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Chaplain Father Paul Sparklin

We have all been there. Sitting in church on a weekday at 10:00 a.m. waiting for the funeral of a long time parishioner who died suddenly from a heart attack, or mother taken by cancer who left a husband to care for three small children, or a young relative so full of promise, who died in a tragic accident. Why? How can this be? Everyone in the church aches for the family's loss and we all know deep in our hearts that this death will be felt by them for a long, long time. In the back of the church the casket is shrouded and in pairs of two the family and close friends dutifully follow it to the front of the alter and take their places in the pews. Your heart is breaking and there seems to be nothing you can do. It is time for the Liturgy of the Word and a close relative of the deceased slowly climbs to the lectern, leans into the microphone and says, "A reading from the Book of Wisdom". And then the most comforting words in the Bible for the family

and all who are gathered for a Funeral Mass are spoken:

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead:

and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace........

With the reading of this brief passage from the Book of Wisdom and the wonderful assurances it provides, a service that started out mournful, foreboding and filled with "utter destruction" can now truly become a celebration of a life for one who is now at peace; "In the hands of God where no torment can touch them". No more pain, no more suffering, no more anguish.

As we remember those who have gone before us on All Souls Day and during the month of November, be it family, friends, or fellow Knights and Ladies, take great comfort in knowing that the Hands of God are all enveloping and that no torment will ever touch the souls of the just. They are in peace.



THANK YOU LORD FOR ALL YOUR GRACES AND BLESSING



**Grand Knight's Report Bill Sapero** 

Here we are already into the fall season. Thanksgiving is right around the corner and we have a lot to be thankful for.

October was a pretty busy month for the hall. First there was the Columbus Ball, if you were unable to attend you missed a grand affair. I was hoping to drive home in a new Mustang, but, it was not to be. We also had our First Friday Mass. Thanks to all who attended. We had almost double of our usual crowd. Following the mass, we had a fantastic meal of fried fish prepared by FN Rob Van Rite. Thanks to Rob it was a very delicious meal. We then had "Football at the hall". Although it was a small crowd we had a great time enjoying each other's company and watching the games.

Next, we had the "Family Knight Out" also known as October Fest. DGK Matt Warehime and his crew Chris Keplinger and Naceim Yousif gave us a great meal of sausage, purple cabbage, and potato pancakes. Our thanks to them for a wonderful feast.

As you know, October is the month of the Rosary. After our Social meeting we had our "Living Rosary" that was also well attended. Thank you to Luther Holley for taking the lead on this and for gathering the notes, pictures, and mementos of the loved ones we prayed for. This well attended function was followed by a delicious meal and more time to spend with friends.

Lastly, we had our Children's Halloween party. A big thank you to Sharon Paternoster and past GK, past DD, Romeo Paternoster for putting on this wonderful event. We had 42 children plus their parents for this very fun time. Thanks also go out to Sandy Barnes, Meghan & Aaron Paternoster, Sydney Montagne, DGK Matt Warehime, Cherie & Katie Warehime, Jerome Lee and his 3 children, Barbara, Mark & Jim Thieman, Chris Mazor, Emma Puleo, and lastly Rob and Stephen Van Rite who did the cooking.

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.

### Offered by Brother Knight Bill Schaffer

**DID YOU KNOW?** As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the US. Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing the one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view.... It is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!

**DID YOU KNOW?** As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on the lower portion of each door.

**DID YOU KNOW?** As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court Judges sit, is a display of The Ten Commandments.

**DID YOU KNOW?** There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the federal buildings and monuments in Washington, D.C.

DID YOU KNOW? James Madison, the fourth president, known as 'The Father Of Our Constitution' made the following statement: 'We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.'

**DID YOU KNOW?** Every session of congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

### **Sick or Recovering Brothers**

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

### **Sick or Recovering Relatives**

Barry Hobart, Son of Wally Hobart, 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 Vaughn

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 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 <a href="webmaster@kofc2577">webmaster@kofc2577</a>

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

Let's face it. This is not a perfect world. After sin entered what was a perfect world, it has donned disguise after disguise masquerading as "this good" and "that good" sought after by many. Otherwise, what's to explain an estimated 40-50 million abortions that take place every year throughout the world. If that is hard to get your head around then let's get literal. This means approximately 125,000 babies are killed per day. For a vulnerable woman with little resources and lacking any kind of support network, the decision to abort is shrouded by indecision, confusion, panic, and pressure from any number of directions. Visualizing the destruction of an embryo no larger than the period at the end of this sentence is a hell of a lot easier that coming to terms with a fetus that will never come to term. Hold that thought. For anyone who has seen the Lord of the Rings trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien (one of the great Catholic authors of his time) Théoden of Rohan is confronted by senseless slaughter and asks out loud: "What can men do against such reckless hate?" We as Knights of Columbus, as Catholics must not turn our heads aside. We must fight against the horror that is abortion. We must not be lukewarm, but instead be like Théoden—who when all seemed lost-met evil head on regardless of the consequences. Thanks be to God that we will not be put to the test . . . but if we should, let us not be found wanting. Viva Jesus!

### Y.O.R.K Club Mike Wills, Duke of YORK

#### What are you doing on Thursdays at lunch time?

If you are a Young, Old, or Retired Knight or just have the day off, why not stop down to the Knight's Room on Thursdays for lunch and fellowship with your Brother Knights?

The **Y.O.R.K.** Club was started in 1985 as an opportunity for retired Knights to get together for lunch and fellowship. Brothers begin to gather at 10:30 AM and lunch is served at 12:00 Noon. Prior to lunch and after lunch you can enjoy a game of pool or shuffleboard in the Game Room and during the warmer weather enjoy a game of bocce after lunch or participate in the Golf League earlier in the day at a local golf course prior to lunch.

The **Y.O.R.K.** is proud of its tradition of welcoming new members to its ranks. For more information do not hesitate to call the Duke of YORK: Mike Wills (301)249-9637 or send email to <a href="mikewills47@gmail.com">mikewills47@gmail.com</a> or simply show up at the Knights Room for a tasty lunch and brotherly fellowship on Thursdays at Noon.

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

Welcome to November. Immediately, for me anyway, I start to think of the holidays. It's my favorite time of the year. The fresh, crisp, chilly fall air, the turning of the leaves, and of course, the food! The soups, and the stews, the turkeys and the hams. Getting hungry just typing this.

While we all enjoy these things this time of year, we also must remember the less fortunate who don't have, and in the name of Charity, give, where you can.

This month we have the State Soccer Shootout which is November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Archbishop Spalding High School.

November 14<sup>th</sup> will be the McNamara Chapter Memorial Mass and Silent Auction which will be held at Sacred Heart Council in Bowie. Proceeds from the Silent Auction go to funding our Charities. Please come out for a very nice evening.

November 18<sup>th</sup> is the State Council Memorial Mass and Reception at the Church of the Good Shephard in Glen Burnie. Mass starts at 2:00 p.m. This is a beautiful event and all Knights and families are welcome.

Thank you to all who helped out at the District Soccer Shootout. I don't have the final numbers at this time but I was told it was well attended.

Again thank you to all who helped out.

## **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.

# Bingo Report Committee Chairman Joe Massimini, PGK, PFN, FDD

The Bingo Console has survived its first month and guess what? We are finishing earlier because there are not as many issues with the machine every evening.

We are giving away lots of money every evening with the signup program. Thank you to Jonathan Tallmadge, Dave Williams, Mike Gorman, Lee DuMais, Mike Mitchell, Bill Cartney, and Loretto Cartney who are coming out nearly every week to sell the signups. We can use more people to sell the signups so we do not have to have the same people doing it every week. The sign up sellers show up at 6 and are heading home around 9:30.

We can still use lot of help on the floor every week. We would like to have at least three people each week selling specials and cleaning up the floor. This job starts every Tuesday at 7 and finishes around 11 after the trash and recycling are cleaned up and put away.

We would like to thank the efforts of our callers. We recently lost a caller due to the demands of their job. The other callers, Jack Rogers, Alex Simpson, and Jim Simpson banded together and covered every week. In October, Mark Davis returned to the callers after a long absence due to illness. We are still looking for callers who can help. We will train you in any job you would want to do.

Finally I would like to thank Steve Dobrosielski for his continued work for Bingo taking care of the deposits and doing a lot of the things that hold Bingo together so we can run smoothly every week.

Bingo is helping the council raise money for the council's charities. With the additional revenue, Bingo is making a big difference in the contributions the council to make to the community. If you want to be part of making a difference in Bowie and Crofton, now is the time to vol6unteer to help with Bingo. We have jobs for everyone, all you have to do is speak up and volunteer. To do this, just give me a call and we will tell you when to show up and what to do.

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

November 6: Team 5, Kevin Carroll

November 13: Team 1, Bill Cartney

November 20: Team 2, Jack O'Malley

November 27: Team 3, Joe Massimini & Mike Mitchell

December 4: 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

# 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

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Fourth Degree News St. John Neumann Assembly #1763 Rob Van Rite, FN, PGK (301) 910-4524(Cell) JTCoulton@gmail.com

Consider for the moment this job announcement; Come work with us and you will enjoy money, advancement, travel, training, recreation, education, security and satisfaction. . . oh, and one more thing, you'll have to put your life on the line daily, and at some point may be asked to make the ultimate sacrifice. Sounded pretty good until you got to the fine print, huh?! From another perspective from the by-gone days, maybe some will remember comedian Paul Paulsen from the Smother's Brothers Hour. When running for President, he once harangued against country's draft laws going so far to say: "A number of the people in this great country of ours think our draft laws are unfair. These people are called soldiers." All kidding aside, the people who answered the ad above and those who serve in our military today all have one thing in common: Patriotism. All Sir Knights worthy of their knighthood know that the guiding virtue of the Fourth Degree is patriotism. As such, the Assembly has named SK Bill Parent as the Patriotic Education chairman. Allow me to shortly digress by re-familiarizing you with the "KLS Credo" from the Baltimore Catechism. As you remember, KNOWING about patriotism is the first step in the process that leads to LOVING it as a virtue, and ultimately demonstrating it through This is exactly the idea behind the SERVICE. Patriotic Breakfast celebration on Saturday, 10 November 2018. Mark your calendars you won't want to miss it. Also, have you sold or purchased your \$1,000 Raffle ticket yet?! See PFN Luther Holley or FN Rob Van Rite for tickets and details. Finally, what would December be without the Annual Wagon of Cheer Raffle? As a two-time winner and recovering alcoholic, I can attest that this is the greatest deal going! Vivat Jesus

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