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**Chaplain
Father Paul Sparklin**

Between the depictions of fine art and the popular imagination of our society, the image that many have of heaven is a bit distorted, more like a fantasy dreamland than anything else. Many people imagine a place of constant indulgence, utter bliss, and the fulfillment of our every desire: an eternal "Make A Wish Foundation" story in which anything is possible.

As we continue our Advent journey toward Christmas and the promise of the true heavenly kingdom, the prophet Isaiah depicts quite a different image. He writes in chapter 2 a kingdom in which "*swords are turned into plowshares,*" where peace will reign. In the land of Israel will enter, but even those from among distant Psalms, the

writer tells us that the kingdom is the house of the Lord, a place of unity and love. The Gospel of Matthew affirms that not only the tribes nations and different ways of life.

Rather than a place of self-indulgence, the kingdom of heaven is a place of peace, humble unity in service, and radical inclusivity. It is not a place where we are kings and queens to live out our greatest fantasies, but rather a place where we serve, alongside one another, for the glory of God. This is what we await, this is what we strive for, and this is what we are called to build in our Church community today. What does heaven look like? It looks like the ideal Church we seek to be. Blessed Advent to all of you and a Merry Christmas!

Fr. Paul



**THANK YOU LORD FOR ALL YOUR
GRACES AND BLESSING**



Grand Knight's Report Bill Sapero

I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving. I now welcome you to what is commonly called the "Holiday" Season, also known as the Season of Giving. During this time of year, we should remember that our Savior was born with humble beginnings; he was brought into this world to save the souls of all mankind. It is this time that we ask everyone to contribute to the Knights of Columbus Charity fund. This fund helps those who have difficulty making ends meet during this current tough economy. This is a fund that helps all, not just the Knights of Columbus. It is a great way to show Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. This Charity would not be a success without the unity of all our members helping their fellow man to better the country in which we live.

During this Holiday Season as we go about our busy schedules, please keep in your prayers our departed brothers whom we have honored with two Memorial Masses at the hall this past November. Also, keep our departed Brothers families in your prayers. The will have tough times not having their loved ones with them this holiday season.

Just a reminder that December 15 from 9 AM - 12 PM is the Children's Christmas Party and Breakfast with Santa. The children are asked to come in their best Christmas pajamas. They can also come in whatever pajamas they want if you don't have or don't want to wear Christmas pajamas. There will be a prize for the best Christmas pajamas. Please RSVP to Sharon Paternoster at samptrnstr@verizon.net or at 240-223-7067.

Also, on December 15 from 5-8 PM is the Council Christmas party. The Council will be providing the food, but we ask everyone to bring their favorite Christmas dessert to share. The bar will be available at the usual Council prices. The cost of the dinner is NOTHING, zip, zero zilch. In order to have a good food supply please RSVP to me at bsapero1@verizon.net.

My heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with all events this past month. We are truly blessed as a Council with such great people. Let's all pray that we can continue to have such caring people involved in Sacred Heart Council 2577.

On behalf of Council Officers and myself, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and have a Happy and a Healthy New Year.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report Matt Warehime

I wanted to take this time to remind everyone that it is the holiday season. Which if you would ask most children it means time to get presents. I would like to ask that we all take the time to sit down with our children and grandchildren to explain the true meaning of Christmas and how it is to celebrate Jesus and his life as well as the sacrifices that he made for all of us. This is a time for family and friends to enjoy each other's company and celebrate the holidays and in coming New Year. Also remember our brother knights who are not able to get out and see any family or friends please stop by and visit with them let them know that we are there for them as brother knights.

And to quote Theodore Roosevelt: The only man who never makes mistakes is the man who never does anything.

Sick or Recovering Brothers

Wally Hobart, HLM
Roger Jamison
Bruno "Rocky" Seppi
Bill Sheehan, HLM, PGK
Frank Rose, HLM
Frank Evans, PFN
Robert Simpson

Sick or Recovering Relatives

Martha Seppi, Wife of Bruno Seppi, HLM and
Mother of Bruno "Rocky" Seppi
Lorraine Sotack, Wife of Steve Sotack
Marlene Rocca, Wife of Al Rocca, HLM
Kitty Vaughan, Widow of Dudley Vaughan

We ask that these Brothers and Relatives be kept in your prayers.

If you know of a Brother Knight or his family who is sick or recently deceased,

Please e-mail [Webmaster kofc 2577](mailto:webmaster@kofc2577.com) so that we may include them in our prayers.

Also, we need your help managing the sick and recovering list.

So when someone has recovered or you wish to remove his or her name, please give George Vincent a call at (301) 249-6399 or e-mail [webmaster@ kofc 2577](mailto:webmaster@kofc2577.com)

**Pro-Life (Culture of Life)
Committee Chairman
Rob Van Rite, PGK, FN**

I like good news; especially, since the fabric of society is evolving in a way not much to my liking. The scriptures say that the truth will “. . . set you free!” Nowadays, the “truth” is the same as “. . . not being caught in a lie!” Popular culture is a mess; but, to really make that determination you have to have been around for a while and thus have some basis to make a comparison. Not having the benefit of PGK Luther Holley’s experiences dating to the turn of the century, I am left to my own devices to take stock of our situation. While this next comment might be construed as political, its context is solidly entrenched in a reinvigorated Culture of Life blossoming in our beloved country. The recent presidential election results can be interpreted in many ways, but they cannot ever be viewed as a win for those championing abortion rights and the type of family planning espoused by Planned Parenthood practitioners. Quoting Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, “. . . the annual number of abortions in the United States is shocking, but pro-life efforts are increasingly effective as abortions have dropped from 1.6 to 1.1 million.” A recent Marist/Knights of Columbus poll found that 45% of those who self-identify as pro-choice (62% overall), oppose taxpayer funding of abortion. New pro-life pregnancy care centers keep opening and a record number of abortion clinics have shut down. Be on the lookout next month for John Carroll University students coming to Maryland to participate in the Annual March for Life. More later.

**District Deputy Report
George T. Riddle, PGK, DD**

In this season of giving, let’s all try to remember to give THANKS to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the abundance of what we have. Let’s also try and remember the less fortunate of us who have little and give where we can. If traveling this Christmas season let’s all PLEASE take it easy and stay safe.

From My family to yours, May the GOOD LORD take you in HIS hands and bless you!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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And
Upcoming Events
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Since its addition to the Order’s product portfolio in 2000, long-term care insurance has provided the Order with an excellent opportunity to further serve Knights and their families. And every Knights of Columbus long-term care policy comes with an added value. That added value is in the form of a service called “Provider Pathway,” a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network covers: home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.

Bingo Report

Committee Chairman

Joe Massimini, PGK, PFN, FDD

Bingo is moving along and picking up steam. For those of you who missed the November Business Meeting Bingo brought in over \$6,500 in October. We are doing this because the Bingo experience on Tuesday evening is improving. The kitchen is improving. We finish Bingo earlier before 11 every evening, and before 10:30 sometimes. We are giving away more money due to selling sign-ups. We are providing a friendlier environment.

We can still use your help. The money raised during Bingo goes to the charities supported by the Grand Knight and Sacred Heart Council. We have made great contributions to Gabriel Project, the Knights of Columbus State Charity Fund, Coats for Kids, and many other worthy projects. We can do more, but it will take more people helping.

We have the same 6 people selling signups from 6 PM until 9 PM. This helps provide a stable base for the money given to the Council each week. However, a few of these guys could use a week off. If you would like to help with this part of Bingo, show up between 6 and 6:30 and we will train you in what to do to sell sign-ups. You do not need to sell anything. The games sell themselves. You just need to be able to walk around the floor and count to 20.

We need people who can work on the floor from 7 PM until 11 PM. The job involves helping to keep the Hall clean: Picking up used Bingo papers for recycling. Collecting money from people who want to buy something you have in your hands. Calling back winning games to the caller (this involves reading a 5 digit number). We can make this even simpler. Say you cannot make it until 8. We can use you then too. Show up at 8 PM, we will keep you busy doing something to earn money and help the Council.

The last job we need people for is working in the kitchen. This job starts between 5 and 6. You can help take orders, help cook, help clean, or even run food out to the players. All of the jobs are easy to do. They come with training. With the kitchen you are usually at home in bed by 10 PM.

If you would like to help out at Bingo, the schedule for December is as follows:

December 4: Team 4, Bruno Seppi

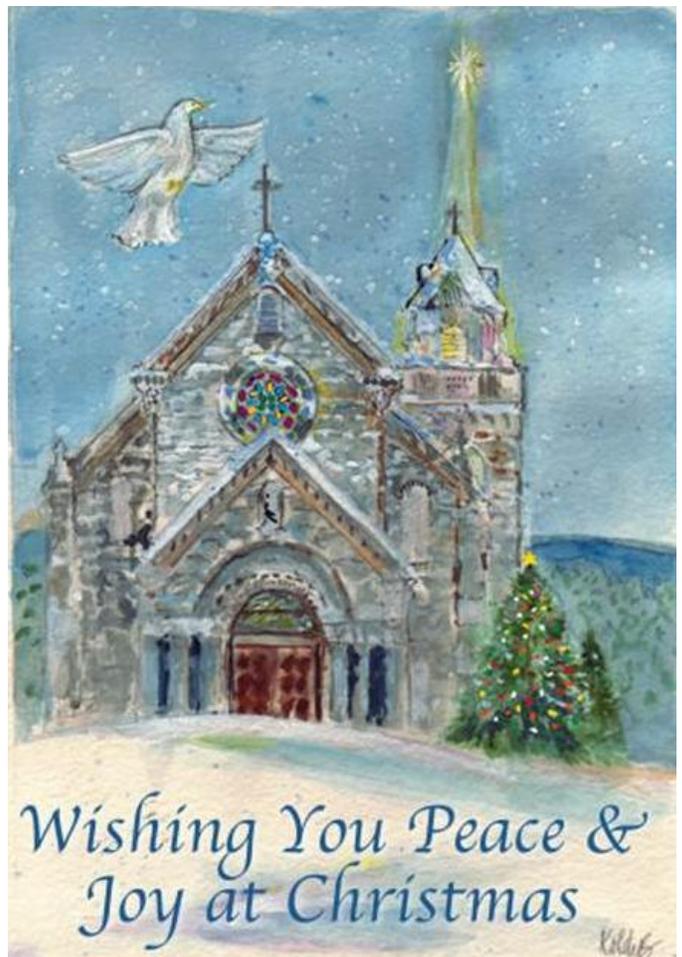
December 11: Team 5, Kevin Carroll

December 18: Team 1, Bill Cartney

December 25: Team 2, Jack O'Malley, Cancelled due to Christmas Holiday

January 1: Team 3, Mike Mitchell, Cancelled due to New Year's Holiday

If you want to help, just show up on a Tuesday evening. Or if you would rather contact someone, you can reach me at 240-997-0402 or joemassi@comcast.net





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Looking back on it, all the time and effort to stage the Patriotic Breakfast was worth it. With almost 100 people in attendance a right and proper tribute was pulled off without a hitch. There were many highlights of the program; but, the absolute show stopper was the presentation of the keynote speaker, Brigadier General (Ret.) David N. Blackledge on the Veteran Services Program at Mellwood. On hand to hear it was state senator Sir Knight Doug Peters, Representative Geraldine Valentino-Smith, HLM G. Fred Robinson (emcee), representatives of all the veterans service organizations (AL, VFW, DAV, MCL), and distinguished visitors from the Hospice of the Chesapeake. Another program highlight was the Honor Salute provided by the Midshipmen of Class 2022 who were joined by the Active Duty recruiters from the 317th USAF Recruiting Squadron in Laurel, MD. Before closing the program, the winner of the \$1,000 raffle was drawn and announced to be PFN Claudio Poiani. After the closing prayer by Faithful Friar Father Paul Sparklin, Mr. Rick Pasciuto played TAPS. All in all, the Patriotic Breakfast was a fitting tribute to veterans past and present.

Vivat Jesus!



**Please Pray for Those
Serving US Today**

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