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**Chaplain
Father Paul Sparklin**

In early 2018, 37,000 teachers went out on strike in West Virginia, no longer tolerating the injustices of inadequate school funding by a state government that put tax breaks for extractive industries before children.

For many families, the nine-day strike had consequences more desperate than just no school: it meant that their children would go hungry. For too many children in America — and not just in Appalachia — the only real meal they have each day is in the school cafeteria.

A small Methodist church in West Milford, West Virginia, put into operation a meals program to feed such at-risk children. Parishioners gave their time, money, and energy to make nutritious meals in the basement kitchen for some 1,100 people: kids, parents, and the teachers picketing long hours across the street. The church became not just a place of sustenance but a table of support and consolation where this community's problems and possibilities were on full display for nine hectic days.

Writing in *The Christian Century* [June 6, 2018], Debra Dean Murphy of West Virginia Wesleyan University describes the scene:

“I was struck by how ‘eucharistic’ it all was. In the sanctuary above that basement, worshipers gather regularly to share in a ritual meal that can seem . . . unrelated to other meals and other kinds of eating. But

the simple gifts we take into our bodies at Christ’s table are sustenance for living eucharistically in the world: for practicing the kind of hospitality Jesus practiced when he fed hungry followers and ate with all the wrong people. Our own bodies are meant to nourish other bodies — not to judge them or try to fix them but to love them, and to see that their flourishing (and our own) depends on exposing and redressing systemic inequalities of all kinds. In this way, the Eucharist is always justice in the midst of injustice, reconciliation in the midst of estrangement, communal conviviality in the midst of private pain and loneliness.”

In the Gospel reading for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (June 23), Jesus creates, through bread (and fish) blessed, broken and shared, a crowd into a community. That same Spirit of generosity and humility works a similar “eucharistic” miracle in a West Virginia church basement. We come here with our struggles and doubts and pains and sorrows and, if the Eucharist is what Jesus intended, we find support and compassion from those who come to the tables with us. The Eucharist compels us to become Eucharist for others: to make the limitless, complete love of Christ real for all in our own acts of charity and kindness.

In Christ, Fr Paul



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



Grand Knight's Report Bill Sapero

The Fraternal Year has come to an end and my service as the Grand Knight of Sacred Heart Council 2577 has also come to an end. It has truly been a great honor serving as Grand Knight. I have met many new friends and enhanced old friendships. I cannot express in words the value this experience has brought to me.

I congratulate the newly elected officers of the Council. I ask that all members give full support to these Officers as we move into the next Fraternal Year. With the new leadership of Grand Knight under Matt Warehime, our Council will have a strong team of Brother Knights leading the way. Let's everyone do their part to bring in new members and new families to enjoy what the Knights of Columbus offers.

On a final note, this is my last article as the Grand Knight of Sacred Heart Council #2577. It has been my great pleasure, privilege and honor to have served you during this 2018-2019 Fraternal year. It is my fervent wish that we as a Council will continue to increase our ranks with good Catholic men, seeking to be better men, and who will seek to love and serve Our Lord. Peace and Blessings to you and your families



Deputy Grand Knight's Report Matt Warehime

My brothers all, I wanted to take some time and reflect on Father's Day and what it means to be a father. I have had numerous conversations over the years with other Catholic dads about the challenges of raising kids in today's world. The discussions usually center on the bad cultural influences affecting our children, our hectic schedules and our well-intentioned desire to be better fathers. We mean well, but how do we move from conversation to action? The stakes are high, and this generation of children desperately needs fathers to step up to their responsibilities.

I was blessed to grow up with great parents. We had everything we needed and my parents made sure my sister and I had love, discipline, faith, strong values and a solid work ethic. My mother played a vital role in our family, as all mothers do, but I find as I grow older that I am most like my father. I pass on to my own children many of the lessons he taught me. My father passed away in August of 2017 and I still look to him for wisdom and advice through prayer. Sometimes I get an answer and sometimes I guess he wants me to figure it out on my own.

After recently reflecting on my conversations with other dads, I thought of some things that I am working on which I learned from my father and my own experiences as a parent. Just coming up with these things was challenging for me, as I became acutely aware of where I fall short. Yet it has also inspired me, and I try to reflect on these things each day.

First we have to surrender on an ongoing

basis to Christ for his will to be done in our lives. Guys, we are not in charge ... as much as we want to be! Our children will be much more likely to pray if we do. Also, imagine the powerful influence we can have on our children if they see us on our knees in prayer each night at family prayer time. For those of us blessed to be married and have children, we must recognize that helping our families get to heaven and being good husbands and fathers—not our business careers—is our real vocation. Ask yourself: “Is my work serving my family? Or is my family serving my work?” Our children need our time. Put down the smartphone; turn off the TV; cancel the golf outing. Let’s spend more time with our kids! Husbands, we must love and cherish our wives, plain and simple. Our children will learn to love others by how they see Mom and Dad love each other. We need to say, “I love you” to our wives and our children as often as possible. Let’s show our wives respect and cherish the critical role they play in our families.

Today’s kids face significant challenges and strong fathers, without a doubt, are part of the solution. So this Father’s Day sit down and think about what you could do to be a better catholic, husband and father to your wife and children. Now I realize that many of you have grown children however we can always strive to do better and be there for our kids no matter how old they are. One thing I never did and always regret is never telling my father that I loved him when he was alive. So my challenge to you all is to take time and be a better father and if you are a son tell you dad that you love him because he won’t be around forever. Tempest Fugit Memento Mori.

And to quote - Jim Valvano

“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.”



District Deputy Report George T. Riddle, PGK, DD

As we near the end of our Fraternal year, we are also planning to start our new one. I want to thank all the officers who stepped up this year. With the hard times our Church has faced and continues to face, we as Knights did not waver, we stood by ready to help anywhere and everywhere we could. This mission must continue, our Church and this world need us to help guide the way toward good, to show that good will triumph over evil.

To the outgoing officers, although you put your time and effort in this year, you are still needed to help guide our new officers. Tell of your accomplishments, and your failures, and how we can learn from them.

We also must continue to speak to the families about the Knights. They need to know that we are a family organization and we them all involved in the fun.

Again, THANK YOU ALL for the wonderful work you have done this year!
Vivat Jesus



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

. It is a program based on charity that is t
The Live Activities Program for the Council doesn't often make it into the spotlight he lifeboat for mothers in crisis; it is the strength of those marginalized members to keep going; it is sum and substance of the will of God. However, the Life Activities Program was very much on display during the State Convention in Ocean City. Alone among the Faith in Action categories completed by Council #2577, was the Live Activities Program's Number 1 ranking in the Maryland State Jurisdiction. GK Bill Sapero was called forward by State Deputy Dale Trott to receive a plaque for having the best Life Activities Program in Division A. Also last month, the Council showed its strong support of the Gabriel Network by participating in the Gabriel Network Gala. The Knights in attendance were a key element in helping achieve the 'Networks' funding goal. Over \$120,000 was raised in one night to support the many Gabriel Network initiatives. Another major fund raiser for the Gabriel Network is the Dave Grabowski (PGK) Memorial Golf Tournament. This year's event will be on 21 June 2019 @ the Bowie Country Club. Foursomes are being formed now and hole sponsorships are available. Information is available on the Gabriel Network website and from Steve Dobrosielski @ (301) 262-6860 or dobiecobra@aol.com. It has been an honor for me and my wife Amy to serve as the Council's Pro-Life Couple. We intend to give every ounce of support within our means to further the term of incoming Grand Knight Matt Warehime by continuing in our Pro-Life capacity. See You on the Links!! Vivat Jesus!

**Calendar of Sacred Heart Council Activities
And
Upcoming Events
www.kofc2577.org**

**Mass Times for Local Catholic Churches in
Sacred Heart Council
www.kofc2577.org/masses.htm**

Sick or Recovering Brothers

Roger Jamison
Bruno "Rocky" Seppi
Bill Sheehan, HLM, PGK
George Vincent

Sick or Recovering Relatives

Joyce Edgington, Wife of Dennis Edgington
Regina Smigielski, Widow of Frank Smigielski
Mary McEligott, Wife of Ron McEligott, PGK
Sean Mihaly, Son of Steve Mihaly, HLM
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)
so that we may include them in our prayers.**

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The lilting lyrics of an old Moody Blues song from the Knights in White Satin album were very much on my mind in the preceding months: *...Breathe deep the gathering gloom; Watch lights fade from every room; No time to sit back and lament, another year is nearly spent.* Coming out of my reverie, I wondered would there be another year? It seems that St. John Neumann was not so eager for his Assembly to fade into oblivion. The Sir Knights of the Assembly became his agents of change and rose up to fill the leadership voids that could have spelled an ignominious end to a once great Assembly. It is with relief and joy that I pass the Navigator's mantle to a Sir Knight—who I am sure will uphold the Assembly's traditions—and guide it through the turbulent waters of change. In retrospect, the Assembly touched many lives this fraternal year: holding vigil for fallen Knights; honoring citizens from the many communities we serve; and using the Color Corps to provide the pomp & circumstance for which it is well known and admired. It is with no small measure of gratitude that the Faithful Navigator bids all Sir Knights the very best fortune in the forthcoming Fraternal Year. **Please make every attempt to attend the June Assembly meeting on June 20th as this will feature our Pot Luck extravaganza. Wives & families are most welcome to attend in casual dress.**

Vivat Jesus



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 Air Force War College, AL
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 Grandchild of Bruno & Martha Seppi
 Stationed in Mediterranean
- PVT Ike Anaele, US Army**
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"The Nation Which Forgets Its Defenders Will Be Itself Forgotten." - Calvin Coolidge



Bingo

Joe Massimini,

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The Fraternal Year is drawing to a close. We are having one of the best years we have had in recent history, providing the Council with funds for Charitable donations.

With start of next year Bingo is being counted on to provide income to support the Charitable causes of the Council. So we ask, is now the time when you will come to Bingo and help. We can use callers, floor men, sign up sellers, team chairs, and kitchen help. Without your help we will not be able to continue supporting the Council. Now is the time to come out and support Bingo in order to help Sacred Heart Council, your Council.

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

May 28: Team 4, Bruno Seppi

June 4: Team 5, Kevin Carroll

June 11: Team 1, Bill Cartney

June 18: Team 2, Jack O'Malley

June 25: Team 3, Mike Mitchell

July 2: Team 4, Bruno Seppi

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.

Fraternal Benefits Report

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.



Michael McGivney

PRAYER FOR CANONIZATION

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Micael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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