

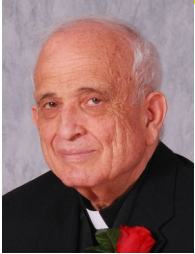
# The ☆ Knight ☆ Cap

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## Chaplain's Message



Msgr Joaquin Bazan

We are not really alive until we feel deeply about life and appreciate every minute on earth.

Each morning when you wake up do yourself a favor and get out of bed saying, "I FEEL GREAT." Start the day with a smile and a prayer of thanksgiving.

The basic riches in life are free: our Minds, our Spirits, our Personalities. Thank God for these gifts and promise Him, and yourself, that "TODAY I am going to help a fellow human being. TODAY I am going to give of myself and do more than is required of me!"

Use this simple formula and you will be surprised at how many lives you can affect. Your cheerfulness, your cooperation, your positive outlook on life will enable you to enjoy the life God has given you.

From the last Sunday of January until Lent, each Sunday, we as Catholics hear the sermon on the mount at Sunday mass. From these three chapters, Matthew 5-7 we get the Beatitudes, the Our Father, and phrases like "Salt of the Earth," "Light of the World" and "The City on the Hill."

I would like to recommend that you read the sermon in its entirety during this period. Read it all the way through in one sitting. If possible read it out loud. Savor these words of our Savior and then write a letter to our Lord with your reaction to this sermon.

If you are willing to share your reaction with me, I will be grateful.

Remember, God loves you!

## Grand Knight's Message

Fraternal Greetings,

This past Fall and early Winter have been busy with many Council activities: the Tootsie Roll Collections for the Duckworth Regional School, the Point One K Race and Car Show for Maryland Special Olympics, the Trunk or Treat and Breakfast with Santa for our children, and our Memorial Mass and Open House. With the coming of the Three Wise Men and the Epiphany, we transition to Ordinary Time and a slower pace.

However, the Knights still meet, pray and plan efforts to support our parishes and community. I hope to see many of you this coming year, and I wish everyone a Blessed and Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,  
 SK Paul Wood  
 Grand Knight

SK Paul Wood  
Grand Knight

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

### January

Knight of the month - Thomas Gildea  
 Family of the month - John & Stacey Foley

### February

Knight of the month - Jose Rivera  
 Family of the month - James & Mary Lintner  
**Woman behind the Man** - Krista Humphrey

## *Culture of Life Corner*

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies of the Knights,

What is the good news on the Pro-Life Action Scene?



Many young ladies have changed their minds about abortion just by driving up to the abortion clinic and seeing the pro-life ladies and men praying outside the clinic.

At the Pro-Life Banquet, speaker Mayra Rodriguez said the pro-life sidewalk counselors talked to her and she said “people on the sidewalk are saving souls like mine.” Mayra worked in an office job until she got transferred to direct abortion facilities. She directed 3 facilities. Mayra was upset because she discovered the Planned Parenthood office in which she worked falsified abortion records and serious complications resulting from abortions. She experienced intimidation techniques when she became a whistleblower. She won a wrongful termination suit against Planned Parenthood and was awarded \$3 million dollars.

Documentation for this story can be found online at the National Catholic Register and Catholic News Agency, Aleteia as well as other reputable Catholic websites. The story was also published in PRO-LIFE ACTION News, October 2023. Mayra then went to a priest for healing for herself. She says “a sidewalk counselor saved my soul by telling me the truth about abortion”. She now works as a Pro-Life Leader and Speaker. She is a powerful witness to the truth.

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

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

Financial Secretary, Bryan Adamczyk, 301-922-6336  
Grand Knight, Paul Wood, 202-269-9583

## *Financial Secretary's Message*

Brothers,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! This marks the half way point for our Council's Fraternal year! Congratulations to GK Paul Wood and his team for a great year so far. This time of year also means that it's time for Dues! As I write this report I am currently preparing the Dues notices to go out shortly. So please be ready, I promise to get your cards out as soon as I can.

I am proud to announce that we have a lot of New Honorary and Honorary Life members. So congratulations to the following brothers. Honorary Members (65 years of age and 25 years of continuous membership):

Peter Morgan ~ Daniel Wendel  
Timothy Smith ~ Joseph Tredway  
Hubert Stockhausen

Honorary Life Members (70 years of age and 25 years of continuous membership):

Robert Hinzman ~ David C. Flynn  
Shawn Farrell ~ William Dobrow  
Robert O'Brien ~ Alan Ganey  
Richard Melito ~ Michael P. Moore

Thank you again my Brother Knights for your faith in me to carry out this role and working with me in it. I hope you all have a prosperous new year and know the Knights Live on with all of us in Faith, Family and Fraternity.

Regards,  
Bryan Adamczyk, F.S.

Please pray for Former FS Frank and Denise Lattanzi as she is undergoing some medical issues. I wish them both a peaceful time and the best of recovery.

### ***May They Rest in Peace***

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

## District Deputy's Message



Harold Sanders  
District Deputy

Greetings My Brothers,

Happy New Year to everyone! We are halfway through the fraternal year, but there is still work to be done. Online registration for the 2024 State Convention in Annapolis Maryland starts on

January 8th for the Grand Knight and delegates. This is an election year.

January 19th is the annual National "March for Life." Hopefully you and your families can attend.

The Maryland State Council "People of the Year" recognition program nominations are due by February 10th. These are the people that keep us safe and help us grow our faith. Let's nominate and ensure that we give our Citizen of the year; Catholic Teacher; Faith Formation Teacher; Police Officer; Firefighter; EMT and Healthcare Worker, the recognition they deserve.

A Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on February 18. All 3rd degree members are encouraged to join the Patriotic Degree.

Lenton season starts in February and is a time of prayer. As we pray, we go on a journey that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by our encounter with him while waiting for his glorious resurrection at Easter.

Remember, a Catholic gentleman is still waiting for "someone" to ask him to become a Knight of Columbus. Will you be that "someone"?

Vivat Jesus!



### From the Archives

Council 2809 has consistently held blood drives, partnering with the American Red Cross, for nearly 60 years. Please consider helping us continue this tradition by signing up for an upcoming blood drive.

## Fraternal Benefits

Happy New Year to all my brothers and their families! I wish you peace, joy and good health this coming year!

It's that time of year when we make resolutions. Have you made any yet? Maybe the realistic question is, "Have you already broken some of them?"

Here are 10 popular New Year's resolutions from the internet along with some of my own:

1. Get in shape; for some of us this means to lose some weight, exercise more and staying fit; to stop smoking or eat healthier foods.
2. Stop procrastinating; I don't know about you, but I'm going to put this off for yet another year!
3. Improve my prayer life; there's an app for that! The Laudate app claims it is the most downloaded Catholic app. It has an immense library of prayers, devotions, daily readings, podcasts and Vatican documents.
4. Improve on a skill or develop a new hobby, maybe you want to lower your golf handicap or learn to bowl. Go for it!
5. Be more thankful God has blessed me in so many ways and sometimes I forget to thank Him for all those things... usually because I'm too busy asking for something else.
6. Spend more time with the people that matter most; sometimes I get so busy working, keeping the house up or going to some meeting, I forget the ones I do these things for. I've got to set aside more time to just be with them.
7. Reduce stress; in this sometimes hectic and seemingly crazy world, it's easy to get swallowed up in the latest tragedy and work all the time. Cutting out those sources of two four one four six six three of stress or learning how to deal with them more effectively means a more settled life.
8. Read more; with so much on the internet, TV and radio it's easy for me to get lost in those. Reading for pleasure has become something of a lost art.
9. Spend wisely; it's so easy to spend money on things we really don't need, buy on a whim or because we're keeping up with the Joneses.
10. Review your current financial situation; it's always a good idea to take stock on a yearly basis.

Now this last resolution I can definitely help you keep.

My solution is to contact each of you this year to check in and if appropriate, set up a time to meet. We can update your information and see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. We'll take a look at your goals and aspirations and help make sure you're on track to reach them.

Vivat Jesus!

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## STATE COUNCIL INFORMATION

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, the gift of God to us, we typically think of giving gifts to our friends and family. Let's also think about giving the gift of becoming a Knight of Columbus. Invite that Catholic Gentleman that you see occasionally at Church to become a Knight. If you already invited the Catholic Man to join, invite him again. Grand Knight Justin Meeder, Archbishop Neale Council 2274 accepted the invitation to join the Order on his ninth invitation. If our Brother Knights only asked Brother Justin only eight times, then given up, his council and Maryland Jurisdiction would be poorer.

## BISHOP McNAMARA CHAPTER OF GRAND

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

## ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL J. CURLEY ASSEMBLY NO. 383

The newly revived Curley Assembly Color Corps was honored to provide support for the Patuxent Council 2203 Memorial Mass on Tuesday, November 21, as the Council honored and remembered its departed Brother Knights and family members. The Assembly looks forward to reintroducing its Color Corps to its constituent Councils and to supporting many more Council and Parish events in the months and years ahead.

Our meeting are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm at Msgr. Kessler Parish Center at St. Mary of the Mills Parish, Laurel, MD.

4th Degree Exemplifications  
February 17, 2024

## MEMBERSHIP

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

**Exemplifications are held on the following Mondays:**

**January 22, 2024, April 15, 2024 and June 24, 2024**

Candidates report time: 6:30pm

Degree will be at 7:30pm

Jackets and tie suggested

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

### St. Joseph:

Join Our Lady's Army! The Legion of Mary, Our Lady's Army, makes its members better Catholics through prayer, service and evangelization. Members meet at the Rectory once a week, on Thursdays at 7:00pm, for prayers, planning and discussion. All are welcome to attend just to learn more and find out what it's like. Questions? Email Fr. Rob at [pastor@stjosephbeltsville.org](mailto:pastor@stjosephbeltsville.org).

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Gabriel Network offers long-term, church-based support to pregnant women and their families. Gabriel Network partners with Churches across Maryland and Washington, D.C. to support pregnant women by providing material, emotional, and spiritual support. Our helpline offers crisis management, and our maternity housing program provides safe and, stable housing for pregnant women at three locations in Maryland. To Learn more, go to <https://lovegn.org/>.

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8th-12th Graders:

Join our weekly Youth Group hang outs led by Fr. Andrews and his team, Sunday afternoons, 4:00-5:30pm. See what's happening at Holy Redeemer through the Youth Group.

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



February 18 - Renewal of Marriage Vows

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES



February 25 - Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary

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





I hope that everyone had a Blessed Christmas with family and friends. As you are making your New Year's resolutions, why not make one that you would really enjoy? Why not join the Ladies Auxiliary on the third Saturday of each month (weather permitting)? You would see some old friends and make new ones. The Meetings only last one hour. We support the Council, Church and Community. We welcome new ideas on our endeavors as we strive to help others. Any questions, please contact Carolyn Lank at 301-937-8756.



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

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Please mark your calendars for the 2024 dates:

May 13, August 12 and November 11

Blood is urgently needed, so I urge you to donate  
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or Double Red

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I thank you and the American Red Cross  
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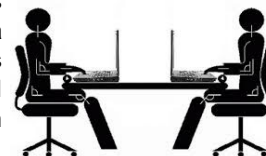
Arnie Powell, Chairman,  
2809 Blood Drives



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Lady Janet Alessandrini

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

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31 New Years Eve	January 1 New Years Day	2 Bread for our Brothers	3 Bread for our Brothers	4 SHARE Order Due	5 Dinner Specials	6
7	8 2809 Officers Mtg	9 Taco Tuesday Bread for our Brothers Program Planning Mtg	10 Bread for our Brothers	11	12 Dinner Specials	13
14	15 Bldg Corp Mtg	16 Bread for our Brothers	17 Bread for our Brothers McNamara Chpt Mtg	18	19 Dinner Specials	20 Ladies Auxiliary SHARE Delivery
21	22 2809 Council	23 Bread for our Brothers	24 Bread for our Brothers	25	26 Dinner Specials	27
28	29	30 Bread for our Brothers	31 Bread for our Brothers Seniors Meeting	February 1 SHARE Order Due	2 Dinner Specials	3
4	5	6 Bread for our Brothers	7 Bread for our Brothers	8	9 Dinner Specials	10 Knight Cap Due
11 Super Bowl	12 Blood Drive Officers Mtg	13 Taco Tuesday Bread for our Brothers Program Planning Mtg	14 ASH WEDNESDAY Bread for our Brothers	15	16 Dinner Specials	17 Ladies Auxiliary SHARE Delivery
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