

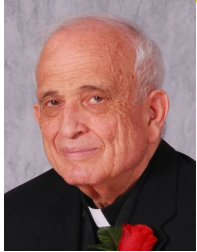
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Chaplain's Message



Msgr Joaquin Bazan

LOVING US GENTLY

We desire to carry out the will of God in our daily lives. We seek to challenge ourselves to ascertain what God's will is. As an example, Jesus carried out the will of his Father in total self-sacrifice, in total love, with unquestioning faith and in perfect harmony with the Father. Easy for Jesus because Jesus and the Father are one. How do we learn what God expects of us?

In the Old Testament (Samuel 1: Chapter 3) Samuel discovers that God teaches us in unexpected ways. God is patient and uses the appropriate technique that would work for us. Samuel was unprepared to be taught by God in the form of a dream. It was his mentor, Eli who interpreted the dreams to teach Samuel how to respond and learn from his special calling. By learning what God desires of him, Samuel becomes a prophet and leader of the Israelites.

St. Peter showed what he had learned by answering the question of Jesus, "But who do you say I am." He responds, "The Christ of God." (Luke 9:20). With that answer Jesus knew that His Father had taught Peter and that Peter was on his way to becoming a special disciple.

As for us, we have the teachings of Jesus forwarded to us from the Apostles and Gospel writers as well as those of the Old Testament. The grace received in the Sacraments also prepares us in each of their various purposes to carry the will of God and seek a purpose for our lives. We may be like Samuel or St. Peter and called to great accomplishments or we may be as Eli, a great teacher and bearer of great wisdom. However, it is mostly through our life experiences, both ordinary and extraordinary, that the Holy Spirit Jesus left us will help us discern a purpose. And if we are in error with discernment, the Holy Spirit will correct us on the journey. Not seeing the forest because of the trees can often be an impediment to discovering this purpose of God. For example, the labors of a good wife found in Proverbs 31, 10-31 relate how the daily and seemingly mundane activities of a woman can contribute to the learning and understanding of God's work. It may be that a purpose will not be revealed to us at the time we expect.

We pray for discernment and finding a purpose in all we do. This is our hope and faith. May God continue with the arduous tasks of teaching us and may each of us be aware of His abundant blessings.

Grand Knight's Message

Fraternal Greetings,

While recently touring Spain, I looked for a monument of Christopher Columbus in every city, but none matched the grandeur of this final resting place. Among the wonders of the Cathedral of Seville, stands a memorial like no other I have seen. The representing of kingdoms of Castille, Aragon, Navarre and Leon. The rich detail of the pallbearers belies the simple lines of the coffin covered by a rich tapestry—all carved out of stone. The sight is stunning and attracts a daily crowd. (see photo on page 2)



SK Paul Wood
Grand Knight

We are nearing the Duckworth Regional School's Challenge Day to be held on May 10, 2024. Normally we help to serve meals to the parents and staff. Friday is not the most convenient day to volunteer, but I hope that some of you can make it.

Vivat Jesus,
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

May

Knight of the month - Matt O'Hare
Family of the month - Mike & Colleen Smith

June

Knight of the month - Carlo Yon
Family of the month - Tom & Lisa Cheslo
Woman behind the Man - Mable Godoy
(St. James Music)

Important Notice

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

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

Culture of Life Corner

Greetings Brother Knights and Ladies of the Knights,



I have learned a lot about dealing with people since I have done some sidewalk counseling at the Greenbelt Center on Greenbelt Road across from the Giant Food. The training manual for Sidewalk Counseling has a section called "Spiritual Readiness". I think it is something to read for us catholic knights; our relationship with God (or lack thereof) will unfold in our demeanor, words and actions, in ways we may not realize. The Bible verse from Matthew Chapter 12: vs. 34 says "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks". We can see others as God sees them if we surrender deeply to God through prayer.

Pray to the Holy Spirit to use what you say, no matter how well or how poorly you say it. When we start a meeting say a brief prayer before we start.

Respectfully,
SK Francis A. Hunter



Financial Secretary's Message

Brothers,

I would like to start this article by thanking our councils brother knights who have paid their dues thus far this year. As of right now we still have around 80 who are in arrears but I want to thank the almost 400 other brothers who have paid timely.

Not trying to be a bill collector but our dues are the lifeblood for the council. They provide us a substantial base for us to be able to do all of the great works we do here at PG Council. In that regard I am proud to report that we are up to date and in good standing with Supreme, the Maryland State Council, and the Chapter after paying all of our per capita assessments recently. Joe and I are currently working and preparing things for our July audit and Budget for the next fraternal year.

At the time this is being published the council will also have hosted a recent exemplification and if everything went correctly then we will have brought the council current and active in membership recruitment for the fraternal year.

It has been a tough job working through three zero eight five three six zero this first year as Financial Secretary for this great council. I definitely have a new found understanding and respect for larger council that is for sure. I used to think College Councils were tough and different but I now know that Larger Council are even more unique.

I thank the council for having the faith in me to do this role and the support the officers and members have provided. You all are great examples of what a Council should be.

Regards,
Bryan Adamczyk, F.S.



POOL MEMBERSHIP

<https://www.kofc2809.org/pool-membership> to sign up

District Deputy's Message



Harold Sanders
District Deputy

Greetings My Brothers,

As usual May and June are busy months. The State Convention is May 2-5 in Annapolis, MD. All are welcome but registration is required for attending. This is a voting year. The State camping trip is May 17-19. The ADW 4th Degree Exemplification will be on June 15 and the GK Leadership Seminar is June 22. Please see the State website for further info.

The end of the Fraternal year is upon us. Worthy Grand Knight, congratulations to you and your Council on a most successful year. The council sponsored or participated in over 25 programs this past year. One of the most important of the council's programs is its ongoing Widows program. Thank you for remembering the families of your Brother Knights.

Brothers, the cooperation and hospitality that has been shown to me and my District Warden this fraternal year is appreciated. The past four years, first as your District Warden and then your District Deputy has been rewarding and enjoyable. June 30 will arrive quickly but there is still time to find that one catholic gentleman who is still waiting for someone to ask him to become a Knight of Columbus.

"Cry the Gospel with your Life"
Vivat Jesus!

May They Rest in Peace

Robert W. Langway ~ Died 07/09/2023

David J. Pekar ~ Died 10/29/2023

Donald L. McVeary, PGK ~Died 12/28/2023

Joseph A. Sears, Jr. ~ Died 03/13/2024

Leon E. Criss, PGK ~ Died 03/25/2024

Raymond T. Smith ~ Died 03/31/2024

Robert A. Jacobs ~ Died 04/03/2024



Knights of Columbus Summer Camp is looking for a Camp Director for 2024. Please send resumes to kofccamp@gmail.com or call the Clubhouse @ 301-345-4076.

Fraternal Benefits

We spend six weeks each year during Lent fasting, praying and almsgiving. We hope to unite our fasting and praying with Jesus' 40 days of fasting and praying in the desert, to focus on preparing both our inner and outer selves to celebrate the great Easter feast. We give alms to identify with that great sacrifice of God giving His only Son. With Easter on March 31 this year, I hope this finds that you had a very blessed celebration of this central Christian feast! Easter certainly brings thoughts of newness and renewal. We hope our fasting, praying and almsgiving renews our closeness to God.

As Spring settles in, I observe the many rituals of the season. I think of newness and renewal. Outside beds are prepared for new planting. I see the new blossoms on trees and flowers reaching full bloom, lengthening of daylight, and a rush of sounds and sights not seen for many months. School children begin to count down the days to summer vacation. Parents do the same counting down... perhaps without the joy of the children!

Spring seems to elicit looking forward.

As I look forward this Spring, I am renewed in my mission to meet with my members. I want to keep you apprised of any changes you might want to consider in your insurance program. I hope you will keep me apprised of any changes in your circumstances. Adjustments can be made to make sure that you are on the path to reach your goals.

The Order offers a diverse array of products and services to help you do that. Together we can complete or update your financial needs analysis. This can show where you stand and help discover any gaps in protection you might have. Our products: life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance, are our core products to help protect you and your family. I'll call on you soon to see if it makes sense to arrange for a meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

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To maintain healthy councils, we need new members to replace us in these leadership positions. Even if you are not filling one of these positions, you can help your council by inviting Catholic Gentlemen to become Brother Knights. Let them become Knights and learn how your council operates. Let these new Brother Knights bring their ideas into your council. Work with them on the different officer positions and their responsibilities.

Healthy councils need new members to remain healthy. Gentlemen to become a Knight. New gentlemen that become Catholic through the RCIA/OCIA process deserve to be invited—continue their enthusiasm into their new faith by becoming Knight of Columbus. Give these new Knights a chance to become strong members and advocates for the order. Give them the Leadership training and experience they need to run a council. Let's not wait until one of our members goes home to the Lord before we start inviting gentlemen to become Knights.

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

Our May 6th meeting will be eventful! (7:30pm at St. Mary of the Mills). We have final nominations, then elections for 2024-2025 fraternal year officers. The Worthy Master will be in attendance to formally (physically) bestow knighthood to those Sir Knights who participated in the April virtual exemplifications. A light dessert reception will follow. This is a Color Corps uniformed turn out, and Chair officers will be attired in jacket and tie else Color Corps uniform. If at all possible, please wear something "Columbian" if you can attend (Columbian name tag, Council of Assembly shirt, etc.)

MEMBERSHIP

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

The next Exemplification will be held on Monday, June 24, 2024

All current 1st and 2nd degree members are welcome to attend, and advance to full Knighthood.

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



The Knights of Columbus AquaKnight Swim Team is open to children ages 5-18 who are able to swim the length of the pool. No experience needed! Just the willingness to learn, compete, make friends and have FUN!

Please go to the website to register for the team kofc2809.org/swim-team. For more information, or if you have any questions, please email aquaknightspgcouncil@gmail.com.

St. Joseph:

Flower fund: Please consider supporting the flower fund throughout the year to help beautify the sanctuary and special events. There are 9 other feast days in addition to the Easter and Christmas season where we adorn the church and surroundings. Envelopes can be found in the bulletin rack. You may also donate online through the Giving Portal on our website.

St. James:

The 21st Annual Asian and Pacific Island Catholic Marian Pilgrimage will be on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Twenty-one years of annual pilgrimage, a journey into the heart of Mary, our Blessed Mother who brings together Asian and Pacific Island Catholic communities from all over the United States to celebrate their heritage and Marian devotions. Cardinal Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will be the main celebrant and homilist. The pilgrimage begins with a brief procession and call to prayer at 12:00 pm, the rosary at 12:30 pm, and Holy Mass at 1:00 pm. For more information, contact Dr. Fred Semendy at (703) 472-2032; apcnmail@gmail.com, Sr. Myrna Tordillo at (202) 541-3384; mtordillo@uscpcb.org the Office of Cultural Diversity at culturaldiversity@adw.org.

Holy Redeemer:

The Holy Redeemer School of Religion students, parents, and staff cordially invite our parish ladies to an afternoon tea social on Sunday, May 19th, 2024, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room. Come join in the fun as we celebrate the wonderful contributions and the loving presence you bring to our parish family. Please RSVP by May 6th by calling the parish office at 301-474-3920.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



May 26 - Mass at the Council @ 9:00am
July 4 - Celebration at the Council: Cookouts and activities

FAMILY ACTIVITIES



May 24-27 - Camping in the Morley Grove
May 27 - Children's Activities ; Softball Begins
July 4 - Celebration at the Council: Cookouts and activities

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



Ladies,

Why not do something just for yourself? Come out once a month and meet old friends and new friends. We meet on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00am and our meetings are only an hour long.

We welcome new ideas at help us to better serve the Council, Church and Community. Light refreshments are served.

Contact Carolyn Lank at 301-937-8756 or Janet Alessandrini @ jalessan@umd.edu



Seniors,

On Wednesday, May 22, the Club Members will enjoy their own Brown Bag Lunch! The Club will provide dessert, AND there will be BINGO!!

Wednesday, June 19, we will bring back our "Summer Start Indoor Picnic" with Popeye's Fried Chicken (both regular AND spicy)! You may bring a side dish or your favorite dessert. This will be out last meeting until we resume in October. HAPPY SUMMER!!



As Memorial Day and the start of softball fast approaches, I thought it was a good time to look into the beginning of the softball league. It all began the summer of 1967. After contacting each of our 11 parishes, the league formed with 5 teams, representing Holy Redeemer, St. Joseph's, St Jerome's, St. Mary's and St. Mark's.

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

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There were 36 units collected in February!

*Please mark your calendars for the 2024 dates:
August 12 and November 11*

Blood is urgently needed, so I urge you to donate
either Whole Blood (56 days until your next donation)
or Double Red (112 days until your next donation).

I thank you and the American Red Cross
thanks you for your donations.

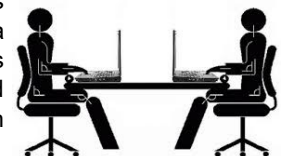
Arnie Powell, Chairman,
2809 Blood Drives



From the Editor's Desk:

Lady Janet Alessandrini

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Mary, Queen Of The Knights

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