E McClain received his commission as District Deputy along with the other District Deputies and State Council officers during a hybrid ceremony (in person and virtual) at Our Lady of the Fields Church in Millersville.

July 11, 2020, Monsignor Raymond P Kelly Council (10966) officers rehearsed their installation earlier for their subsequent installation of officers after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at Saint Jane de Chantal Church in Riviera Beach. The first order of business before installing the Council Officers was to install District Warden Rick Przybylski. There was a reception hosted by the Council to recognize the newly installed Grand Knight Joseph del Signore and officers and recognize Immediate Past Grand Knight Russ Hewitt.

July 12, 2020 Father Michael J McGivney Council (7025) exemplified a virtual installation of officers ceremony to install Grand Godwin Ilonoh.

August 18, 2020 Saint Bernadette Council (11214) exemplified their installation of officers at Saint Bernadette Catholic Church in Severn to install Grand Knight Roy Pinto and supporting officers.

August 22, 2020, the Saint Philip Neri Council (14612) conducted their installation of officers upon conclusion of the scheduled 5:00 Mass at Saint Philip Neri Catholic Church in Linthicum.

September 16, 2020 the Our Lady of the Chesapeake Council (10881) conducted their installation of Grand Knight Paul Reinke and supporting officers at Our Lady of the Chesapeake Church in Pasadena.

Councils were notified via email about the availability of the series of Supreme and Maryland State Council webinars and training sessions to encourage Councils to find ways to remain active despite restrictions for in-person gatherings.

The District Deputy provided the Councils with opportunities to meet in-person or virtually in order to receive the monthly talking points from State Deputy Vince Grauso. The talking points were also sent via email to the Grand Knights to share with the Council Recorder to assure that the talking points would be entered into the Council minutes.

Council Activities

Councils conducted ingenious activities to raise funds in support of their various programs and activities. Some members actually donated funds to activities within their church.

Saint Philip Neri Council conducted weekly rosary recitations and discussions to engage members in-person and virtually. The Council hosted Crab Feast dinner fundraising events on October 24, 2020 and March 12, 2021.

Father Michael J McGivney Council in cooperation with the Brian Boru Restaurant in Severna Park sponsored two pre-fixed three course dinners for \$25.00 per person. The Council used this opportunity to sell car raffle tickets and recruit new members. The Council also supported a local food bank by collecting non perishables and helping to stock the pantry.

Members of Our Lady of the Chesapeake Council covered designated sitting areas within the church to allow parishioners to attend Mass in a safe and easily maintained environment. In addition to installing the new covers, members of the Council also took on the responsibility of sanitizing the sitting areas in the church after every service.

Monsignor Raymond P Kelly Council yielded a great response to their Carryout Lenten Fish Fries. They also were successful at getting a lot of car raffle chances sold and recruiting prospective members from their ~~carryout meals~~.

Saint Bernadette Council received a significant donation in response of hosting food trucks at the parish.

The challenges of soliciting donations for the Intellectually Challenged and Incentive Car Raffle drawing resulted in Councils resorting to relying on parishioners of their respective parishes to support their efforts. The movement of deadlines within the State Council calendar made some of the fundraising events easier to support and beneficial to the individual Councils.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic and the evolving State Council schedule; the Councils in District 5 have exemplified the principles of our honored Order in being charitable, united and fraternal by leaving no neighbor behind in support of their respective Councils, parishes and community. All of the Councils are primed to continue being successful because of the foundation established by their predecessors and inevitable successors.

"We Are Servant Leaders"

Gregory E McClain

District Deputy 5

ST. PHILIP NERI COUNCIL, No. 14612

During a “normal” year our council meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Msgr. Zorbach Hall at St. Philip Neri Church, 6405 S. Orchard Rd. in Linthicum, Maryland. With the Covid19 restrictions in place for most of this fraternal year we were able to conduct our Business and Social meetings using the Zoom platform. The second Wednesday is an open Social meeting, and the fourth Wednesday is the Council’s Business meeting. Both meetings start at 8pm. The Program Directors and Grand Knight communicate regularly with the Activity Directors to plan and document our accomplishments. As you will read below, even in a very trying year we were able to conduct a full slate of activities that shows, even in a year such as this, that we still perform as the Knights ought, by being Servant Leaders of our Parish and Community.

On Saturday August 22nd, 2020, our officers were installed after the 5pm Mass celebrated by our Chaplain and Pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish, Rev. Fr. Michael DeAscanis. In attendance was the State Deputies Representative, State Warden Ron Hassan and his wife Yolanda, District Deputy Greg McClain with his wife Cathy and District Warden Richard Przybylski. A small reception followed outside of Msgr. Zorbach Hall at 7pm with Officers and installation attendees having dinner and fellowship.

GRAND KNIGHT-Phillip Snyder

PROGRAM DIRECTOR – DGK Gregory Werner

LIFE ACTIVITIES – PGK Barry Catterton

We supplied Mary’s Center with bassinets for new Moms who chose life and who may be struggling to care for their children. Four Graco Playard Bassinets - delivered July 10, 2020 -Cost: \$294.64. Four bassinets delivered Sept.11, 2020 -Cost: 296.00. Five bassinets delivered Dec. 26, 2020 -Cost: 374.40. On 10/3 and 10/4/2020, we hosted the Silver Rose and due to Covid19 limitations, held a virtual prayer event where we followed the Silver Rose prayer program for Life. Leading up to the March for Life we held a 9-day virtual Novena, beginning on January 21st running through January 29th, for the defense of Life. On 1/29/21, we participated in the Linthicum March for Life Mass and Walk at our parish. Our Life Program Coordinator spoke at the event about our Order’s long history of supporting Life. We also provided the refreshments for those who participated in the walk on a very cold day. This was held on the same day that the National March for Life was supposed to take place in Washington D.C. The event was canceled to much of the public due to the Covid19 pandemic and only a small contingent of Bishops, Priests and Coordinators from the March for Life were allowed to attend. We participated in the 40 Days for Life Cross Walk at 2:00, on March 13th, at the Annapolis Pregnancy Clinic, which is across the street from a Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic. There we prayed for the 63 million children who have been lost due to the horrible act of abortion, since the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973. We also prayed for expectant mothers who may be considering this as an option for their children.

FAITH ACTIVITIES – Phillip Snyder

This year we were able to financially support one of our seminarians, Pascal Atunzu, through the RSVP Program. Pascal attends the St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington DC.

In keeping with our Order’s ideal of being servant leaders, several of our Brother Knights serve as Ushers, Lecturers, and money counters for the parish. With all of the Covid19 restrictions in place

this year, it made it very difficult to be able to gather as a group and pray, but with the help of technology, we were able to come together as a group virtually. Back when the pandemic started several Knights came up with the idea to pray the Rosary on Saturday mornings at 8:00 using the Zoom platform. I am happy to report that this activity has continued every Saturday for the past year plus. The group has between 40 and 50 men who join in every Saturday to start the weekend off with prayer. We were able, with the easing of Covid19 restrictions and the help of our Chaplain and Pastor Fr. DeAscanis, to have two events associated with the Beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney. First, our Chapel was made available for us to watch the Beatification Mass celebrated by Cardinal Tobin at St Mary's Church in New Haven Ct. via video. About 15 Knights and their families were there to watch the Mass. Second, Fr. DeAscanis held a special Mass for our Knights, with intentions going to Blessed McGivney, in commemoration of his beatification. Following Mass, we were allowed to have some fellowship with our Brother Knights. We were also able to use email, as a medium, to pray a Novena for the Principal, Vice Principal, teachers, and students at St. Philip Neri School. Finally, we were able to use the "Into the Breach" videos as part of our Monthly Social Meeting. We used the videos as a segue into some deeper conversations with our fellow Knights and their families. The meetings were followed by refreshments and fellowship.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES – DGK Gregory Werner

This year our council has three unique events to report for the Food for Families program. We had two drive-thru birthday events, in honor of Faith and Hope Kozushko, daughters of Brother Harley. On May 20th, the girls collected 1153 lbs. of food, and on June 7th, another 1,202 lbs. of food. These two events were publicized on Shine FM and on WJZ news. The girls were also recognized by our Supreme Council who published their story in the December 2020 issue of Columbia Magazine. We partnered with SPN Parish School and Food Pantry on March 18th. The school children were challenged to bring in perishable and non-perishable food items to be distributed by the SPN Food Pantry. The class that brought in the most food was rewarded with an ice cream party which the Knights funded. Our Knights helped with collection, transportation and logistics of the food that was donated. These three separate events supplied the SPN food pantry with over 2500lbs of food and \$1830.00 in cash and gift cards. For the Consecration to the Holy Family program, we asked our Pastor Fr. Michael DeAscanis who graciously allowed us to participate as a parish during Masses on the Feast Day of the Holy Family (the final Sunday of 2020). The Consecration prayer was displayed on the Parish's overhead projectors and all present were asked to recite the prayer, at the appropriate point in the Mass. For the 4th consecutive year under the watch of chairmen and DGK Greg Werner, we successfully completed a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Under the special adjustments of the pandemic, all entries we received were virtual. Our Worthy GK provided judging for all 3 age groups in December 2020. The winners were recognized during a school assembly in January 2021. Our winners were also submitted to the State Competition where they competed against their peers. We had 13 entries, which is down from our normal total, due to the pandemic.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Alan Scheffers

In this truly challenging year, we were able to work within our Community to support various church programs. Unfortunately, we were unable to host our annual basketball and soccer shootouts due to the pandemic. At the end of the fall season, we collected 84 coats from parishioners in order to provide coats for children in need. With help from the SPN food pantry, our sister Parish St. Clements and Mary's Crisis Pregnancy Center our community was canvassed for need and coat sizes. The Knights supplied hangers with tags indicating gender and coat size which were placed on a rack in the church lobby. Parishioners graciously took hangers and brought back coats for distribution. Throughout the year approximately 10 Knights participated in the

Exodus 90 program. The E90 men's group met once a week to discuss Catholic values. At various times, the group participated in group exercises such as hiking, biking, and fellowship along with following the ascetic principals of prayer and fasting. The Men of Virtue group which meets on the 2nd Saturday each month, used the "Into the Breach" videos to start their meetings. Following the video, a member of the group would step up and give their take on the main topic from the video, which then lead into some small group discussions. Since we were unable to have our annual Crab Feast, we chose to have two Crab Cake to Go events. With the help of Brothers Barry, Harley, and Jim, we were able to sell approximately 300 crab cake platters. We ended up making a decent amount of money which we were then able to help fund several Parish initiatives. Including donating \$1000.00 for the restoration of our church. It enabled us to help St. Philip Neri School with \$600.00 towards the purchase of a new sound system for the gym. As well as \$500 to help pay for the beautiful painting of the statue of Mary which was placed in the Sanctuary behind the new Altar. Finally, we assisted the 8th grade class with \$300.00, for them to make blankets for newborn babies born in Mercy Hospital. The Knights were able to assist the Parish food pantry on 3 separate occasions where an 18-wheeler packed with 1200 boxes of food was unloaded from the trailer and reloaded in cars over the course of 3.5 hours. Our first delivery was done without mechanical means (no forklift). All 1200 boxes were unloaded by hand. Fortunately, we had forklift assistance for the last 2 deliveries. There were approximately 40 people, including Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Parish members and 10 of our Knights who helped to unload, distribute, and direct traffic. Finally, on March 20th, about 10 Knights attended the Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference. The Conference was held virtually either on YouTube or Facebook live. With permission from Fr. DeAscanis we were able to watch the presentation using the video screen in St. Philip Neri's Hall. The conference was followed by an early morning celebration of Mass by Fr. DeAscanis. ~~Brother Ed Roberts, the President of CMF,~~ and his team, did an excellent job at finding a way to have the conference during the pandemic.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES – Tim Andrysiak

With the Covid19 restrictions our council activities were held to a minimum. We were still able to hold a virtual Fraternal Benefits night as well as scheduling one in person. Beginning in March we have attempted to have our Social Meetings in person again with very little success, but we will continue to hold them if we are able.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR- Mark Douglas

Our solid membership team sledged through very tough recruiting this year. To date we have one new member signed up. We are committed to continuing to push our membership to find those guys out there who are willing to sign up.

CONCLUSION

This second term Grand Knight wishes to thank our Councils Chaplain Fr. Michael DeAscanis for all of his support and guidance. I also want to thank PGK's Bill Szyperki, Barry Catterton and Dave Lotz for all their help and direction. I especially want to thank Brother Al Jordan for setting up all of our Zoom meetings, with out his help none of these programs would have been completed. Congratulations to all of our Officers, Program Directors, Membership Director, Activity Directors and Brothers of this council for an outstanding year! A special thanks to the Knights families for their love, support and understanding. I also appreciate the support of our State Deputy Vince Grauso, and all of the State Officers, as well as our District Deputy Greg McClain and District Warden Richard Przybylski. Finally, I want to thank my loving wife Cathy and my children PJ, John and Emma for their love and support of me and for the Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus!

District No. 6



Michael Lynch
District Deputy

Gary Guy
District Warden

Councils

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Father Horace B McKenna, SJ Council #11024

2020/2021 Grand Knight's Report

Our council meets on the first Thursday of every month via Zoom, and in person at The Thomas M. Wells Parish Center, 19951 Father Hurley Boulevard, Germantown, Maryland, 20874. Our council was founded in 1993 and serves Mother Seton Parish in Germantown, Maryland. Membership meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month and start at 7:40 pm with the recitation of The Rosary. Our officers meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Our installation of council officers was conducted on August 14, 2020. The ceremony commenced at Mother Seton Parish. Council Chaplain Father Leroy Fangmeyer presided as Donald Kinler was inducted as Grand Knight, Patrick Ezigbo as Deputy Grand Knight, Kenneth Kingfield as Chancellor and John Matthew Akpala as Warden. Our guest of honor was Worthy Deputy District Michael Lynch. Following Mass and the ceremony, light refreshments were served.

Despite the restrictions imposed by the global pandemic, our council is very active. We have 172 members and about 65 events each year. We logged in over 600+ volunteer hours and donated almost \$20,000 to various worthy causes.

Some of the events that we conducted this year include:

- We continued our support of the Upcounty Hub Food bank by making weekly food deliveries to families in need. Every Tuesday at noon, an average of eight members conducted these deliveries. In addition, we continued our support of Germantown Help by making similar deliveries of the second and fifth Mondays of each month.

- We also supported our parish by providing support for drive thru confessions that were conducted bi-weekly on Saturday afternoons and Tuesday evenings during the pandemic. We also provided similar services monthly to our school of religion assisting with the distribution of educational materials to students and their families to assist with the virtual learning platform used this year.

- In July, we hosted a Virtual Family Fun Night. Each team/family submitted 5 family friendly trivia questions that were to be drawn at random. Snacks were provided by the council and delivered to each team's home the evening before the event

- August saw us conduct our annual Charity Golf Tournament for Seminarian Support, where we and the other councils in our district raised nearly \$1500 to support our seminarians in formation. We also held a virtual social "Knights of the Round Table", giving Brother Knights the opportunity to meet socially in a virtual environment.

- In October, we prepared and provided dinner for the residents and staff of Dorothy Day Place, a single adult transitional shelter that functions as a crucial bridge between homelessness and permanent housing. This center is associated with Catholic Charities of the Greater DC area.

-November 2020 saw our Knights provide a host collection point for the Maryland State Council's monthly drive for The Little Sisters of The Poor. McKenna Council Brothers, Worthy District Deputy, Mike Lynch, and Maryland State Chairman, Brother Walter Leskuski provided support as we collected nearly 2000 pounds (including 22 turkeys) of food for The Jeanne Jugan Residence in Washington, DC. In addition, various requested items included cleaning supplies, computer paper, Giant Supermarket gift cards, and durable medical devices. Cash donations of nearly \$2000 were also collected.

During the Advent season, our council conducted weekly Evening Prayer (Vespers) services in the church. Each Monday night service was led by our Worthy Associate Chaplain, Deacon Francis Bendel. Using the readings from The Breviary, the services were open to the parish.

-In December, Brother Knights and their families attended The Door to Bethlehem, at the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Based on the tradition of La Posada. On this guided tour, participants accompanied The Holy Family on their journey to search for shelter on that first Christmas Eve.

We also conducted a free mobile shredding event. This secure, socially distanced event allowed parishioners the opportunity to safely dispose of any unwanted sensitive documents. A free will offering was collected and we presented \$1000 to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington, DC.

~~Additionally, Brother Knights volunteered to decorate the church for Christmas. An annual council event.~~

-In January, we sponsored a Rosary for Life followed by an Evening Prayer (Vespers) service on the eve of the March for Life in Washington, DC. Due to the pandemic, this year's march was a virtual event.

-Our February social event was a webcast, "Protecting You and Your Family in the Digital Age". Worthy Brother Barry Lyons, a cyber security expert, was our guest speaker. In his presentation, Brother Lyons offered safeguards to protect person and property from online attacks. The session was followed up by a Q and A session.

-In March, we kicked off two very successful events. First, our council sponsored an Inova Blood drive. Through advanced and online signups, 37 donors were confirmed, including 4 walk-ins.

Secondly, in honor of the Year of St. Joseph, our council sponsored a St. Joseph Altar, also known as a St. Joseph's Table. St. Joseph is the patron saint of immigrants, workers, unborn children, refugees, fathers, and craftspeople, among others. According to tradition, the practice of creating large food altars, or St. Joseph's Tables, dates to the Middle Ages, when there was a severe drought and famine in Sicily. The people prayed to their patron, St. Joseph, and when the rains arrived, they organized a celebration in his honor. The altar was blessed by our Worthy Associate Chaplains, Father Louis Faust, and Deacon Francis Bendel on March 18. This event was open to the public and in keeping with the Altar's tradition of feeding the poor, visitors were asked to provide a non-perishable food item to be donate to the Germantown Help food pantry.

-In May, we are planning to hold a virtual art auction to benefit seminarians in formation. Father McKenna Council family and friends will be invited to our Live Online Virtual Art Auction fundraiser on Saturday, May 1 (7:30 Preview / 8:00 Live Auction), with the proceeds to benefit ADW Seminarian support.

Additionally, we are planning to hold a "Baby Bottle" fundraiser to benefit the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Parishioners will be asked to take home an empty bottle on Mother's Day, May 9th, and return containing their financial support on Father's day, June 20th.

-We will close out the 2020 -21 fraternal year by hosting an outdoor picnic to be held at The Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington, DC.

I am proud to have been the Grand Knight for an outstanding Council and its dedicated and talented brothers that help the health and the continuing of success for this council's mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I am also confident that our incoming Grand Knight and Officers will continue our great tradition.

Respectfully submitted.

Vivat Jesus,

Donald Kinler

Grand Knight, Father Horace B. McKenna, SJ, Council 11024

District No. 7



**August (Buzzy) Stockman
District Deputy**

**Joseph Herman
District Warden**

Councils

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District No. 8



Brian Kurtyka
District Deputy

John Navarro
District Warden

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Knights of Columbus **Pangborn Council**
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20340 Leitersburg Pike Hagerstown, Md. 21742

Pangborn Council #1365
Grand Knight Robert Skok

The Pangborn Council meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each Month at the Council Home, 20340 Leitersburg Pike, Hagerstown, Md., Starting at 8 PM. The First meeting is a General Membership meeting and the Second Meeting is an Officers Planning with all members invited to attend.

Due to COVID 19 In July the Officers of the Council, The Ladies Auxiliary, The 4th Degree Assembly 387 were all installed in a combined ceremony By Chaplain Fr. John Jicha, DD Brian Kurtyka , Maryland Master Francis Leach, and Marshal Tommy Ebaugh. A Boxed Meal was prepared and served.

The Council mourns the Loss of Brothers Louis Houff, Vincent Mussollino, Joseph Dattillo, Roger Milihran, V Joseph Startari, Ladies Aux Dorothy Statari, and Frances Bargiel wife of Brother Bernie Bargiel at a November 14, 2020 Memorial Mass by Chaplain Fr. John Jicha at St Joseph Catholic Church. The Pangborn Assembly 387 Processed and Honor the Deceased.

Pangborn Council is usually very active but due to COVID 19 things came to a halt with the shut downs starting March 2020. BINGO with about 15 Knights working putting in 5 hours Each was closed until September 8, 2020. Bingo stopped again in November 2020 and we are planning to Reopen April 13, 2021. Funds to put into Programs was Limited. In November a Raffle for 2 Martins \$500 Gift Cards raising enough Money to Support the COATS for Kids - 48 Coats \$1008.00.

- July 2020, we supported the LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND -Little Sisters of the Poor Donation drive. Approximately 1000 lbs of Food and Personnel items along with \$105.00 in Cash was delivered to the Little Sisters in Baltimore MD.
- July 2020 the Council supported St ANN Community Outreach Day There were approximately 46 Volunteers who help the elderly and Community with Repair Projects.
- August 2020 the Council funded the St Mary's "FORMED" Online Resource project. Students, family and Church Family are able to on line resource for RCIA classes, Confirmation classes, Youth Ministry, and Bible Studies. This was the third year we funded this program. \$1999 was Donated to the Church to fund this
- September 2020, we supported the LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND -Little Sisters of the Poor. This time 500 lbs. of Food and \$25 was collected and delivered to the Little Sisters in Washington, DC

- September 2020 there was Support to St Ann Church for COVID Clean up to Open up the Church. \$750 Donation was given
- October 2020 40 Days for Life March at the Hagerstown Reproduction Health Center. Pro Life March in front of the Abortion Clinic.
- October 2020 the Ultrasound Machine Next Door at" HAPE" Hagerstown Area Pregnancy Center was Dedicated which was funded by the K of C Supreme, Maryland State K of C, and Pangborn Council 1365 in 2019
- October 2020, Socks for Kids program. Council and Ladies Auxiliary, collected socks for Hagerstown Boys and Girls Club. \$200 Donation was made for this Project.
- November 2020, Chaplain Fr Jicha provided a Mass to Honor the Memory and Service to the Lord of Life Members Louis Houff, Vincent Mussollino, Joseph Dattillo, Roger Milihran, V Joseph Startari, Ladies Aux Member Dorthy Palla and Lady Frances Bargiel wife of Brother Bernie Bargiel. The 4th Degree ASM 387 Processed.
- November 2020, Council 1365, Ladies Aux, Catholic Daughters, Assembled DIY Advent Kits to Provide a Learning experience to reinforce the Catholic view of Christmas for the Family.
- December 2020, Council 1365 Brothers teamed up with Kiwans for Preparation of 60 Gifts for Washington County Schools and St Joseph Gift Tree.
- December 2020, Our Annual Food Drive of \$1000 divided between Reach, food for the Homeless, Maryland Food Bank and two other local Food Banks
- January 2021, Members Participated in Virtual March for Life in Washington, DC
- January 2021, 6 Council Members reported they Participated in the 9 Days for Life Novena.
- ~~March 2021, Council~~ Brothers Donated their treasures for the Annual Tootsie Roll Campaign as well as a St Patrick's Dinner to Go. ~~60 Dinners were served in a Drive thru fashion~~ Due to COVID
- March 2021, Faith Director Teamed up for Easter to assemble Resurrection Eggs: A Catholic Family Activity for the Teaching about JESUS Path from Palm Sunday to Easter Morning. A Great learning opportunity for the family.
- March 20,2021, Faith Director Hosted the viewing of the Catholic Men's Fellowship 2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE. * Brother Knights and 10 Men from Sat Mary's Church join each other in Prayer and Participation in the Virtual Conference
- March 22,2021 6 Brother Knights join and Server Dinner to over 45 Homeless Men and women at Hagerstown, Md REACH shelter.
- March 13, 2021 Brother Knights Joined as one Prepared and Donated to the St Patrick's Drive thru Dinner. The Council Raised \$600 Dollars thru the Dinner and approximately another \$1000 for our Tootsie Roll Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities
- April 2021 will see the Completion of the Annual Car Raffle Drive.
- May 1 our Delegates will attend the Maryland State Virtual Convention.

This has been a trying year with COVID 19.

Viva Jesus
Robert Skok
Grand Knight
Council 1365.

District No. 9



John Weaver
District Deputy

Thomas Tereshinski
District Warden

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District Deputy #9 – SK John E. Weaver, Jr., PGK, PFN District Warden #9 - SK Thomas M. Tereshinski, PGK
 Calvert Council #7870: Grand Knight – SK Wallace Wormack, Sr.

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Council (OLSOW) #11259: Grand Knight – SK Charton Cortes, PFN
 Jesus the Good Shepherd (JGS) Council #14572: Grand Knight – Christopher Lindsey
 Jesus the Divine Word (JDW) Council #14775: Grand Knight –SK Edwin Spicka

District 9 has been blessed with spiritual guidance and leadership from our Council Chaplains:
 Rev. James M. Stack: Council #7870 Chaplain - St. Anthony's Church – North Beach
 Rev. Joseph Pierce: Council #11259 Chaplain – St. John Vianney Church – Prince Frederick
 Rev. Michael J. King: Council #14572 Chaplain – Jesus the Good Shepherd Church – Owings
 Rev. John T. Dakes: Council Chaplain #14775 – Jesus the Divine Word Church – Huntingtown
 Thank you for always supporting us and allowing us to serve you and Our Church.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic have certainly affected the Councils in different ways with different levels of accessibility. Calvert Council was forced to conduct a two-day blood drive due to social distancing and nearly doubled their production. They achieved the 5000 unit mark early in October. They also maintained their highly successful Woodchuck program where they donate firewood to needy families. They are able to meet in person. Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Council has been the most restrictive and still cannot hold in person meetings. They were able to maintain most of their programs and modified others. They continued to assist with the St John Vianney Interfaith Food Pantry in their Food for Families program. Jesus the Good Shepard Council has been the most innovative in conducting successful hybrid meetings which has increased their attendance. They have mastered the art of the “to go” breakfast and has been very successful with it. Jesus the Divine Word Council erected a Cemetery of the Innocents and made rosaries to pass out to the parish. They are able to hold in person meetings. All Councils participated in virtual events such as the Silver Rose, and March for Life. They all also participated in the Leave No Neighbor behind program to check on their brothers and their families as well as supporting their parishes in ministries and maintaining a safe environment through disinfecting areas after Mass. Our District embraced the new exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, with two councils having conducted the ceremony so far at the time of this report. On 19 Nov, District 9 conducted its Annual Memorial Mass at St. Anthony's Church, supported by the 4th Degree Color Corps of Lord Baltimore Assembly. District 9 lost 5 Brother Knights since the last report, including Richard “Dickie” Hayes, Leonard Hill, PGK and Charter Member of 7870, SK Robert Hirschberg, Peter Colyn, and Art Masoero, Charter Grand Knight of 14572.

The Grand Knights in District #9 have done a great job this past year in spite of the many challenges. All Councils will qualify for the Columbian and Founders awards. SK Thomas Tereshinski, DW#9, and I are proud of them. Supported by the officers in their councils, including a deep bench of supportive Past Grand Knights, as well as the wise guidance from the District, the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights and the Maryland State Council, they have successfully led a wide variety of programs such as Rosaries, Eucharistic Adoration, managed used clothing sheds, Seminarian Support, and Keep Christ in Christmas poster contests and have adapted to the changing conditions by modifying events such as an Easter Egg giveaway. Well done good and faithful Servant Leaders! Each Grand Knight has become a better Knight, a better father and husband for having served our Church, our Communities, our Families and our Order. It has been our Honor to serve alongside you as District Deputy and District Warden! Thank you. God Bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!!

SK John E. Weaver, Jr.
 MD State Council District Deputy #9

SK Thomas M. Tereshinski
 MD State Council District Warden #9

Calvert Council #7870

2020-2021

Grand Knight: Wallace P. Wormack Sr

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Calvert Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Padua Hall at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 8816 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach, Maryland. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. We have our Council Planning Meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

We held an In Person Exemplification on March 23, 2021 with three candidates. Two candidates for Calvert Council 7870 and one for Jesus Devine Word Council 14775.

On Wednesday, September 2, 2020, we held a virtual installation of the Officers of Calvert Council. They were installed by Worthy District (9) Deputy John Weaver and assisted by Worthy Deputy Warden, Thomas Tereshinski.

A weekly e-mail was sent to all members keeping them apprised of the happening of the Council.

Faith Program: David E. Gallegos, Chancellor

RSVP Program for our two sponsored seminarians, Ben Bralove and James Fangmeyer (Chair: David Loeffler). Knights sponsored Monthly Adoration/Benediction (Chair: PGK Bryan Rager). Clothing Donation Shed benefitting the Seminarians (Chair: PGK Bryan Rager). Deacons, Eucharistic minister, Lectors and ushers (Co-chair: PKG Pat Corona & PGK Jack Lehane). Altar server awards & Confirmation Acknowledgement. Numerous Rosary Chains (Chair: David Gallegos). Memorial Mass for Council District 9 (Chair: GK Wallace Wormack Sr).

Community Program: Donald A. Schuessler Jr., PGK

Sir Walter Hannah Woodchucks Program Benefitting Firewood For The Needy (Chair: PGK Donald A. Schuessler Jr.) with 63 loads delivered to 28 families. Monthly food deliveries and Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter deliveries to homebound for Ladies of Charity Food Pantry clients (Chair: Chris Doherty), Volunteering for Maryland Polar Bear Plunge benefitting Special Olympics (Chair: PGK Jose Baca). Bi-monthly 2 day Red Cross Blood Drive (Chair: PGK Dave Wilson, Sr). Sold Mustang Car Raffle (Chair: GK Wallace Wormack Sr) at North Beach at Rolands and Sneade's and after Mass. Moved a disabled person from North Beach to Bowie, MD.

Life Program: Anthony Graziosi, PGK

Memorial for the Unborn at St. Anthony's cleanup (Chair: PGK Paul McBride). "40 Days for Life Campaign" (Chair: Tony Graziosi). March for Life in Washington, DC (Chair: PGK Tony Graziosi). Maryland March for Life (Chair: Tony Graziosi). Jericho Walk (Chair: Tony Graziosi).

Weed/Mulching of St. Anthony's of Padua's Unborn Memorial Garden (Chair: PGK Paul McBride). Virtual 9 Days of Life Novena (Chair: David Gallegos)

Family Program: DGK Juan-Carlos Arroyo

Special Occasion Card Program (Chair: PGK Steve Clay). Family of the Month Program (Chair: GK Wallace Wormack Sr). Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest (Chair: Chris Doherty) Delivering food to the shut ins for the Ladies of Charity of Calvert food distribution. One weekend a month, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Conclusion:

What a challenging year is has been with COVID. Many virtual meeting, training and activities. I would like to acknowledge the support of our Pastor James Stack, Deacon Francis Baker & Deacon John White and the close working relationship of the Ladies of Charity of Calvert. Many thanks to all the officers, chairs and Brother Knights of Calvert Council for their encouragement and unwavering support during this unusual past Fraternal Year, which was marked by great member participation and membership growth. Our Council continues to be blessed with years of experience from many Past Grand Knights. They offered advice and lend support on various events. A special thanks to my loving wife and partner, Janet, for her help and support over the past year and accepting the additional hours that it took to serve this position. Thank you to DD John Weaver & DW Thomas Tereshinski and the State Council for your guidance and support this past Fraternal Year and I wish them the best on next years' ~~services to the Knights~~

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Council #11259
Grand Knight SK Charton Cortes PFN

Our Council meets at St John Vianney Church on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and local regulations, the Council was not allowed to meet in person and met virtually the entire Fraternal Year. The Council Membership meeting is held at 7:30 pm (2nd Wednesday) and at 7:00 pm (4th Wednesday) where a family Rosary is held where all are welcome to connect in.

The Council serves two Parishes: St John Vianney 105 Vianney Lane Prince Frederick, MD 20678 and St Francis De Sales, 7185 Benedict Ave Benedict, MD 20612. We have approximately 140 members.

Council officers were installed virtually August 3, 2020.

Program Director – Charles Crisman, Deputy Grand Knight
FAITH ACTIVITIES – SK John Weaver DD, PGK, PFN

Council members and their families remained active as best as possible due to the pandemic. They continued to serve as Lectors, Cantors, Altar Preparation, Altar Servers, and Ushers. Also due to the pandemic, Knights and their families assisted in disinfecting the church following masses to ensure a safe environment for all. We welcome all to attend our monthly Family Rosary. We regularly attend Eucharistic Adoration during the week and from 2:00 AM – 4:00 AM on the 1st Friday (Saturday). We sponsor two seminarians, Marcus Lloyd and Taylor Colwell through the RSVP program.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES – SK Francis Frey

Under the direction of Larry Donnelly, FDD, PGK, our parish continued to operate our food pantry that serves 80 -120 families every Wednesday and 30 – 40 families on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Our clothing shed is filling yet another vital need for the less fortunate in our community and provides funds for our charitable endeavors. The family-of-the month program chooses active members of the Parish who provide a wide variety of services to the church community. We continued to teach CCD and run the RCIA program virtually. We also held a Keep Christ in Christmas art competition featuring our parish children's artistic interpretations of the birth of Christ. Finally, we participated in the Consecration of the Holy Family on the Feast of the Holy Family.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Robert Gionfreddo

During the Christmas season, the Knights lay wreaths throughout Cheltenham Veterans' Cemetery to pay homage to those who have served in the military. The Council provides financial support to non-profit agencies such as Project Echo, Birthright, Little Sisters of the Poor, and Religious retirement funds. As part of the Leave No Neighbor Behind program, we organized a telephone tree and contacted all members to make sure they were well and to offer any support and assistance. On February 6, Knights gathered to assist a brother Knight in need. He needed assistance removing furniture and other items following a house fire that destroyed the inside. This enabled construction and restoration to begin. We staff, cook and clean for Safe Nights, a winter program housing the

homeless. We plan to have our annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" to support those with intellectual disabilities as restrictions ease. We also provided funding to repair the flagpole light at St Francis De Sale church.

LIFE ACTIVITIES – SK Jerome Cleveland PGK

The Council attended (virtually) the March for Life in both Washington, DC and Annapolis, MD. The Knights continued to donate towards for the Knights of Columbus Ultra Sound program and provide financial support to the Care Net Pregnancy Center and Birthright Pregnancy Center. In May on Mother's Day weekend, we distributed carnations to all mothers to thank them for choosing life.

Jesus the Good Shepherd Council #14572

Grand Knight: Christopher Lindsey

Programs Director: Doug Sherbert, Deputy Grand Knight

Our council hold its business meeting on the second Monday of every month (with socials spread throughout the calendar) in the Centre (COVID-19 Location) at the Covenant Community of Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 1601 W Mt Harmony Rd, Owings MD 20736.

On Thursday, October 29th, 2020, the officers of our council were installed virtually at 8PM via Zoom.

Faith Activities: Gerard Worrell

On the third weekend in February, the Knights co-sponsored the annual Men's Retreat at Loyola Retreat house with the JGS Men's Club. This retreat was attended by 15 men in the community, alongside many of which are members of our council. Given the change in the way Mass participation occurred since March of last year, our council has assisted the parish stand up and run a livestream ministry. Our council also hosted an outdoor Patriotic Rosary prayer service in October. This event was very well attended and included COVID safe hospitality.

Community Activities: Gerald Cullens

Our largest community activity is by far our monthly breakfasts, which occur on the third Sunday of every month. Although it was necessary to take a hiatus until a COVID safe strategy for conducting the breakfast could be planned, the council has held monthly breakfasts since August 2020. Knights have also been instrumental in continuing our parish Men's Club 1st Saturday dinners as well. These are drive through events and participation by the parish has been outstanding. Using the techniques and strategies developed for the breakfasts, our council was proud to continue our support and leadership in providing food service and ground maintenance for the parish's annual Covenant Sunday outdoor mass and church festival. Other community activities included donating \$500 to the SHARE Food Program to furnish additional meals for Christmas and Thanksgiving; and partnering once again with the Men's Club, the Knights co-sponsored the second annual Men's Steak Dinner, where officers from both groups prepared and served a wonderful dinner to 40+ men from the community.

Family Activities: Danny Addison

Our council put a different twist on the Keep Christ In Christmas poster program. Children from Cardinal Hickey Academy entered posters. Because of the change in the Children's Faith Formation administration due to COVID-19, the parish CFF children were unable to participate this year. However, we maintained all other traditions of this very important program and CHA participation was strong. Members of the council also support Holy Week event participation, whether by simply attending with their families or by assisting in liturgical capacities.

Life Activities: Buzz Burek

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, Pro-Life activities were limited to prayer services (including 40 days for Life) and virtual event attendance this Fraternal Year.

Conclusion

I would like to thank all of the council officers- some of whom doubled as committee chairs- and all of the council brothers for their support throughout this fraternal year. Their support and participation in meetings and events that presented continuous challenges can only be described as inspiring. Through this year, our council faced the year's challenges with grace and fortitude. It was also my pleasure to collaborate with the wonderful Grand Knights and councils from District 9 as well as getting to know District Deputy John Weaver and District Warden Thomas Tereshinski, our immediate past Grand Knight.

Jesus the Divine Word Council 14775

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Jesus the Divine Word Council held in-person meetings on the second Thursday of each month in Doran Hall at Jesus the Divine Word Parish, 885 Cox Road, Huntingtown, (Calvert Co.) Maryland. We hold our Officers' Meeting at 6:30 pm followed by our Council Meeting at 7:30 pm. In the second half of the year, we began to have hybrid meetings with the help of a volunteer Technology Expert. In 2020, the current officers of Council 14775 were installed virtually with Rev. Fr. John Dakes, the council's Chaplain, in attendance. On September 21, 2020, Council 14775 was saddened by the loss of SK Bob Hirschberg. Brother Bob will be missed by all who knew him and may he rest in God's peace.

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR - SK Tom Couteau Warden

FAITH ACTIVITIES - Faith Director SK Tom Couteau

Our council sponsored two Seminarians under the Refund Support for Vocations Program (RSVP). One seminarian is at St. John Paul II Seminary and the other one is at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. The Building the Domestic Church kiosk remained stocked throughout the year. For the Rosary Program, a number of Ladies, wives, parishioners and one SK Knight made 400 rosaries along with 15 donated rosaries which were given away free after every mass at JDW. Accompanying each rosary was a booklet entitled "A Scriptural Rosary for the Family." Knights attended weekly Holy Hour each Wednesday evening and monthly First Friday Adoration from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - Community Director SK Joe Boyle

Under Disaster Preparedness, we had the best Blood Drive we ever had for units of whole blood and power reds organized by The American Red Cross. Knights helped with the loading and delivery of Thanksgiving Boxes of food to two local churches that were unable to pick them up. Knights and parishioners assisted with the Safe Nights Program, offering food and shelter for the homeless on cold winter nights. We offered awards of Knight of the Month and Family of the Month for Knights and their families. Under Helping Hands, our Council also supported those with Developmental Disabilities by participating in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive, i.e., a campaign for Helping Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. Organizations that benefit from this campaign include Special Olympics of Calvert County, The ARC of Southern Maryland, Southern Maryland Community Network and People on the Go of Calvert. In addition, Knights helped take donated items to Walter Reed Medical Center, took widows of deceased Brother Knights out to restaurants for meals and beautified our St. Joseph's Garden at JDW. Lastly, we fried fish and fish sticks for a very successful drive through/pick-up Fish Fry in March.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - Family Director SK Dennis Haspert

An Easter Egg Hunt was held on Easter Sunday for children up to 4 years of age and for those 5 years of age and older at two different areas at JDW. Under the Food for Families, our Council donated \$500 to St. John Vianney Inter-Faith Food Pantry, Prince Frederick, Md. For the Keep Christ in Christmas Program, we sponsored our annual

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Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, sold Christmas cards, ornaments and puzzles and donated 19 Boxes of Joy. We awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to Hight School Seniors on their way to College/ University. We had a number of Restaurant Knights at local restaurants which raised money for scholarships and brought families closer together by having dinner together in these times of hectic schedules and activities that often separate families throughout the week. Our Clothing Shed, Turnkey Enterprises, is located on JDW Church grounds and earns money each month for our charities.

LIFE ACTIVITIES - Life Director SK Harry Lotis

Our Council installed and maintained its annual Cemetery of the Innocents, informing the public of abortion statistics and reminding everyone of the sanctity of life. We continue to use the 500 crosses from an Eagle Scout Project and the cemetery included the installation of two new "Respect Life" 4' by 8' signs. In January, Knights, wives, families and parishioners participated in the Virtual March for Life. In addition, our Council did the Silver Rose Prayer Service.

Council 14775 continues to serve our parish, Council and community. It has been active in its charitable activities and will continue to do so going forward.

Vivat Jesus!

Edwin J. Spicka Grand Knight

District No. 10



**Michael Webster
District Deputy**

**Jimmy Williams
District Warden**

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March 27, 2021
District Deputy: Mike Webster
District Warden: Jimmy Williams

It is my honor to submit the Annual Report for District # 10 for the fraternal year 2020 – 2021. District 10 consists of the following five Councils and their respective Grand Knights; membership data is as of 3/27/2021:

1. **PATUXENT, NO. 2203, GK: Kyle Hubbard**
St. Mary of the Mills Church, Laurel, MD. Instituted: 11/18/1920, Membership 262.
2. **ST. JEROME, NO. 5564 GK: John Wells,**
St. Jerome's Hyattsville MD. Instituted: 5/18/1964, Membership 105.
3. **MSGR. JOHN PENNINGTON, NO. 9808 GK: Jean-Claude Amisial**
Church of the Resurrection Burtonsville MD. Instituted: 5/18/1988, Membership 91.
4. **DEACON JOHN LYNN, NO. 11619 GK: Michael Woodruff**
St. Nicholas Church Laurel MD. Instituted: 6/26/1995, Membership 72.
5. **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, NO. 14099, GK: Stephan Kaisler**
Resurrection of Our Lord Instituted: 6/26/2006, Membership 95.

Total membership of the District is 625 members. With Covid 19 this has been a very challenging year for programs and recruiting with a majority of Councils currently not meeting their recruitment goals. On a cheerier note, four Councils are on track for the Columbian Award with a chance of Star Council with energized recruiting. Each Council should be commended for their efforts with Faith in Action programs. Each Council is active, and the following summarizes programs conducted by Councils within District 10 in each of the Faith in Action programs.

Faith

The District ran weekly Sunday night Zoom Faith Talks. Talks include St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church (Dr. Mark Miravalle), The True Meaning of Easter (Venerable Fulton Sheen), The Bible Made Me Do it (Tim Staples), Is God on Your iPod (Matt Smith).

All Councils supply most of the ushers at their respective Churches with Council 14099 also cleaning the Church afterwards. Councils 2203, 9808 and 14099 each supported multiple Seminarians through the RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program) and raised RSVP funds through Shrove Tuesday Pancake suppers. Councils 2203 and 14099 each hosted Religious retreats. Councils 5564 and 11619 both decorated the Churches for Christmas. Councils 5564 and 11619 led Church rosaries. Council 2203 held 20 take out dinner nights donating half the proceeds to the church.

Family

Council 2203 leads a significant Food for Families program, facilitating the collection of food from local grocery stores and Starbucks delivering to local food pantries. Annually, this equates to approximately \$70,000 of food items and 1,700 Council service hours. Council 9808 donated 24 Turkeys and all the fixings for turkey dinners for families in need. Once a month Council 14099 prepared dinners for families in need at Sarah's house in Jessup. In additions they ran several food drives to support Sarah's house, a home for families in need based at Fort Meade. Council 5564 supports Saint Jerome's food pantry with funds and canned good drives. In addition, they make sandwiches every month. Council 11619 runs weekly family rosaries and the Church picnic. Council 5564 led Family evening Prayers for Peace after the presidential election which included the Litany of Saints and the Rosary. They also led a 33-day St. Joseph consecration for Council, Parish and District members. Each of the Councils sponsored a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Finally, Council 2203 and 1099 participated in the Family of the Month program and presented the monthly award at a mass.

Community

The District participated in the Maryland Special Olympic Virtual Polar Plunge, raising \$537. Patuxent Council 2203 Coats for Kids program, in partnership with the Laurel Police Department's (LPD) annual "Santa with a Badge" event, distributed 144 coats to Laurel children. The "Santa with a Badge" is a program through which area police work with local schools to identify children in need and take them Christmas shopping. Council 14099 hosts monthly dinners for families living at Sarah's house. Council 14099 delivered USASDA food boxes to local families, Mary's home, and Matt's Home shelters. 5564 ran Saint Jerome's Café (food pantry) and donated over 70 Boxes of Joy for the children. 11619 runs faith-based movies for their members and their Parish once a month. ~~9808 holds cheese steak sales~~ to raise funds to help stock their Parish food bank and to support the Burtonsville Athletic Association.

Life

The Teen Parenting Program at Wilde Lake High School in Columbia MD is designed to help teen mothers, most of whom are from poor families, to finish their high school education by providing day care and logistics support to help take care of their babies while they are in school. Each year, Council 14099 provides each of mothers in the program with a gift certificate for \$35 from Wal-Mart. In addition, Council 14099 donated \$1200 to the Maryland State Council Ultrasound Project though poor box donations and contributions from Council Members. Council 9808 made \$300 donations to Laurel Pregnancy Center and made a prayer for Novena for life at nine council meetings. Council 5564 held two Rosary vigils in front of an Abortion Clinic. They also ran a virtual Novena for Life and a Virtual Rosary for life, peace and nationwide reconciliation following the death of George Floyd. Council 2203 hosts a weekly virtual Rosary for the unborn. They also performed repairs and painted the Gabriel Networks Gaithersburg office, participated in the cemetery of the innocent program, building 56 crosses, and displaying them on the Church front lawn.

I am incredibly grateful for the support of District Warden Jimmy Williams and the Grand Knights and Officers of District 10 for their tireless support to Our Order.

Respectfully,

Michael Webster
Deputy, District 10

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Patuxent Council No. 2023
Grand Knight Kyle Hubbard

Patuxent Council celebrated 100 years of service to the Laurel, MD, and St. Mary of the Mills communities during the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year. The Council meets on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of each month via Zoom virtual meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Planning meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month. All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Upon return to in-person meetings, we will resume meeting in the Kutzera Room of the Msgr. Keesler Parish Center in Laurel. We are currently planning to return to in-person meetings beginning in April 2021 with hybrid in-person/Zoom meetings.

Our Installation of Officers was held on Saturday, 11 July 2020. Council & District officers and State Secretary Chris Powers attended the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass celebrated by Associate Chaplain Fr. Christian Huebner. The Installation followed Mass in the church but, contrary to tradition, a post-installation dinner was not held due to pandemic-related restrictions/precautions. Presentation of Council year-end awards for Fraternal Year 2019-2020 was not held in hopes that an appropriate in-person event could be held at a later date. Award selectees: Knight of the Year – Jimmy Williams; Ed Langr Award (behind-the-scenes support to Council) - Ron Jacobs; Family of the Year – the Ted Gambogi family.

Program Director – Augustine Nwabueze, Deputy Grand Knight

This year has been a challenge with respect to raising funds for all of our council programs. Patuxent Council faced an uncertain Fraternal Year in July 2020 as we scrambled to replace the income from University of Maryland sports concessions – closed down due to COVID restrictions – ~~with other fundraising efforts~~. We came up with the idea of selling barbecue pulled pork to go: “Drive-Thru Dinners.” A website complete with menus and a pre-order feature enabled efficient processing of touchless payments. The kitchen in the Monsignor Keesler Parish Center became the center of fundraising. Customers either pre-ordered online or placed an order curbside. Knights delivered all orders to the customers curbside. We sold over 300 pounds of barbecue pulled pork throughout the weekends of September. Because the parish and local community responded so well, we extended the Drive-Thru Dinners into November, featuring bratwurst, Italian sausages, ham dinners, turkey dinners, and lasagna dinners. We followed all local COVID guidelines in cooking, preparing, and delivering orders to customers, including wearing masks, social distancing, and minimizing contact with customers. Brother Knights and some family members staffed the Drive-Thru Dinner events. We also brought back a St. Mary's Lenten tradition, the Friday fish fry. With only curbside pickup and although we call it a fish fry, all of the food we prepare here is actually baked or cooked on a stovetop; nothing is dipped in boiling oil. The Fish Fries featured fish and chips and a fish dinner that included two breaded fish fillets, two sides, and a roll. We also offered a baked fish fillet dinner featuring a different fish each week - salmon or cod. Our menu included breaded fish, baked salmon/cod, French fries, green beans, macaroni/cheese, coleslaw, shrimp cocktails, vegetable soup, Manhattan clam chowder, grilled cheese sandwiches, and drinks. We served two gallons of soup. For dessert, in deference to those who gave up chocolate for Lent, we offered simple sugar cookies decorated in the Lenten color of purple. With a staff of about ten, we've raised \$10,000 to support our parish and our Council Faith in Action activities.

Community Activities – Patrick Onyekweli, Warden

Our signature community program continues to be our SHARE Food Program, sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, for which Patuxent Council is a distribution point for monthly food distributions. Over the past year, our Council has distributed an estimated 31,258 pounds of food worth more than \$42,000 – nearly 1,900 value packs – to

individuals, families, and local food banks. We average 28 volunteers per month (16 Brother Knights & 12 family members or friends) who receive & process orders in advance of the distribution date, pick up the food from the SHARE warehouse in Lanham and transport it to the Monsignor Keesler Parish Center, organize the food into value packs, and distribute the value packs to our clients. Treasurer/PGK Marc Alvarez continued to lead members in our 5th Wednesday Elizabeth House program. Program dates were 29 April, 29 July, 30 September, & 30 December with upcoming planned dates of 31 March & 30 June. Participants cook and serve an evening meal and make bag lunches for clients to take with them. Since May 2020 (continuing indefinitely), Patuxent Council has served as a monthly “regional” drop-off location for donations of food, beverages, paper goods, & other needed items for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Washington DC. Over the May 2020 - March 2021 time span, we’ve collected (& delivered to the Sisters) approximately 3,795 pounds of donated items & \$305 in cash & checks. In October-November 2020, the Council participated in the Box of Joy program. We organized efforts for our parish along with being a drop-off center in our region for the Cross Catholic Outreach program. Our Council donated 36 Boxes of Joy and collected a total of 437 Boxes (in 27 cartons) over the program period with nine other councils/groups. We also participated in Coats for Kids – by raising money for, purchasing, and distributing 12 cases of new winter coats (144 total) through our partnership with the Laurel Police Department. Due to COVID restrictions, our annual Free Throw competition for youth, ages 9-14, was not held. The Council also participated in the Community Awards Program again this year, with our nominees for Firefighter/EMT, CCD Teacher, Healthcare Worker, & Citizen of the Year being selected as the Maryland State Council awardees. This is the third time in four years that our EMT nominee has been selected for a State honor. Finally, the Council provides financial support for the Global Wheelchair Mission and also donates surplus wheelchairs received from Holy Cross Hospital.

Faith Activities – Dick Stevick, Chancellor

Many Brother Knights volunteer weekly at Sunday Mass as ushers, lectors, and eucharistic ministers, while enforcing COVID restrictions. We continued our participation in the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), supporting two seminarians, Braden Lynch (son of PGK Rob Lynch) and Tom Robertson, with \$500 donations to each. Braden is attending Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg PA. Tom is attending the North American Pontifical College in Rome, Italy. Prayers for these and all vocations were put into the Ripple, the Council’s monthly newsletter. Our annual Vocations Roundtable for the youth of St. Mary of the Mills parish was once again postponed due to COVID restrictions. Our Council Memorial Mass (17 November) was held in the Church. At this Mass, the names of all deceased members from our 100-year-old council are read. We held a successful “drive-through” Shrove Tuesday (16 February) Pancake Supper, serving ~60 dinners with a profit of \$343.59. Funds raised have yet to be allocated, but typically are split between Council Faith programs and the parish. 19 men gathered at St Mary of the Mills Church for our 3rd annual Men’s Lenten Retreat (Saturday morning, 6 March). This was the first in-person Council event since our Memorial Mass as we gathered at the 8am Mass offered by Fr Christian Huebner. We then had some social time with a continental breakfast in the Breen Room. Fr Christian joined us to offer us some insight into Bishop Olmsted’s Apostolic Exhortation “Into the Breach”: <https://dphx.org/into-the-breach/>. We then moved back to the sanctuary for Eucharistic Adoration and confessions. Next, we went back to the Breen Room, where Fr Christian offered another “Into the Breach” reflection. We ended the day with a pizza lunch and some more social time. Despite many of our programs being cancelled this past year, Patuxent Council had a great Faith-based year. Closing out the year, we will likely only have virtual events including St. Mary’s School’s Bull Roast in May and working the Parish Block Party in support of the Haiti Twinning Program in June. We will be providing a Rosary and a gift card to “retiring” (i.e., aging out) parish altar servers in June.

Family – DW Jimmy Williams, PGK, PFN

Even in the face of the COVID pandemic, Patuxent Council was still able to safely execute a variety of Family programs this Fraternal Year. The Council continued its Food for Families program, collecting baked goods (bread, bagels, cakes, etc.) from two local grocery stores three times per week. These donations are used to support food pantries at Day Resource Center, St. Mary of the Mills, Elizabeth House, and Sacred Hearts Nursery. Over the course of the full Fraternal Year, this program will recover approximately \$70,000 worth of baked goods for these organizations. Brother Knights Rick and Adam Novak again led the Council's annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster competition (October-December), in which students from then parish CCD program and St. Mary's School submitted entries for judging. Due to COVID restrictions, posters were digitally scanned by the St. Mary's art teacher, delivered to the Council via USB drive, and printed for judging. There were 52 entries, nearly as many as in prior years, despite the restrictions. In September, the Council hosted a Virtual Family Trivia Night with 25 attendees. In December, the Council held a Virtual Christmas Party with about 30 attendees, featuring trivia, sing-alongs, and photo contests. To promote family life among parishioners, Patuxent Council continued the Family of the Month (FotM) program with exceptional support from the pastor. While presentations of certificates during Masses were suspended due to COVID restrictions, all FotM selectees have received recognition in the monthly Council newsletter. Our 2020-2021 Family of the Year is Brother Jimmy Williams, his mother Phyllis, and his wife Sarah Patishnock. Subject to COVID restrictions, the Council tentatively plans to host a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, 9 May.

Life Activities – Mike Turek

The Council hosted a virtual/livestreamed, weekly, bilingual Rosary for the unborn in September & October, Thursdays at 8pm. These Rosaries resumed in January 2021 and will continue through October. In September, ~~Brother Knights and family members assisted the Gabriel~~ Network with repairs and maintenance to its maternity home in Gaithersburg. The Council ran several programs concurrently from September through October to promote a culture of life. The dates were chosen to coincide with the College Park 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign. During 18-26 September period, the Council hosted a nine-day Rosary Vigil Novena. Due to COVID restrictions, the Novena prayers were either livestreamed or, when permissible, in-person at the St. Mary of the Mills Memorial to the Unborn in the church cemetery. The Memorial had been neglected for several months, so two Knights renovated and re-landscaped the area. The Council also participated in the Cemetery of the Innocents Program. Volunteers crafted crosses and erected/maintained them at St. Mary's Church for two weeks. The memorial consisted of fifty-six red, white, and blue crosses (representing the USA and its territories). The Council also hosted the Silver Rose Icon, 4-6 October. The icon was displayed at St. Mary's Church following the Sunday Masses (10/4). We then held a livestreamed, bilingual prayer service, Monday (10/5). In conjunction with the Parish, the Council planned and executed a local, hybrid, March for Life. The event consisted of a virtual Novena 21-29 January, followed by an in-person Mass, Eucharistic Exposition procession to the Parish Memorial for the Unborn, Rosary, and Benediction, capped by a virtual, all-day, bilingual Rosary Vigil. Throughout the day, 1442 Prayers were offered for the Unborn. We are conducting an online Tootsie Roll campaign in support of people with intellectual disabilities, with the intent of donating the proceeds to a local county's Special Olympics and to the Catholic Coalition for Special Education (CCSE). The Council will make several monetary contributions to pro-life causes and ministries before the end of the Fraternal Year thanks to money raised through our Drive-thru Dinner fundraisers, including to the Laurel Pregnancy Center, the Gabriel Network, and the Maryland State Council's Ultrasound Fund. We are also planning an outdoor drive-in concert in April, the proceeds of which will be donated to Christian Refugee Relief. Finally, the Council is working to finalize details for a blood drive to be held at St. Mary's in conjunction with the Red Cross for Saturday, 26 June 2021.

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General Summary: St. Jerome Council 5564 has continued to strive in service and community to our namesake parish, St. Jerome's in Hyattsville, MD throughout the 2020-2021 service year. Despite the challenges and barriers the COVID virus and political divisiveness created to engage our parish community, our council and parishioners have come together on multiple occasions in prayer and service. While we unable to leverage many of our traditional community fellowship programs, it afforded our Council the opportunity to refocus ourselves around more spiritual endeavors.

Highlights from the Fraternal Year

Community: Regarding our community and parish engagement, we participated in a variety of programs. Just before the general restrictions were put in place, our council was able to host one Fish Fry. This normally would had been a community filled event, however, it was reduced to a 'take out' only. In addition, our council for the first time participated in Cross International's Box of Joy program. Following a homily from a visiting priests who highlighted the program, St. Jerome council working with American Heritage Girls collected from parish families a total of 71 boxes. Finally, we led the Annual Christmas Decorating of the St. Jerome Church. This has become a tradition for many members and their families. In the wake of the COVID epidemic, decorating our Parish felt more needed than ever to show regardless of the situation, ~~we can be united in spiritual~~ fellowship through the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Faith: Clinging to our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and leveraging the patroness of our Order, the Blessed Mother, was essential for our council to survive and thrive during the past year. We came together often in rosary and praying to Our Lady to guide our council and bring an end to abortion. In addition, we took part in an Act of Consecration for the United States on Independence Day. The "Act of Consecration for the United States" provided to us from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Family: It was absolutely important that our council provide the spiritual resources as families and our community become more isolated in the wake of pandemic and political uncertainty. For example, in the aftermath of the election, Knights & their families came together in an evening of prayer to ask for God's will to be done & for peace in our country regardless of who was elected. This open parish event included the rosary, Litany of the Saints & special prayers. In addition, following Pope Francis dedicating the year of 2021 to St. Joseph, our council in conjunction with many families within the Parish community have taken it upon us to consecrate ourselves and our families to St. Joseph. The 33 day St. Joseph Consecration was provided to members daily by email for accessibility and adoption. Finally, since the economic downtown as a result of COVID-19, the resources of the Cafe have been stretched thin with as many as 70-100 families now utilizing it weekly. The Knights have provided sandwiches, personal funds and non-perishable goods to support the work of the Cafe.

Life: Due to the pandemic, our council focused Pro-Life activities toward prayer and small group evangelization outside pro-abortion clinics. To start, following the death of George Floyd, our council felt compelled to host a zoom-rosary for life, peace and nationwide reconciliation.

Furthermore, while it is tough to capture the full impact of who participated, Knights and parish families participated in the Novena for the Cause of Life. It concluded, in partnership with Catholic University Students for Life, with a prayer vigil outside the DC Planned Parenthood clinic in October of 2020. Finally, our council in combination with Students of Life out of Catholic University of America participated in the US Conference of Bishops Novena for Life. The Novena concluded a prayer vigil outside the DC Planned Parenthood Center on January 23rd.

Conclusion: I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the unwavering support of our Pastor, Father Scott Hahn, who has pushed our council to take on new and challenging opportunities to grow our council and home parish. Special thanks to our officers and council Brothers and their families for their continued support. Vivat Jesus!

Msgr. John R. Pennington Council 9808, Grand Knight Jean-Claude Amisial

Msgr. John R. Pennington Council 9808 meets on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Tuesday of each month via Zoom due to COVID-19 since March of 2020. Installation of Officers was held on September 26, 2020 after the 4:00 PM Mass at the Church of the Resurrection, in Burtonsville, Maryland. The Council officers, their wives and some Brother Knights were in attendance. A small reception followed after the installation of the officers.

Program Director – Ronald Hopkins, Deputy Grand Knight

Faith Activities

Brother Knights continue to provide Covid 19 assistance at all masses, ushering the parishioners and as required clean the pews at each mass.

We continue to provide support to the Refund Support Vocations Program, assisting a Seminarians and a Deacon in their journey to the priesthood, donating \$500 to each.

The Council plans to conduct a Men's Retreat in April 2021.

Family

The Council donated 24 turkeys and food and prepared bags of groceries and the turkeys to families in need.

The Council purchased and distributed the Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards and the prayer was recited as part of the Masses on December 36th and 27th, 2020.

For Keep Christ in Christmas, one poster was submitted to the State Council.

Community

We continue to maintain the Church of the Resurrection Food Pantry. Members also participated on the Saturdays before Thanksgiving and Christmas packing bags of food items for distribution. This program benefited those families in the parish and community that were facing food shortages, particularly during this pandemic. This is a continuing program during this pandemic period.

We were quite successful this year conducting the Flea Market. We took in sufficient funds to benefit the community and the recipients of the donations, the Laurel Pregnancy Center. Families were able to sell unwanted items to raise money for themselves. Clothing and other items were donated to Amvets, and the Council raised funds to support programs throughout the year despite the pandemic. Another Flea Market is planned for the month of June 2021.

As part of our fundraising activities, the sale of Raffle Tickets is underway. Funds received will continue to help the Council support the many charitable organizations within our community for the year.

We donated \$300 to the Burtonsville Athletic Association to support youth sports activities.

We also sold Cheesesteak hoagies at the parish to replenish funds needed for future donations and supported our community.

Life

In August and through December 2020, the Council concluded nine (9) consecutive member meetings, followed by prayers offered for the Novena for Life.

On May 9th, 2021, we plan on honoring Mother's Day, passing out carnations to Mothers on that day.



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Resurrection of Our Lord Council No. 14099
March 31, 2021

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, Council No. 14099, Laurel MD.

Instituted: 6/26/2006, Membership 94.

Grand Knight: Stephen H. Kaisler, Deputy Grand Knight. Vacant

Resurrection of Our Lord Council holds its monthly Business Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, with additional meetings held as needed for specific discussions or planning activities. Our members are dedicated to major church and family initiatives, and support local, state and national community programs. The Installation of Officers held on Saturday, November 11, 2020 during which the Grand Knight Steve Kaisler briefly laid out our plans for the upcoming year. Specific activities for each reporting Quarter (Q) are highlighted below.

This year has been a difficult year for our Council due to the severe restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. We have not been able to hold in-person council meetings nor conduct our different activities as we have done during past years.

Faith - Stephen Kaisler

Moneys raised at the Shrove Tue Pancake Supper in February 2020 was supplemented with contributions from our members to make a donation of \$1,000 to seminarian Braden Lynch in May 2020 to help cover expenses in his studies toward the priesthood under the RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program) (Q1) Once the restriction on in-person meetings were partially lifted in late June 2020, in-person attendance at Mass was resumed with temperature taking, mask wearing, hand sanitization, and social distancing within pew for individuals and family units. Our council assumed responsibility for ushering at the Saturday 4PM and Sunday 10AM masses conducted in English. About five knights assisted at Saturday Mass and from 4-7 knights assisted at Sunday Mass.

Family Activities – Michael Thewes

In the Food and Families Program, the knights help continued to prepare food for families in need at Sarah's House in Jessup on the Fourth Wednesday of each month (Q1-Q4). In February, we conducted a food drive to collect non-perishable food items for Sarah's House during weekend masses. We expect to continue this activity for several months and then re-assess parish support. Our participation in preparing meals in-situ at Our Daily Bread (ODB) in Baltimore has been suspended by ODB until all restrictions are lifted. We have been unable to use the parish kitchen to prepare food for sale nor conduct other social activities such as the Ice Cream Social and Hospitality Sunday as the parish hall is configured for overflow from the Hispanic masses.

Community Activities – Greg Strzempek

For the Maryland State Convention, we sold Car Raffle tickets in February and March and will do so in April. To date, we have collected about \$400 for tickets sold. The proceeds are raising funds for the State Council Scholarship Program with part of the proceeds to help support our Council Activities (Q4). We were allowed to conduct car raffle ticket sales only once a month at Saturday and Sunday masses.

The Knights have participated in the delivery of food boxes as part of the USDA Food for Families Program. Deliveries include to SALT, local families, Missionaries of Charity in Baltimore, Mary's

Home, and Matt's House (a shelter for homeless men). These events are organized by our Permanent Deacon, Mr. Steve Sarnecki. Knights also participated in distribution of boxes to drive up families in the parking lot of Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church. (Q3-Q4).

The Knights ran a Superbowl Pool during January 2021, which netted \$700 for Resurrection of Our Lord Parish.

Life Activities – Ray Szyperski

During September 2020, we submitted a check to the Maryland State Council Ultrasound Project in the amount of \$1175.00 as collected by our council through Poor Box donations and contributions from members of our council and Our Lady's Angels Women's Auxiliary.

During December 2020, we provided gift cards in the amount of \$35 to each of the mothers/expectant mothers at the Columbia Teen Pregnancy Center. (Q3)

We solicited items for the Laurel Teen Pregnancy center during February at the Saturday and Sunday Masses. For February, we donated six boxes of supplies and over \$560 in cash donations at the end of the month. (Q4).

We will begin conducting this event during the 3rd week of April and every month thereafter with the Pastor's approval.

Looking ahead at key activities to close this fraternal year, the Council will be *working to achieve* its membership quota through recruiting at activities at all our major events, and personal contact with eligible men from our Parish. I am very grateful for the support of my fellow Council officers, the Our Ladies Angels Auxiliary, District Deputy Michael Webster, and District Warden Jimmy Williams for their tireless support to Our Council.

Respectfully,

Stephen H. Kaisler
Grand Knight

District No. 11



Russell Sutton
District Deputy

Frank Cavaliere
District Warden

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Maryland State Council District 11

Russell R. Sutton, Jr. District Deputy

I am please to report that all of the councils in District 11 did an outstanding job on the Faith in Action and Leave No Neighbor Behind program. The District 11 councils combined turned in 67 Faith In Action reports and demonstrated exemplary performance in the execution of the programs. In spite of the pandemic, all of the councils improvised their approach due to COVID and were able to carry out outstanding programs supporting Faith, Family, Community, and Life activities. District 11 councils honored the legacy of Blessed Michael McGivney by giving tirelessly their time and talents to the parishes and community. These councils represent the foundations of the order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism in the highest honor.

Father Charles O. Rosensteel Council # 2169
Faith and Family Foremost
Celebrating 100 Years of Service to Church and Community

This is our Council's 100th year. Our Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Rosensteel Hall, 9707 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. We serve three parishes: St. John the Evangelist, St. Bernadette, and Christ the King.

Despite continued concerns and obstacles encountered regarding Coronavirus 2019 disease, our Council had an extremely productive year, in which we had to think of new ways to conduct traditional programs as well as create new ones.

We started the year with our Installation of Officers on July 26, 2020, at St. John the Evangelist Church, immediately following the noon Mass. Our celebrant was Chaplain Fr. Joseph Calis. Among officers installed: Paul Girolami, Grand Knight; Frank Zarrelli, Deputy Grand Knight; Timothy Stocker, Chancellor; and Kevin Riley, Warden. We then proceeded to business as usual, despite the ongoing health crisis. After all, we are Father Rosensteel Council.

FAITH ACTIVITIES Programs included:

- Our 49th Annual Nuns Appreciation Night, in which we brought packaged meals to various groups of Sisters in the Archdiocese of Washington.
- Our first "living Rosary," in which each bead of the Rosary was said by a different person. We enlisted the support of the University of Maryland Catholic Student Center and Sedes Sapientiae Council, College Park, Maryland. State Secretary Christopher Powers and his wife joined us on this virtual Rosary.
- Several Novenas throughout the year, for causes including respect for life, national security and an end to racism, Consecration to the Holy Family, a deepening of our faith, and the beatification of Fr. Michael J. McGivney.
- Sponsorship of four Seminarians with a gift of \$500 each.
- Our weekly Friday Night Family Rosary, broadcast on the Council's Facebook site (we never missed a Friday night throughout this Council year).
- Sponsorship of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programs at our three parishes, which included gifts of rosaries, prayer cards, and a \$200 check to each parish.
- Our annual Council Memorial Mass and Communion Mass.
- Shrine Ushers Program, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES Programs included:

- Our Weekly Friday Night Family dinner, although it involved pre-packaged to go meals rather than eat-in dining as we usually have.
- Compiled and distributed a list of free activities, prayers, and resources for families to do together to bolster their Catholic faith during the pandemic.
- Our Food for Families program, in which we donated more than \$11,000 to purchase Safeway gift cards that were distributed to local parishes, shelters, homes for the disabled, and other outlets for needy families at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

- A drive-through Breakfast with Santa – a true delight for our young family members.
- A Halloween trunk or treat, in which Council members filled baskets and bags of candy and had them in open car trunks for children to take safety during the pandemic.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES   Programs included:

- Meals for First Responders program with Holy Cross Hospital, in which we provided 150 dinners on April 24, 2020; 150 breakfasts on May 9; and 150 breakfasts on May 21, at an estimated value of \$9,400. Our program was mentioned in the *Catholic Standard* and we were filmed by Spirit Juice Productions for the Knights of Columbus YouTube channel.
- A Veterans Day lunch for area veterans and their families served by the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Silver Spring, Maryland.
- Coats for Kids Program, along with a coat collection and distribution to the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless
- Furniture and clothing donations to A Wider Circle, a local community resource which provides workforce development skills and training, furniture, clothing, and other items and services to people transitioning out of homelessness, poverty, or domestic abuse.
- An equipment loan closet that provided a wheelchair, walkers, and an electric sit-to-stand chair to Brother Knights and family members with mobility needs.
- Delivery and removal of furniture and refrigerators from homes of non-Council members in the community who called our Council for assistance.
- Tootsie Roll program to benefit organizations serving individuals with intellectual disabilities.

LIFE ACTIVITIES   Programs included:

- Annual Candlelight Rosary to the Unborn, at the Memorial at Historic St. John's Church.
- Novenas for Life.
- Collection of infant socks and a donation of \$200 to Gabriel Project, a program that assists pregnant women and their families in Montgomery County, Maryland.
- Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge by a Council member and donation of \$200.
- Our Memorial and Communion Masses to remember and respect life and pray for those facing life difficulties and crisis pregnancies.
- Rosaries for Life.
- Collected and delivered financial donations, water, food, and other items to the Little Sisters of the Poor home on Harewood Road in Washington, D.C. Also served as a collection site for the Maryland State Council Little Sisters of the Poor program.

Programs scheduled for the remainder of this Fraternal Year include distribution of Rosaries to the Gabriel Project, a luncheon honoring Vietnam Veterans Day and area veterans, the Little Sisters of the Poor program, and our 50th Annual Nuns Appreciation Night.

Proudly submitted by
 Paul Girolami
 Grand Knight, Father Rosensteel Council #2169
Vivat Jesus!

HOLY FAMILY COUNCIL # 5547
GRAND KNIGHT ROBERT A MONAGAN, PGK

The Holy Family Council # 5547 meets on the first Tuesday of each month for the Monthly Membership Meeting and on the fourth Tuesday of each month for the Officer's Planning Meeting.

The Monthly Membership Meeting convenes at 8:00 pm in the Knights Room of the old Convent Building on the campus of the Parish of Saint Camillus, 1500 Saint Camillus Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland 20903.

The Council was instituted on April 20, 1964 and currently has 192 members.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR – Patrick J. Fitzgerald, PGK

FAITH DIRECTOR – Mario Lopez

The Council participated in the District 11 program by purchasing one of the four chalices and patens for use by the visiting priests in the Missionaries of Charity missions in three foreign countries plus Washington DC. Each council's chalice mass set was engraved with the Council's name and number on it along with the St. Teresa of Calcutta inscription on the base of the Chalice. This program was featured in the February edition of the State newsletter. The Council made a \$2,000.00 donation to provide essential sanitation to help support the parish in the need to clean the church after each mass and a team of council members volunteered to assist with the project

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR – Jaime Hernandez

The council made a donation in the amount the \$ 2,500.00 to purchase 120 coats from The Knights Coats for Kids Program. The council partnered with our parish school staff led by our own member and principal, Theodore Harkleroad to identify the best students who needed the coats. Council members worked alongside our school teachers and staff to personally hand out the coats along with school supplies and food to the designated students. This joint venture with the school staff will continue to improve our cooperation with the school for future projects. Additionally, Council members worked with the staff of the Parish Food pantry to distribute the remaining coats and gloves and scarves to those people who were in need.

Council members also participated along with other parish groups in the fall cleanup up of the Parish grounds. These members raked, mulched, picked up trash and planted new trees and repaired the Church maze. We also furnished coffee, tea and water to the volunteers that day.

The council members provided traffic control and assisted county volunteers who were running a Covid drive thru testing site on the parish parking lot. Refreshments were provided again. This was done on two Sundays and over 1,000 people received testing on those days.

FAMILY DIRECTOR – Julio Sosa

The council members work closely with the parish Food Pantry to help the distribution move smoothly. The Council also voted to spend \$200.00 per month to assist the Food pantry with the necessary supplies required. The Council's next project is to assist in the interior construction of the Food pantry's newly acquired shell storage building. We hope to help with the installation of plumbing, electricity and flooring. In our April meeting, the Council officers will propose a

resolution to spend up to \$10,000 to accomplish this construction pending a detailed cost statement from the Food pantry. The purpose of this shed is to consolidate all of their storage and supplies into one central location.

LIFE Director - Grand Knight Robert Monagan PGK

The covid pandemic caused the Council to have to cancel the outdoor Rosaries that we have done in the past years. This year, the Council sent out an email containing a Novena for Life. The email listed the 9 days of the week and the correct mysteries for each day as well as the special intentions to be included when reciting the Rosary,

CONCLUSION

The Grand Knight thanks the Council Officers, the Program Director, the Membership Director, the Committee Directors and all the brothers of the Holy Family Council for their outstanding support this year. I am proud to have been your elected Grand Knight and had the opportunity to work with all officers and members this council. The job of Grand Knight was made much simpler this year with the assistance of our District Deputy Russell Sutton and his District Warden. I also appreciate all the assistance from The Maryland State Council Officers and Chairman and Program Directors

Vivat Jesus,
Robert Monagan. PGK
Grand Knight Holy Family Council # 5547

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St. Michael the Archangel Council #15084

Grand Knight: Michael Spraggins

The St. Michael the Archangel Council meets on the 1st Monday of each month for the officers planning meeting and the 2nd Monday of each month for the full membership meeting. The meetings are held at the parish center located at 824 Wayne Ave. Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Both meetings start at 7:30 PM.

The installation of officers occurred virtually during our monthly membership meeting on September 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM. The District Deputy presided over the installation of Grand Knight Michael Spraggins, Deputy Grand Knight David Bludis, Chancellor Nick Cabanayan, Financial Secretary Mario Canlas, Warden Catalino Freolo, Recorder James Robertson, Treasurer Jose Baldoza, Advocate Victor Basamot, Lecturer Pan Hu, Inside Guard Charles Henderson, and Outside Guard Erwin Howard.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Deputy Grand Knight David Bludis

FAITH PROGRAMS: SK Noddie Barrion

The Council is quite active in promoting and strengthening our Catholic faith. Several brothers serve as ushers at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Three brothers volunteer at the Franciscan Monastery greeting and providing tours to pilgrims. During the last week of October 2020, the Council invited the parish to join us in celebrating the beatification of Blessed Michael J. McGivney. On October 25, the Council hosted a viewing of the video highlighting his life and legacy. On October 31, the Council hosted another viewing of the beatification mass and ceremony. The day after Christmas caroling for the Missionary Sisters of Charity on December 19, the Mother Superior asked if we could help them obtain four chalice sets for their churches in Canada, Cuba, Mexico, and Washington, D.C. With the help of the other councils in Maryland District 11, we were successful in providing the sisters with the chalice sets. On March 20 through March 28, 2021, Brother Noddie Barrion led the Council in the Blessed Michael McGivney Novena leading up to the 139th anniversary of the Order. He emailed the brothers every day with the daily intention, reflection, petitions, and prayers.

LIFE PROGRAMS: SK Pan Hu

Brother Greg McFadden continued his steadfast mission to defend life by leading a group of brothers to pray all 20 mysteries of the rosary every Saturday in front of the abortuary in Downtown Silver Spring. In November 2020, the council started a program we creatively titled "Knights Knots" to highlight various aspects on the sanctity of human life in the form of articles written by our own brothers as well as those found in other publications. These are submitted on a monthly basis for publication in the St. Michael's parish bulletin.

FAMILY PROGRAMS: SK James Robertson

On August 22, 2020, in lieu of our annual crab feast which was canceled due to the pandemic, the council purchased crab soup from our caterer to donate pints and quarts of the

soup to families who were previous patrons of the crab feast. Leftover pints and quarts of soup were donated to the local Little Sisters of the Poor and Missionary Sisters of Charity. On November 21, 2020, the council bought and delivered nine turkey dinners from Catholic Charities for families in need of a Thanksgiving dinner. The families were selected with the help of Brother Jason Giovannettone, who started a program that supported these and other families with grocery and meal delivery since the beginning of the pandemic. On February 20, 2021, the council conducted its annual oyster feast in a takeout format this year with the ongoing pandemic. The caterer prepared the food on site, which consisted of fried oysters, oyster soup, coleslaw, potato salad, and dessert. The brothers packaged the meals for car-side delivery to our 90 patrons.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: SK Charles Hayes and SK Alfonso DeJesus

Brother Jason Giovannettone surveyed food needs for families during the pandemic, focusing on those most in need because of financial and physical limitations. Brothers and their families prepared and delivered meals as well as purchased and delivered groceries to the families in need. This program was in effect from March 2020 through March 2021. On November 7, 2020, the Council donated five cases of coats to a local multi-denominational organization aiding the poor in our community. We used proceeds from our previous crab and oyster feasts, reimbursement from donating over 5,000 pounds of bread to the Missionary Sisters of Charity, and a private donation to buy the coats. On December 19, 2020, the Council visited the local Little Sisters of the Poor and Missionary Sisters of Charity to sing ~~Christmas carols to them and the homeless individuals they serve~~ to brighten their spirits in the holiday season despite the ongoing pandemic. The Grand Knight accompanied the singing by playing his guitar. On May 9, 2021, the Council will distribute pansies to the mothers of St. Michael's after all masses for Mother's Day.

Closing Message

For the second year, I was humbly honored to have served as the the Grand Knight for the St. Michael the Archangel, Knights of Columbus Council, #15084. Though we are a small council, our acts are large, but only with the help of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

My brother Knights are dedicated, fearless and tenacious in identifying and accomplishing the Faith Activities dear to their hearts as well as letting the Lord show through them without selfishness or vanity.

Although this fraternal year is coming to an end, we have joy and anticipation that the mission of the Knights of Columbus and this council will continue to reach for an even higher bar next fraternal year. Not for our glory, but to serve those in need, both spiritually and materially where and when applicable, and to continue forging the paths of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism as did our Blessed founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

Vivat Jesus,

Michael W. Spraggins

Grand Knight St. Michael the Archangel Council 15084

District No. 12



James Hojnowski
District Deputy

Larry Perkins
District Warden

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District 12 Book of Reports

DD James Hojnowski

DW Larry Perkins

The 2020-2021 Fraternal Year was a mix of highs and lows for District 12 down in Southern Maryland. I will review each council individually and then at the end make a summary statement of what needs to happen next year for the district to improve.

Council #2279, Archbishop Neale Council, led by GK Perry Giovacchini did a wonderful job with programming this year. They put together a very strong program team, the first the council has had in several years. Despite the Pandemic, the number of programs the council executed increased, including 6 Lenten Fish Fries, 2 Breakfasts, Weekly Virtual Rosaries, Monthly Food Pantry handouts, a Priest Night's Out Event, etc. The Council began planning for its 100-year anniversary this June 19th. 2279 donated \$10,000 to various local organizations to assist with COVID relief, in 500 increments. The principle weakness of the council has been in recruitment; no new brother knights were brought in this year, and the officers did not hold any recruitment drives. Reporting of all their works is also a weak point, though they did submit some reports for Q3.

Council #2293, John Henry Griffin, led by GK Anthony McGrath has also had a very busy year. ~~They have assisted with their~~ Parish Food Pantries, donated to a local Veteran's Home, and assisted their Parish Priests with several drive-in Masses. They are also preparing for their 100-year anniversary and raised \$4000 for celebrations. In Recruitment they have been the most successful of District 12, holding 2 Exemplifications to bring in 2 new Brother Knights and 1 Transfer. They have also been a great contact point for the State Council, serving as a collection point for the Car Raffle Tickets.

Council #5482, John F. Kennedy Council, led by GK Don Ramsey struggled this year with turning reports, state per capita, and audits in on time. I probably had to call them the most to get things done on behalf of state. They did donate over \$5,000 dollars to their Parish food pantry and several other local charities. I have encouraged them to work more closely with Fr. Sam, their Pastor Our Lady of Piscataway, but this council has struggled to move more events from their hall to their Parish.

Council #12128, McDonough Council, led by GK Daniel Coughlon and DGK Robert Brindle, have gotten all reports except programs in on time, and conducted their Annual Bull and Oyster Roast for fundraising. They also were the first council in the district to organize in-person and virtual meetings. Their GK had to step down from his duties due to family health problems but his DGK Robert has been leading the council well in his absence. No recruitment in this council either.

Council #11484 Holy Ghost Council, led by GK Frank Wathen, has done a good job of finding creative ways to run their programs. They have partnered with local restaurants and stores to sell raffle tickets and brought food trucks down to this rural part of Charles County. They have continued to donate generous sums to their Parish, Holy Ghost, whenever requested. They also have been practicing to hold an Exemplification, and say they have several men waiting to join, but who want to wait until after COVID. Their one weakness is timeliness with State Per Capita and Audits. I worked with the FS of this council to get audits done by the correct people, as there were some issues with it that needed to be straightened out.

Overall, for next year, the biggest target for District 12 is getting all the councils to hold recruitment drives. They are for the most part continuing to do many good works, but they need to ask more men to help share in the workload. I am happy to be a part of District 12.

District No. 13



Lawrence Horlamus
District Deputy

Calvin Anthony
District Warden

Councils

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District #13
Larry Horlamus, District Deputy
Curtis Phillips, District Warden

April 22, 2020

Worthy State Deputy, Officers of the Maryland Jurisdiction, and Dear Brothers,

It is my privilege to submit for your review the Annual Report for District #5 for fraternal year 2019 – 2020. The councils and Grand Knights comprising District #13 are as follows:

Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521
Christopher Daigle & Christina

Father Burggraff Council #6021
Calvin Anthony & Ann

Pope John Paul the Great Council #13859
Hank Pokigo & Sherry

St. Patrick Council #370
Terry Trish & Monica

I would like to congratulate the Grand Knights, Council Officers, and Brother Knights of District #13 for a successful fraternal year, for your cooperation, hospitality, and support. The success of District #13 reflects the success of the councils in District #13. The Brother Knights of these councils have dedicated significant personal time performing their works of charity while sacrificing time away from their families. For that very reason, I would like to thank the wives of the Brother Knights and their families for their dedication and support to the order and to their men who serve it. I would also like to acknowledge the time, support, friendship, and advice given to me by District Warden, Curtis Phillips.

I would like to thank Pope John Paul the Great Council and Father Burggraff Council for hosting our District #13 meetings as well as the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights meeting in February 2020. I am grateful for their support of District #5 and their gracious hospitality.

All the Councils in the District hosted many activities this year. This fraternal year proved somewhat challenging as the councils of District #13 were successfully completing their **Faith in Action** and suddenly came to a halt due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, the councils became creative to continue Faith and Community Programs to support their fellow Knights as well as those in the community that were in need because of the crisis. However, I am proud of the progress of all the Councils and of their dedication that resulted in both financial, and manpower support for their communities and Parishes alike under the new program. I recommend their individual reports are carefully reviewed outlining their outstanding achievements!

I would like to recognize the continued hard work and ongoing dedication by the officers of St. Patrick Council #370 as they continue a journey of rebuilding. Despite several particularly challenging years within their Council, their fraternalism and their tenacity to never fail have been the forces that have allowed them to continue to faithfully serve St. Mary Clément Hofbauer Parish and their community in Rosedale Maryland. Council #370 continues with a small but focused group of brothers to carry out the spirit of Father McGivney. After having served as their District Deputy during the past year, I am extremely proud to have been part of their journey of rebuilding and I am excited about what the future holds for Council #370! District Warden Curtis Phillips and I will continue to do everything we can to help them achieve their goals and we wish them continued success!

To the Sir Knights and Color Corps of Archbishop Francis P Keough Assembly #385, I thank you for your assistance with the installations of officers and other events in the State of Maryland. Your presence at the events adds dignity and splendor. You consistently demonstrate why you are the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

I would also like to thank the Cardinal Gibbons Council Admission Degree team for exemplifying the lessons of the 1st degree to the men in our district and to throughout the Maryland Jurisdiction. I congratulate the Team for their consistent exemplary performances. I would also like to thank Cardinal Gibbons Council for holding one of the first ever Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in the State of Maryland.

To State Deputy Dale W. Trott, I thank you for your confidence in me by asking me to serve as District Deputy #5 during the 2019-2020 fraternal year. I especially wish to thank you and your fellow state officers for their support and guidance in handling some challenging situations in District #5 during that fraternal year. I have strived to serve you well and generate enthusiasm in the councils I serve in order to exemplify the principles of our order. In the upcoming 2020-2021 fraternal year, Calvin Anthony, PGK assumed the role of District Warden #13 and I will continue to serve as District Deputy #13. I wish Curtis Phillips and his wife Joan a heartfelt thanks for their support over this last fraternal year. It has truly been my pleasure to serve as District Deputy #13 (formerly #5) and will always cherish the memories of this role.

For the pastors of the Churches that our councils serve, I say thank you for the support and the facilities you provide to the Knights. The Knights are there to serve you and we look forward to continuing to strengthen the relationships within all the parishes we serve.

And finally, I wish to thank my family for their understanding, the love and support they have given me throughout my term as District Deputy #13. During my tenure with the Knights, and in my service as District Deputy #13, Rae and I continue to establish many new friendships and it has also allowed me to deepen my faith while in service to Parish and Community. I would especially like to thank my wife Rae for her many personal sacrifices and support as I performed my duties as District Deputy over the past year.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry Horlamus

District Deputy #13

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Grand Knight-Timothy Burdyck

Our council meets on the second Wednesday of each month, via Zoom meeting, with our meetings starting at 7:30 PM.

We held our Council Installation of Officers, Wednesday, August 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm, via Zoom. The installation was conducted by our District Deputy, Lawrence Horlamus, assisted by his District Warden, Calvin Anthony.

Program Director – Alfonso Casalena, FDD, PGK

Faith Director – David Bellistri, PGK, PFN

Holy Hour - Our Council Assistant Chaplin, Deacon Mike Baxter, coordinated a Pro-Life Holy Hour. We began with a Mass, and was followed by a Scripture Reading and reflection, led by Associate Chaplin Msgr. James Farmer. The theme for the reflection was: Sanctity of Life, with an emphasis on March for Life. We ended with a period of silent adoration, that focused on the Order's Charism's of Fraternity, Unity, and Charity. We had 75 participants at this event.

Building the Domestic Church - The council round table coordinator and Grand Knight met with the Pastor's of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Stephen Church. We discussed ways that we can support the Church, and we replenished materials in the kiosk, and have continued to replenish the kiosk's throughout the year.

Marian Hour Prayer Service - Our council hosted a Marion Hour Prayer Service at St. Ursula Church. We began with a Mass that was celebrated by Fr. Jason Worley. Our Associate Chaplin, Deacon Mike Baxter, led a prayer service that was flowed by a silent adoration. We had 25 participants representing 3 councils.

Council Retreat - 5 members from our Council attended a weekend retreat. The theme for the weekend was "We Journey in Hope".

Family Director – David Price

Food for Families - For 9 weeks we had between 5 and 8 members that delivered food to families in need. This effort was coordinated by Villa Maria, and we delivered food baskets to anywhere between 8 and 12 families per week.

Family of the Month - Our council nominated a family of the month that demonstrated what it means to be an active and faith filled family.

Keep Christ in Christmas - We partnered with Fr. Leo Abendscheon Council # 11615. We held the poster contest with St. Michael the Archangel/St. Clement School and St. Stephen School. We had 178 children submit posters, and awarded

Box of Joy - Our council was able to fill 64 boxes that were then shipped to Cross Catholic Outreach.

Community Director – Robert Baumgartner, PGK

Trunk or Treat-Villa Maria - Our council members donated and delivered candy and over 200 pumpkins to Villa Maria. The candy and pumpkins were then distributed to the children that live at Villa Maria.

First Fruits Farm - We participated with Fr. Burgraff Co. # 6021, in harvesting fruit and vegetables, which is then shared with local food banks, homeless shelters and soup kitchens.

Coats for Kids - Our council donated 70 coats total to Villa Maria. We had 58 children and 12 adult coats.

Little Sisters of the Poor - We as a council collect food and monetary donations every month from our members. We then deliver these donations to the Little Sisters of the Poor facility, for the benefit of their residents.

Life Director – Deacon Mike Baxter

Eucharistic Procession - We gathered with several other councils and celebrated Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church. Following Mass we processed up Belair Rd., about a mile away, while praying the Rosary. We marched to the abortion clinic in Fullerton, praying for the sanctity of Life.

Pregnancy Center Support - We Hosted a speaker who spoke about the 40 Days for Life, detailing the events that took place over the 40 days.

March for Life - Members from our Council attended a local event in remembrance of the March for Life. We began with Mass at St. Margaret Church in Bel Air, then said the Rosary with everyone. After Mass and Rosary, we marched around the town of Bel Air, reciting prayers while walking. We stopped at the local pregnancy center and prayed. After the March, Church was open for silent adoration for the remainder of the day.

Special Olympics - Our Council made monetary donations to the Maryland Special Olympics.

Cardinal Gibbons Council has a history over the years of supporting Seminarians. This year we are expecting to support 6 Seminarians.

Every year Cardinal Gibbons Council conducts a Charity Fund Drive to assist those of our Church, Council, and Community. The Christmas Basket Fund Drive for 2020 resulted in the following money received and distributed:

Christmas Baskets \$ 7,250

We used the Christmas Basket funds by giving:

St. Michael the Archangel Church	\$ 1500
St. Stephen Church (Bradshaw)	\$ 1500
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$ 1500
6 Individual Families	\$ 2000
Total	\$ 6500

The remaining Christmas Basket funds are in our General Fund and will be used during the year as a need is brought to the attention of our Charity Fund.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Grand Knight of Cardinal Gibbons Co. # 2521.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Father Burggraff Council #6021
4110 1/2 Pine Hill Road
Perry Hall, MD 21236

March 31, 2021 submission of the "Book of Reports" by Robert Medeiros, GK.

Father Burggraff Council #6021 meets each Thursday Virtually and at our Council Home in-person (weather permitting) beginning at 6:45pm with reciting Rosary before the start of the meetings. Monthly Membership meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The Officers Planning meeting is held on the 4th Thursday of the month. The other Thursdays of the month are for Special Events and/or Social meetings.

Our Fraternal Year officially began on August 19, 2020 with our Installation of Officers. Due to the Pandemic, we held our installation virtually since we could not safely conduct it in-person.

I sadly report that since April 1, 2020 three of our members were called home to the Lord. We lost Andrew Butt on July 29, 2020, Salvatore Michael LaMartina on December 29, 2020 and William Gardzalla on January 20, 2021. All three members served over 52 years each with the Knights of Columbus. We also lost Robert Holmes on January 22, 2020 who was a 50-year member.

Faith Activities – Co-Chaired by Paul Drinks and Edward Mallon

Our council assisted St. Joseph Church in holding the "You're Amazing" Family Parish Mission which reached every segment of our parish community. Our council assisted with ushering and assisted the ministry with the selling and distribution of their promotional items as their fundraiser.

In the Marian month of October, we collaborated with Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521 at St. Ursula Church to reflect on the Order's core principles of Fraternity, Unity, Charity and Patriotism.

We supported the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) by providing financial assistance to our seminarian Daniel Andrades.

Prior to the start of every council meeting, we recite the rosary. Due to the Pandemic, one of our members uploaded a digital copy of the rosary and we were able to broadcast it to our members virtually each week. Due to the Pandemic, we were only able to hold our fifth Sunday rosary prior to Mass on two occasions.

Family Activities – Co-Chaired by Edward Springer and Allen Sequeira

Our council collaborated with MSBC Ministries to transport/distribute fresh produce to families within our community. In September and October, we distributed approximately 2,000 lbs of fresh produce each month to families in need. Our care packages went to neighbors, families, the Little Sisters of the Poor and the CAN Food Pantry.

We conducted our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest virtually. We coordinated with the St. Joseph School - Fullerton and had 201 children participate. We are already thinking of ways to improve the event for next year by having the winning posters enlarged and on display during the 2021 Christmas season.

The "Consecration to the Holy Family" prayer was completed virtually. We invited families in our parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. It was inserted in the weekly bulletin for the five weeks.

Nominations for Family of the Month and Year were on-time and presented at St. Joseph Church during mass. We also included families who were not members of our council as a great recruiting tool.

Community Activities – Co-Chaired by Daniel Alt and Michael Hannan

For Helping Hands, we partnered three times with the St. Joseph Church Young Adult Group, Boy Scouts of America Troop 746, parishioners, and other councils in the harvesting of produce at First Fruits Farm.

We raised \$1890 with the St. Joseph Church Outreach Committee to help provide assistance towards the devastation caused by the Typhoons and Floods in the Philippines.

We supported the Basilica of the Assumption as a site of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. We raised enough money to cover the costs of the 24/7 security for a week for the safety of attendees.

Our council contributed to Leave No Neighbor Behind in various ways throughout the year. We contributed coordination/logistical support for Casseroles and bread products to Beans and Bread Soup Kitchen. Due to cut-backs with the church staff, council members volunteered on projects each week such as building a stage used for outdoor masses and other church events.

Our Annual Tootsie Roll Campaign benefited the Maryland School for The Blind. We also participated in the MD State Car Raffle and delivered them directly to our members while checking on their health.

~~A PGK's request contributions for Coats for Kids in lieu of gifts during for his 70th Wedding Anniversary.~~ Our chairman coordinated with Councilman David Marks and the Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services to distribute 73 coats at the Center for Family Success in Essex, MD.

Through the St. Joseph Athletic Association (SJAA), we held our Soccer Shootout. We held it on two different sessions which coincided with the SJAA Soccer Program Team/Individual photo session.

Through the St. Joseph School Home and School Association (HASA), we transported 455 pumpkins donated by First Fruits Farm to our school in lieu of the trunk o' treat event.

Life Activities – Co-Chaired by Mark Hicks and Glen Sauer

The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign kicked off on Wednesday, September 23rd through November 1, 2020 at the Beltway. On October 10, 2020 following the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Michael's Church, we carried the canopy covering the monstrance & the presiding priest to & from the Beltway Plaza.

We contributed \$6099.75 to the Virtual Plunge for Special Olympics of MD; highest among MD councils.

Our Baby Bottle Campaign for Pregnancy Center Support earned \$7772.00 in donations.

We participated in the nine-day novena invoking the intercession of Mary to aid the sick and all who are suffering due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Conclusion - Thanks to the great support by our Church Pastor and Council Chaplin Fr. Jesse Bolger, the church's Associate Pastors Fr. Francis Ouma and Fr. John Rapisarda, along with all the members of the Fr. Burggraff Council 6021 who have helped make this another successful year. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the help and support of our District Deputy Lawrence Horlamus and District Warden Calvin Anthony.

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Grand Knight Leonard Bayer

The Council Meets The first Tuesday of the month for officer's business meeting [virtual currently].
On the third Tuesday of the month is membership meeting night at 7:30 pm. [Virtual currently].

All Officers were installed on the first Sunday in August 2-8-2020. Ceremony was held virtual with Father Kevin Muller presiding.

The council Program Director is Dennis Garland Deputy Grand Knight.
The Director of Faith Dennis Garland
The Director of Life Rick Shown
The Director of Family David Alkins.
The Director of Community Philip Van camp.

For Faith in action the Council supported 2 Seminarians in the RSVP program.
For community, the council held a golf tournament with proceeds going to two local charities.
Because of covid restrictions all family events were canceled.

The council lost three members in 2020-2021 a virtual Rosary was said for each member.

The Council and a local Ravens Roost football club had our annual coats for kids in December, because of covid restrictions no breakfast was done, but coats were distributed to children in need.
Also, in December the Council Participation in the Box of Joy Program. Sending 19 boxes to needy kids for Christmas.

During Lent the council held its annual Fish Dinner Sending around \$1000 to My sister's place in Baltimore. The dinner was a big success for the Lady Queen of Peace Parrish and our council.

Starting in May through June the council will hold its annual Baby Bottle event all proceeds will go to an ultrasound program in our area,

Membership Director Tom O'hara is working extremely hard to make our council a star council, we all need to bring new members into the Knights.

In October, the council held a drive-up crab feast. We did well with this event sold over 325 pre-paid tickets.

During lent the council held its annual Lenten Dinner this event helps support the parish and My Sisters Place in Baltimore.

Deceased Members
John Urbannick
Jerome Shaffer
Martin Dabkowski

Leonard Bayer Grand Knight

District No. 14



Willians Castillo
District Deputy

Jesus Lopez-Villa
Winston Brunal
District Wardens

Councils

13463

16611

17192

17545

District No. 15



Lewis Smith
District Deputy

Michael Maxey
District Warden

Councils

4076

5317

11171

11511

16499

District No. 15

Maryland State K.O.C. Council

District Deputy (Lewis Smith) & District Warden (Michael Maxey)

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Maryland State Knights of Columbus District No.15 consist of five Councils, St. Pius X (No. 4076), St. Columcille (No. 5317), St. John the Evangelist (No. 11171), Most Holy Rosary (No. 11511) and St. John Fisher (No. 16499).

The District was able to accomplish the following Achievements during the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year:

- Being the first District to conduct a Virtual Installation of Officers within the State under COVID-19 restrictions. The first Installation of Officers Ceremony took place, via Zoom, for Most Holy Rosary Council No. 11511 on Friday, July 10, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. with our State Deputy, Vince Grauso, in attendance.
- The District was the first to complete all District Councils' Installation of Officers (Virtually) within the State with the assistance of the District Warden (Michael Maxey).
- The District was the First to participate in a Council Transfer from another State District (The Washington District) to the (Maryland District). The Council transferred was St. John Fisher Council No. 16499.
- The District was successful in having all its Councils being "New Membership Active" during the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year.
- Two District Councils, St. John the Evangelist and Most Holy Rosary achieved Star Council. St. John Fisher Council achieved Double-Star Council.
- All District Council were successful in completing and submitting all Faith-In-Action Reports and State Best-of-the-Best Report on-time.
- All District Council underwent and participated in a (Virtual) Council Evaluation conducted by the District Deputy (Lewis Smith) and District Warden (Michael Maxey) from December 2020 to January 2021. The evaluations were virtual due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- All District Councils were effective in participating in various Charitable Programs such as Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission, Box-of-Joy, RSVP and many others.

Conclusion

As District Deputy, I would like to thank all the Council Grand Knights, Council Leadership and Members for their outstanding support, program execution, and leadership. Their activities and works of charity have made the District successful this Columbian Year. I give much thanks to the District Warden, Michael Maxey for always being there with support and advisement. I also would like to thank my wife, Lady Audrey Smith, for all her support and understanding. Furthermore, I am extremely grateful to our State Deputy, Vince Grauso, for having confidence in me and appointing me as District Deputy. Finally, I would like to thank the State Officers for their efforts in providing me with the tools, training, and direction to help make the District's year a successful one; especially during this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Most Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus Council No. 11511
Grand Knight S.K. Pasteur "Al" Camp.
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Most Holy Rosary Council holds its Business Meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m., on the second Monday of each month with a second Officer's Planning meeting on the fourth Monday of the month. The Council's normal meeting place is in the Church Hall located next to the Historical Church located in Upper Marlboro, MD at the intersection of Route 301 and Rosaryville Road. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our meetings have been held virtually via Zoom.

A virtual Installation of Officers took place on Friday, July 10, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. Our State Deputy, Vince Grauso, attended this virtual installation; the first virtual Installation of Officers within the state under COVID-19 restrictions.

Programs Director, PGK David Desmarais

Life Director, Brother Frank Zak

The Forestville Pregnancy Center (FPC) educates and empowers women to make healthy and life choices regarding their pregnancies. The FPC Board of Directors and President, Brother Frank Zak, along with his wife, Jeanette Zak, consistently plan events and coordinate support for the Center to help facilitate and fill the operational needs of the center. During the First Quarter of the year, the FPC supply of Baby Pampers for newborn babies were completely exhausted due to the high demand by center's new young mothers. The Knights along with our Pastor and Brother Fr. Salinas launched a successful "Baby Pamper Campaign" that restocked the shelves at the center in six weeks. In the Second Quarter, Brother Frank and wife Jeanette Zak coordinated a "Baby-Bottle" drive fundraiser for the Forestville Pregnancy Center. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the campaign collection was done via mailed checks or online using PayPal to help avoid the physical transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Our Worthy Chaplain and Brother, Fr. Salinas promoted the Baby Bottle Campaign from the altar after each Mass. Most Holy Rosary Parishioners generously donated \$3,104.00 in support of the campaign. In the Third Quarter, Most Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus promoted and hosted a remote viewing of this year's Virtual National Right to Life March and Rally. Even though the atmosphere and size of the group of attendees were smaller than previous marches, the participants still displayed passion for the Pro-life cause. The participants heard interesting interviews and life changing stories.

Family Director, PGK & Recorder Ernest Washington

During the First Quarter, our Brother and Trustee, Clyde White, along with his wife, Jean White, were formally honored by the Council for their extraordinary work as the Parish's SHARE Program Directors. The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington sponsors the SHARE Food Network both to assist families to have access to affordable healthy food at a substantial discount, and to encourage volunteerism. The program helps fill a critical need for those struggling to acquire affordable food within the Parish and community. Their efforts included marketing the program, food packaging, funds collection and the pickup and transportation of the food from the distribution warehouse to the Parish. Brother Clyde and wife

Jean has run and coordinated the SHARE Program for over 30 years. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the disruption to the program's operation, they made the decision to retire from the program. The council honored the couple with a certificate of appreciation and presentation of a check to go out and have a meal, on the Council, when it becomes safe. During the Second Quarter of the year, Brother Lewis Smith hosted a Virtual Veterans' Day PowerPoint Tribute, via Zoom, for the Parish Veterans on the evening of Veterans' Day November 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The presentation contained pictures of the Parish Veterans along with patriotic videos and music. Over 50 Veterans were recognized during the presentation. During the Third Quarter, our Council Chaplain and Brother, Fr. Rodolfo Salinas, Father, Victor Salinas, was called home to the Lord, on February 13, 2020. His father lived in Peru along with his siblings. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Peru's strict COVID-19 Protocols, Fr. Salinas was unable to return home to be with his family. In addition, Peru's Pandemic regulations required, Fr. Salinas' father to be buried the same day of his passing. To help bring closure and pray with Fr. Salinas during this sad time, the Council Knights coordinated and conducted a Parish-wide Virtual Rosary. A Rosary PowerPoint presentation including an obituary was prepared and broadcasted, via Zoom, in honor of Fr. Salinas father, Victor Salinas. A projector, screen and computer were setup at the St. Joseph Center by Brother Ernest Washington, Dave Desmarais and Lewis Smith for viewing the presentation and Zoom participants. Decades of the Rosary were recited in the Parish and over the Zoom session. At the end of the Virtual Rosary, Fr. Salinas gave the Parishioners a heartfelt and emotional thank you for their love and support during his time of bereavement.

Community Chair, PGK, and Treasurer Ronald Nosalik

The Council, during the First Quarter of the Columbian year, held a Virtual Talent Show, via Zoom, to provide entertainment and lift the spirits of Parishioners who have been shut-in due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The MC for the Talent Show was Brother Brit Herring, who hosted the event as an Elvis impersonator. Multiple participants took part in the talent show contest, such as Brother Ernest Washington (Piano Player), Brother Lewis Smith (Storyteller) and Brother Edward Donovan and his wife Linda Donovan (Sonny and Cher Act). The winner was selected by the loudest applause provided by attending audience. The winning prize was a \$25.00 gift certificate. The event was highly successful and achieved its goal of providing fun and entertainment to Parishioners during COVID-19 Pandemic. During the Second Quarter, Brother Ronald Nosalik and his wife, Lady Linda Nosalik, along with Brother Dave Desmarais executed a prime example of "Leave No Neighbor Behind". The group heard through casual conversations that an elderly widow, who lived next door to the Parish's St. Joseph Center, needed assistance with removing old farm equipment and materials which cluttered her property. In addition, the debris was unsightly when driving by her home. From September 8, 2020 to September 16, 2020, the group gathered all the old equipment and materials and cleaned up the area around her home. In addition, the widow was so appreciative of the good gesture and efforts, she told the Knights they could do whatever they wanted to with the debris. Multiple trips were made to the local dump. The salvageable scrap metal was sold at a local recycle point and the proceeds in the amount of \$359.00 were donated to the Council funds. For the Council's Third Quarter event, a donation was made in the amount of \$150.00 to the Global Wheelchair Mission.

Faith Chair, PGK, Financial Secretary, PFN and District Deputy Lewis Smith

Our Worthy Chaplain, Brother and Pastor, Fr. Salinas needed assistance re-opening the Church under local COVID-19 guidelines and regulations. He requested the assistance of the Knights to function as Ushers. The Knight Ushers would ensure all Mass attendees wore face mask, signed an attendance log, and maintain six feet of social distancing while attending Mass. Usher support was provided by Brothers Ernest Washington, Brit Herring and Lewis Smith the entire First Quarter of the new Columbian year. During the Second Quarter, Brother Lewis Smith led the Council and coordinated the Novena in preparation of his Beatification of Father McGivney scheduled for October 31, 2020. Daily email notifications and alerts, along with the prayers, were sent to the Council Membership for their participation in the Novena. During the Third Quarter, the Knight performing Usher duties, Brother Ernest Washington and Lewis Smith provided "Youth Usher Training" to two youths in the Parish, Sean Oden, and Markus Downs. The youths needed community service hours to meet school curriculum requirement. The Youth Ushers assisted with ensuring Parishioners, attending Mass, wore face mask, signed the attendance log, and maintained proper social distancing during Mass.

Conclusion

Grand Knight, SK Pasteur "Al" Camp, Sr., thanks the Council Members for their generous support, ideas, and leadership in developing and executing the activities and spiritual and corporal works of mercy that have made this a successful Columbian Year for Most Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus Council 11511. In addition, GK Camp is extremely grateful to the District Deputy (15) Lewis Smith and District Warden Michael Maxey for their advice, support, prayers, and attendance at our council meetings. I also thank my patient wife, Gladys Camp for all her support. I thank the State Officers for their efforts in providing me with the tools, training, and direction to help make the year a success; especially during this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

District No. 16



Michael Landolt
District Deputy

Brian Ulmen
District Warden

Councils

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District No. 17



Mark Mangus, Sr.
District Deputy

William (Joe) Tavery
District Warden

Councils

1960

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10648

13069

16104

District No. 18



David Czarnecki
District Deputy

Michael Watson
District Warden

Councils

2797

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District No. 19



Gregory Lynch
District Deputy

Salvatore (Sal) Lenzo
District Warden

Councils

2901

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District Deputy Gregory Lynch
District Warden Salvatore Lenzo

Councils

2901 Notre Dame
4011 Father O'Neill
14102 Saints Phillips and James
16304 SAINT Clement 1

It was a rough but good year for the district, with the Councils Being Servant Leaders.

- **Notre Dame Council** embraced Leave no neighbor behind, by contacting their members and the parish communities they work with. They were able to do their Family-to-Family program at Christmas time. They have been supporting two pregnancy centers. The council also brought in eleven new members this year. They continue to help their parishes as they are needed.
- **Father O'Neil Council** has continued its hard work with all of its Parishes. They have had virtual socials with various speakers. Their 5k marathon went virtual this year and was a great success. They have continued their bike program and continue to look for new ways Servant leaders.
- **Saints Phillips and James Council** continues to help its two Parishes. They have also helped with the Little Sisters of the Poor.
- **Saint Clement 1 Council** has been extremely helpful with the parish, they are well integrated into the fabric of the parish. They help with two food pantries, gave out well over a hundred coats for kids. They constantly help their brother Knights as well as the English and Spanish communities around their church.

I would like to thank my District Warden Sal Lenzo for his help this Fraternal year.

Notre Dame Council #2901

GK Greg Leftwich PFN

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- Church activities begins with Mass for the Installation of Council Officers. The Mass for the Installation of Council was restricted to officers only this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- Assisted with outdoor 8:30 masses at St. Pius X Church at the request of Fr. Jojo, current pastor of St. Pius X Church and State Chaplain.
- The Annual Memorial Mass and dinner on the 1st Friday of November is dedicated to our deceased members; widows are invited as honored guests.
- 5th Sundays throughout the year are celebrated as a council followed by a brunch at different restaurants. We have limited some of these fifth Sunday's this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- The Council sponsors seminarians through the RSVP program.
- Notre Dame sponsors a free St. Mary's Seminary of Maryland, Seminarian's dinner in November to thank them for their dedication and at this time the RSVP check is presented. The check is presented based on the recommendation of the Rector, Fr. Philip Brown. For this year we had cancelled the seminarian dinner due to Covid-19 restrictions related to social gatherings. We will present the RSVP check to a seminarian at a future mass services at one of parishes the council support.
- The Council ministry includes a Living Rosary program which was initiated in 1963 under the title of the "Traveling Rosary". We conduct a Living Rosary at the Council Home in October; the Traveling Rosary team conducts the Living Rosary at 25 other locations during the year. This was cancelled this year due the Covid-19 restrictions. Throughout the year, we recite the Rosary at Wake Services for deceased members.
- Several members of Notre Dame assist in the setup, selling and cleanup of the St. Pius X Christmas tree sale, which is the largest fund raiser for the parish.
- Our Grand Knights charity is Source Of All Source for adults volunteering missionary. Funds are received from the Council's members and from our charity can be collect after each meeting.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Once a month. a team of members and their families conduct Bingo parties for nursing home residents at Keswick Nursing Home. Items donated by Council members throughout the year, along with Christmas gifts from the Council Christmas Party, provide enough prizes to last one full year for the sick and aged residents at the nursing home. Our visits to the Keswick Bingo home were suspended this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- We host a free pancake breakfast for St. Mary's Church parishioners in February. This was cancelled this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

- Support for the Four Frenchmen at St. Mary's Cemetery is done on the first Saturday in November. Notre Dame sets up chairs, podium and sound system transported from the church to the cemetery then returns all when the event is over. This was cancelled this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- Fr. Jojo at St. Pius X, who is also a 4th degree knight and state chaplain, requested us to hold a soup and breads supper before stations of the cross and assist with Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays throughout the month of March.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- The Council Members Relief Fund (a charity fund to help members in need), was established several decades ago and assists any brother of Notre Dame council who has financial trouble at home.
- We participated in No Leave Family Behind program this year. We contacted council members and widows to check up on them and to see if they need assistances during this Covid-19 pandemic.
- At the request of Fr. Jojo, current pastor of St. Pius X Church and State Chaplain, we moved into a new council home at St. Pius X Church, which is located in Towson, MD.
- The year concludes with the Third-Degree Banquet and annual workers' party in June. New third degree members are free as well as the Honoree of the year and wife.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- Each month throughout the year, we recognize a Family and Knight of the Month in our Council's Grotto Newsletter.
- Through our Family-to-Family program, we donated baskets of food and turkeys to 96 needy families for Christmas.
- A lottery program is run in June for a fun activity and fund raiser. Many of our members and widows requested this program as they look forward to this. We had considered canceling but so many requested it, that we renewed our effort again this year. This had previously run for at least 10 years or so.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Activities related to youth include our sponsorship of a foster child in in Central America.
- Notre Dame for the last two years has assisted St. Pius X church School with their Savers donation program, which consists of helping haul donated clothing, house wares or furniture to the Savers store on Joppa road. Savers in turn donated money to the school.

LIFE ACTIVITIES

- Made a donation of \$250 dollar to the Woman's Care Center on Belair rd. this past January and started a new donation program in support for the center.

- Marigolds are handed out to each Mother, God Mother, Grand Mother or Foster Mother at one of our supported churches on Mother's Day with a flag thanking them for choosing life. Last year we were at St. Dominic's church.

Newsletter and web site

- Notre Dame has a bi-monthly newsletter, The Grotto, which goes out via email and US mail to all members and widows. We also maintain our own web site https://www.kofc2901.com/st_-pius-x-map.

District No. 20



John Hershberger
District Deputy

Frank Bishop
District Warden

Councils

586

1442

1771

District No. 21



J. David Love
District Deputy

Christopher McGrath
District Warden

Councils

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Westminster Council 1393
Louis C. Harding Grand Knight

Westminster Council #1393 is scheduled to meet at 7:30 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at St. John's Portico, 43 Monroe Street, Westminster, Md. 21157. Those Knights arriving early recite the Holy Rosary at 7:10 PM. Officers and Program Chairmen meet on the last Tuesday of the month at the St. John Parish Center in the Fr. McGivney Room. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all meetings were conducted virtually via zoom.

Westminster Council has served St. John Church in Westminster for 112 years and since a merger with council #11631 in February 29, 2020 we have also served the St. Joseph Taneytown community. On Thursday August 20, 2020 following Mass, the incoming officers were installed by District Deputy Dave Love. Due to the Pandemic, many officers graciously agreed to continue their roles from 2019-20 fraternal year through the 2020-2021 fraternal year.

Sadly this year, Westminster Council lost seven brothers to their eternal reward, including the Pastor at St. Joseph Catholic Church Taneytown, MD. Those deceased members who are missed are as follows: Lucian Bucci PGK #11820 6/6/2020, Valentine Cioff 7/8/2020, Edgar Schmidt 8/24/2020, John Bonsby PGK #11631 12/17/2020, Orlando Sanidad, D.D.S. 1/24/2021, Fr. John Lesnick 2/26/2021, John Chesley 3/5/2021, James W. Clingnan Sr. 3/30/2021.

With over 440 council members we are very active. Unfortunately COVID-19 Pandemic severely hampered all our scheduled activities and fundraising efforts. Cancelled events include Annual Crab Feast, ~~Movie night, 8 Parish Breakfasts including breakfast with Santa,~~ Headstart Christmas Dinner, Gaelic/Garlic celebration to honor St. Patrick and St. Joseph feast days, Bull/Oyster Roast, Sock Hop, Annual Council Picnic.

- Fraternal year began with the last week of the 10 week of Food Drive/Bank, both in collection and distribution of food for needy families in community.
- Help in preparation and coordinating the weekly outdoor Sunday 6:00 PM Mass. This includes setting up and removing altar, collection boxes, preparing parking lot for social distance seating and communion lines. Sunday 6PM outdoor Mass continued until daylight savings time ended, November 1, 2020.
- Mt. St. Mary's Seminarians held 3 day Quo Vadis Retreat for high school boys from 7/20 – 7/22 on St. John campus. Council supported event by sponsoring, preparing and serving BBQ dinner for the 70 people including Seminarians, attendees and their families at conclusion of retreat. We also had time to honor Seminarian James Bors on his last day serving his year at St. John from 2019-2020
- With the many cancelled events, Council created the #1393 Challenge. We reached out to members and community to consider donating to our council's charity fund with money typically used to support and attend our cancelled events. This raised over \$3,300 to continue our charitable efforts.
- Using some of the acquired assets from the merger of Council #11631 we supported both the Pregnancy Support Center of Carroll County and the Catocin Pregnancy Center with donations of \$1,500 each. We also used these assets to donate \$3,000 to Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, MD.
- To facilitate the opening of St John School on 8/31; Knights along with school administration developed a traffic plan for students, parents and staff to safely arrive on campus socially distanced. Five Knights were scheduled each morning during the first week of school to direct and maintain traffic flow.

- With our Monthly Parish Breakfasts cancelled, we conducted a Tailgate Carryout on Sunday November 1st prior to Ravens/Steelers game. After expenses, we cleared over \$1,100 to support our charity fund.
- Knights along with Color Corp were requested to help as ushers, lectors and EMC's for All Souls Mass on November 2, 2020.
- Our Military Care Package Program 11/7-11/8 collected two pick up truckloads of snacks and personal care items to send to Military bases around the world.
- With permission from Pastor and #1393 Council Chaplain Fr. Mark Bialek, we arranged to conduct a Mass to honor the Beatification of our founder Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. This also gave our council the opportunity to finally present the 2019-2020 annual council awards in person.
- Our Keep Christ in Christmas Program had 228 participants from St John School in all three age groups.
- To maximize attendance for Christmas Eve Masses, Knights worked closely with St. John Parish in transforming and serving at several Masses that were moved to the Shipley Arena at Carroll County Ag Center. This included preparation of facility, serving as ushers, EMC's, lectors, traffic control and sanitizing between Masses. The Ag Center enabled up to 900 people to attend each of the 1PM, 4PM, 7PM and 9:30 PM Masses socially distanced.
- We began our 9 day Novena for Life on January 21st with Mass and Rosary at St. Bart's in Manchester and concluded with Holy Hour for Life on the 29th at St. John. GK Lou Harding along with PGKs Joe Langan, Bill Adams Chris McGrath and Ralph Peters each performed a decade of the Rosary for Life
- DGK Bill Adams chaired the Socks for Souls Campaign where we donated over 900 pairs of socks to Human Services Program's cold weather shelter in Westminster, MD.
- As of this writing, Car Raffle chairman Rainer Dombrowsky has received back over 2,300 sold tickets. All tickets will be turned in 4/23-4/24 for May 1st drawing at Virtual Maryland State Convention.
- With the generous donation of a hand made 70" x 88" patriotic quilt by Kathy Duex, wife of S.K. Steve Duex, we are raffling off quilt on May 29th. Quilt panels include historic American flags and KOC Emblem of the Order. To date we have sold over \$1,500 worth of tickets.
- Our most ambitious program for the 2020-21 fraternal year is to participate in the KOC Ultrasound Project. The goal is to purchase a new 3D/4D ultrasound machine for the Pregnancy Support Center of Carroll County. We have approval from Supreme and have teamed up with 4US.org to raise the 50% necessary for Supreme to provide the other 50% for this over \$40,000 piece of life saving equipment.
- With the possible easing of COVID-19 Archdiocese and CDC guidelines, we will attempt to conduct a council picnic which we also use as a recruitment tool.

It has been an honor and humbling experience to be trusted to serve as Grand Knight for both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fraternal years. While certainly a challenge to navigate the COVID-19 Pandemic, with the support of our Chaplain and council members we were able to continue our mission of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We embraced Supreme's directive to "Leave no Neighbor Behind" and the 2020-21 State Motto of "We are Servant Leaders".

Vivat Jesus,

Louis C. Harding, Grand Knight
Westminster Council #1393

District No. 22



Charles Doherty
District Deputy

Joe Gangi
District Warden

Councils

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Knights of Columbus
Ocean City Council #9053
9901 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, Maryland 21842

Ocean City Council # 9053 holds its general Council meetings begin at 6:30 PM on the first Wednesday of each month at the Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842 or virtually based on COVID-19 restrictions. Prior to January, 2021, the officers held their business meetings beginning at 6:00 PM; in January, 2021, the officers decided to hold their meeting the Monday prior to general Council meetings. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, Council #9053 suspended holding its social meeting usually held on the third Wednesday of month from September to March. The social meetings would have a varied agenda with topics of interests such as: The Appalachia Group, Knight of Columbus Fraternal Benefits, Travel Guides; Community Awards, Crisis Preparedness and Crime Awareness and Prevention.

Although the physical Installation of Officers did not occur until 01 August 2019 at a special Mass followed by a Reception/Dinner, Council #9053 began its fiscal year 2019-2020 at the July 2019 meeting. DD Deputy Charles Dougherty reinstalled these Officers for a second term at a regular business meeting in August 2020. The current officers, serving until July 2021, are:

POSITION	NAME
CHAPLAIN	SK Rev. John Lunness
GRAND KNIGHT	SK Joseph Kostelac
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	SK Thomas Herwig
CHANCELLOR	SK Joseph Lazzari
WARDEN	SK Edward Mardaga
RECORDER	SK R. Donald Kyle
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	SK Dale Shepard
TREASURER	SK Deacon Joseph Carraro

POSITION	NAME
LECTURER	SK Michael Carozza
ADVOCATE	SK Thomas Irwin
INSIDE GUARD	SK Richard Thomas
OUTSIDE GUARD	SK Brandon Reim
OUTSIDE GUARD	SK Dennis Rasmussen
TRUSTEE 3 YEAR	SK Joseph Gangi
TRUSTEE 2 YEAR	SK Thomas Foglesong
TRUSTEE 1 YEAR	SK Wayne Straight

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT THOMAS PERGOLA

FAITH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT STEVE MASTBROOK

February 2020 ended on a spiritual note as we embraced the essence of Lent with Ash Wednesday services, and March began changing our lives and has continued into 2021. COVID-19 restrictions suspended and/or limited gatherings so Council #9053 could not hold/support its usual Faith activities, e.g., 'Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament', 'Blessing of the Water' and 'Spiritual Reflection-Retreat'. Despite the limitations, Council #9053 held Rosary Prayer services, attended by Brothers: Tom Herwig, Wayne Straight, Steve Mastbrook, David Hesch, Tom Irwin, Tom Anderson, Tom Pergola and Chuck Lutz, each Thursday at Columbus Hall when possible and virtually the rest of the Thursdays; and we donated approximately \$1,100 to local Catholic Churches/parishes. Council #9053 is currently working on doing a virtual 'Into the Breach' series.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT THOMAS FOGLESONG

Council #9053 has had a very active, COVID-19 -designed Community program offering 'pick up' seafood nights, calendar raffle, Coats for Kids campaign, Helping Hand Program and Community Recognition. Since 'eat-in' options did not exist, Council #9053 decided to hold 'pick up' seafood nights to help raise money for its local charity donations: Cricket Center (\$250); Diakonia, Inc. (\$200); Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health (\$1,500); Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, Inc.

(\$200); National Law Enforcement (\$100); OC Parks and Recreation (\$300); Worcester County Humane Society (\$200). Council #9053 supported: the Most Blessed Sacrament School (MBSS) Hats and Gloves Program with hats, gloves and cash; and the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry by collecting non-perishable food items donations, as well as, being servers and case workers. As part of the Council #9053's Community Helping Hand Program Activities/Efforts, we executed a 'Mission of Mercy' building a ramp so that one of our Brothers could easily and safely exit and enter his home, as well as, provided him and his wife transportation to visit their terminally ill son, and currently, daily evening visits to this Brother after the death of his wife and son. Council #9053 makes periodical calls Brothers to check on them. Prior to COVID-19 shutting Columbus Hall, we provided a luncheon, featuring 'waiter-service' for cocktails through dessert, to thank the auxiliary women for supporting our Council. With "extremely limited" fund raiser capability, Council #9053 thought outside the box to support its annual Coats for Kids program. We asked Brothers and local parishioners to donate money, and to our surprise, we collected \$5,100—enough money to purchase and distribute over 220 coats to our local community. Although Council #9053 could not have an award ceremony to publicly recognize outstanding community workers, we did present the recipients privately.

LIFE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: KNIGHT KEVIN HUGHES

From Council #9053's past support and interaction with the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health (GCMWH) and from Brothers Kevin Hughes and Tom Anderson, Council #9053 realized that the Grace Center needed an ultrasound machine. Council #9053 dedicated one month of its bingo net, calling the effort 'BINGO for BABYS'. Our bingo net proceeds amounted to \$6,000.00, and with the additional donations of: \$1,000.00 from Assembly #2454; \$2,000.00 from the OC Lady Knights Auxiliary, Inc. of \$2,000.00; and \$4,000.00 from the Maryland State Council, Council #9053 raised \$13,000.00 – half the cost of a new ultrasound machine. Supreme matched the \$13,000.00, thus allowing us to purchase a new ultrasound machine for the Grace Center. Council #9053 received an additional \$750 above the cost of the ultrasound purchase so it donated these dollars to the Grace Center. In keeping with COVID-19 restrictions for travel/in person attendance, Brother Kevin Hughes sent our members an invitation to participate virtually via live stream for the 2021 National Prayer Vigil for Life. In support of the Novena for Life, Brother Tom Foglesong emailed the daily United States Conference of Catholic Bishops notifications to all its Brothers and Auxiliary Ladies. It was a great 9-day program in support of LIFE--natural life from conception to natural death and it was very well received. Council #9053 is currently working on having a Mass for Life of the Unborn and Easter Egg Party-Mothers' Day campaign to donate gifts cards/cash to GCMWH.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: SIR KNIGHT ROY FOREMAN

If one thing COVID-19 has done, it shows how much Council #9053 believes in Food for Families. Council #9053 volunteers (Brothers Tom Herwig, Joe Zanetti, Jim Stone, Neil Foote, Richard Fox, Wayne Straight, Tom Irwin, Larry Gorwick and Auxiliary Ladies Judy Zanetti and Kathy Foote) collected over 3,600 pounds of food in addition to \$2,700 in cash and gifts cards and donated these to St. Vincent de Paul (Ocean City), Diakonia (Berlin) and The Joseph House (Salisbury). Council #9053 is planning on holding quarterly food drive in the future. Brother Tom Herwig provided the necessary supplies to MBSS and the local Catechism of Christian Doctrine (CCD) classes inviting the children to enter the 'Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest' in December. Council #9053 received 167 submissions that Brothers Tom Herwig, Joe Kostelac, Ken Lamont, Tom Pergola and their wives judged based on: expression of the theme, artistic quality, correct spelling and completeness of the posters.

District No. 23



Alan Pultyniewicz
District Deputy

Rodney Harris
District Warden

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District Deputy 23

District Deputy: Alan Pultyniewicz; Columbia Council 7559

District Warden: Rodney Harris; Fr. Bernard Harding Council 12180

District 23 consists of four councils:

- Columbia Council 7559, Grand Knight Frank Attard
- St. John Neumann Council 11618, Grand Knight Nathaniel Tablante
- Fr. Bernard Harding Council 12180, Grand Knight Howard Seeley
- St. Francis of Assisi Council 12524, Grand Knight Sam Adamczyk

Each council holds a monthly Membership Meeting, Social Meeting, Officer's Planning meeting and actively participates in the Faith in Action program activities.

District Accomplishments

- Installation of Officers was completed in a timely manner for all four councils; due to Covid-19, three (3) Installations were conducted virtually via Zoom and one Installation was conducted in-person (St. John Neumann 11618).
- All councils are supporting vocations and participating in the RSVP Program,
- Due to Covid-19, there have been no in-person Exemplifications in the district. One on-person Exemplification has been scheduled for April 17, 2021 (St. Francis of Assisi 12524). The councils are actively promoting the on-line, on-demand Exemplification offered by Supreme.
- Held four district meetings via Zoom due to Covid-19 (July 11, 2020, November 1, 2020, January 16, 2021, and March 13, 2021) and summaries of the meetings were submitted to the State Deputy by the District Warden.
- Due to Covid-19, the councils have not yet held their Tootsie Roll Drives, as of March 1, 2021. Tootsie Rolls were picked up from the designated location in January 2021 and have been distributed to each council.
- Councils are sharing information about their special events/programs with other councils in the district.
- St. Francis of Assisi participated in the Soccer Challenge in October 2020. Due to Covid-19, the state Soccer Challenge was postponed. The winners of the council Challenge will be notified when the State event is scheduled.
- Due to Covid-19 and the closure of some parishes, delta church drives have been impacted. St. John Neumann Council 11618 and St. Francis of Assisi Council 12524 have held delta church drives.
- All four (4) councils participated in the first order-wide Fraternal Benefits Seminar in October 2020.
- All four councils are actively participating in the **required** Faith in Action activity programs.
- All four councils have successfully completed the required SAFE online training and required background checks. Each council is SAFE certified.

Status

The four councils are up to date on completing the required reports and forms.

- Quarterly Faith in Action activity reports

- Council semi-audit reports for the July-December and January-June time periods (Form 1295)
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728)
- Report for Officers Chosen for the Term (Form 185)
- Columbia Award (Form SP-7)
- The first of two Semi-annual council reviews were completed and submitted in December 2020 (Form 944 A). The second review will be completed in April/May 2021 (Form 944B).

Progress

Membership growth has been impacted due to Covid-19 and the continuing closure of some parishes and the cancellation of in-person Masses, events, and activities. District 23 has a goal of 18 new members. As of March 31, 2021, there is a net gain of -22 members; 7 new members gained and a loss of 29 members. There is no insurance quota, but there has been a gain of 2 insurance members and a loss of 7 insurance members.



St. John Neumann Council 11618

2020-2021 Grand Knight's Report

Our council was founded in 1995 and serves the Catholic Community of Ascension and St. Augustine (CCASTA). Our council meetings are scheduled from 7:30-8:30 pm and are held every first Thursday of the month. Our Officers' Planning meetings are held every third Thursday of the month from 7:30-8:30 pm. Our meetings are normally held in person at the Burke Wing of St. Augustine School in Elkridge, MD. However, due to COVID-19 risks associated with in-person meetings, we have been holding our meetings virtually (via Zoom or Google meet) since December 2020.

Our installation of council officers was conducted in person at St. Augustine Church in Elkridge, MD on Sunday, July 12, 2020. Father John Williamson, Council Chaplain, presided over the ceremony where Nathaniel Tablante was inducted as Grand Knight, Paul Peyla as Deputy Grand Knight, Frank Stanitski as Financial Secretary, Jay Olin as Treasurer, Tom Devlin as Chancellor, JD Parsons as Recorder, Frank Huff as Warden, Mike Nichols as Advocate, Bob Dunham as Inside Guard, August Nemec III as Outside Guard, and Jim Zerr as Lecturer. Our guest of honors were Worthy District Deputy Alan Pultyniewicz and Worth District Warden Rodney Harris. Following the induction ceremony, lunch was held for newly inducted officers and their family members and guests at Daniel's Restaurant in Elkridge, MD.

We currently have 139 members and hold numerous charitable and service activities under the four Faith in Action programs (Faith, Family, Community, and Life). Last year (2020), we logged in 2757 volunteer hours and donated \$16,283 to various worthy causes. Below are some of the major activities we have conducted so far this Fraternal Year (July 1, 2020 to April 5, 2021):

- Our annual Delta Church Drive (recruitment drive) on October 24-25, 2020 which included pulpit time at nine masses at Ascension Church and St. Augustine Church resulted in three online memberships (prospects). One prospect (immediately availed of the on-demand virtual Exemplification and became a Full (3rd degree) Knight. We currently have four prospects who are awaiting Exemplification.
- Our council helped other community volunteers in distributing over 11,000+ thirty-pound boxes of fresh food to needy families in Howard County, MD during Saturday mornings in October 2020. We provided the same service during Saturday mornings in March 2021 and are continuing to help in this effort in April 2021.
- We held two very successful Red Cross blood drives in 2020. Our blood drive on August

29 had 41 donors who gave a total of 38 pints of blood while our second blood drive on November 21 had 46 donors who gave a total of 47 pints of blood.

- In December 2020, we held a very successful Christmas tree ornament fund drive that resulted in net sales of almost \$1800 (mostly through online orders). We also helped with the deep cleaning of St. Augustine Church in preparation for Christmas eve, set up the creche, and directed traffic and parking during Christmas eve masses at St. Augustine on December 24.
- COVID-19 restrictions on in-person activities prompted our council members to develop innovative fundraising activities. Our SuperBowl squares fundraiser sold out quickly and resulted in a net revenue of \$500 for our council.
- Our annual mulch sale was held on March 18 and was again sold out. We sold and delivered 33 pallets of mulch and anticipate a net profit of \$3,400 to support our various charitable causes.
- Our traditional Lenten Fish Frys could not be held in person (dine-in) this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. For the very first time in our council's history, our fish fry dinners had to be ordered online through the parish website and were available only for curbside pickup. We sold more than 250 dinners during each of our three fish frys during Lent. This record-breaking accomplishment was achieved because of the hard work and dedication of many brothers who volunteered for various tasks such as procurement of food supplies and ingredients, food preparation, cooking, packing, curbside distribution, and clean-up.

It has so far been a great honor and privilege to serve as the Grand Knight for a loyal, faithful, dedicated, hardworking, and fun-loving group of Catholic men. As I wind down my first year on the job, I keep reminding my brother Knights that our mission to "Serve Christ by Serving Others" never ends and this is the only way to ensure that we "Leave No Neighbor Behind". I look forward to continuing and strengthening our efforts to promote our core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Vivat Jesus!

Nathaniel Tablante
Grand Knight
St. John Neumann Council 11618

Book of Reports for St. Francis of Assisi Council #12524
Grand Knight Sam Adamczyk

Typically, our council meets on the first and second Wednesdays of the month at St. Francis Assisi Parish Center in Fulton, MD. However, due to COVID we met virtually via Zoom the whole Fraternal Year thus far. The Officer's Business Meeting is held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM and our regular Council meetings meet on the second Wednesday of the month also at 7:00 PM.

On Wednesday, 22 July 2020 the officers of St. Francis Assisi Council were installed virtually via Zoom. The installation was attended by 18 Knights.

Program Director: Chuck Gait, Deputy Grand Knight

Faith Activities: Director, Bob Burnett

- The Program Chair, Bob Quarles met on 24 June 20 with Director of Faith Formation, Ms. Juliana Weber to record a video of the First Communion presentation to place on YouTube for viewing at the candidate's discretion. Brother Robert Quarles met with Ms. Juliana Weber July 18 and August 1 to address the Confirmation Candidates about praying the rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- On Sunday, 1 November 20, we received confirmation from our Seminarian that he received our check for \$500 for his financial support under the Rebate for Seminarian Vocations Program and we provided prayerful support in other ways as well.
- On Thursday, 25 February 20, we held our annual Day of Reflection at the Shrine of St. Anthony and was attended by six members for a tour, mass, prayer, and fellowship.

Community Activities: Director, Mark Metzler

- During Council meetings and through emails advertised the MD State Councils efforts to raise donations of toiletries, cleaning supplies, foodstuffs, office supplies, etc. for the Little Sisters of the Poor. On Saturday, 20 June 20, the donations were then consolidated and delivered to a central drop off at Patuxent Council located at St. Mary's of the Mills.
- The Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) put out a request for supplies; specifically, toiletry items and magazines to support seafarers coming into the Baltimore ports. On Wednesday, August 26, the council met for their social meeting and those that came dropped off enough items to fill several boxes with toiletries plus numerous bags filled with magazines.
- St. Francis of Assisi and St. Louis Councils teamed up to run the Annual Soccer Challenge during the St. Francis Festival. Only about 10 children participated this year, most likely due to COVID-19 virus concerns but ours was the only Soccer Challenge held in District 23.
- During the period of 9/25 - 11/25, the St. Francis of Assisi Council collected food for St. Benedict's parish, Baltimore for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. We collected over 2981 lbs. of food for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. We also purchased 135 turkeys weighing 2009 lbs. Over 150 families were able to have a traditional Thanksgiving meal.
- On 19 December 20, our Council was happy to support America's veterans through the Wreaths Across America ("WAA") program. This year, as in years past, our council supported WAA in two ways: (1) the council provided financial support by purchasing

wreaths; and (2) council members provided manpower to place the wreaths on grave sites at the Baltimore National Cemetery in Catonsville, MD.

Family Activities: Director, Bob Obst

- On Saturday, 1 August 20, the St. Francis of Assisi KofC & the partnered with the Church's Mercy-in-Motion Program to support Catholic Charities' Our Daily Bread meal program. Approximately 70+ casseroles, 40+ deserts, and 300+ face masks were donated.
- On Saturday, 9 October 20, the St. Francis KofC helped run the annual St. Francis of Assisi Fall Festival by running the Soccer Challenge (teamed with several Brothers from the St. Louis Council), the sale of Car Raffle tickets, and the Blessing of the Animals Ceremony.
- On Saturday, 12 December 20, the St. Francis of Assisi KofC partnered with the parish to deliver "shoeboxes" full of gifts, and sundry items to the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS). We delivered 150 boxes & Phil Rose delivered the remaining 24 boxes to AOS on 14 December.
- On Saturday, 27 December 20, The St. Francis of Assisi Council partnered with the St. Francis of Assisi Church to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family.

Life Activities: Director, Steve Winebrenner

- On Friday, 8 May 20, Br. Frank Caruso and his wife, Claudia assisted in handing out 40 bags of food, diapers and wipes to Mothers to Be and Mothers in Need in a Mother's Day Giveaway at the Columbia Pregnancy Center (CPC) in Columbia, MD.
- On 9 October 20, the St. Francis of Assisi KofC partnered with the St. Louis Church Clarksville, Lady of Fatima Rosary event to support the Right to Life program. More than a dozen Knights participated along with about 40 parishioners from both Churches to honor Father Dennis, to say the Rosary and to pray the Novena for Life prayers.
- On 29 January 21, The March for Life was an inspiring, peaceful, and joy-filled rally for all who participated all across the country and this year on-line. Normally, we participate by busload to the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill. However, this year was different with most of the protests held virtually including fabulous speakers & our Knights.

Conclusion:

- The Grand Knight thanks the Program Director, Membership Director, Officers, Event Chairmen, and my brothers of this council for their outstanding support the past year. I look forward to concluding our busy Fraternal Year with Knight's Recruitment (Delta Drive & "live" Exemplification), Tootsie Roll Drive, Road Clean-up, Baby Bottle Drive, Baccalaureate Mass, St. Francis Pond/Grounds Maintenance, and Our Daily Bread Support.
- A special thanks to my wife for her support in the past year. This has been a very rewarding year learning and working with fellow Knights in Maryland. This has also been a challenging year operating under the restrictions of the COVID Pandemic that has shut down most of the aspects of our council activities, all except the spirit of the Knights given to us by our faith in God our Father and his son Jesus Christ. As I write this, we are implementing new and creative ways to communicate and carry on our mission. I have thoroughly enjoyed being the Grand Knight of Council #12524 and working with our terrific District Deputy, Alan Pultyniewicz and his genuine and steadfast support for our council's efforts. I also want to thank the State Officers for their support and sage guidance. Vivat Jesus!

District No. 24



James Ryan, Jr.
District Deputy

Jeffrey Maynard
District Warden

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ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS P. KEOUGH COUNCIL NO. 5263
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Program Director – Joshua Coe, Deputy Grand Knight
Faith Activities Director – Lou Diaz, Past Grand Knight
Family Activities Director – Dennis Brousseau
Community Activities Director – Derek Simard, Past Grand Knight
Life Activities Director – Kevin Bailey, Past Grand Knight
Membership Director – Edward J. Wyrwas, Past Grand Knight

Archbishop Francis P. Keough Council No. 5263 meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Our Regular Membership Meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday and our Officers Business Meeting is on the 4th Wednesday. Council meets in Becknel Hall located at 1381 Becknel Avenue, Odenton, MD 21113. Abp. Keough Council 5263 was instituted 59 years ago in 1962. Due to the Global Pandemic (Coronavirus COVID-19) virtual meetings as well as a hybrid of virtual and in-person meetings has been the norm. The council serves three Parishes: Catholic Community on Ft. George Meade (Our Lady of Peace), Catholic Community in Odenton (St. Joseph Parish) and Catholic Community in Millersville (Our Lady of the Fields). While the council supports many ongoing projects and programs the communities of Jessup, Severn, Fort Meade, Odenton, Gambrills, Millersville and Crofton Maryland benefit from the good works of the members from Abp. Keough Council 5263 even though the global pandemic overshadowed this fraternal year.

Faith Activities: Many of our Faith Activities strengthen our faith and support vocations which is at the core of Knights of Columbus and particularly Abp. Keough Council 5263. Support was offered to Little Sisters of the Poor both in Baltimore Maryland as well as Washington D.C. Council sponsored two Seminarians with a \$500 contribution each through Supreme Council RSVP Program and sponsored two young missionaries from FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) with a contribution of \$500 each. A Day of Reflection was led by Dcn. Mark Loeperker from Our Lady of the Fields. Dcn. Mark is a member of the council and the Encyclical written by Pope Francis “Fraternity and Social Friendship” was topic for discussion and reflection.

Family Activities: While Family Activities are concentric to the Knights of Columbus Abp. Keough Council 5263 makes sure to provide opportunities for the members to strengthen bonds within their families. Support was offered through family game nights as a social gathering for families to relax and socialize with others of similar values. Council also offers support through cash donations as well as donations of food and other basic needs to Sarah’s House (Family Housing sponsored through Catholic Charities) and Socks for Souls (Maryland State Council Program). Council also recognizes a Family of the Month every month for their dedication and support within their respective parishes, communities and local KofC council.

Community Activities: Many of the Council Activities are designed to help those disadvantaged in our communities and enlighten membership to the needs of others. While Abp. Keough Council 5263 offers cash donations to Providence Center, Bello Machre and The Arc of Central Maryland through money raised from the Intellectually Disabled Program (Tootsie Roll) many other activities are supported through donations of basic needs. Council has sponsored a Christmas For

The Forgotten Program over the past 51 years collecting money and basic needs then getting these donations to Spring Grove Hospital in Catonsville Maryland although this year only cash donations were accepted due to circumstances of the global pandemic. A cash donation of \$500 as well as food items collected throughout this fraternal year (over 1,000 lbs.) was given to Christian Assistance Program (CAP) Food Pantry in Severn Maryland. Finally, Abp. Keough Council 5263 has shown two episodes of Into The Breach Video Series (produced by Supreme Council) after each of our Officers Business Meetings this calendar year (2021) and will continue through the end of this fraternal year. This activity is open to our entire membership as well as others followed by a discussion on each episode.

Life Activities: Respecting LIFE is at the core of our faith and beliefs as Catholics. Some of the most important works we do are to enhance quality of life for those from conception (our unborn) til we reach the grave upon death of our physical life here on earth. Abp. Keough Council 5263 has sponsored an outdoor Rosary for the Unborn, prayed a Novenas during 40 Days for Life with Respect Life as a central theme. A second Novena praying for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney was sponsored as well. Council also held a night of prayer praying a Chaplet associated with the journey of the Silver Rose through Maryland and the United States to Guadalupe Mexico. Two other activities near and dear to Abp. Keough Council 5263 are supporting Pregnancy Centers in our area and participating in the National March for Life in Washington D.C. as well as Maryland March for Life held in Annapolis Maryland each year.

Membership: Abp. Keough Council 5263 has 187 total members with 114 insurance members and ~~73 associate members. Included in this total are~~ 14 inactive members, 6 honorary members and 34 honorary life members. This fraternal year council has sponsored three new members. Three other candidates will be invited to a council meet and greet April 2021 with the expectation of those three Catholic Gentleman being voted into our council and taking their Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

In conclusion Archbishop Francis P. Keough Council No. 5263 always makes an outstanding effort to continue the good works of our order and provide membership opportunities to live their faith through the good works of our order. We do make a difference. Thank you to the officers, activity directors and membership for the successful year experienced by all.

Fraternally Submitted By
Roger Donnelly, Grand Knight
March 31, 2021

SOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL #8251
GRAND KNIGHT, KEVIN A BURGESS

South County Council #8251 serves Holy Family Catholic Church in Davidsonville, MD, and Our Lady of Sorrow's Catholic Church in Churchton, MD. We are a faith-based council, embracing the lessons of the order. We strive to serve our Pastors, our community, and the Order. We are a parish-based Council, conducting a Membership Meeting the second Thursday of the month at Holy Family, an Executive Meeting on the second Monday of the month, and a social meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month at Our Lady of Sorrows. COVID has forced us to look at other ways to communicate. Since last March, all Council meetings have been virtual, with all social meetings suspended.

The Council conducts many charitable activities throughout the year. Our signature event is our Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie-Roll). Central Special School is located centrally to both parish's and has always been the recipient of our efforts. Being a smaller Council in the Maryland jurisdiction, South County is typically in the top 3 of all Councils within the state for funds raised. This year we collected \$6,154.55 for the school. Brother Ralph Rufino, PGK, PFN tirelessly championed coordinating volunteers and sites. collection locations and staffing 60 collection time slots.

Program Director - Michael S. McCammon, Deputy Grand Knight

Faith Director - Peter F. Stengel

South County constantly is exploring opportunities to strengthen our faith and support the vocations. As in past years, we continue to support our seminarians. This year we sponsored Daniel Acquard (St. John Paul II Seminary), Luke Koski, (Mount Saint Mary's Seminary), Kenneth Lukong, (Mount Saint Mary's Seminary), and Jeremy Smith, (Mount Saint Mary's Seminary). Additionally, we financially supported had two men from Cameron who come to the USA with the clothes on their back to enter the seminary. The Council supports both parishes but has been limited due to COVID. We were able to small provide gifts to all of the parishes' first communicants this year. The Council has been conduction a virtual Rosary open to all in the parishes. Lenten Soup Suppers did not happen, but we created a Family program, "the Lenten Journey to Good Friday" to continue Lenten observance. For the program, new questions are posted weekly to our Council website, families in the parishes answer and discuss these questions at home and submit electronic responses back. A winner will be chosen for the most correct answers among three categories, adults, teens, and grade school.

Family Director - Frank V Klein, PGK

South County Council was forced to cancel this year's Annual Crab Feast at Our Lady of Sorrows. With the need for food during COVID for people in need, the Council strengthened our Food For Families program. The Council partners with the management of the Parish program. Additionally, the Council donates \$100 a month in groceries to this food drive. The Council recognizes a family of the month at each membership meeting. This information is also posted to our KoC display in the Parish Narthex for all parishioners to see. Again due to

COVID, our normal support of breakfast with Santa was turned upside down. Partnering with the Parish Youth Ministry, the event was modified to cocoa with Santa. The family drove through the parking lot, to see displays, of penguins playing, elves working on Santa's sled, reindeer having a snowball fight, and pictures with our Council's very own, Jeff "Santa" Wilk from a distance with families remaining in their cars. At the last station, families were given a gift bag with cocoa and candy canes to enjoy at home, while collecting food donations for the parish food bank.

Community Director - Anthony De Laurentis

As per the tradition of the Council, we held another successful Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie-Roll) collected \$6,154.55 for Central Special School in Edgewater MD. To date, the Council has raised almost \$200,000.00 during the existence of the Council. The Council supports local hospitals by collecting magazines and donating to hospitals for patients recovering. The Council conducted a Wreaths Across America campaign. In addition to the funds raised members, some members participated in the laying and removal of wreaths at a local cemetery.

Life Director - Jeffrey S. Wilk. FDD, PGK, PFN

The Life program was completed on a Blood drive partnering with the Anne Arundel Medical Cent Blood Mobile. Two more events are scheduled for later this year. The council exceeded the bloodmobile's expectation in terms of blood donation during COVID. Due to the cancelation of many March for Life Events, the Council conducted a Novena for Life with 9 days of prayer concluding with a Rosary dedicated to the unborn. Our annual ~~Baby Bottle Drive befitting the~~ Gabriel Network in Crofton, MD was disrupted due to COVID. While donations are down we know many still have bottles at home. We have a plan in place to conduct the drive next year even with the COVID restrictions. The Gabriel Network provides support for new mothers through a help-line; church-based teams to provide practical, emotional, and spiritual support; support with housing, wipes, diapers, etc.; and three "maternity" homes. The Council conducts a unique ministry collecting used magazine from parishioners, which we then deliver to Anne Arundel Medical Center for distribution to patients

Conclusion

The Catholic men of South County Council are living their faith and conducting the good work of the order. Through our continued efforts to attract more like-minded men, we growing slowly. Next year's planning of activities has already commenced with a view of in-person events and activities. As Grand Knight, I sincerely offer my thanks to the Officers, Directors, Chairmen, and brothers of this council who make a difference in our community.



St Andrew by the Bay Council 11552 2020/2021 Grand Knight's Report

Our council meets on the first Thursday of every month at St Andrew by the Bay Parish in the Lower Hall at 701 College Parkway, Arnold MD 21409. Our Officers Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month. We hold our Social Meetings on the third Thursday of the month. Our council was founded in 1995 and serves St. Andrew by the Bay Parish, Annapolis, MD. Meetings start at 7:30 pm. Our installation of council officers was conducted on Saturday July 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm following the 5:00 pm. Mass at St. Andrew by the Bay. Due to COVID restrictions attendance was very limited. ~~Chris Nemarich was inducted as Grand Knight~~, Christian Dietz as Deputy Grand Knight, Joe Walker as Chancellor and Eric Tabacek as Warden. Our guest of honor was Maryland State Secretary, Christopher Powers. Following Mass and the induction ceremony, a buffet dinner was held at Warden Eric Tabacek's home.

Despite the restrictions of COVID our council maintained a fairly active if mostly virtual presence. We have 156 members and about 16 program events each year. We logged hundreds of volunteer hours and donate generously to various worthy causes. Sadly, due to COVID we were not able to hold our annual St Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance, which is our Council's biggest fundraiser. Despite this, we survived on the extremely generous donations received from our Brother Knights and Parishioners at St Andrew. The programs and events that we conducted this year include:

- In June 2020 we organized and held a farewell parade and socially distanced send off for our long time Pastor Fr Jeffrey Dausen who was transferred to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Towson MD. Over 150 parishioners attended the vehicle parade with Fr Jeff presiding as Grand Marshal from his "throne" in the bed of pick-up truck in the church parking lot.
- In July we started a Leave No Neighbor Behind program and provided grocery support, aid with rent and utilities for several parish families suffering the economic effects of COVID job loss and illness.
- Also in July our Worthy Membership Director, Richard DeStowlinksi, donated the purchase of Knights of Columbus polo shirts and recruited men from our Council to serve as ushers for all the Masses every weekend at St Andrew by the Bay. This greatly increased the level of awareness with the Parish and Fr Andrew recognizes our vital support for insuring masses meet the strict COVID attendance restrictions for seating arrangements. Nearly all Ushers

are wearing Knights gear and serve as greeters and guides for the parishioners attending mass.

- In October we held our Tootsie Roll Campaign and raised \$1,225 for Providence Center benefitting those in our community with intellectual and learning disabilities.
- In November we held a Virtual 5K Fun Run to raise funds for Food For Families. Organized by Inside Guard, Dan Fraser, the Fun Run had over 60 participants and we collected more than \$1,200 for My Brother's Pantry, the local food bank on the Broadneck Peninsula.
- In December we once again held our Marco's Italian Sausage and Joe Sudo's Wing and BBQ Sauce fund raiser sales. Except this year all sales were online. The fundraiser was held jointly with our Parish's Scout Troop 783. More than \$900 was raised and we were able to purchase a new Nativity set for the Parish at Fr Andrew's request.
- Also in December the Council supported a Scout from Troop 783 with his Eagle Scout Project to develop and landscape an outdoor gathering space for our Parish.
- Our Council held the annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest for the youth in our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). The contest was held virtually with the children emailing photos of their art to the Council for judging. About a dozen children participated and we awarded \$25 gift cards to the winners in each of the 3 age groups.
- In January 2021 we supported the MD Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge with a \$250 donation.
- We co-sponsored the Catholic Men's Conference with a live-stream presentation at St Andrew on March 20 with 12 men in attendance including our Pastor Fr Andrew DeFusco. Archbishop Lori was the keynote speaker.
- We held a Lenten Food Drive in our Parish and along with our Scout Troop's annual Scouting for food drive, we collected a combined 1,960 pounds of food for My Brother's Pantry.
- We plan to hold the Soccer Competition later in April jointly with the Annapolis Council.
- We have purchased rosaries for each of the 75 First Communicants of our Parish.
- We supported our Parish with set up of the Hall for overflow Mass on Easter and provided clean-up of the Hall following the Holy Week services.
- In May we will hold a May Procession to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary
- We are planning events to support and promote our Parish's Right to Life programs.
- In June 2021 we will resume the annual Joey Sudo Memorial Golf Tournament at Compass Pointe. Funds raised in the tournament benefit families in the local area fighting cancer or other seriously life threatening illnesses and helps them from suffering financial hardship due to the illness. The Council will provide hot dogs and hamburgers for the participants. .

I am proud to have been the Grand Knight for our Council. We have a very dedicated and devoted group of brother Knights that help the health and the continuing success for our Council's mission of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. I am looking forward to serving another year as Grand Knight along with the Officers who will continue in what we hope to be the year we rebound from COVID.

Vivat Jesus,
Christopher Nemarich
Grand Knight St Andrew by the Bay Council 11552

District No. 25



Richard (Rick) Casazza
District Deputy

Thomas Plunkett
District Warden

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Maryland State Council - District 25
Brut'e Council #1860, San Juan Bosco #14726
St. John's #1622 & Rev Dr. David Shaum #11975



Book of Reports, April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

The four councils composing District 25 are all located in Frederick County. St John's and San Juan Bosco councils have a meeting room in the Bauer Evangelization Center of Saint John the Evangelist Church in historic downtown Frederick. Bishop Brute council has a home in Emmetsburg and Reverend Dr. Shaum council meets at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center in Thurmont.

The restrictions posed by the governor and archbishop have been met with very different results. St John's council and Brute councils have both responded positively adopting their activities to comply. Juan Bosco and Shaum have suspended all activities waiting for the pandemic to end. The excitement the new ceremonials generated in February was quickly suppressed and there is currently no ceremonial team in the district, nor any recruiting efforts. Overall membership has declined by seventeen members. There have been eleven deceased members and one suspension in the district. Assume the remaining five lost members transferred out.

St John's #1622

There were 185 members as of July 1, 2020. Five members have left to be with the Lord this year. The council is in good standing having paid all per capita charges, filed all necessary forms and is youth protection compliant. The council was quick to switch to virtual monthly meetings and activities including viewing Supremes' Into the Breach series. The Retention Committee twice this year contacted all members by phone. Council has met the requirements to earn the Faith in Action and Columbian awards having filed 25 activity reports using Supremes' new 10784 reporting system.

Bishop Brute #1860

There were 178 members as of July 1, 2020 Four members have passed on to be with the Lord this year. The council is in good standing having paid all per capita charges, filed all necessary forms and is youth protection compliant. Having a council home allowed them to have live membership meetings but they offered virtual connections for those members uncomfortable with in person contact. Active in the Emmetsburg community they have had service projects for their parish, St Joseph, the Basilica of St Elizabeth Ann Seton and participate in the Emmetsburg Community Heritage committee. Council has met the requirements to earn the Faith in Action and Columbian awards having filed 12 activity reports using Supremes' new 10784 reporting system.

Reverend Doctor Davie Shaum #11975

There were 86 members as of July 1, 2020. Two council Past Grand Knights have passed to be with the Lord, leaving a gap in leadership. The council's Financial Secretary has filed the Officers Report (185), Service Program Personnel (365) the two required Audits (1295), Fraternal Survey (1728), convention credentials, one suspension (1845) and payed their State and Chapter dues. The council officers meet periodically to write donation checks but have not called a membership meeting or organized an activity since March of 2020

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 San Juan Bosco #14726

There were 36 members as of July 1, 2020. Thru the efforts of one individual the council was able to file an Officers Report (185), Service Program Personnel (365) the two required Audits (1295), annual Fraternal Survey (1728) and pay their State and Chapter dues. Members are actively involved in ushering at the Spanish Masses held at St John and St Timothy parishes but otherwise have not conducted any council activities. Hopefully when COVID restrictions are lifted these brothers will restart their commitment to the Order.

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Knights Of Columbus
St. John's Council #1622
112 East 2nd Street
Frederick, MD 21701



Saint John's Council 1622
Frederick, Maryland
Grand Knight – Lee Ericksen

April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

Our Council membership meets at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month on Zoom due to COVID-19. Officers meet on the second Tuesday at 7:30PM via Zoom. We hope to resume meetings in person (including Social meetings) by summer of 2021 in our Council chamber located in Room 10 of the Sister Margaret Bauer Evangelization Center, St. John the Evangelist Church, 114 E. 2nd Street, Frederick, MD, 20701. Lee Ericksen served as Grand Knight and Rick Babbitt as Deputy Grand Knight for the 2020-2021 fraternal year.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR – Joe Foehrkolb

FAITH ACTIVITIES – Bob Krajewski

St John's Council 1622 played a small role in some momentous faith events this year. We donated \$250 to the parish youth programs to help defray the cost of sacramental gifts. Each of the 70 communicants received a First Communion Cross and the 31 Confirmation teens received a red (color of the Holy Spirit) rosary. The St. John's Parish Council requested the assistance of parish organizations to help prepare a few events for the Year of St Joseph declared by Pope Francis. Council 1622 volunteered to go first and our first activity was a quick 20-minute prayer service in early March. It included two Knights and a couple students which included prayers, readings and a hymn written for event. The activity was held on Zoom and had an audience of over 50 connections, estimated to be over 200 people (including about 150 high school students). The 2nd activity was a 1-hour discussion on St. Joseph and parenthood. The panel of three Knights using some of the information on parenthood from "Into the Breach". This was also live-streamed on Zoom. In the Fall, twelve parishioners participated in six, 1-hour Zoom sessions of "Into the Breach". The Supreme program was well received and we hope to draw as many for a planned session this Spring. In February the Council voted to reinvigorate delayed parish construction that was halted during the pandemic because funds were needed elsewhere. The Council contributed \$6,000 from Savings for construction to renovate the main hall of the Sister Margaret Bauer Evangelization center, named for the now 102 School Sister of Notre Dame. Additionally, we made our annual contribution of \$1,000 early to assist the St. John's parish Bell Tower Repair Fund and provided \$500 RSVP funds to a seminarian at Mount St Mary's Seminary.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Bob Willson

The church requested Council Knight's support hanging banners and decorating throughout the church seasons. For Advent, the church requested help hanging wreaths, bunting and other decorations and assemble three trees and set up Nativity on altar and church hall. Times and tasks were divided so that volunteers were effectively socially distanced during pandemic. We maintained flowers and cleaned throughout Advent. The set up and tear down were good opportunities for our Knights to reunite in person and work on the church.

Also, because of COVID-19, some groups such as the ushering ministry at Sunday masses and at sacrament of Reconciliation were not filled by normal parishioner volunteers, so the parish asked the Knights to step in. The Knights provided 4-6 people for five reconciliations and helped at weekend masses.

The Little Sisters of the Poor have not been able to visit parishes for the donations during the pandemic, so we collected funds and essentials such as bottled water through the regional hub at St Joseph on Carrolton.

Knights helped maintain the parish grounds in the Fall. The first group of have begun preparing the grounds for Spring and another two sessions will be conducted shortly. St John's donated \$175 to Coats for Kids this year.

A financially struggling Frederick resident with three children contacted our Council and asked for assistance. Her husband lost his job and during COVID had not found work. We offered our services and help them get financial assistance to pay rent for a few months through the Maryland State Council.

COVID-19 brought many challenges this year, especially raising funds. St John's Council gave out far more than we brought in, but one small fund-raising occasion was our annual Fish Fry. We conducted four Lenten Curbside pick-up fish dinners at the parish center in March 2021. The events provided a sense of normalcy to many parishioners and an opportunity for our Knights to gather in small socially distanced groups. Although it is a fundraiser, we learned that it is also an important part for parishioners lives each Lenten season.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES – David Satterfield

St. John's Council actively engaged with the FAMILY OF THE MONTH program. This program was opened to all families in the St. John the Evangelist parish. The priest began announcing selected families at masses each month and the Grand Knight hosts a special ceremony to recognize the family's contributions to the parish and the community. This has been a good bonding experience for the Knights and the three parish priests.

Despite the pandemic, St. John's Council conducted its non-profit community SHARE Food Co-op distribution each month since March 2020. Our local distribution site serves affordable food needs for Frederick area citizens under the SHARE Food Co-op program. Each month, about 6 volunteers sort and package for between 20 and 40 citizens. Additionally, the Council provided \$500 in funds for the especially needy.

The Council reached out to all its members by telephone over the summer and during the Fall to ensure all Knights were being taken care of during COVID. Members of our Council lost jobs and faced challenges, so we offered our support and resources. Four Officers called and spoke to the majority of our 185 Knights and contacted those unreachable by phone via email. Conversations lasted a couple minutes to over 30 minutes at times; a very refreshing program that will happen one more time this Spring.

LIFE ACTIVITIES – Robert Boehman

St John's Council 1622 has been very active with Life activities this year. The Life Activities team became the local single point of contact between the Maryland State Ultrasound Program, SEAS Chapter of Grand Knights and ten local Councils, Care Net of Frederick; 4US Adopt-a-Center, and For the Love of Christ Foundation.

Together with support from the State and Supreme, we presented a \$42,500 check for Care Net of Frederick, which provides pro-life reproductive services to pregnant women in June. We have a close relationship with Care Net, who reaches out for prayer requests when, for instance, "a client who upon initial visit and set on an abortion, but then saw her ultrasound and the baby heartbeat and began to wonder." In September we participated in Care Net Virtual Walk for Life and we have a basket in back of church to collect supplies.

Council 1622 participated in the Frederick County Right to Life Virtual Rosary for Life of the innocents in August, with up to 100 people online. The Council also donated \$100 and participated in the virtual banquet, for the Maryland Right to Life's largest fundraiser of the year. During the Fall 40 Days for Life campaign (9/23 to 11/1), St. John's had at least 2 people/hour every Tuesday for 8 hours. In October we sponsored a 1-hour prayer service on Respect Life Sunday. In lieu of the annual March for Life in Washington cancelled due to COVID, the 40 Days for Life St. John the Evangelist team conducted a local peaceful prayer vigil at the local Planned Parenthood in January. A total of 96 people participated including 35 seminarians from Mt St Mary's. St. John's Council has approval for its annual albeit delayed, pro-life "Baby Bottle Champaign" after Masses in April.



Bishop Brute' Council #1860 2020-2021 Book of Reports

Emmitsburg, MD

Grand Knight – Patrick Joy

Our council meets at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at our council home at 307 West Main Street for a business meeting and the fourth Wednesday for a social meeting. Most meetings are initiated by our Chaplain, Rev. Martin McGeough, C.M., with prayers and a blessing, followed by our united pledge of allegiance. Our Council serves the need of the Church in the surrounding area. Our members are primarily drawn from St. Joseph's Catholic Church. This year because of the pandemic, we did not meet in April or May but resumed meeting in June in person with a Zoom option. Overall meeting attendance has been incredibly good with 50% of the attendees online.

On September 12, 2020, Bruté Council 1860 Officers were installed after the 4:30pm Saturday mass by Rev. Harry F. Arnone, C.M, Associate Pastor. District Deputy Richard Casazza presided over the installation. We had limited turnout, but the event was livestreamed over the Church's YouTube channel.

Faith Activities – Michael Castaldi

In June 2021, the Council plans to participate in the Corpus Christi procession from St. Joseph Church to the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The Council continues to stock a media center in the church vestibule that provides religious reading or viewing material for parishioners for free. Contributions to maintain the center are accepted. On August 15th, members participated in an online Family Rosary for the Feast of the Assumption. On November 27th, our Council supported a Miraculous Medal Novena by serving as Ushers, Alter Server, and members of the Choir. The Council also supported two Taizé Services. We also participated in a series of online presentations for the Year of St. Joseph sponsored by the Miraculous Medal Shrine and hosted by the Vincentians. Members of Bruté Council 1860 participate as Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

On November 8th, the wives of our deceased Brothers were invited to attend a memorial Mass at St. Joseph's. After Mass, Council Members hosted a breakfast.

Community Activities – John Carroll

Bruté Council once again will be instrumental in helping the community celebrate the 4th of July at the Emmitsburg Community Heritage Day on June 26, 2021. The Knights sponsor the music that takes place all day as well as sponsored a hayride and barrel ride for the kids. The Council also received great visibility in the parade that traverses the town of Emmitsburg. Bruté Council Brothers will also help at a concert in the park on May 8, 2021 to raise money for the Heritage Day Fireworks.

Bruté council participated in the Keep Christ In Christmas poster contest. Many students from Mother Seton school participated in an extremely popular event. The Council also organized a new activity for us. Since our local polling place was closed in Town, we drove voters who needed a ride to vote the 6.5 miles to the nearest polling location.

The Council has also used this year to tighten our relationship with the Seton Center. This year we provided manpower for their Fallfest on Halloween and the Spring Craft Fair on March 27th.

Family Activities – Brian McKenney

Knights helped at the Seton Center FallFest during Halloween. A couple of Knights oversaw the build your own scarecrow activity. The Knights plan on giving out cotton candy to children during Emmitsburg Community Heritage Day as well as help with the “Old Time” games although we expect the greased pig to be skipped this year because of covid.

Knights and spouses also participated in the signing of Christmas carol along the square in Emmitsburg.

Life Activities – Don Kraus

Bruté Council participated remotely during the National March for Life in Washington D.C. On June 20, 2020, the Council participated in the Dedication of the new Ultrasound at CareNet in Frederick. The Council plans on participating in the Marygold program this Mother’s Day.

Membership Activities – Charles Kelley

We did not hold any recruitment drives this Fraternal year due to Covid. We plan on resuming in the upcoming year. We are active with a reactivation and working on two transfers.

District No. 26



Barry Donadio
District Deputy

Robert (Larry) Houck
District Warden

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Fraternal Year 2020-21

Monthly Council Business Meeting – 2nd Tuesday – 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Social Meeting – 4th Tuesday (Currently suspended due to COVID restrictions)

The council currently meets in rental space located at 8161 Teal Drive, Easton, MD 21601 following the sale of the home owned by The Columbian Manor Inc. Our parish is currently constructing a Family Life Center due to be completed by June 2021. Our pastor said that we can hold meeting there.

Council Officers

Grand Knight: Richard Bulman
Chaplain: Father James Nash
Deputy Grand Knight: Stephen Schneider
Chancellor: W. David Montgomery
Recorder: RC de Jesus
Treasurer: Kenneth Doyle
Warden: R. Mark Hurlock
Advocate: George Vojtech
Inside Guard: Brian Weisman

Outside Guard: Christopher Dooley
1 Year Trustee: Daniel Tanner
2 Year Trustee: James Jennings, PGK
3 Year Trustee: Richard Barrow
Convention Del.: James Jennings, PGK
Alternate Delegate: Robert Orme
Alternate Delegate: Dave Pyper
Financial Secretary: Dave Pyper

Activity and Committee Directors

Programs: Stephen Schneider
Faith: W. David Montgomery
Community: Paul Connolly
Family: RC de Jesus
Life: James Jennings, PGK

Membership: John Sciantarelli
Degree Team: Richard Bulman, FDD
Public Relations: Richard Bulman, FDD
Newsletter Editor: George Vojtech
Webmaster: Norman Bauer
Facebook Manager: RC de Jesus

Faith

The council conducted the following:

- Seminarian Support – RSVP
- Memorial Service for Departed Members
- Domestic Church Kiosk
- Landscape Maintenance at 2 Churches
- Christmas Card Sales
- Video Daily Mass
- Donated \$25,000 to Furnish New Family Life Center
- Replace Parking Lot/Road Lighting at Parish
- In June, Donate Council Property to Parish

Community

The council conducted the following:

- Free Throw Championship
- Roadside Cleanup on 2 Highway Sections
- Cash Donations and Volunteer Support to Local Charities

Family

The council conducted the following:

- Family of the Month and Chalice Vocations Prayer Program
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Life

The council conducted the following:

- Participate in Installation of Cross at Memorial for Unborn in Easton
- Provide Financial and Personnel Support to Local Pregnancy Help Center
- Donated Funds to Special Olympics Maryland
- Volunteers for Special Olympics Events

Council Events

- Started Council Facebook Page
- Started Raffle Fundraiser on Facebook
- Conducted 2 Degree Exemplifications

Respectfully Submitted,



Grand Knight

Father Joseph G. McManus Council #7941

Grand Knight Raymond C. Madonna

Father Joseph McManus Council#7941 meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The meetings take place in the Hall of Saint Christopher's Catholic Church located at 1861 Harbor Drive Chester, Maryland 21619. At 6:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month, Sir Knight **Andrew Suplee** leads the **Rosary** in the Chapel of Saint Christopher's Catholic Church as part of our **Faith Program**. Our Pastor, **Father John Gabage**, a 4th Degree Knight is our Council Chaplain.

On Saturday, August 19, 2020, Council Officers were installed during the 5:00 pm Mass, celebrated by Father John Gabage. Deacon and Brother Knight **John Robinson** assisted. We did not hold a celebration following this event due to coronavirus limitations.

COVID-19 VIRUS

Joseph G McManus Council #7941, under the leadership of Past Grand Knight **Mike McQuillan**, earned the 2019-2020 Star Council Award, recognizing excellence in program activity, membership growth (exceeding recruiting quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting and Safe Environment compliance but due to COVID'19 restrictions we have yet to receive the plaque. Once we had the Pastor's approval, we reconvened a first face-to-face meeting of 2020 - 2021 Knights of Columbus Year. We settled into a combination Zoom meetings from our homes and live meetings in the Church Hall until the first meeting of 2021. The restrictions of coronavirus destroyed the planned activities of the final months of the previous fiscal year. Our very first task involved the officers laying out a plan of what might be possible under these conditions. I am very proud to report that our officers, trustees and Knights responded positively, and our council was able to creatively restructure and modify activities we have had held in previous years, including fund raising. The result was to have had a very successful year.

Movers and Shakers

Sir Knight **Steve Klosterman** now serves as our Deputy Grand Knight and is doing an outstanding job of keeping us focused with his meeting agendas. Additionally, **Steve** serves every Sunday as an usher and is a decontamination operator for the church. **Steve** served members of the Council by driving them to and from medical appointments in Baltimore. I commend him for his good works. Sir Knight **Kenton Kilgore** is currently Our **Council Programs Director** and assists all the Officers of the Council with coordinating Faith, Family, Community, and Life Projects that make the **Father Joseph G. McManus Council #7941** so successful. **Kenton** also serves as an usher at Sunday Mass and is a trained decontamination operator. Brother Kilgore decontaminates the spaces we occupy for our bi-monthly meetings. Brother Kilgore has recently volunteered to chair the Charity Committee, filling an important void in our officer ranks. I commend **Kenton** for being one of our most involved volunteers. Sir Night **Dan McCabe** is currently serving as Treasurer and has been instrumental in bringing our council financials to the 21st century. We have online access to all our accounts and Dan helped keep our records secured in the cloud so all officers now and in the future have access. Dan is always there from food drive events to raffle sales with a smile on his face.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – Andrew Suplee

Every Year, Our Council supports Our Church Community Seminarrians. This year we donated a monetary stipend of \$500 to Brother Knight Seminarrian **Mark Donohue** under the auspices of the **RSVP Program**. to Seminarrian Donohue who is a member of this Council. Mark attends St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. Sir Knight and Council Chancellor **James Clark** directs **St. Christopher's Church Usher Program** consisting of many Brother Knights. For two weeks in June our Council, led by Brother **Clark**, the Council volunteers constructed, finished and installed rails to limit seating to comply with COVID-19 restrictions to keep Parishioners 6 feet apart in St. Christopher's Church during mass. Our Knights also serve as **Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors** at St. Christopher's Catholic Church. Our Pastor, **Father John Gabage** is a member of our Council and a 4th degree Knight. A total of 806 volunteer hours ushering people and sanitizing the church before and after. Brother Knight **Jose Lovo** serves the Hispanic community of St Christopher's Church by ushering the weekly Spanish Mass, setting it up in the Chapel and helping our Pastor with by translating the homily from English to Spanish. He also provides COVID decontamination spraying after Mass. The Council has made continuing contributions to the church Building and Maintenance fund for disinfectant that is an unbudgeted expense for the Church. Finally, **Brother Knight Scott Harash** led a group of Knights presenting **Marigolds on Mother's Day** after each Mass.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – James Clark

Every November ~~Sir Knight James Clark chairs and coordinates with the Queen Anne's County Feed a Family Program and he did so this year.~~ Annually our Council supports Mrs. Bobby Bell Thanksgiving food drive by picking up food and setting up tables to hold baskets to be filled and picking up food donations from local collection areas. He and a team of Knights ensure that the warehouse is set up as a distribution point for the Feed a **Family Thanksgiving Dinner Program**. He coordinated the collection of donated food items from several County Schools. This year the project fed 471 Families and we expended about 98 hours. Brother **Clark** also coordinated Our Council **Christmas Turkey Dinner Basket Program** in December. After all items were collected and organized and placed in baskets. The baskets were distributed to over a hundred and twenty-five (125) less fortunate families in our Church Community. The complete operation was carried out following CDC guidelines for separation and masking. **Brother Knight Al Bailey** did a magnificent job coordinating and managing the parking lot to keep basket recipients and our Volunteer Team safe. The Council also participated in the **Boys to Men Skeet Tournament**. Brother **Scott Harash** led a team of shooters and our Council picked up the team's registration and sponsored one of the shooting points. Funds went to **Choices Pregnancy Center** of Easton, Maryland.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

For the second year in a Row, Council Sir Knight **Frank Bohdal** and Knight **Scott Harash** chaired the annual Car Raffle. The Council did another outstanding job, turning in 2,325 car raffle tickets. On December 13 Everything Market was held at the Kent Island American Legion. We set-up a booth and, assisted by Brother Knight Jose Lovo, sold car raffle tickets. We also sold Christmas cards and ornaments for the Knight-n'-

Gals, our Ladies Auxiliary. Deputy Grand Knight **Steve Klosterman** and Brother Knight **Dean Hardman** Co-Chaired the Tootsie Roll Program. Our intention is to donate the proceeds next year's annual Night to Shine Program if it is held in the Church Hall in February. If a decision is made to discontinue this event, we will select another local charity.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES – Unfortunately, our yearly Council Crab and Shrimp Feast, was not held due to COVID restrictions. In lieu of the crab feast, Brother **Scott Harash** conducted a successful crab raffle (a bushel of crabs and a case of beer) that raised \$1,764.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES – **John G. Denny**

Brother Knight **John G. Denny** and the normal Youth Activities (Archery and Soccer shootout) we have run in the past were cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – **Philip Boos**

Brother Knights **Jim Klunk** and **Philip Boos** Co-Chair Our Councils Annual Membership Drive. Recruiting activities were limited due to COVID but this did not stop us. Brother Phil Boos organized and trained an exemplification team after the first of the year would covid rules permitted. In April we conducted our first Exemplification in the Saint Christopher's Church Hall, bringing in 4 new members and promoting 4 First- and ~~Second-Degree Knights to Third Degree~~

CONCLUSION

To say that this has been a difficult year would be an understatement, but I imagine this is true of every council on Eastern Shore. I could not be prouder of the group of men in this Council. They reacted to every adverse situation that presented itself with an attitude of improvise, adapt and overcome. Many of our Brothers wear Council shirts while performing the various Church activities in which we engage to show Parishioners how involved we are in Saint Christopher's Church with hope of stimulating new membership.

District No. 27



John (Mike) Novak
District Deputy

Greg Ward
District Warden

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Book of Reports District #27

J. Michael Novak

Representing four Councils, two in north east Baltimore County, Our Lady of Grace #9815 Grand Knight Guy Talerico (Kathy); Long Green Valley # 8736 Grand Knight John Stansfield (Amy), and two in Harford County, Mason-Dixon #10100 Grand Knight Bob McConnell (Joanne), in the north east area and one in central Harford county Father Maurice Wolfe #11372 Grand Knight Mike Walsh III (Denise).

Council # 9815: Due to COVID Pandemic, State, Archdiocese and Parish directives this Council was restricted in the number of activities it could perform. Its only Fund Raiser provided enough financial assistance to fund various projects. Those projects included OLG outreach for school supplies, Christmas presents for children, Our Neighbor's Foundation, Our Daily Bread. The Hereford food Bank., the Pregnancy Center of North and the Loch Raven VA Hospital. The Knights did assist in cleaning and decorating the church for Advent, Christmas, Easter as well as provide ushers for Masses. Throughout the year, on the 1st Tuesday of the month George Cabrera lead a prayer group of up to 12 parishioners and Knights praying the Rosary for the unborn. On January 15th two brothers attended a Rosary Rally as the Knights of Columbus encourages others to choose life through public support of the pro-life cause.

Council # 8736: Long Green Valley council is a proud and active group of Catholic Men who normally conduct 30 events each year however due to COVID 19 they were unable to conduct a number of those events. The Council did conduct 36 Meetings throughout the year most of them Virtual Zoom Meetings. From August through November the council conducted a Food drive mainly focused on a Thanksgiving drive however due to the pandemic this year we provided donations to several Charities throughout this time to help as needed the charities they serve in Baltimore city. December the council installed and held a Lighting ceremony for the Parish Crèche. In January the council conducted a Family of the Month Program presenting one of our outstanding Knights Families which was Streamed with a Mass in a ceremony conducted by Fr Pete Literal with parishioners viewing from their homes Via Facebook Live. In January, our Pastor Fr Pete Literal requested the assistance of the Knights with a major renovation in the conference center known as the Koontz house, preparing for St John the evangelist 200th anniversary. The Knights spent 6-8 hours per day for a month and a half Painting, Stripping, Removing closets and Carpets. As well as sanding and refinishing floors, they stripped and painted an outdoor wooden handicap ramp. The house is now prepared to be an historical showcase for the Bicentennial celebration. Council #8736 continued to support The Pregnancy Center North which provides free life-affirming services for women and their families in unexpected pregnancies.

Council # 10100: As indicated last year, the Faith In Action Program once again formed the cornerstone of their council' activities. No activity was omitted despite pandemic restrictions because their Technology Director live streamed the events; consequently, all council members as well as parishioners were able to view and/or participate. The council's Rosary Program was regularly active this year. A Living Rosary was held on numerous occasions as one officer spoke an entire decade, then another officer followed until the Rosary was completed. This decreased the number of participants as well as assisted social distancing requirements. The 1st Tuesday *Eucharistic Adoration*

Council # 10100: Continued

is into its third year. Council members presented the *Centurion's Way of the Cross* on Friday, February 19, 2021. This marks the fourth year the Knights have presented the Stations of the Cross. The Family of the Month program continued again this year but was more difficult to handle because of pandemic restrictions. Presentations at Mass were live streamed. Keep Christ in Christmas was successful although entries were limited by decreased attendance. The council conducted Spiritual Reflection Online Retreat took place over three consecutive Saturday mornings using a virtual platform supplied by the Archdiocese. Monsignor Michael Schleupner led the activity. The topic, *Finding God in Times of Darkness* was most appropriate, and we hope that the retreat brought over 75 participants some type of consolation during a time of separation.

Council # 11372: Despite the restrictions place on the Council due to Covid-19, Fr Wolfe Council was committed to complete activities in the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative and Faith in Action Programs. They began the year calling brother Knights checking to see if they were in need of assistance. The Council conducted the Novena for Life and the Virtual Silver Rose Program as well as providing comfort / assistance to the widow of our former Deacon Dick Stine. The Council conducted our Memorial Mass with a twist. They recognized Brother Knights of the Council, Sir Knights of their 4th Degree Assembly as well as parish members. This initiative was well received by our parish community. Ten Brother Knights worked to clear a storm drain issue which arose from a summons issued by Harford County. In December the council conducted and participated in the National Wreaths Across America program laying wreaths on the graves of veterans who rest in ~~their church cemetery~~, the Parish Angel Tree Program providing Coats for Kids (12 Girls & 12 Boys) and a Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling Program on the Campus of St Francis de Sales. These outdoor activities benefited the families, children and community of S Francis de Sales. The Council actively participated in the March for Life Program conducted by St Margaret Parish in Bel Air, MD. FR Wolfe Council sold Pit Beef, Ham and Turkey sandwiches and their Lenten Seafood Chowder to support many parish and youth programs at St Francis de Sales in Abingdon.

Conclusion: Even though this year has been a challenge, I have had the honor of working closely with each of the Councils in District #27. I have seen them think as well as perform outside the box to provide programs addressing our Faith in Action and Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiatives. I applaud their achievements and encourage them to continue supporting their Parishes, Communities, and members. I have also enjoyed working with all state officers: State Deputy Vince Grauso (Mary Jane), State Secretary Chris L. Powers (Annie), State Treasure Anthony N. Salvemini (Kathy), State Advocate John F. Winfrey FM (Gloria), State Warden Ronald G. Hassen (Yolanda), Executive Secretary to the State Council Dale W. Trott PSD (Linda), and Secretary to the State Deputy Jack Giacalone (Phyliss). A special thanks to my District Warden Gregory Ward (Wendy) who has had a hand in our successes. It has truly been a year of Faith in Action serving Christ as We are Servant Leaders. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your representative to District #27. This has been my most challenging and rewarding year in the Knight of Columbus. I THANK YOU ALL for your support.

Vivat Jesus!

J. Michael Novak DD



Long Green Valley Council 8736

2020/2021 Grand Knight's Report

Our council meets on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of every month at the Long Green Valley Council, 13305 Long Green Pike, Hydes Md 21082. We meet at 8:00pm. Our Council was founded in 1984 and serves the Parish of St John the Evangelist in Hydes, MD

Our installation of council officers was conducted on Tuesday July 28, 2020. The ceremony commenced virtually at 7:00pm and concluded by 7:45pm there was no reception held due to COVID19 restrictions.

The Following were installed in office:

Grand Knight John Stansfield, Deputy Grand Knight Chris Phillips, Warden Rob Rinaca, Chancellor Tom Rowan Sr.

Long Green Valley council is a very proud and active group of Catholic Men. We have 165 members with about 30 events each year however Due to COVID 19 we were unable to conduct many of the events that we normally host. We did conduct 36 Meetings throughout the year most of them Virtually Via Zoom Meetings

We were able to log in over 1950 volunteer hours and donated almost \$15,000 to various worthy causes. Some of the events that we conducted this year include:

- From August through November our council conducted a Food drive mainly focused on a Thanksgiving drive however due to the pandemic this year we provided donations to several Charities throughout this time to help as needed to the charities we serve in Baltimore city

In January we held the Family of the Month Program featuring one of our outstanding Knights Families. Which was recognized in a Streaming Mass Conducted by Fr Pete Literal with an approx. 100 parishioners viewing from their homes Via Facebook Live.

- December, we provided the installation and Lighting ceremony for the Crèche
- As part of our history (but not service oriented) as Grand Knight I made the decision to renovate our council hall since we were not able to gather for meetings. The council hall was last renovated 37 years ago, and I deemed it necessary to put some "Paint on the walls" and our Knights responded!!!! We had 4-5 Knights in per day putting in 6-8 hours a day from December through February painting, installing wainscoting, Fans, Lights, Flooring bring the décor up to current Standards. I'm very proud of this decision and accomplishment,
- Our Pastor Fr Pete Literal requested the Knights to assist with a major renovation in a conference center known as the Koontz house, preparing for St John the evangelist 200th anniversary.

Our Knights spent 6-8 hours per day for a month and a half Painting, Stripping, Removing closets and Carpets.

They then sanded the floors and refinished them. The Knights then stripped and painted an outdoor wooden handicap ramp. The house is now prepared to be an historical showcase for the Bicentennial celebration.

- Long green Valley council has consistently supported The Pregnancy Center North and we did this year as well, which is a non-prophet medical clinic providing free life-affirming services for women and their families in unexpected pregnancies
- Long green Valley Council provides monthly publications in the Church publications so to interact with the parish and to get them involved in faith based activates to strengthen their faith, for example this month encourages the members to join an online Novena
  - Long green Valley in April will be providing space and Celebrating the retirement of the Principal of St Johns School who has served many years in that capacity.

I am very proud to have served as the Grand Knight for an outstanding Council and its dedicated and talented brothers that help the health and the continuing of success for this council's mission of Leave no neighbor behind. I am also confident that our incoming Grand Knight and Officers will continue our great tradition.

Vivat Jesus,

John Stansfield

~~Grand Knight~~ Long Green Valley Council 8736

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OUR LADY OF GRACE COUNCIL 9815
18310 Middletown Rd, Parkton, MD 21120

Guy Talerico, GK Adam Sampson, DGK Don Hagner, FS

The council meets at the above address on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm for business meetings, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (with a few exceptions) at 7pm for a social meeting and as necessary for special business meetings. Due to COVID Pandemic this Council did not meet on all these dates.

Installation Held: **15Aug.20**

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR- PAT MCCABE, Trustee

CHURCH ACTIVITIES- PETER WILKERSON

SEPT20 \$400 Donation to OLG outreach for school supplies

DEC20 \$400 Donation to OLG outreach for Christmas presents

20DEC20 8 Knights assisted in cleaning and decorating the church for Advent and Christmas

24-25DEC20 8 Knights ushered Christmas masses at OLG

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - DOUG STEAD

15OCT20 Council donated \$300 to Our Neighbors Foundation, a local community outreach group, \$300 Hereford Food Bank, and \$300 VA hospital

11 Months of the year, on the first Thursday of the month, a group averaging 8 Knights, Parishioners and community members, including Pat McCabe, Dave Steinbacher, Don Hagner, Mike Sledjick have Zoom meetings on WWII Roundtable presentation by one or more WWII veterans, learn history told firsthand and to support all US veterans. This constitutes **11 separate activities**. Over 200 people attend each Roundtable

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES – GUY TALERICO

17SEP20 Guy Talerico and many supported Knights headed the K of C Annual Golf Outing to raise \$4000; about 20 Knights participated.

16AUG20 All that attended our Social Meeting collected food items for the Hereford Food Bank

1OCT20 donated \$300 to Our Dailey Bread.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES- GENE CAPEZIO / DOUG STEAD

FAMILY ACTIVITIES-CHARLIE MEINECKE

LIFE ACTIVITIES- GEORGE CABRERA

Throughout the year, about 10 Tuesdays this past year we prayed at 6pm, George Cabrera leads a prayer group of up to 12 parishioners and Knights praying the Rosary for the unborn. This constitutes **24 individual activities**. This activity was impacted by the COVID Pandemic

17SEPT20 Council gave \$250 donation to Pregnancy Center North Baltimore.

15JAN21 2 Brothers Attended a Rosary Rally as the **Knights of Columbus** encourages others to choose life through public support of the pro-life cause.

MASON-DIXON COUNCIL #10100

Our council meets at 7:30 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Parish Hall at St. Mary, Pylesville, 1021 St. Mary's Road, Pylesville, MD 21132. As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the council has met at 7:00 pm using the Zoom platform since last July. The Officers and Directors meeting is held on the second Monday, with the Membership meeting held on the fourth Monday.

The fraternal year began with the installation of Officers on July 11, 2020 at 5:15 pm in the grove outside of the St Mary's Parish Hall that was closed because of pandemic restrictions. Attending were the Council Chaplain, Associate Chaplain, District Deputy, District Warden, and all officers to be installed. Attendance was limited again because of pandemic restrictions and social distancing.

No Knights passed away this year.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR – Lee Surkin, Deputy Grand Knight

FAITH DIRECTOR – Lee Surkin

As indicated last year, our Faith Activities once again formed the cornerstone of our council. No activity was omitted despite pandemic restriction because our Technology Director live streamed the events; consequently, all council members as well as parishioners were able to view and/or participate. Ironically, attendance restrictions became the access for everyone.

- Our **Rosary Program** was very active this year. A **Living Rosary** was held outside behind the Parish Hall on August 15, 2020 to honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother. One officer spoke an entire decade, then another officer followed until the Rosary was completed. This decreased the number of participants as well as assisted social distancing requirements.
- *First Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration* continued into its third year beginning on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 when the Parish Hall opened. Live streaming began on March 2, 2021. This **Holy Hour** begins at 6:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm.
- Another **Living Rosary** was held in the Parish Hall now open on October 31, 2020 after Mass to honor Mary, Queen of the Knights. Pandemic requirements were followed again.
- A **Living Rosary** dedicated to St. Joseph was held on January 23, 2021 in the Parish Hall. This event was live streamed.
- Council members presented the *Centurion's Way of the Cross* on Friday, February 19, 2021. This marks the fourth year the Knights have presented the **Stations of the Cross**, and the council and the entire parish looks forward to this yearly activity, now live streamed.
- A **Living Rosary** was presented on March 20, 2021 to honor recently deceased Parish members. Family members sent in names to be remembered to the Faith Director, and they were read, a candle lighted and the Living Rosary procedure in place for the pandemic followed. This event was live streamed also.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES – Mike Dodson

- The **Family of the Month** program continued again this year but was more difficult to handle because of pandemic restrictions. Presentations at Mass were live streamed.
- A **Memorial Mass** for deceased council members and Belles (Ladies Auxiliary) took place on November 16, 2020 in the church, now opened. This event was live streamed.
- **Keep Christ in Christmas** was successful although entries were limited by decreased attendance.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – Neil Bittner

This category of activities was hard hit because of COVID-19 restrictions; consequently, a number of popular events were canceled.

- A **Council Call List** and sending of birthday cards and notes became a standard activity in the *Leave No Neighbor Behind* category.
- **Roadside Cleanup** continued. Approximately 12 – 15 Knight help.

- **Live Streaming** – Our Technology Director stepped up and is live streaming weekend Masses, special Parish events, and Council activities such as the Living Rosary and Stations of the Cross.
- **Community Publicity Program** – With a new editor and staff, the council newsletter took on a new look and focus so that not only the membership but interested parishioners could be informed as well. Also, our Chancellor has been sending in the newsletter to the local paper, and selected items are printed for the entire community to read about what our council is doing. It is a fantastic membership opportunity.
- A significant addition to the *Leave No Neighbor Behind* program has been the selection of the Zoom audio-visual platform and using it for all council meetings. Since July, no meeting date has been missed and many older members have attended using this virtual tool.

LIFE ACTIVITIES – Joe Healy

- **Spiritual Reflection Online Retreat** took place over three consecutive Saturday mornings using a virtual platform supplied by the Archdiocese. Monsignor Michael Schleupner led the activity. The topic, *Finding God in Times of Darkness* was most appropriate and we hope that the retreat brought over 75 participants some type of consolation during a time of separation.
- **March for Life** – This event was a local *Right to Life* event held at a busy intersection near church. Posters and signs were held with statements related to abortion and the Right To Life. Our Chaplain participated along with members of the Parish.
- A **Novena for Life** to St. Joseph began on January 24, 2021 and continued for another eight days. The Novena was virtual and 15 Knights signed up and participated.

CONCLUSION - Robert F. McConnell, Grand Knight

I am honored to have served as the Grand Knight of the Mason-Dixon Council #10100 in District #27 for a second and final fraternal year. Working with the faith-filled, dedicated, hard-working, and creative council officers and members has been especially rewarding during this year of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Although our church has been shut down considerably and we have had no access to the kitchen for food preparation, the Knights have continued to move forward, and with the use of live streaming and the Zoom platform, we have expanded our fraternal reach beyond the council membership to the parish and community at large.

Our Pastor, Father A. Henry Kunkel, III and Deacon Phil Seneschal remain foundation stones in the success of our council. Always ready to lend a hand to make an event more meaningful; to take a role in a faith program; to encourage by word and deed their brother Knights.

We are especially indebted to the strong support, guidance, and encouragement of our Worthy District Deputy Mike Novak. He has been a valuable resource and provided helpful suggestions for keeping the membership dynamic going.

My fellow Grand Knights in District #27 have also been a major source of support, idea development, and fellowship during the past two years. We have worked together for the betterment of the district and the improvement of our councils' programs and activities.

Also, thank you to Past Grand Knight and former District Deputy Scott Friedman for his on-the-job-training, advice, encouragement, and unfailing mentorship.

Finally, our Mason-Dixon Knights' effectiveness can be measured by the myriad ministries they head, committees they chair; their helping hands not only reach out regularly to our Pastor and Deacons, but to the entire St. Mary's Parish and our greater community. They live the motto: *Where there is a need, there is a Knight.*



Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council #11372

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Our installations of officers for the 2020 – 2021 Fraternal Year took place on August 8, 2020 with District Deputy, J. Michael Novak and District Warden, Greg Ward conducting the ceremony. Our Chaplain, Fr Jack Ward and our Associate Chaplain, Deacon Jim Sullivan provided the spiritual leadership during this event.

The council conducted meetings on the regular schedule until March 6th, when due to the pandemic we had to suspend all in person meetings and functions. It took us a month to adjust to having scheduled meetings through Zoom, Teams and Google Meet, to keep all council members up to date on the status of the council activities.

St. Francis de Sales Pastor Fr. Jack Ward and Assistant Pastor Fr. Jaime Garcia ask the council to assist with opening the parish for in person mass attendance starting the last weekend of May. We provided support to the four weekend masses by coordinating parking, ushers, cantors, and lectors. We abided by the CDC and Archdiocese guidelines by sanitizing the church pews after each mass until the parish was able to secure other processes.

Program Director – Stephen Herpel, Deputy Grand Knight

Faith Activities - Oscar Molina/Larry Shannahan

The council had four Knights attend a men's retreat in Malvern, PA the first weekend of March just prior to the closing of all in person events. This helped each of us to grow in our faith and share our experiences with the 200 plus men in attendance. On the last night we had three to four groups of 50+ men walk the ground of the facility praying the Rosary for our intentions as well as one of the director's family member who was in a serious car accident.

In May of 2020, Fr. Jack Ward announced that he would be relocated to a parish in Millersville, MD and that Fr. Jaime Garcia would be given the opportunity to run our parish and Prince of Peace effective September 1, 2020. The council provided hot dogs, chips, and coleslaw at the outdoor campus in August for Fr. Jack so the parishioners could show him their appreciation for all that he had given to the parish.

Community Activities – Jeffrey Merlette/Stephen Herpel/Lee Eder/Keith Arndt/Rich Sosna. The council performed the Wreaths Across America in conjunction with the American Legion in Bel Air, MD by providing 30+ wreaths to be placed at the grave sites of the deceased members of the service in our graveyard. We enlisted a young teenager, Sam to play Taps on the trumpet.

Under the direction of PGK, Keith Arndt the council provided Lenten Chowder to the parish every two weeks to provide nourishment to meat during lent. Each event was completed 3 times during lent and was an overwhelming success. We placed literature to try to entice parishioners to join the knights under the Fr. McGivney program.

Family Activities- Steve Buddenbohn/Ray Traube/Denise Walsh

The council purchased 24 coats for the Coats for Kids program, and they were donated to the parish for their Angel Tree program to make sure that children in the area were provide with a new coat.

In conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary the council participated and supported the Little Sisters of the Poor virtual walk by conducting a safe environment walk on our campus to raise funds for the worthy cause in September 2020.

Life Activities – John Young/Denise Walsh

SK John Young has always led the council and parish with the March for Life program. We participated in the local March for Life in the Bel Air, MD local area sponsored by St Margaret's Parish. John spearheaded the Rosary for Life program to pray for those women that were contemplating abortion.

The council supported the Ladies Auxiliary with monetary and clothing donations for their Fill the Crib program to have items donated to the local Birth Right center.

Membership Activities – Larry Shannahan/J. Michael Walsh III

The council has been hampered by the pandemic and has only been able to secure one new Knight through the online exemplification during this Fraternal Year. We placed a bulletin insert to join the Knights under the Fr. McGivney program that was shared on the website and through Flock notes on a weekly basis.

General Information- Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council and Ladies Auxiliary

The council has dedicated under the LNNB program to designate a list of members to each council officers to reach and make sure they are doing well and see if then need anything. The council has conducted periodic Pit Beef, Ham and Turkey sandwich sales to raise money. We have split the profits with the parish for designated expenses to help with the financial stress the parish has experienced. We have conducted this event in October, November, December of 2020 and January, March, and April of 2021.

Vivat Jesus

J. Michael Walsh III

Grand Knight

Fr. Maurice J. Wolfe Council 11372

District No. 28



Jim Goldbeck
District Deputy

[Vacant]
District Warden

Councils

4606

11615

14535

15768

Book of reports for District 28

District 28 consists of the following councils:

4606 Lourdes council

11616 FR. Abendschoen council

14535 Pallotti council

15768 Basilica council

After a rough start, all are now meeting in some form of virtual fashion.

Pallotti is experimenting with face-to-face meetings.

Archdiocesan and parish rules need to be followed before we can begin face to face meetings.

The councils are beginning to once again hold fundraisers which they will describe in their individual reports.

~~All have curtailed to a small degree their donations to charitable groups.~~ The feeling is they may need funds for a serious emergency of some sort, but look forward, to starting fund raising to begin their normal charitable activities.

Lastly 3 of the 4 councils have very new Financial secretaries, which is causing some issues in getting reports out on time. I expect this to be remedied over time as they become aware of what needs to be done.

Recruiting has been terribly slow; church drives cannot be held due to no one should be congregating in and around the church. But all are aware of the need to start asap when restrictions are lifted.

Submitted by

Jim Goldbeck DD 28

Book Of Reports Council # 4606

03/14/21

Our Lady Of Lourdes 1338 Hull St., Baltimore, Md. 21230

Grand Knight - Thomas Markey

Our council meets on the 2nd (council meeting) & 4th Tuesday (business meeting) of each month at our home @ 1338 Hull St., Baltimore, Md.

04/01/20 - 03/31/21

Community Activities - It should be noted that this pandemic we're all facing has put a temporary halt to many programs & activities.

Oct. 2020 We held a raffle to raise \$ for much needed kitchen repairs. \$1400 was raised. Thank you All.

12/15/20 We started a Socks for Souls program which has raised 200 pairs of socks for the South Baltimore Station so far.

06/12/21 We're hosting a Community Yard Sale / Flea Market. 9-3 pm. So far we have 16 vendors.

Family Activities - No activities yet.

Church Activities- No activities planned yet.

Council Activities- Since March 2020 we have been slow to plan anything but things seem

to be coming under control better so hopefully in the near future we'll be back to our old selves again.

Necrology Report- On 2/13/21 we lost a well respected Brother Knight & member of the Locust Point Community, Victor Doda. R I P Brother.

Conclusion- We keep the South Baltimore Community entertained, amused, somewhat fed. And we will continue to serv this community as long as we're able.

District No. 29



Richard (Dave) Spiggler
District Deputy

William Waldron
District Warden

Councils

2065

3849

9258

9968

13091



MARYLAND DISTRICT 29

2020/2021 DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

District 29 consists of five Councils spread over the southern most tip of Southern Maryland in the Counties of Saint Mary's and Calvert. These Councils include St. Michael's #2065 in Ridge, Holy Face #3849 in Great Mills, Our Lady Star of the Sea #9258 in Solomons, Immaculate Heart of Mary #9968 in Lexington Park, and Father Sebastien de Rose #13091 in Valley Lee. Our Councils have a wealth of leadership experience including several Grand Knights who have served previously as District Deputies or State Program Chairman or both. These leaders and their talented members have performed remarkably well despite the many new challenges we faced as a result of the pandemic crisis completely changing the world we live in. They found creative ways to overcome the limitations imposed by governmental regulations to control the spread of the corona virus throughout the Nation. This virus scare has dramatically impacted our ability to hold religious services including Daily and Sunday Masses, our monthly Council Member and Officer Meetings and especially our ability as Knights to conduct fundraisers and recruit new members.

Each of the five Councils enjoyed great success in light of the restrictions imposed on the numbers of people permitted to attend indoor, as well as outdoor activities throughout the State. Often "thinking out of the box," they created new means to sell car raffle chances, pass out Tootsie Rolls, continue weekend church chicken dinners and "fish fries", support the needy, and care for kids. As the new District Deputy, I am very proud of all these gents who continually demonstrate the State Deputy's theme "We Are Servant Leaders." They are an energetic group of achievers who display superb initiative at every turn and remain completely unafraid to attempt something new.

The District numbers approximately 500 Knights most of whom support their Councils' activities throughout the year. Most Councils hold "in person" membership meetings when possible but have adopted the ability to hold "virtual" meetings or a hybrid of both. There were times when they joined forces to assist other Southern Maryland Councils in neighboring Districts 2 and 12 as evidenced by their volunteering to help District 12 with their Fall 100-mile Southern Maryland Bicycle Tour to raise needed funds for our Seminarians. Many Councils set up rest stations at their Parishes along the route that extended from the town of La Plata down to St. Mary's City and back. They provided restroom facilities, bottles of water, towels, and an ability for the bikers to check their tires and repair or fill them with air. And they have assisted one another within our District as exemplified by members of Fr Sebastien de Rose Council assisting the Holy Face Council prepare the local Youth Memorial for an All Soul's Day Evening Vigil in October.

I am unabashed in my praise for the large unwavering support of these good Catholic men of Southern Maryland. They freely give of their time and energies in support of the needy within the community and the many varied needs of our Parishes. In my attempt to recognize the many great efforts and talents of these gentlemen, I have publicized our Knights' work through regular articles in our local St. Mary's Times and Calvert County Times newspapers as a staff contributing writer. I feel it is necessary to highlight the contributions of these 500+ men for their efforts that often go unnoticed by our citizenry. My hope is it will allow our members to realize their important work is recognized by the public and hopefully will create interest in the young men of our area to learn more about the goodness involved with being a Knight! Additionally, it informs others throughout the State that we are alive and well and making our mark here in the southern Tri County area.

From my vantage point, I feel we are making good improvements in complying with ever changing rules and coping with new regulatory demands brought on by the pandemic situation. Just as we need to adapt to each new administration within the KofC at the local, State and Supreme level, we need to be flexible when things beyond our ability to change impact our normal way of life. I feel there has been a marked improvement in our reporting of our actions with more timely submissions of our forms. I am trying to get our Council leaders to "think out of the box" and not look at every new thing as a problem, but rather as a "challenge." I want them to realize we have sufficient knowledge and experience to overcome most issues. I have asked our members to refrain from the use of the word "work" and to substitute with the word "fun!" I firmly believe when exerting effort in the performance of charity, it should never be referred to as "work!" I try to have fun everyday and I hope to make people smile more especially during these trying times! So far, I believe I have made some inroads with this effort.

Our biggest issue continues to be the recruitment of new members. I know this is more than a District "challenge" as it seems to be an Order wide problem. I hope with the help of these Councils to discover new means to attract good Catholic men to join our ranks and discover the great joy we provide and receive from others for our efforts.

Vivat Jesus,

Richard D. "Spiggy" Spigler

District Deputy 29 "Where Everything Is Fine"

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Holy Face Council** #3849 Great Mills, MD 20636

GK – Charles F. Shilling - Submitted: April 2, 2021

General: Holy Face Council #3849 meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st. Tuesday (OBM) and 3rd. Tuesday (RMM) of each month in the basement hall of our Church located at 20408 Point Lookout Road, Great Mills, MD 20634.

Installation of Officers – Awards Program

Installation of Officers was held on Saturday, July 18, 2020 with our old and new Officer's and families attending the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass held at Holy Face Church, 20408 Point Lookout Rd., in Great Mills, Maryland. Immediately following said Mass council conducted an awards reception held downstairs in the church. Each year our council combines our installation with our "Annual Awards" program to include the presentation of the "Family of the Year" and the "Knight of the Year".

Council Programs in Review (2020-2021) - This year was the most difficult year in the history of KOC due to the Communist China pandemic and the endless restrictions it imposed on countless council activities nationwide. As the GK, it was my prime directive for our council to try and avoid the cancelling of any planned council events. Simply, to not allow the Covid-19 restrictions to restrict our council's activities. Of course, we did observe all restrictions concerning the pandemic, as well as observing suggestions from the archdiocese. Our council became very creative and adaptive in this process to try and not cancel key support for the many "Non-Profits." HF Council was one of the small percentage of councils that not only conducted our normal October Tootsie Roll Campaign (OTRC) within appropriate health and safety regulations but did thrive in doing so! HF collected a gross sum of \$3,783.57 before expenses. These creative and adaptive efforts to conduct our OTRC during our normal October time period proved crucial in being very successful.

When our council was shut down from raising funds by way of our normal council fund raising activities, our council's leadership invented new initiatives in support of both new and old programs. A good example of this desire to not be shut down and to support those who rely on the Knights of Columbus, was our first ever "Polar Bear Plunge" for Maryland Special Olympics. As a result of being adaptive for this new endeavor, we raised \$1,478.00 for this first ever council FIA program. This program was achieved by our WGK & DGK volunteering themselves to be thrown into freezing (38 degrees) waters of the St. George Creek on 12-19-2020.

The Council Year in Review: "Yes", unfortunately we did have to reduce some of our planned programs. However, there is great joy and good news in how we increased our Charitable Donations to others during this year of the pandemic. This can be best seen in four (4) important aspects of our council's FIA programs. **First**, despite having to shorten some of our long list (normally 99 annual events) we still managed to increase our Charitable Disbursements from \$8,376.00 (2019-2020) to \$9,141.00 for this year calendar year ending December 31, 2020. **Second**, despite the pandemic, Holy Face Council did successfully complete a combined total of 27 FIA (Life, Community, Faith, & Family) programs and we stop counting as of February 28, 2021. **Third**, our council provided over 1040 service hours which are only counted when two (2) or more Brother Knights are working together volunteering their time. When we add Brother Knights individual service hours (working alone) the total is 1983.5 hours. This represents an average of over 165 hours of service time for 12 active council Knights. **Fourth**, HF Council #3849 in addition to being awarded by Supreme a "DOUBLE STAR" for 2019-2020, we still pushed forward this year to create three (3) new FIA-Programs! They are; i.) "Leave No Priest Behind", ii.) "Polar Bear Plunge", and iii.) Support for Wounded Veterans by supporting "Wounded Canine Connection."

Program Director - DGK & SK, Christopher McGraw

Brother Chris arrived at our parish and transferred into our council approximately five years ago. Chris arrived with a strong skill set of devotion to his Faith, to his family, to community, and respect for Christian life and

beliefs. It took little encouragement by our GK for Chris and other council officers to take their final exemplification of the 4th Degree. It was Chris (our DGK) who took the lead role in organizing and facilitating this exemplification event resulting in himself and five (5) other Brothers becoming 4th Degree Knights! During Chris's two (2) year tenure as our DGK he has grown in several leadership skills to help complete his skills set. Growth occurred in his understanding that a WGK should have in their tool belt certain leadership qualities to help elevate and promote creative member thinking to help keep members focused and productive. Examples of these leadership skills our DGK was exposed to are: i.) Creating a rotating "Mr. Tootsie Roll Trophy," ii.) Creating a rotating "Brother's Box of Cheer" (to be given out then Passed Forward to another Brother), iii.) The benefit in keeping and maintaining a "Service Hour Logbook" to track when two (2) or more Brother Knights are working in service to others, and iv.) To follow recommendations coming straight from Supreme and Maryland State Council by having a "Family of the Year", "Knight of the Year", "Teacher of the Year" and "Police Officer of the Year," and v.) learning the best way as a WGK to promote council "Unity" is to ask all officers and members, who may have from time-to-time a perceived concern or grievance, to first work one-on-one with said fellow Knight or council officer. In summation the past 2 years has prepared our DGK to be a good candidate to become our next WGK of Holy Face Council** #3849.

FIA - Faith - Bernie Kneeland – Program Leader

During this past fraternal year of 2020, our Faith program activities flourished. Our council benefited from the arrival of four (4) new Knights. One of these new members is our Program Leader for Faith, SK, Bernie Kneeland. Brother Bernie became a new Knight in November of 2020 during our very successful Delta Recruitment Drive. Bernie needed little encouragement to serve as he promptly accepted the position of Program Leader for FIA-Faith. Bernie completed his 1st., 2nd., 3rd. and 4th. degrees, and has generously provided his time to work and support numerous other FIA programs.

Best Faith Program - "Leave No Priest Behind" This year we had many spiritually sought after and well supported FIA - Faith activities. Council's "Best of the Best" was: "Leave No Priest Behind". A program which was conducted on November 29, 2020. Although, this is not currently a Supreme Featured Program our council believes it could be! As the pandemic impacted everyone, including our Visiting Priests, our council's leadership wanted to do everything possible to support our Visiting Priests. Our program to support our Visiting Priest, Father Chris Arockiara was to invite him to go on a boat fishing trip in the pursuit of big Rockfish. Father Arockiara successfully hooked, fought, and landed a large 30" Rockfish. Thereafter, we then took Father Arockiara to our WGK's waterfront home to enjoy some very exclusive 5" oysters. These 5" oysters are grown by our GK and the 5" oysters cannot be found or purchased anywhere in Maryland!

FIA-Life - Edward Szymkowiak – Program Leader

During this past fraternal year of 2020, our FIA - Life program floundered at first due to so many FIA-Life programs being cancelled. Our new FIA-Life Program Leader, Edward Szymkowiak, being an "At-Risk" person himself could not participate in most indoor FIA-Life programs. Therefore, our GK and DGK of Holy Face council, and others, stepped up their level of support in service to FIA-Life.

Best Life Program - "Polar Bear Plunge" This was an exciting and creatively new FIA-Life program for our council! Our council leadership became cognizant of what financial destruction the China Virus and resulting pandemic was going to do, to the day-to-day ability of the Maryland Special Olympics to provide future support services to "God's Special People". The reality that many future and Life sustaining services would be eliminated, or heavily curtailed, became our council's goal and rally point. In learning that all of the State-wide Polar Bear Plunges into coastal waters and/or rivers was completely cancelled out, and all that remained would be Virtual Plunges, our council decided to make a positive difference. Again, being the creative council that we are, and as per the GK's directive on trying not to just cancel programs, we developed a safe protocol with all governmental restrictions being satisfied to conduct our first ever and LIVE Polar Bear Plunge. Of course, for this new program to be successful we had to find two (2) of our Council Officers (GK & DGK) who would volunteer to be thrown into the volcano (in this instant case – the very cold 38 degree Fahrenheit salt water of

St. George Creek. Everyone had a fun time including our Intellectual and physically handicapped Polar Bear Plungers and our council raised \$1,478.00 in donation.

FIA- Community - Richard Lang & William Campbell – Program Co-Leaders

After many years of consistent and reliable service to our council, Richard Lang (FIA-Community Program Leader) asked if he could slow down and take some well-deserved break. Each of us wish him much happiness and Brotherly love in all things! Fortunately, by planning ahead and have a strong replacement for our FIA-Community Program Leader that of Brother William (Soupy) Campbell. Soupy has also done an extremely good job as our Tootsie Roll Chairperson for the last two (2) years. Soupy does not know it yet but he has earned the award of “Knight of the Year 2021”. It will be my high honor to present this to Soupy.

Best Community Program - “Tootsie Roll Campaign 2020” This program now in its 3rd consecutive year under all new operational guidelines and the adding of new ways to collect at remote businesses is a testament to Holy Face** council #3849 leadership. These very substantial changes and enhancements resulted in going from \$187.00 total gross collections back in 2017, to now reaching an annual gross of approximately \$4,000.00 before any expenses are deducted. We continue to keep our volunteers motivated with the creation and repeated use (3rd Year) of our rotating “Mr. Tootsie Roll Trophy”. This rotating trophy is given to the one (1) Knight who provides the most service hours working our donation tables. Of course, this being a pandemic year the need to support the Maryland Special Olympics was both a more necessary and of vital importance. Our council’s ability to adapt and overcome sudden and unpredictable events is a testament to our council’s desire to make a positive difference.

FIA-Family - Patrick Hunt – Program Leader

Our council has the added responsibility to support the Little Flower School (LFS) which is a part of our parish. The pandemic drastically reduced and diminished our FIA- Family programs. Our council normally conducts approximately seven (7) pancake breakfasts utilizing the kitchen within the LFS. This program is to help fund our annual LFS scholarships and other council programs/donations. Each year our council donates to LFS \$2,400.00 to fund three (3) student’s annual tuition costs. Despite being shut down after only giving one (1) pancake breakfast our council found a way to not only provide the same \$2,400.00 scholarship donation again this year, but as the need was so elevated, our council increased our total donations to LFS during this pandemic year.

Best Family Program – Ocktoberfest Drive Through Dinner This was also a new and creative program that we developed due to the massive shutdown to our normal pancake breakfast program. Our council organized our first ever “Ocktoberfest” to provide German-themed meals in a safe drive through environment.

Special or Noteworthy Programs

“Box of Joy Program” & “Wrist Rosaries” Council First Lady, Miss Lori Shilling did an incredible job with the “Box of Joy” program again this year. Lady Lori was able to exceed last year’s Box of Joy tally of 24 by 2 more boxes. Lady Lori made, had blessed, and distributed over 40 Wrist Rosaries this past year. ☺

“Coats for Kids” Brother Rich Lang did a great job organizing several car washes during the pandemic. We still had to create adaptive measures to provide for a safe handling of the car’s interior steering wheels due to Covid-19. ☺

“For-Non-Profit” Council Charity Night On 12-15-20 we kicked off a brand new program. We invited all four (4) of our council’s biggest “For-Non-Profit” recipients to our council for our first ever Charity Night Presentations. ☺

“Countless FIA-Faith Programs” Our council participate and supported with our attendance, many religious Novena’s, Holy Hours, Adorations, and Vigils. ☺

Grand Total = 27 FIA Programs completed from March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021



Our Lady Star of the Sea Council 9258

2020-2021 Grand Knight's Report

This year has been a challenging one because of the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting restrictions placed upon our organization by the state government, the Archdiocese of Washington and our Parish. Attendance at the masses was very sparse which impacted our recruitment efforts as most parishioners stayed home and watched masses virtually. We had no idea how long the restrictions would last so we did not even plan a yearly budget and held spending to a minimum. A year later we are starting to see some of the restrictions lifted but have many still left in place.

One of my main goals this year was to increase the Parish's and local community's awareness of our organization and our local council's charitable works. Although our programs were limited they were impactful. I began the year by inviting our pastor, Fr. Ken Gill, over for dinner. We became acquainted with each other and enjoyed a wonderful meal. My message to Fr. Ken was that we are here to serve the parish and support him in any way we could. We have had a couple of wonderful pastors but Fr. Ken is our most vocal supporter. He constantly praises us and our good works from the pulpit which will pay dividends in the future in terms of fundraising and recruitment. Also, through the efforts of our Worthy District Deputy Dave Spigler, our council has been featured in the local newspapers for our Food for Families and Coats for Kids programs. Overall, I feel the raising of the public's awareness of the council has been a huge success.

As previously mentioned, we held our Food for Families and Coats for Kids programs. We also erected an outdoor tent which was used as a classroom for the school for a short time. We have received much attention through our Family of the Month program which I have presented to the deserving families at the end of the mass. I have tried to highlight the contributions of some parishioners and Knights families and the congregation seems to enjoy the program very much. Many of the presentations are live streamed on Facebook for the viewers at home.

Fr. Ken has raised the church's digital presence and we have taken advantage of this by providing updates for the weekly Flock Notes. The Flock Notes are emailed every Friday and posted on the church's website. This has been a great communication tool for us to advertise our accomplishments

Most recently, Fr. Ken called upon the Knights to assist as ushers for the Holy Week and Easter Masses. We were seen in our Sunday best with our K of C name tags for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday's Easter Vigil, and both Easter masses on Sunday. The mass participation grew day by day during Holy Week and we were at capacity for both Sunday Easter masses. Fr. Ken publicly praised all who assisted in the preparations and ushering and it was heartwarming to see so many attend the Holy Week and Easter masses.

Financially we are in great shape as we have kept spending to a minimum while still providing financial support to Birth Right of Prince Frederick, a crisis pregnancy center. We are supporting a seminarian through the RSVP program provided \$500 to the local food pantry and we plan to contribute to the Sonogram Fund with the proceeds from our Fish Fry and Raffle ticket sales.

Despite the challenges we have faced during the pandemic, ~~we have continued to~~ advance the cause of our founder the Blessed Michael J. McGivney. We have laid the foundation on which we can build upon for many years to come.

Father Sebastien DeRose Council #13091
Grand Knight James J. Cooney Jr.

On December 4, 2001, this council was instituted aboard Patuxent River Naval Air Station (NAS) in Lexington Park, Maryland, and named in honor of Father Sebastien de Rose, a Capuchin Priest who came to the United States with Lafayette and became one of the first pastors of St. Nicholas Chapel. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on June 14, 2015, the Archdiocese of the Military Services could no longer provide a priest for the base, and the council subsequently moved to and was warmly welcomed by our Chaplain and St. George Parish Priest Father Paul Nguyen, and the parishioners of St. George Roman Catholic Church in Valley Lee, MD.

Our monthly Council Membership meeting is held on the first of Tuesday each month and our Planning meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month at St. George Catholic Church Community Center, 19199 St. Georges Church Rd, Valley Lee, MD 20692. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

On August 23, 2020, the elected officers were installed after the 10:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Washington Archbishop William Cardinal Gregory and concelebrated with Council Chaplain Father Paul Nguyen. Dave Spigler, District Deputy for District 29, conducted the installation. The community provided strong support by ensuring a memorable feast and a wonderful start to our fraternal year.

Program Director – Christopher A. Wilcox

Faith Director – None Assigned

The Council conducted four 5th Sunday Rosary programs. We supported three seminarians, Peter Trossbach, Joseph Heisey and Caleb Gaeng, through the Refund Support Vocations Program throughout the year. Members of the council attended the Evening Vigil of All Soul's Day at the St. Mary's Youth Memorial in honor of our deceased youth.

Community Director – Deacon Joel Carpenter

Due to Covid-19 gathering restrictions, the council decided to conduct food services by "Drive-Thru" to limit the number of participants in the kitchen area in order to maintain the 6-foot social distance regulation. By doing this, we were able to hold Shrimp Dinners, Pancake Breakfasts, and Lenten Fish Fry Dinners to promote fellowship within the council and the parish and raise funds to support the church. Brother Dennis Hackathorn organized and conducted a coat drive at St. George Parish in December. Coats, jackets, hats, scarves, and gloves were turned over to St. Mary's Helping Hands of St. Mary's County, where they were put to use in the local community. Many other planned activities were held virtually, if not canceled or postponed indefinitely. The council helped prepare the grounds of the St. Mary's Youth Memorial for a vigil mass. The council provided support for the Pax Sound of Freedom, a local chapter of the Quilts of Valor organization, which distributes quilts to local veterans in recognition of their military service. The council supported the MD State Council car raffle.

Life Director – Leigh DePiazza

In December, our Knights erected a Cemetery of the Innocents at our home parish. Our parish held a prayer service led by our Council Chaplain Fr. Paul Nguyen to commemorate the death of the unborn and to pray for a culture of life in our society. This blessing ceremony occurred in December and was timed to coincide with the biblical account of King Herod's massacre of the innocent children in his attempt to kill the infant Jesus. Although participation in the March for Life, Mass and Youth Rally in Washington D.C and the Maryland March for Life in Annapolis was limited or held virtually, many members still contributed to the cause by participating online.

Family Director – Carlos Cruz

We encouraged the Fifth Sunday Rosary as a family event and held them both in-person and virtually before the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Our council continued a family night once a month after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass. The council provided the refreshments and dinner for these events, and the number of attendees increased throughout the year, and concluded with over thirty people at the last family event. These programs were well received and were supported by the Parish community as well as the Knights and their families. During Lent this year, the council hosted movie night every Saturday evening, watching the series "Chosen" both to learn about or to bolster our faith. The council has selected a Parish family for the "Family of the Month" and a Brother Knight as "Knight of the Month" every month so far this fraternal year, to acknowledge their contributions to the council, parish, and community. In December, the council conducted the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest, and in January, recognized participants and awarded winners with a Carolingian Cross at a limited informal social gathering.

Conclusion

As Grand Knight, I thank each of my Brother Knights for their outstanding support this past year, with a special thank you to my wife Cecilia. I enjoyed the opportunity to work with District Deputy Dave Spigler and the State Officers of Maryland. Finally, I would like to offer a special thanks to our Council Chaplain and Parish Priest Father Paul Nguyen, for his continued support, inspiration, enthusiasm, and guidance of the council. Despite the restrictions due to the pandemic, Fr. Sebastien DeRose Council could not have enjoyed such a great year if it wasn't for each member supporting, understanding, and assisting in all our activities.

District No. 30



Kevin Kennedy
District Deputy

Edward Day
District Warden

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council - 6793

2020 - 2021 Grand Knight Report of Activities and Events

Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council - 6793 is located in northern Montgomery County, and supports three (3) parishes: St. Peter's Catholic Church - Olney, MD, Our Lady of Grace - Silver Spring, MD, and St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Rockville, MD. The Executive Meetings are held at 7:30 pm, on the first Wednesday of each month, at St. Patrick's, while the Business Meetings are held at 7:30 pm, on the second Wednesday of each month, at Our Lady of Grace. Social Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Because of the virulent Covid 19 pandemic, many changes had to be made to the program calendar to protect the members, their families, and event participants from becoming infected with the covid virus. It was quickly decided at the beginning of the fraternal year that in order to comply with the directives of the Supreme Council and Montgomery County government, all group meetings would be held utilizing the "Zoom" video conferencing, until notified otherwise.

With careful consideration, we found that the council could support many worthy events safely.

Support of Leisure World Community

One event that made me particularly proud was the way that our council members quickly came together, in a time of exigency, to help the needy at the Leisure World Seniors Community. At 1:30 am, on November 28, 2020, a major fire broke out in several of the condominium style apartments. The fire spread quickly causing irreparable damage to more than 50 units. Fr. Peter Paul Maher, Our Lady of Grace, and the Red Cross worked in tandem to ensure residents had a place to stay and temporary shelter. An email was sent out to council members asking for donations to help those who had lost everything. Within three days we had collected \$3,005.00. This is what the Knights do for our neighbors.

Little Sisters of the Poor

In addition to our annual cash donations, Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council found that the D.C. chapter of Little Sisters of the Poor was in desperate need of bottled water. To ensure that water could be distributed safely during the pandemic, no open water containers could be used. So, Fr. Peter Paul Maher delivered 2,100 sealed bottles of water. We will continue making deliveries.

Food Banks at St. Judes and St. Martins

Recognizing that many community members have lost their jobs during the pandemic, Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council has continued to support and donate non-perishable food items to the food banks at St. Judes and St. Martins. On the third Sunday of each month (9:00 am - 1:00 pm), a collection truck arrives to deliver food items to St. Judes and St. Martin's food pantries. Several hundred pounds of food is collected each month. This month, Fr. Peter Paul Maher donated 200 lbs. of rice.

On Line Activities

Since the council is not currently meeting in person, we have utilized the "Zoom" program to hold: 1) monthly rosaries, 2) novena for life, 3) Into the Breach - video and discussion, 4) business meetings and executive meetings, 5) installation of officers.

In Person Activities

As long as an event can be held safely, the proper precautions are made, and the event occurs. Some of those events include:

- New member exemplifications at Our Lady of Grace
- Tootsie Roll - Donations for the Disabled
- Annual Car Raffle (on line and in person)
- Annual Mulch Sale (~~postponed~~)
- Annual Coats for Kids program (four cases)
- Annual Support of 8 Seminarians
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Donation of 100 "goody bags" to the Gabriel Project (annual Easter Egg Hunt had to be canceled)
- Widows Program
- Our Lady of Good Counsel HS - \$1,000.00 scholarship fund
- Seventh Grade - Essay contest

Although the Covid 19 pandemic has severely impacted the Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council calendar this year, many worthwhile events and activities have occurred. It is very obvious that the council families miss getting together. Many of the on line events start early and end late, so that the ladies share "happenings" amongst themselves.

Joseph (Joe) Krempasky
Grand Knight
Fr. Peter Paul Maher Council - 6793

District No. 31



Arthur MacLarty
District Deputy

Jose Rector
District Warden

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Council 10525 – St. Michael of Poplar Springs – GK Bob Rossomondo

Council 11815 – St. Ignatius of Loyola – GK Tom Walters

Council 12255 – St. Timothy – GK Tim Kueberth

Council 13290 – St. Peter the Apostle – GK Alex Haybock

Council 15985 – Charles Carroll – GK Michael Kalmar

To the Grand Knights, District Warden, Council Officers, and Brother Knights of District 31, I would like to thank you for support, cooperation, and dedication you have given this past fraternal year.

Given this exceptionally trying year for the Order, I am proud to say that District 31 did not falter in the face of this pandemic.

Every Council was able to continue with their regularly scheduled Officer's Planning and Council Business meetings virtually, and in many cases would have more men attending meetings than when they were held in-person. Charles Carroll and St. Peter councils have already begun methods to make future meetings hybrid.

Every Council was active in participating in the Leave No Neighbor Behind program, from running blood drives in coordination with the Red Cross; to collecting food and clothing for those in need in the Parish and Community; and to reaching out and assisting our brother Knights that have been unable to do things on their own during this pandemic. In several cases, our shut-in brighter Knights, after being contacted by other Council members, asked what they can also do to help with the Leave No Neighbor Behind program.

As an area drop off site, Charles Carroll Council was very active in collecting food items for the Little Sisters of the Poor and had men volunteer to deliver the items to Baltimore.

The annual Lenten fish dinners were a huge success to the Charles Carroll, St. Michael, and St. Ignatius councils. They all had to make changes to allow for social distancing, but with making on-line ordering a very simple and efficient process and a great number of Council brothers assisting in the preparation of the meals, packaging the meals for delivery, and to work the car lines, their sales were nearly on par with other years not hindered by a pandemic.

Every Council was active in supporting the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapter of Grand Knights coat drive making sure that every child that needed a coat received one.

Every Council was active in supporting a culture of life, by donating monetary and baby item to the local pregnancy centers and participating in the virtual Pro-Life March.

Several of the Councils made the best of the pandemic in hosting their Faith programs virtually. The Into the Breach program, Maryland Men's Catholic Fellowship, and Rosary Prayers, are some of the examples that were done virtually with very successful participation.

Unfortunately, the pandemic and has hit the councils hard with Council Growth in the District. Every council has been working diligently to attain new members, but without the ability to hold membership drives from within the Churches or on Church grounds, the ability to reach out to potential new members has been extremely difficult.

I wish to sincerely thank our State Deputy Vince Grosso and the State Team for allowing District Warden Jose Rector and I to serve as District Officers this year. We feel that these councils are very dedicated at applying their many Faith in Action programs and the strong leadership from this year's Grand Knights must be commended during this pandemic.

Vivat Jesus!



St. Peter the Apostle Council # 13290

Alex Haybok, Grand Knight

Our council meets on the third Tuesday each month for a business meeting at 7:30pm. For most of the 2020/2021 fraternal year we have been meeting virtually on Zoom due to the pandemic. Officers and Chairmen meet on the second Tuesday for a program planning and review meeting. We have adapted really well to the new guidelines for council meetings. It has enhanced the meeting experience by making them more relevant, engaging and we are able to complete them within an hour.

The past fraternal year has seen a surge of positive changes within our council. We have gotten new and existing members to the 3rd Degree, including our pastor who is now our Chaplain, by having them complete the new online exemplification. Our council website has been a great communication tool and has allowed us to bring in new members and transfers during a challenging year when recruitment was hard to accomplish in person. We created a PayPal account this year which helped us raise over \$20,000 in donations from our brother knights and parishioners. This permitted us to continue running programs to support our church and community when we couldn't rely on fundraisers. Having a PayPal account also made it easier to collect membership dues online and we had fewer members in arrears at this time than last year. We saved money on postage and many guys appreciated the convenience. When we start having fundraisers and events in person, fliers will be created with a QR code that would accept PayPal donations for specific programs throughout the year like raising money for Mary's House, Coats for Kids, and the Rescue Mission. We continue to use other more efficient tools like Zoom for virtual meetings, Sign-Up Genius to solicit volunteers, a credit card reader for fundraisers, and a Prospect Landing Page for recruiting new members.

Faith:

Knights served as ushers, parking lot attendants, crossing guards, and helped sanitize the church during all Christmas and Easter masses. Our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest was done virtually this year. We targeted our parish home schoolers and advertised in the church bulletin, by email, phone calls, and our council website. 18 contestants sent in their posters and the winners were announced on our council website. We also provided Father Evan a travel mass kit during his ordination. He is a member of our council and we have supported him through five years of seminary studies and were with him when he said his first public mass at our parish.

Family:

We partnered with Advocates for Homeless Families in Frederick, MD and donated furniture, kitchen items, electronics, and other household items. They provide transitional housing to homeless families and support them in maintaining their self-sustainability and improving their standard of living.

When a brother Knight's home burned down just before Christmas and the family lost everything, we collected \$1,000 from donations via PayPal and checks and presented the family with a large check and various gift cards.

We couldn't have a Valentine's Day Social this year but we did introduce a new fundraiser and raised a lot of money selling flower arrangements.

Community:

As part of our "Helping Hands" initiative, St. Peter's Knights of Columbus put their Faith into Action by working alongside members of our parish community to **Rebuild and Evangelize Around Libertytown (REAL)** during the week of July 20th. The group repaired and renovated several homes around the local community. At the end of each work day, they came back to church for a hot meal and fellowship. Our council donated money for the food and also volunteered to help set up, clean up, and prepare the meals.

We started a new program this year to recognize and honor our first responders for all that they do for our community. These brave men and women risk their lives to ensure the safety and well-being of others. The first day that we started this program was on October 28 which happened to be "National First Responders Day". We were able to support 5 firehouses in our community this year – Libertytown, Walkersville, Frederick, New Market, and Mt Airy.

As part of our helping hands initiative, we started a new program this year called "Box of Sox" to collect shoes and socks for the homeless and other community members in critical need. Socks are the #1 most requested and least donated clothing item in homeless shelters. We partnered with several agencies and schools around the area and donated hundreds of pairs of socks for men, women, and children.

We also donated thousands of takeout containers to the ~~Frederick Rescue Mission so they could~~ continue providing meals to those in need during the pandemic. We started a Mission Donut project and have collected enough money through donations to purchase donuts once a month for the next 12 months for the guys in the recovery program. Our parish sells Dunkin Donut gift cards and they get a proceed for every card that's sold.

Life:

Our council participated in a parish program to support Birthright of Frederick. They were in desperate need of diapers so we made a donation of several boxes of diapers and wipes. With the pandemic, most of our LIFE programs were in the realm of prayer events, rosaries, and mailing a check to support organizations that support the "Pro-Life" initiative.

Vivat Jesus,

Alex Haybok

Grand Knight Council 13290

District No. 32



Peter Hammerer
District Deputy

Chris Iheanacho
District Warden

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District Warden – Chris Iheanacho

Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore, Council 205 – Grand Knight, David Ghee

Bishop Sebastian, Council 5058 – Grand Knight, Michael Manks

Santo Nino, Council 9462 – Grand Knight, Erwin Lacanienta

St Mathews International, Council 11787 – Grand Knight, Theodore Ejimofor

The four councils of District 32 in the Maryland jurisdiction hosted many programs despite the obstacles presented by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Knights of these councils, their family members and with help from parishioners overcame these obstacles to put their "Faith into Action". Each council hosted numerous programs that enhanced their communities, supported families, celebrated our faith and promoted a culture of life.

One of the biggest highlights of the year was when the four councils came together as a district to purchase and distribute 97 coats to kids in the Baltimore City area. Each council contributed funds to purchase the coats. The councils were to provide 25 names each; however, two of the council deferred their portion to the other two councils. Names, genders, ages and coat sizes were collected and coats were purchased specifically for each individual recipient.

Following are some of the individually outstanding programs sponsored by each of the councils in District 32 during the 2020-2021 fraternal year.

Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore Council 205

This past fraternal year was a very busy one for Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore. When the pandemic first started the council jumped right in with "Leave no Neighbor Behind." Members of the Council immediately offered members of St. Bernardine RCC their services to provide transportation to and from grocery shopping, doctor's visits, pharmacies, etc. among other things such as picking up and delivering their weekly contributions to the Church. In addition to reaching out to their own members; Council 205 volunteered to reach out to check on the elders of the Church as requested by Father Bozzelli to see how they were dealing with the pandemic and to see if there was anything that they needed. When the staff at Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery were laid off due to the pandemic leaving no one to place the flags, Members of Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore answered the call and help place approximately 2,000 flags within 2.5 hours. They were assisted by family members and Legioners. Through out the year members assisted in many food distribution to include: distributing between 300 and 500 bagged lunches each Thursday to families in the Edmondson; delivering sandwiches to the Franciscan Center each Tuesday morning; provided Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to families; and helped distribute

boxes of produce on Saturday mornings. Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore members participated in the 40 Days of Life Prayer Vigil at the Hillcrest Abortion Clinic in Catonsville, MD. Members spearheaded collection of items for the Box of Joy campaign for Cross Catholic Outreach. The Council was able to deliver 85 Boxes of Joy to the Cardinal Gibbons collection center. Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore held a drive by toy drive in which they collected over 200 toys. The toys were delivered to the Believe in Tomorrow Foundation for sickly children. These are the highlighted activities this dedicated Council conducted with additional ones not listed.

Bishop Sebastian Council 5058

Bishop Sebastian comes together regularly to recite the Rosary for various different intentions. The Council met for Holy Hour during a daily Eucharistic Adoration at the chapel. Members participate regularly within the Church as Ushers, Greeters, Parking, and other ministries. Throughout the fraternal year Bishop Sebastian gave back to families and the community by providing contributing over \$600.00 in food to food pantries of three Churches and contributing powdered eggs to the Franciscan Center. Bishop Sebastian supported two Eagle Scouts of a local scout troop. They continued their annual tradition of purchasing and decorating Christmas trees that are put up for Auction at the annual Festival of Trees. This year they contributed three trees and the proceeds benefited the Kennedy Krieger Institute. The Council participated in the monthly collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Bishop Sebastian hosted the Silver Rose on its tour through Maryland. They contributed to the Ultra Sound Program and to the Special Olympics.

Santo Nino Council 9462

Santo Nino planned and organized a fall landscaping and clean up of the grounds of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Father Jeff was very appreciative of the work that was done to beautify the grounds of the Church. Members of the Council regularly attend the 10:00 Sunday Mass and serve as the ushers. Members attended the Filipino Mass for Healing held at the Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton , Emmitsburg, MD. Santo Nino continued their annual tradition in participating in The Filipino Fiesta to honor San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod. This year, due to the danger of COVID-19 it was held virtually. The Triduum was held between September 22nd and 24th. The Council comes together regularly to recite the Rosary for various different intentions. Members gathered to participate in the "Into the Breach" video series. The council supported Mathew Munro's Eagle Scout Project by donating \$100 towards the construction of a nature tunnel at the Oregon Ridge Playground. The council continues to work with a local Baltimore Pregnancy center to procure a used Ultrasound machine through Physician's networks and resources. Santo Nino donated to the parish of St. Gabriel to support their food drive addressing food insecurities in the surrounding community. Santo Nino Council participated in the Novena for the Cause of Life with members praying it from the comfort of their home, daily during October 4-1

St. Mathews International Council 11787

St. Matthews International comes together regularly to recite the Rosary for various different intentions. The conduct monthly Spiritual Reflection for members and their families as well as quarterly for the youth. The council has organized a Domestic Church Kiosk. St. Mathews International participated regularly in contributing money, food and other items to the collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor as well as to the Oblate Sisters of Providence. The Council held a teleconference for the Stations of the Cross, passion of Christ, and the last supper. Members held a novena and sponsored special needs youth



preparing for the bowling tournament. The council helped healthcare and frontline workers in their community by picking up their ordered groceries. St. Mathews International conducted the Novena for Life program and supported expecting young mothers with transportation to pregnancy support centers.

Conclusion

The programs listed above represent only a small fraction of the many outstanding charitable and outreach activities conducted for families and communities as well as faith and life initiatives hosted by the councils of District 32 throughout the fraternal year. The Knights and councils of District 32 have demonstrated that despite the pandemic created by the Covid-19 outbreak they were able to continue to serve their members, families, communities and their Parishes. Each Council looks forward to continuing to grow by extending the invitation to new members offering them the opportunities to put their "Faith into Action."

Vivat Jesus!

Peter D. Hammerer, PGK

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Bishop Sebastian Council #5058

Grand Knight – Michael H. Mank

The council meets on the first and second Monday of each month at the Columbus Club of Parkville Hall located at 7910 Harford Road, Parkville, Maryland. The meetings are preceded by the Rosary, with the meeting beginning at 8:00 P.M. The officers/program directors meet at 7:30 P.M. on the fourth Monday of the month.

Using the Supreme Knight's statement "Our Mission to Build the Domestic Church and Strengthen Parishes" as the Council's guideline, the Council established Roundtables at the two primary parishes we support, St. Ursula and St. Isaac Jogues. St. Ursula was used first so that we understood and learned the proper way to conduct the roundtable. St. Isaac Jogues is presently a work in progress and the Council is making strides to be part of the Parish life. The Council also supports to a less extent St. Clare with a financial contribution each year. The relationship between the Council and its home corporation was also reviewed during the year.

Program Director- P.G.K. Roy Gary

Because of the coronavirus this fraternal year all programs and activities were severely limited. The Council was able to have meetings courtesy of P.G.K Thomas Stevenson, Sr. setting up zoom for the Council. Now that the State of Maryland has increased the amount of people in a building, P.G.K. Thomas Stevenson. Sr. was able to do a hybrid/zoom meeting for the Council.

Faith Activities – Tom Scheve

The Council budgeted funds to support three parishes, with some additional funds available through the Grand Knight's Discretionary Fund. Items purchased included a donation to St. Clare to purchase a Paschal Candle. The Council promotes monthly men's fellowships at St. Ursula Parish and St. Isaac Jogues through zoom. The Council helped to park cars for the Christmas Eve Mass at St. Ursula. The Council continued to support vocations by giving contributions to Seminarian Kenneth Lukong, Seminarian Jack (John) Morris and Seminarian Thang Pham.

Community Activities – P.G.K. Michael Colbourne

Because of the coronavirus the Council did not do the Tootsie Roll Drive. The Council budgeted funds for Special Friends of St. Isaac Jogues. Grand Knight's Discretionary Fund and Keep Christ In Christmas Fund was used for Camp Glow. The Council budgeted funds to decorate trees for the Festival of Trees, with the proceeds going to Kennedy Krieger. Because of the coronavirus the Council did not host the Christmas Party for the Intellectually Disabled Citizens. The funds for the party was used to buy gifts for the Intellectually Disabled Citizens. The Council budgeted funds to give gifts to three nursing homes for Valentine's Day, Easter,

Halloween and Christmas. The Council budgeted funds for Coats for Kids which was done by four Councils in District 32.

Culture of Life – Tyler Stone

Because of the coronavirus this fraternal year the Culture of Life Activities were not held or postponed to next fraternal year. The Council budgeted funds for Special Olympics. A donation was given to Brian Adamczyk for Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge. The Council participated in the State Council Car Raffle which will be held at the virtual State Convention.

Family Activities – Michael Mank, G.K.

Because of the coronavirus the Council Ironbirds game, family picnic, “Adopt a Family Campaign” and the Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest was not held. The Council held a Widows’ Memorial Service. The Council is in compliance with the Safe Program. Each year, the Council contributes \$6,000.00 to the “Herbert B. Dickerson, Jr. Knights of Columbus Memorial Scholarship”. This scholarship provides tuition grants to students attending St. Ursula School, whose father or grandfather is a Knight and to a male and female Altar Server. An Eagle Award Banquet was held for two Eagle Scouts from St. Ursula’s Boy Scouts. Because of the coronavirus Food for Families Drives were not held. The Council budgeted funds and Grand Knight’s Discretionary Funds to give a donation to the food pantries at St. Ursula, St. Isaac Jogues and St. Clare.

Membership Director – Michael Mink, G.K.

Because of the coronavirus membership weekends, Fall Fun Fest, Big Six Wheel and Crab Feast were not held. The Council has an exemplification team in place and plans to hold it once a quarter.

Conclusion

The Grand Knight thanks the Officers, Directors, Chairman, Volunteers, members and their families, and the Daughters of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for all their support during this past year. Special thanks go to our Worthy Financial Secretary, P.G.K. Raphael (Ray) Cilento for his mentoring and advice during this Fraternal Year A Special thanks also goes to P.G.K. Thomas Stevenson, Sr. for his help with setting up the hybrid/zoom meetings. I also wish to thank my wife, Rosemary and my daughter, Anna for their support and patience. It is through all their efforts that we have had a successful year in our service programs despite the coronavirus.



ST. MATTHEW INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL #11787

Our Council, St. Matthew International Council was incepted in April 1996 at St. Matthews Catholic Church, 5401 Loch Raven Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230. Our parish priest who is also our chaplain designated the open space in the lower part of the building adjacent to the parish priest's Chapple, for the Knights of Columbus Chamber. The Council took it as its home. Our Council serves two parishes; St. Matthew Catholic Church, Loch Raven, St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church, MacLean Boulevard, Baltimore and Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community, Baltimore. Our Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Councils chamber. Our meetings start 7:00 and ends 8:30 p.m. Due to COVID-19 our Councils meetings venues change to virtual, the first Tuesday of the month for the officers meeting and the third Tuesday as the Membership meeting.

The current officers of the Council were the first virtual instated officers of our Council. The installation was conducted by the District Deputy 32, Sir Peter Hammerer and Father Joe Nutt, the Chaplin of the Council. The current Grand Knight decorated his home office like our council's chamber, with knights of Columbus images and logos, especial the image of our Founder, Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. Our Council is working closely with the Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community in their new Center, to conduct more of our activities of Charity, Community, Faith and Life, with the community when the COVID-19 is completely over.

Despite the restrictions because of COVID-19, our Council had conducted many activities of Faith, Charity, Community and Life. The Council have carried out three successful food drive for the Little Sisters of the poor and the Oblate Sisters of Providence Order. About 700 pounds of food items was collected and delivered to them. We carried out a lot of Faith based activities in our Community to benefit the Needy and Special Needs Youths. The Council held novena for Special Needs Bowling Team. The Council in October and November had Spiritual Reflections about the Leaders of tomorrow, the Youths of the Church. The battle between God and the devil was discussed from the book written by Pope Francis. In summary of the reflection, the battle is still ranging on, and the battle field is in our hearts. The Coats for the Kids 2020 was very successful. The number of kids that received winter coats from Council was about 50 and were very pleased and grateful to the Knights of

Columbus. Our Council, St. Matthew's International takes the "Leave no neighbor behind" seriously. We lost one of our brothers in August 2020. Our Council visited the family and presented them with Knight of Columbus Holy Bible, Condolence Certificate from the Supreme and \$200. In March 6, 2021 we lost another brother, Matthew Onuigbo a 4th Degree Knight. His funeral is coming up on April 10, 2021. The Council will present the family with his due rites. May the souls of our brother, Matthew Onuigbo and all the faithful departed rest in perfect peace with the Lord. Amen! Amen! Amen!

I am very pleased to serve as the 13th Grand Knight St. Matthew's International Council. Our Council is an outstanding Council with vibrant and talented brothers that help to motivate us to carry out our successful council's mission of Charity, Community, Faith and Life. Our teleconference meetings bring hope to our Council. I am very confident that the coming Grand Knight and Officers will continue the good works the Council has begun.

Vivat Jesus

Sir Theodore C. Ejimofor sr.

Grand Knight St. Matthew International Council 11787

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*"Eternal Rest, Grant Unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. " Amen*

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