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**Chaplain
Father Paul Sparklin**

We are still basking in the joy of Easter as Luke reminds us of David's promise, and the Lord's promise, that someone (Jesus) would be raised and "*exalted at the right hand of God.*" Glory. And we are equally reminded By the Psalmist that "*you will show me the path to life.*"

While Easter is behind us we need to remember that that hope lasts all year long. When I imagine the Apostle's confusion in the upper room at the institution of the Lord's Supper I compare it to the confusing times we are living in. As the apostles couldn't believe what was getting ready to happen, I can't believe the daily changes going on in our society, government, financial institutions and more. What about the disbelief the next day during Good Friday. The Lord had just

said (what he had been saying for some time) that he was to be crucified, and there it was actually happening right in front of them. I am in disbelief with the way people behave in public, questionable ethics and morality permeate our society and government, and am speechless to actually watch it happen.

But hope abounds. The joy of Easter Sunday still is with us. The disciples, while frantic for answers came to know that Christ had indeed risen from the dead (He is Risen, Indeed). My hope lives with the Easter story all year round.



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



Grand Knight's Report Bill Sapero

This month you have an opportunity to exercise on one of your privileges as a member of Council #2577. If you are a member in good standing, you can run for one of the Council Offices. Our Council will be accepting nominations on Thursday May 9th. If you would like to run for a Council office, please attend the next business meeting and place your name in the hat. You can also contact the nominating committee. The chair of the Nomination Committee is Paul Mullenhoff and he can be reached via email at pmullenhoff@verizon.net. Final nominations and elections of officers will be held at our Council's Social meeting on Thursday May 23rd.

If being an officer doesn't interest you, we are always looking for more Brothers to be more active in the Council. Every contribution, whether it be physical or financial, small or large, working an event or even attending an event, your participation will be greatly appreciated. We currently have a desperate need for volunteers in our Bingo Program. If you can work either as a team member, or as a substitute filling in for a member, please call Joe Massimini at 240-997-0402. All teams have a need for volunteers.

As a Council we should be encouraged to take an active role in supporting our parishes, our pastors and our entire Council Activities programs. With your help and God's grace we can do just that. It is my hope, that from these times that we share together as Brothers and families, we will be truly refreshed and strengthened in Spirit, and with the love of Christ urging us on.



Deputy Grand Knight's Report Matt Warehime

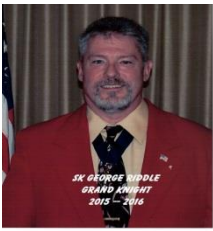
Memorial Day is much more than just a three-day weekend and a chance to get the year's first sunburn.

Memorial Day or Decoration Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering and honoring persons who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day, particularly to honor those who died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

I ask that you all say a few prayers for our brother knights who died in the service of our country as well as all service men who gave their lives for the freedoms that we have today. For if it was not for them stepping up to fight for what they believed in we may have been living in a very different version of the United States than we know today.

And to quote President Harry S. Truman - Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.





District Deputy Report George T. Riddle, PGK, DD

I would like to say THANK YOU to all the Knights in the District. In a Fraternal year where we have seen our Church rocked by scandal, our Knights have stood tall. We are braving the storm and we remain, as St. John Paul II has called us, "the strong right arm of the Church". We have continued to do the work of our Founder the Venerable Michael J. McGivney started with our principals of Charity, Faith, Unity, and Patriotism. Worthy Brothers I urge you in this Lenten season to seek out those who may doubt, those who may need their faith restored and ask them to join us. Challenge them to let us show them that the Catholic Church and its people are good. Happy Easter, HE is Risen! Vivat Jesus

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

Abraham Lincoln said, "All I am . . . all I ever hope to be. . . I owe to my mother." Certainly, that sentiment while ostensibly paying homage to achievement is more rightly suitable praise of motherhood and the gift of life provided thereby. While mothers are accorded one special day, a mother's service is every day! So, it behooves us to observe that one special day, in the absolute best way we can.

The Maryland State Council recognizes motherhood through the Marigold Program and encourages councils to honor Mary, our Mother and all mothers everywhere. The original program involved the distribution of marigold flowers without charge on or around Mothers' Day with the message: "Happy Mothers' Day from the Knights of Columbus Thank you for Choosing LIFE."

Since its inception, the program has evolved. Initially, marigolds were distributed to mothers after Mass on Mother's Day. Today, councils are distributing carnations in addition to the original

marigolds in places like retirement communities, in maternity wards, at Mother's Day brunches and through parish schools. The constant in the message is that the Knights of Columbus respects LIFE. 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

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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.org)
so that we may include them in our prayers.**

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Fourth Degree News St. John Neumann Assembly #1763 Rob Van Rite, FN, PGK JTCoulton@gmail.com

Worthy Sir Knights, having a full slate of nominees to choose from for election to Assembly leadership positions for the next fraternal year, is a welcome turn of events and hints at a prosperous beginning for the Assembly. Regrettably, as an Assembly, we did not meet our recruiting target for new members. This was primarily due to the Faithful Admiral being laid up and having his walker in the shop for an extended period. However, with a new fraternal year, springs new hope and the promise of fulfillment. The Faithful Navigator (FN) has been immensely proud of the achievements of the Color Corps (CC), with them having left their mark of distinction over events stretching from the Archdiocese, to the Military Ordinate, to Ocean City. The FN is yet to make the jump to the new uniform and while the CC has followed suit, it remains to be seen whether any participation in any of the above events will be possible the next fraternal year. While many challenges remain, the FN is hopeful that the new slate of officers chosen this month, will rise up with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. While attendance at meetings has measurably improved it is a guilt-edged priority that the May meeting, on the 16th be well attended so that all Sir Knight's exercise their option to choose next year's Assembly leaders. Vivat Jesus!



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Stationed in Spokane, Washington

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Son of Jerry Scheidhauer

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