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**Chaplain
Father Paul Sparklin**

It may be a relationship that has broken down, strained by some disagreement or long-forgotten squabble. You'd like to repair the breach and restore the friendship.

Or you've been feeling empty inside. You're working harder and longer than ever, but you wonder what it's amounting to. You'd like to do something new and different that stretches your soul. Or you've had enough of the junk piling up in your attic and garage. You tend to buy the latest and biggest and best, and you barely get out of the box before something newer and greater and better comes along. All this stuff is overtaking your home — and your life.

It's time for transformation.

And that's what this season of Lent invites us to take on: transformation.

The ashes we take on Ash Wednesday (March 6) remind us of the difference between the desirable and the enduring, the

difference between pursuing a lifestyle and living a life, the difference between resenting what we don't have and being grateful for what we do have. Transformation in Christ is freedom from what holds us back, freedom to be in active, loving relationships with God and others. And these ashes are a sign of that transformation we desire — and now resolve to make happen.

So let the next six weeks be a time of such Christ-like transformation. As you receive ashes, resolve to make this a season for transformation: for repairing a broken relationship, for thoughtfully giving of your time and resources to those things in which you find meaning and fulfillment, for putting aside the artifices and excesses, for moving beyond self-centeredness and cynicism, to live a life of Easter hope and fulfillment.

Come Easter this year, may you experience a sense of new-ness and wholeness at the empty tomb of the Risen One.

A good Lent to all of you,



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



Grand Knight's Report Bill Sapero

In the opening lines of *Evangelii Gaudium* (The joy of the Gospel), His Holiness Pope Francis invites “Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.” Our new Faith in Action program extends that same invitation to Knights of Columbus members and their families. It is a renewed personal invitation to live out the calling of their faith. The call to service of their neighbor, and to answer the age-old question, “Am I my brother’s Keeper.” (Gn-4:9)

In today’s world a man’s work can follow him home through his smartphone. At the same time, he is picking up a larger share of household responsibilities and striving to meet more intense demands of fatherhood as the pace of kid’s activities has accelerated. Despite this, many men are drawn to opportunities to be hands-on and to express their faith by working alongside peers in service to others. They want to spend precious free time involved with their families while also building bonds of friendship and fraternity that will last for a lifetime.

As Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, “if we can’t meet young Catholic men where they are, they will go somewhere else.” In this day and era, it is too easy to go somewhere else when we need them to be home. Home in the Catholic Church, home in their parishes and home with their families.” As leaders and brother Knights who care about the long-term sustainability

of the Order, we are excited about men’s desire to serve and the opportunity to consistently adapt to meet the demand of a changing world and the needs of future members. We know that the chance to roll up our sleeves and demonstrate our faith through service is as powerful as it is rewarding. The calling is a fundamental part of the Order’s history and genesis for our new program model, Faith in Action. This mission-driven platform is an excellent way to express our service program, as it speaks to our own efforts and to the interests of prospective Knights.

The Faith in Action model is a realization of the changing needs of men in the twenty-first century. It seeks to balance all of our key priorities with theirs – Faith, Family, Community and Life – and present them in a way that is clear to our leaders, members and prospective Knights. The simplicity of Faith in Action is that it fully integrates Building the Domestic Church programs as a foundational part of the model, limits the number of required programs to earn the Columbian Award and, most importantly, allows councils to concentrate on implementing quality faith-filled family programs. Our goal is for men to lead their family in service – not leave their family for service. The focus of this program is quality, not quantity.

For more information on the Faith in Action program, please feel to contact me or any of the officers. Better still, attend a meeting and you can see for yourself. Peace and Blessings.





Deputy Grand Knight's Report Matt Warehime

Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Catholic liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. Its institutional purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week, marking the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the tradition and events of the New Testament beginning on Palm Sunday, further climaxing on Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday, which ultimately culminates in the joyful celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. I ask that all brothers take some time to reflect in the meaning of lent. Remember that Jesus died on the cross to ensure that all of us are able to ascend to heaven. Take some time to forgive fellow brothers for any sins that they may have committed against any of you like god did when Jesus died for our sins all that time ago. Let's work together to make our council the best in the state. I love and respect every brother who is a member of the council as for without them and their help no matter how little we would not be able to accomplish our mission.

And to Quote Pope Francis: We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, and spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.

Sick or Recovering Brothers

David Snellings
Wally Hobart, HLM
Roger Jamison
Bruno "Rocky" Seppi
Bill Sheehan, HLM, PGK
Robert Simpson

Sick or Recovering Relatives

Joyce Edgington, Wife of Dennis Edgington
Karen Tallmadge, Wife of Don Tallmadge, HLM
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
Valerie Sedwick, Daughter of Bruno Seppi, HLM
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.

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)

Calendar of Sacred Heart

Council Activities

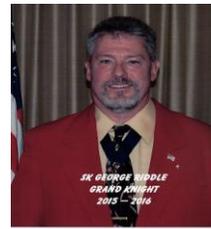
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Upcoming Events

www.kofc2577.org

Mass Times for Local Catholic Churches in Sacred Heart Council

www.kofc2577.org/masses.htm



**Bingo Report
Committee Chairman
Joe Massimini, PGK, PFN, FDD
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We need two more callers to have one for each team. All you need is a good voice and patience.

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

March 5: Team 2, Jack O'Malley We start Lent in March. One of the things we are called to be is charitable. Bingo raises money for charities in Bowie and Crofton, allowing the Council to distribute the money as it sees fit to great organizations like the Gabriel Network, Saint Pius X Regional School, and all the Churches which provide us with wonderful members. If you want to help raise money to help these organizations, it is very easy. All you have to do is show up at Bingo on Tuesday evening at 6 or 7 PM. We can always use help, and new faces are always welcome.

We have a special need for callers. If you have a good voice and are good at organizing on the fly, you may have what it takes to be a caller. We hold training every Tuesday evening. We have 3 callers and a substitute caller now.

- March 12: Team 3, Mike Mitchell
- March 19: Team 4, Bruno Seppi
- March 26: Team 5, Kevin Carroll
- February 26: Team 1, Bill Cartney
- April 2: Team 2, Jack O'Malley

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.

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

First, I want to THANK all the Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries in the District for getting the Form 1728 and the Semi Annual reports in. As a District, we got the all completed and sent in before the deadline. These are very important to both the State and Supreme and take a lot of effort behind the scenes to get these done. As I stated at a few meetings, as members when you hear about reports that are being done, take some interest and ask an officer of the Council what it is and what it is for.

Speaking of reports, we have our final round of Council Activity reports due to me on or before March 5. We really did well getting them in last round let's do it again.

State events coming up are the State Basketball Free Throw Competition at Archbishop Spaulding, on March 2. 4th Degree Exemplification at the Princess Royale in Ocean City on March 9. State Council "Spring Meeting" in Kent Island on March 15-17. Finally the Founders Day Mass and Reception at Mount Calvary Church in District Heights on March 31.

Any questions or concerns PLEASE call or email me. Vivat Jesus

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

A special light has gone from the world. I am speaking about the Brother Knight—who for decades—manned the post of Bingo Chairman for Council #2577. There are only a few Knights who have walked in his shoes and thus can truly appreciate the magnitude of his service and charity. Speaking as one who could but look in from the outside, I saw Steve Mihaly as a master of multitasking (don't think he called it that); a visionary continually on the lookout for ways to enhance the Bingo experience for patrons; and a man of compassion who did all in his power to promote the game for the betterment of the Council and the many charitable endeavors for which it was responsible. Even though beset with many ailments, his pace was slowed; but, continued inexorably forward. As of his wake on 6 February 2019, I hadn't seen Steve in about three years. The many photos that flashed family events showed a younger Steve Mihaly. . . a man to whom I could hardly relate. That event, attended by many Knights and friends, though poignant and moving, was eclipsed by his burial at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery the next day. Arriving at the enclave housing the casket, the somber mood of those gathered, was offset by the bright sunlight and gentle breezes. A US Army bugler sounded Taps; the flag over the coffin was studiously folded by two US Army soldiers; and the words, "On behalf of the President of the United States, please accept this flag along with the thanks of a grateful nation Not the end; the beginning. Thanks be to God!

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Worthy Sir Knights, there are a few updates I would like to acquaint you with. The Color Corps has continued its admirable record of service in 2019 by honoring "Father Henry" a close friend of Pope John Paul II and longtime pastor of Ascension Church. The Renewal of Obligations ceremony conducted by the Worthy Master of the Fourth Degree Micheal Thumm and assisted by District Marshal Bob Sistare went off flawlessly. Attendance this year was about 900 % better than last year. It is the Faithful Navigator's surmise that the offer of a catered Mission BBQ feast may have had something to do with it. The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be on 6 April 2019. Plan now on recruiting new members. The Assembly meeting this month is on 21 March 2019.

Vivat Jesus!

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