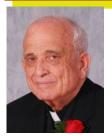


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Chaplain's Message



We've all heard the saying, "April showers bring May flowers". May brings white flowered trees, cherry blossoms, brilliant yellow forsythia bushes, and colorful spring flowers. May also brings Mother's Day, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and many Commencement ceremonies for high schools and universities.

Msgr Joaquin Bazan May is a month of new beginnings, new growth. It is also a good time to take

stock of where you are spiritually, a time to renew and grow in our faith. Many people say that witnessing the new life that blooms in the spring is a sign that God has hope and faith in us. We must continue to have hope and faith in God.

Pope Benedict XVI emphasized to us that we must be a people of hope. In his Enclyclical Letter of 11/30/07, SPE SALVI (Saved in Hope), the Holy Father says that Faith IS Hope.

"Hope", in fact, is a key word in Biblical faith—so much so that in several passages the words "faith" and "hope" seem interchangeable.

In closing of his homily at the Nationals Stadium on April 17, Pope Benedict XVI said,

"In hope we were saved!" (Rom 8:24). As the Church in the United States gives thanks for the blessings of the past two hundred years, I invite you, your families, and every parish and religious community, to trust in the power of grace to create a future of promise for God's people in this country. I ask you in the Lord Jesus, to set aside all division and to work with joy to prepare a way for him, infidelity to his word and in constant conversion to his will. Above all, I urge you to continue to be a leaven of evangelical hope in American society, striving to bring the light and truth of the two nine nine eight six six six Gospel to the task of building a ever more just and free world for generations yet to come.

In this month of new beginnings, let us all renew our hope, as we share our faith. - God bless.

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

Grand Knight's Message

I hope that everyone had a great spring and Easter! As we enter the summer months, stay turned for our usual lineup of events! The pool and grove will be opening before you know it, and I know I am looking forward to it! Keep in mind



Grand Knight

that Sundays are usually pretty active around the grove. Bring the family up, some food, and meet your fellow 2809 families!

Stay tuend for details on our annual Memorial Day Mass and Breakfast. What better way to start off the summer than with Mass and breakfast? Catch a few softball games after and call it a great day!

This should be my last column as Grand Knight for the Knight Cap. It has been an honor servicing the council in this position, and I wholeheartedly want to thank EVERYONE for being supportive and helpful! I wish Mike Smith, the Deputy Grand Knight, the best of luck for the 2025-2026 Fraternal year. I am greatly looking forward to assuming the role of PAST GRAND KNIGHT!

Vivat Jesus! John Foley GK



The Easter Bunny came to visit the Clubhouse!

Culture of Life Corner

Greetings Brothers and Ladies of the Knights,

I have discovered a wealth of knowledge about pro-life advocacy in the publications of the pro-life community. The first one I discovered was:



Sidewalk Counseling News 651-797-6364 Pro-life action ministries

And

40 Days for Life
They have a wonderful magazine which gives current news.
1-888-LIFE-316
40 Days for Life
4112 East 29th Street
Bryan, TX 77802
Www.40daysforlife.com

I believe my fellow Knights and Ladies of the Knights are very intelligent and may appreciate these publication and organizations.

Never forget to pray for the unborn and for those in this ministry.

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

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

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

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

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

Financial Secretary's Message

Brothers,

2025 Needs to slow down. Our Worthy GK is just getting rolling and we are almost at the end of his term.



To my favorite Topic, Dues collections continue to go strong. We are better pace than we were last year and they are coming in without having to hunt to much down. As of the time I am writing this article we are down to only 131 members arrears with their dues this year. I have been informed there are some in the hall waiting for me as well. SO great job everyone.

The dues are the lifeblood of the council. Without them we cannot operate in the manner in which we have for almost 90 years. We need our brothers to pay their dues. Soo if you have not yet paid please outreach to me to discuss and we can help get this resolved.

I also want to thank the members who have also paid their special assessment of \$2.00 for the Culture of Life Fund. This is something that was listed on all the dues notices. We do have almost 15 members though who did not elect to pay this small fee. I know it was listed on the invoice as non-mandatory but the council is still required to pay this to the Supreme Council so while you may be saving yourself \$2.00 you are costing the council \$2.00 by not paying the fee.

Unfortunately I do have to report that anytime we send out dues notices we do get some returns from Members who have passed on to their eternal reward. Since our last newsletter the following brother have passed on: Stephen Sesock, and Carlo Yon. Brothers please keep these men in your prayers and may God have Mercy on them.

Thank you Brothers, I don't have much else to report other than that the council continues to stay in good standing. AS always I appreciate your support in this and helping to keep us such a great council.

Regards, Bryan Adamczyk, F.S. 301-922-6336 SMCHawk13@hotmail.com

District Deputy's Message



Charles Briscoe District Deputy

Greetings to my brother knights, and ladies of the Ladies Auxiliary. As we approach the close of the 2024-2025 fraternal year, councils and ladies' auxiliaries in District 2 are encouraged to review their established goals and objectives and ensure that action plans are in place to complete any outstanding action items before the fraternal year's end on June 30, 2025.

The 127th Maryland State Council Convention will be May 2nd through May 4th, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza at 173 Jennifer Road Annapolis Maryland. The dress code for each event is as follows:

- Grand Knight Olympics (3:00pm) Friday- casual dress /

- Opening Mass and first session – Friday May 2^{nd} – I coat and tie I - Grand Knight March and Awards – Saturday May 3^{nd} – coat and tie I - Second session – Saturday – I coat and tie I - Convention Banquet – Saturday – black tuxedo or coat and tie I - Closing session - Sunday May4th – coat and tie. There will be Open House/ Hospitality gatherings with music, dancing, refreshments, and a CASH bar on Friday (May 2^{nd}) and Saturday (May 3^{nd}) evenings in the Crowne Plaza Queen Anne Ball Room.

Other upcoming events and council activities and tasks are as follows:

- Mother's Day is May 11, 2025.
- The Statewide Family Picnic will be on May 17, 2025, at Seneca Creek State Park 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.
- All Councils' SP-7 (Columbian Award) applications are due to the Supreme Council by June 1, 2025.
- Council Founder's Awards reports are due to Supreme Council by June 1, 2025.
- Councils should complete election of new council officers for the 2025-2026 fraternal year by June 1, 2025.
- Council Form 185- (Report of Officer Chosen for the Term) and Form 365- (Service Program Personnel Report) are due to Supreme Council by June 15, 2025.
- Councils should perform their installation ceremony for new council officers between July 1, 2025, and August 15, 2025.
- Father's Day is June 15, 2025.

In closing, I wish our wonderful and loving mothers a happy Mother's Day and thank you for choosing life, and a Happy Father's Day to my brother knight fathers, and challenge each of you to invite at least one fellow catholic gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus or a catholic lady to join the Ladies Auxiliary to help "make a difference in some one's life."

Vivat Jesus

Fraternal Benefits

Brothers.

This month is Father's Day. Every year at this time, I think of my father and all the father figures I've had in my life—spiritual fathers like the great priets who have helped shape me into who I am. My membership in the Knights of Columbus has given me incredible examples of men who have dedicated their lives to the service of others and in their example, made me a better man.

Being a Knight truly is to live a life of service. To give of oneself.

When I think about how many ways our Order contributes to our parishes and to our communities, I'm reminded of what St. Paul tells us about giving: "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor9:7).

"A cheerful giver" - that perfectly describes what it means to be a Knight.

As a Knights of Columbus field agent, I see in my daily life how Knights give themselves with joy. When a brother Knight chooses to protect his family through Knights of Columbus insurance, he does so out of love. He wants to make sure his loved ones are taken care of when he's gone.

And I remind him that he's not only protecting his family. He's furthering the charitable mission of our Order.

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Through the business activities and the contributions of state and local councils, Knights of Columbus was able to donate more than \$185 million to charity last year alone. That doesn't even include the nearly \$21 million distributed through Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund via donor clients. To be a Knight is to be part of a culture of giving—and in terms of business, it's a culture that turns insurance premiums into charitable impact.

Whether it's supporting new mothers in need, delivering Coats for Kids, bringing relief after natural disasters, or supporting seminarians, the number of people who depend on our help is countless. And the extent of our reach would not be possible without our insurance program.

As the Fraternal Year comes to a close, I want to congratulate you all for the many successes you've achieved as a council. When we come together under our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, we truly make a great impact.

Thank you, and I wish all of the fathers here many blessings this Father's Day.

Vivat Jesus!



SUPREME COUNCIL INFORMATION

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

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

BISHOP McNamara Chapter of Grand

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

ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL J. CURLEY ASSEMBLY No. 383

Assembly meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the Monsignor Keesler Parish Center at St. Mary of the Mills Parish in Laurel, Maryland.

MEMBERSHIP

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

The next Exemplification dates will be announced by the new Grand Knight.

Schedule for the exemplification:

Candidate report time: 6:30pm
Degree will begin at 7:30pm
Jacket and tie is suggested
Families are welcome to attend the Degree at 7:30pm

FAITH



St. Joseph:

Friday, May 2 - 7:00pm: 2025 Confirmation Sunday, May 4 - 2:00pm Blingo Fundraiser Saturday, May 17 - 11:00am: First Communion

St. James:

Holy Redeemer:

Holy Redeemer would like to welcome Rev. Michael Tietien as our new Pastor

May 9 - Sip and Support, 21+ fundraising event. 6:00-9:00pm. Registration is coming soon. Follow @HRS_HSA on Instagram for event and vendor details

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



- May 3 Kentucky Derby Event at Clubhouse
- May 4 Widows Luncheon
- May 6 Live Trivia
- May 12 Blood Drive 12:00-5:30pm
- May 25 Memorial Day Mass @ 9am Breakfast to follow

FAMILY ACTIVITIES



May 25 Memorial Day Mass @ 9am
Breakfast to follow and all day 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.

Please copy the link below to sign up for a pool membership.

https://www.kofc2809.org/pool-membership/





Ladies.

Still thinking about coming to a meeting? Why not come to our May meeting. We are having a luncheon to wrap up the season! It would give you an opportunity to experience what we have been doing

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this past year.

The May meeting will be held on Saturday, May 17 at 10:00am in the Clubhouse. We look forwarding to meeting each of you.

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

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 - Jay Konar Family of the month - The Holy Family (Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

June

Knight of the month - Walter Bohorfousch Jr.

Family of the month - The Konar Family

Woman behind the Man - Stacey Foley



Summer Raffle

\$10 per ticket

Drawing on July 4

Prizes include: Two Adirondack Chair, Fire Pit, Corn Hole Boards

See your Friendly Bartender, Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight to purchase tickets.

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

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 1 lbs Chicken Bologna Slices
 1 lb American Cheese 1.5 lbs French Froes

BLOCK PARTY GRILL BOX (\$24)

.85 lb Smoked Sausage 2 lbs Hamburger Patties, 2 lbs Hotdogs 2 lbs Boneless/Skinless Chicken Tenders

T-BONE STEAK SPECIAL (\$44)

6 (six) T-Bone Steaks - 10 ounces each

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

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There were 34 units collected in February!

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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Council Bulletin

Deadline is the 10th of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec. Lady Janet, jalessan@umd.edu

Change of Address

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Visit: http://www.kofc2809.org/ then click "Dues and Donations" and "Membership Dues".

Knight or Family of the Month

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

Knights Clubhouse Information

Tuesday-Saturday opens at 4:00pm; Closed Mondays
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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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27	28 2809 Council Business	29 Bread for our Brother	30 Seniors Meeting Bread for our Brother	MAY 1 SHARE Order Due	2	3
4 Widows Luncheon	5	6 Bread for our Brothers	7 Bread for our Brothers	8	9	10
11 MOTHER'S DAY	12 Blood Drive 2809 Officers Mtg	13 Taco Tuesday Bread for our Brothers Program Planning Mtg	14 Bread for our Brothers	15	16	17 Ladies Auxiliary SHARE Delivery
18	19 Building Corp Mtg	20 Bread for our Brothers	21 Bread for our Brothers	22	23 Camping in Grove	24 Camping in Grove
25 Camping in Grove	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27 Bread for our Brothers	28 Seniors Meeting Bread for our Brothers	29 Share Order Due	30	31
JUNE 1	2	3 Bread for our Brothers	4 Bread for our Brothers	5	6	7
8	9 2809 Officers Mtg	10 Taco Tuesday Knight Cap Due Program Planning Mtg Bread for our Brothers	11 Bread for our Brothers	12	13	14 FLAG DAY
15 FATHER'S DAY	16	17 Bread for our Brothers	18 Bread for our Brothers	19	20	21 SHARE Delivery
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