



November 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

Brother Knights,

If you grew up here in the county and/or went to high school here have I got a deal for you! George Morgan's Tootsie Roll campaign needs folks to man the table in front of Ace for a few hours (he has a schedule and prefers two people). So, not only do you get to help the needy here in the county by soliciting donations; you also get to run into old high school

friends as they come to Ace! Why, it's almost like homecoming weekend sometimes! Bring your wife or kids, they'll run into friends, too! But please help when you can...we do this every year about this time.

Congratulations to John Breck and Paul Roman. They became 4th Degree Sir Knights on October 20th at a very nice ceremony right here at St. Johns.

October 21st was our recruitment drive and we got one Form-100. We also had our annual Spaghetti/Taco luncheon in honor of the Arc and The Dove anchoring off St. Clements. This is always a fun day, and this time we had lots of help! Our thanks go to: George, Ginnie, James, and John Morgan, Jim and Pam Howe, Big Jim Berned, Jim Muller, Dr. Mike Perrott, Tom Koviak, Jonathan and Courtney Lowe, Herb Male, John Breck, Bob Bowles, Paul and Jen Roman, Jake and Emma and Donna Brennan, Jinny and Ann and Steve Barber. I think that's everyone.

And finally, in appreciation for the help Bob Bowles and his sister Claire DeLozier give us in planning and conducting our Installation they have been chosen as family of the month for September.

November will be a heart-warming month. We remember our passed members at the Memorial Mass, get to pick the best 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster, help with the Church Bazaar, and then gather up and deliver Thanksgiving Food Baskets to some of our own needy parishioners. Please help when you can.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

SK Mike Holton, Grand Knight
Council #10957



Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

There's a fascinating study out of Europe showed that it's fathers that chiefly determine the church habits of grown children (in all faiths). If a father does not go to church, no matter how faithful his wife's attendance, only 1 child in 50 (2%) will grow up attending church. Yet if the father goes to church every week, even if his wife does not, 44% of those children will grow up to become adults who go to church every week. Clearly, God has given men a tremendous capacity to be the spiritual leaders of their home. I've often said that you are the priest of your home by the way that you lead your family to Heaven. Your example and commitment to the practice of your Catholic faith has a huge impact...more than you know! Below are some reminders why your faithfulness to fulfilling your Sunday Mass obligation (and the Holy Days of Obligation) is vitally important:

1. By going Mass every Sunday (or Saturday vigil), we fulfill the third commandment: "Keep holy the Sabbath day." In short, God wants us to (it's really that simple!). Let's not forget that all of us will be judged on how we kept the commandments.
2. The word, "Eucharist" literally means, "Thanksgiving." We go to Mass each week not only to worship God but to thank Him for all the blessings that He pours out on us each day. God gave us 168 hours in a week. By coming to Mass every week, we recognize that we would not have the other 167 hours were it not for His goodness to us.
3. Our Catholic faith teaches us that every time we go to Mass, all the merits and graces from Christ's sacrifice on the cross are made present to us.

What took place 2000 years ago in history is made present on our altars in mystery. Every Mass that we attend with attention and devotion benefits our souls for all eternity.

4. Every time we come to Mass, we can receive Jesus in Holy Communion. This means that we receive Our Lord's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In John 6, Our Lord tells us that He considered this an essential preparation for following Him in this life and for living in happiness with Him in the life to come:

Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the truth: if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you will not have life within yourselves.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him (John 6:53-56)."

5. We need to witness publicly that we belong to the Catholic Church, not only for our own integrity but also for the growth and consolation of others. The study out of Europe affirms this.
6. Your participation in Holy Mass is joined with countless believers of every time and place—those now in heaven and throughout the earth—who are praying with you and for you, hearing the same saving words of Scripture you are and receiving the same Eucharistic Lord Who made heaven and earth.

Finally, loving God means more than getting what I want out of Mass. Rather, go to Mass each week to worship God, without looking to get anything back in return. The homily may not speak to you every time. Go to Mass anyway. The music selection may not be your personal preference on any given week. Go to Mass anyway. Loving God demands much more than my own personal preferences and feelings. Nor is it a vague or abstract feeling of support. As with any marriage or relationship, love requires specific actions at specific times and places with specific people. God is never outdone in generosity. No matter what we feel, our faith teaches us that we never leave Mass empty handed.

In Christ and St. Francis Xavier,
SK Father Rob Maro
Chaplain

St. Francis Xavier Church News

Looking ahead:

The *Olde Fashioned Christmas Bazaar*, will be Saturday November 17, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Unusual and a variety of crafts in the Parish Hall and on the Grounds.

Happy Birthday!!



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

Craig M. Dorrans	November 06
Robert E. Bowles, Sr.	November 10
Paul A. O'Brien	November 12
Joseph M. Stalalonis	November 14
Paul H. Roman	November 18
George K. Abell	November 25



November is Remembrance Month

Please Remember our Members and wives who have gone to the Lord!

Frank T Abell & Wife Teresa, J. Perry Abell & Wife Shirley, Joseph W.[Joe Dick] Abell & Wife Rosemary, Shirley A. Bowles, John H. Bond,Jr., John W [Bill] Bussler & Wife Cecilia, Father Tom Crowley, Charles A. Daniels, Raymond Dean & Wife Agatha, Kenneth N. Delhagen & Wife Mary, Dr. David M. Federle, MD, Salvatore [Sal] J. Franco, James [Jim] T. Marsh & Wife Joan, Father John Mattingly, Francis [Dish] Morgan & Wife Virginia, John J. Polko, George E Raley & Wife Eleanor, Robert B. Rezza, Arthur L. Robitaille, Richard I Russell Sr & Wife Agnes, Carrol Stickell, Raymond [Ray] P. Weigand, Joseph A Wilkerson & Wife Annie.

Eternal rest grant unto Them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon Them.

Mary Queen of the Knights, Pray for us. Amen



Father Andrew White Assembly #377 Message

My Brothers,
November is the month for Council Memorial Masses, All Souls Day and Veterans Day. This year come out to Leonardtown on Nov 11th at 10:00 AM and show your support for our military veterans from all services. If you have never been to this local parade, you will be amazed. Publicize as either one of the largest or longest continuous annual parades, this year promises to continue the tradition with over 150 groups and 2000 marching participants. Either join in the march with the 4th Degree Color Corps, wear your Knights of Columbus emblems, or join the observers along the parade route from St Mary Ryken school all the way down Fenwick street and into the town square. Wear your red, white and blue, be patriotic and show your children your pride and respect for our military of yesterday and today.
Our next meeting is on November 15, 2018, at St John Francis Regis Council 7914.
God Bless America, Father Andrew White Assembly #377

October 20, 2018 Exemplification of the Fourth Degree Class of 56 new members





Congratulations to Sir Knight, Paul Roman
And Sir Knight, John Breck, when you see them
Congratulate them.



Supporting Group, SK Bob Bowles, SK Mike Holton
SK Herb Male and SK Jim Howe. Here with the new
Sir Knights Paul Roman & John Breck



District Deputy's Report

My Brothers – This November, be thankful for what you have, then brighten someone's day. **Charity** is the principle of the First Degree. Thanks for your support of our charitable programs, namely Special Olympics Week, the Car Raffle, and the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll), now in progress. All the money collected stayed right here in our county to help our less fortunate neighbors. Without your help we could not accomplish our mission to help those less fortunate than ourselves. The Maryland State Council charity fund provides financial assistance to individuals in temporary urgent need. It is recognized by the IRS as a section

501 c (3) entity so ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Ask your Grand Knight or Financial Secretary for an envelope to make you own personal donation. If every Knight of Columbus in Maryland gave \$5.00, the fund would have over \$100K. This fund has made a difference to individuals in our county.

Again, I thank you for your support and request that you finish strong in the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities. You are making a difference by helping those among us most in need.

Remember, November is Remembrance Month, make sure you have scheduled your Memorial masses and read the Necrology for your council.

As a district we really need to step up our efforts in membership. Ask a fellow catholic male over 18 to join. Use your programs, especially like those mentioned above, to demonstrate to eligible men what we're all about. Don't be afraid to ask someone who is not a knight to assist with an activity. Tell eligible men what your council is all about; tell them your personal story, why you joined the knights; and then ask if they would like to become part of an organization that gives back to the church and community.

Now more than ever, we, as Catholics who must face the shame of scandals and witness doubt and perplexity among our family and friends, must keep in mind the priests who have sought to live a joyful and faithful life. They are now facing the challenges of distrust and need the support of the Knights of Columbus. Our church is beginning to focus on healing and the future with these issues and as Catholic men we must support these efforts.

And always

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

Vivat Jesus,

SK Bob Bowles, District Deputy, District #3



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thanks to all who came out to help with the ... the Tootsie Roll Drive, and the Spaghetti Taco Dinner. Thanks to each one of you.

THE MARYLAND STATE BULLETIN

The State Newsletter is available on line using this link:

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

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



NOVEMBER 4, 2018



Ask a Catholic gentleman to become a member!



Veterans' Day is November 11



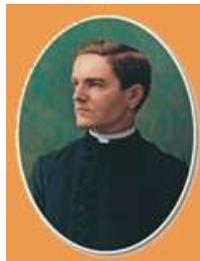


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Dear Brother Knights,

I'm proud to be able to offer fraternal benefits and insurance products backed by proven strength and reliability. I never have to worry that we won't be prepared to deliver when you and your family need it most.



Father McGivney

Remember
"One Star Council per District"

A big "Thank You" to Marty and the Rudman's for allowing us to use their store front for all the things we do.

Spaghetti Taco Luncheon October 21, 2018



Getting Started



James doing some initial clean-up



Bob getting the salad ready



Worthy Official Dish Washer Mike



James, Herb and Jim doing the prep



Jim and Bob on the serving line



Fr. Rob and Bob talking Spaghetti



Helping themselves to the Salad bar



Starting to come in for the dinner



Desert Bar with Ann helping out



Coming Events

November 2018

- 11/1 - All Saints Day
- 11/2 - All Souls Day
- 11/3 & 4- First Sunday's Rosary's
- 11/3 & 4- Pass out Keep Christ in Christmas info after the Masses
- 11/4 - Daylight Savings Time Begins (FALL BACK)
- 11/4 - BBQ for the Altar Servers 1PM Church grounds
- 11/10 & 11 Memorial Weekend Mass for our Deceased Members
- 11/11- Veterans Day
- 11/13 - K of C Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 11/14 - Set up the hall for the Bazaar at 6:30
- 11/15 - Family of the Month (October) Due
- 11/15 - Assembly Meeting, St. John's 7914
- 11/17 - SFX Christmas Bazaar, (Set up and Parking 10 to 3)
- 11/17 & 18 Christmas Card Sales
- 11/16 - Pick up Turkeys, Prepare and Deliver Food Baskets
- 11/21 - Chapter of Grand Knights, Sacred Heart Council, Bowie
- 11/22 - Thanksgiving Day
- 11/24 & 25 Collect Keep Christ in Christmas posters after the Masses
- 11/24 & 25 Christmas Card Sales
- 11/27 - K of C Meeting 7:00 p.m.
(Judge- "Keep Christ in Christmas" Posters)
- 11/28 - Admission 1st and Formation 2nd at St. Johns 7:00 /7:30

