

December 2018



SFX Knights Newsletter

St. Francis Xavier the Missionary

Council # 10957

"In Service to One, In Service to All"

Council Meetings held at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall

2nd and 4th Tuesday's @ 7:00 P.M.

21370 Newtowne Neck Road, Compton, MD 20659



Grand Knight's Report

December 2018

Brother Knights,

Each November we remember our departed brothers and departed wives at our Memorial Mass. It's been a year since we lost John Bond; and, sadly, this year we also lost Annie Wilkinson, wife of PGK Joseph Wilkinson; and Dave Williams, Matt Wilson's father-in-law. Please keep them in your prayers.

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving with lots of family around. Unfortunately, we still have troops on the ground in harm's way. We thank God for our own blessings and pray for those worried about their sons and daughters serving overseas. And we thank, also, our veterans who make this celebration possible.

Thanksgiving also reminds us of those less fortunate in our community. Our brother Knights delivered Thanksgiving dinners to several neighbours in need and we will do so again for Christmas.

We also have homeless folks in our county that need shelter when the weather turns viciously cold. The WARM program provides that shelter and needs our help again this year. Our council will monitor the shelter over the night of 28 December. We need 3 married couples to take a shift at the shelter to provide adult supervision. Please contact Mike Holton, Jim Howe, or James Morgan should you be able to so.

And finally, I want to thank everyone that helped with the Tootsie Roll program, the Christmas Bazaar, and the Quilt Raffle. But a special thanks goes, once again, to George Morgan. I don't know

how he does it but he organizes and manages the teams in front of Ace and McKay's every year. Thank you, George.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

SK Mike Holton,
Grand Knight



Chaplain's Report

December 2018

From the time I was a child, I've always been drawn to the nativity scene. We always had a Christmas crèche in our home growing up and I can still picture how much care and attention my father gave to setting it up each year. As children, we would kneel before the nativity scene to say our prayers during Advent and Christmas. It became the focus of our family prayer and still remains an important part of my devotional life today.

There's a true story about St. Francis of Assisi (d. 1226) that has always meant a lot to me. St. Francis wanted to remind people of the true meaning of Christmas, so he recreated the Christmas scene at Midnight Mass in a cave with a real ox, donkey, and a wood carved baby Jesus. St. Francis was the deacon at that Mass and those who there said that as he preached, he was "bathed in tears, radiant with joy."

Francis preached about the love of God for us; that God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son so that we might not perish but have eternal life. St. Bonaventure wrote that the miracle of the night was when the wood carved baby Jesus came to life in Francis' arms. And it is because of that night that the custom of having a Christmas crèche in homes and churches quickly spread across Italy, throughout the world, and still continues into our present day.

This Advent and Christmas, let's take some time to prayerfully meditate before a nativity scene or Christmas crèche. Perhaps you already have one set up in your home or you might consider purchasing one. We've all heard the Christmas story so many times, but may we allow ourselves to be moved by the story of Christ's birth, as St. Francis of Assisi was all those centuries ago. May it fill us with wonder and awe to know that God humbled Himself to become an infant out of His amazing and never-ending love for us.

With prayers and best wishes for a Merry Christmas,
Fr. Rob

St. Francis Xavier Church News

Dear Parishioners:

The Christmas Bazaar was a Great Success again this year with the efforts of the committee and the help of many volunteers! The final report from the Bazaar was \$5,000.00 Thanks to All who worked or supported this year's Christmas Bazaar.

Looking ahead:

Advent begins! December 1

Thursday, December 3, is the feast day of our patron St. Francis Xavier.

Outside decorations of the Church will take place on about December 23, Help is needed.



Happy Birthday!!

We would like to extend our Best Wishes to the following people who are celebrating their birthday this Month.

Gavin Arvizo	December 02
Gus F. Otero	December 03
John T. Mattingly	December 09
Raymond C. Shanahan	December 13
Deacon William Nickerson	December 25



Father Andrew White Assembly #377
Faithful Navigators Message

My Brother Knights,

Christmas season is fast approaching. Our Assembly Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday night, 20 December at the St. Mary's Council 1470 home on Fenwick Street, in Leonardtown. It promises to be a wonderful night of fellowship, food and beverages, Dirty Santa, and music. If you want to participate in the "Dirty Santa", please bring a wrapped gift in the \$10-\$15 range, place it on the table and let the stealing begin (up to a limit)! The doors open at 6 PM for cocktails and appetizers with dinner at 7 PM and the gift exchange commencing about 8 PM. This is also a good opportunity to invite all potential Fourth Degree recruits and their wives or significant others. Our point of contact is SK Jim Howe at (301) 904-9041. I hope to see all of you there.

Please continue to recruit new Fourth Degree members. New members are the lifeblood of our order. The Next 4th Degree Exemplification will be on April 6, 2019.

Don't forget about Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday, 15 December. This is a tremendous manner in which to honor our deceased veterans and their families.

Finally, I wish to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Andrew White Assembly #377



District Deputy's Report

My Brothers – It is difficult to realize this calendar year is coming to a close and the fraternal year is nearly half over. Now is the time to take inventory of your own life and the life of your council. Ask yourself “have I made a difference”; “what has gone right and what has gone wrong”. Look at your successes and ask why “was I successful” and look at your failures and also ask “why did I fail”. There is no shame in failure as long as you learn from it. Did you achieve the goals you set for yourself, for your council? Are you a better Catholic, husband, father, knight, neighbor and friend? If not, now is the time to make those changes. Start small but most important, start today. Give the gift of your charitable time this season and all year long.

This holiday season; Also, remember to embrace those closest to you: your family, especially your wife and children as nothing is more precious. Many times, in this busy holiday season, we become overwhelmed and forget about who and what really matters.

I want to wish you and your family's, a blessed and joyous Merry Christmas and New Year. Thank each and every one of you for your contribution to our order over the past year. May God Bless you!

And Always

“Remember, we are men of Faith and Charitable Actions”.

Vivat Jesus

SK Bob Bowles,

District Deputy, Maryland District #3



A very special thank you to Jim and Debi Berned & Jim Howe, who went out, picked up the food and made up the five Thanksgiving Basket then delivered them to a needy family's..... **THANK YOU...**
THANK YOU



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thanks to all who came out to help with the Annual Memorial masses, Membership Drive, Christmas Bazaar, Quilt Raffle, Tootsie Roll Campaign and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and Cards Sale. Thanks to each and every one of you..... All events were great...

THE MARYLAND STATE BULLETIN

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http://www.kofc-md.org/docs1213/MD_Newsletter.pdf

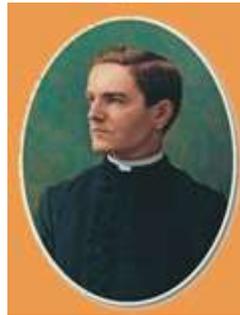
Please read and enjoy and forward on to other family members.

	<p>Ask a Catholic gentleman to become a member!</p>
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Father McGivney

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Reflections

May you have a Blessed and Joyous Christmas!





A Large welcome to our Newest Members to Join our Knights of Columbus Council, Peter LaPorte and Jason Fletcher When you see them Congratulate and Welcome them!



Coming Events

December 2018

- 12/01 & 02- **First Sunday Rosary's**
- 12/03 - **Feast of Saint Francis Xavier**
- 12/07 - **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**
- 12/08 - **Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary**
- 12/08- **State Christmas Party, Columbus Gardens**
- 12/10- **Keep Christ in Christmas Posters Due to State**
- 12/11 - **Christmas Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 p.m.**
- 12/11 - **No K of C meeting (Pot Luck instead)**
- 12/11 - **Announce Winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas contest & award prizes and the Bulletin on December 15 & 16 at the masses**
- 12/19 - **Chapter Christmas Party, Fr. Michael Kidd, Mitchellville, MD**
- 12/15 - **Family of the Month Due (November)**
- 12/16- **Breakfast for the support of Care-Net**
- 12/18- **Assemble and Deliver Christmas Food Baskets**
- 12/20- **Assembly Christmas Party @1470 6:00 p.m.**
- 12/23- **Decorate Outside Church for Christmas, noon**
- 12/28- **Camp Maria Retreat Center will host WARM* for the homeless.**
- 12/25- **Christmas**
- 12/30- **5th Sunday Rosary**
- 12/31- **New Year's Eve**

The Speaker Series scheduled for December 2, at St. Francis Xavier, "From Newtowne to Georgetown, Connections and Legacies", Speaker Dr. Adam Rothman, has been moved to a date To Be Announced.



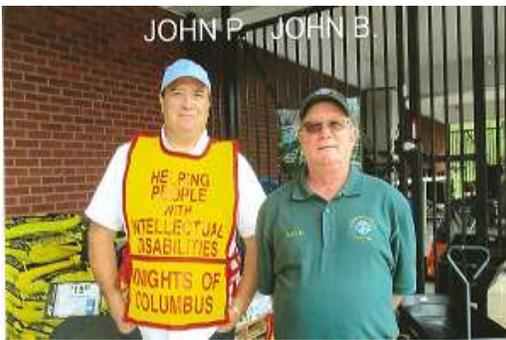
Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, Special Olympics of St. Mary's



Thanks to the Rudman's for letting us Use their Store Front



Passing out those Tootsie Rolls



Special Olympics will benefit



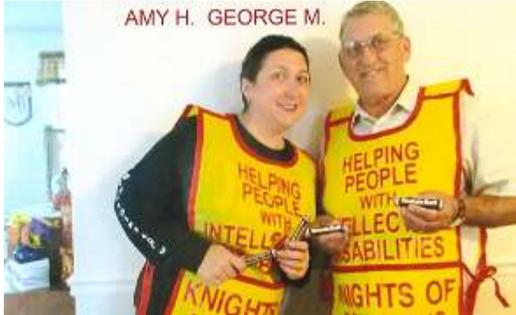


GEORGE K.



GEORGE M. ANN B.

Thanks to all who came out for this worthwhile event



AMY H. GEORGE M.



DAVID H. GEORGE M.

Thanks to George Morgan for chairing this event and all his hard work to make it happen.

On November 11, 2018 we held an Altar Server Appreciation BBQ



Altar Server BBQ



Cooking up those Burgers and Dogs



John, Jonathan and James



Coming in for the BBQ



All the trimmings



Looking at Fathers New Grill



Father Very Happy with the Grill



Group Picture



Bob & John serving them up



Fixing them up



Don't forget the goodies



Jonathan testing the Corn Hole



Altar servers enjoying



and having fun



I think I'll just watch

On Saturday November 17 St. Francis Xavier Parish held the Annual Olde Time Christmas Bazaar, Knights Parked cars and sold Quilt Raffle tickets and worked in the Kitchen.



Laura, Cortney and Ann



Venders



Lots of Venders



Helping in The Kitchen



Sue coordinated



George Sitting back



Jim and Debi



More of the venders



Jim & Debi, Bob & George



Don & George



Fr. Rob Drawing a winner



Hall from the Parking Lot



K of C Parking them Cars: James, John, Jonathan, Donovan, Herb & Bob



Mrs. House with George, Thanks to Her for making and donating the quilt we are now raffling off.



Join us for a

Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, December 16, 2018

St. Francis Xavier Church Hall

8:30 to 12:30



Regular and Blueberry Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, or Biscuit with Sausage Gravy, Coffee, & Juice

Free Will Donation

To Benefit:

Care-Net Pregnancy Center