Grand Knight’s Report

Brother Knights,

Your council continues to adapt to the changing times. As restrictions have been eased, we have begun to hold our General Membership and Business Meetings in the hall with social distancing and limiting contact. We will also cover our meetings remotely using Zoom to give our membership a chance to attend if they prefer a remote contact.

These meetings will continue at the same time on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7 PM. This month we began drive-through breakfasts to raise funds to support local charities.

**Fraternal Benefits Night.** We held a Fraternal Benefits Night on the 27th at 7 PM. Many brothers attended in person with some connecting over the internet. We showed the benefits presentation on the big screen in the hall. It provided a comprehensive view of the Knights benefit program and provided us some food for thought.

**Leave No Neighbor Behind Program**

Thank each of you for helping out our neighbors (e.g. picking up and delivering medications, groceries, and other needs. Our council actively put our faith into action by helping people who are less fortunate in our community. In the spirit of our founder we lead efforts to assist those most in need, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Knights have formed partnerships with local aid organizations including Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry, Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Pantry, All Saints Soup Kitchen, and our local Care Net Pregnancy Center. In support of these partnership we delivered over 2,500 pounds of food. Additionally, our Knights assisted individual families with home chores, providing food, and running missions of mercy like picking up their prescriptions. We have
also met and assisted our pastor Father Maro with specific needs in the parish. If you know of someone in our community that could use our help please let us know.

It is vitally important to stay in touch with your brothers for the purpose of retention and general caring. If you haven’t seen someone around in a couple of months call him and find out why. Maybe he is sick, maybe he’s lost a job; maybe he has family or other problems. Show your interest in your brother’s welfare by staying in touch

**Family of the Month**
The Don & Paula McLeod family continues to contribute to St Francis Xavier (SFX) parish and church community throughout the year. They give to the church from behind the scenes without notoriety or recognition. They have been key in our children’s religious education, leading supporters of the Confirmation of our church’s candidates, and principals in the reopening of SFX for public Masses. Their commitment to the church has gone a long way to ensure SFX remains safe. Don and their daughter, Anitra, serve as ushers at Saturday Mass and Paula leads the sanitation team to clean and disinfect the church. Their two sons are grown and members of the Knights of Columbus in their locations. As a family, they seek out areas where the parish needs help and assist where they can. They are a model Catholic Family.

Please congratulate Don & Paula when you see them.

**Upcoming Events**
Most events have been canceled outright and others have been rescheduled. Most remain TBD. They include the following:

**+Sunday Drive-Thru Breakfast** – We tried a variation on one of our most well attended fund raisers. **On Sunday October 18th from 8:30 to 12:30** we held an Eggs, Bacon, sausage and pancake drive through and pick up in front of the hall. Many members participated and it ran as a machine. For our first drive through event, I was very successful, after expenses we netted $530. We plan to hold more of these in the coming year.

**+Knights of Columbus Church Drive** Our council will hold a church drive this coming Saturday and Sunday (October 31 and November1). Please be available at mass to answer questions and help outline our program to potential members.

**+Box of Joy.** Box of Joy Collection week Nov 7 thru Nov 15. If you have not registered to participate please contact Mark Coontz

**+Golf Tournament** We continue to plan our annual Golf Tournament at Breton Bay and continue to work with them to re-schedule it for March.

**Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Degree Exemplification** - Supreme is handling them on line. They have established an on-demand
exemplification that candidates can access the ceremoney and become a full-fledged member as a 3rd degree Knight on-line.

Throughout these unprecedented times, let us continue to take the time to reflect, pray for our nation in this crisis, and assist those that are at risk. Both Leslie and I wish each of you and your families a safe time. Together we do make a difference as we continue to lead, serve others, and defend our faith.

Leslie and I sincerely thank you for your thoughts and especially your prayers this month as we battle heart issues. Our “individual vacations” at the Washington Hospital Center, Leslie at the beginning of the month and mine at the end of the month, allowed us to separately sample first hand their exceptional Cardiac care and facilities.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

SK Mike DeManss, Grand Knight
Council #10957
priests today: a society that had a growing animosity towards Catholics, a shortage of priests, parish debt, and sicknesses. What struck me is how he was able to bring so many people, including non-Catholics, to the Catholic faith because he had a gift for touching so many hearts with the love of Christ. There’s one story in particular, about a man on death row who Fr. McGivney visited every day. Fr. McGivney prayed with him and offered Mass in the jail on a daily basis. These visits had such a profound effect on this young man and so many like him, that his ministry was noted in the local newspapers. Fr. McGivney’s grief was heartfelt as he blessed this man and prayed with him moments before he was executed.

It was the heart of Fr. McGivney for the lay people that enabled him to start the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal organization for men in 1882. Fr. McGivney deeply cared for their souls and his desire was to strengthen the Catholic faith of these men and their families. Fr. McGivney also knew that the Freemasons were a deeply anti-Catholic secret society and wanted to provide an alternative for Catholic men so they could have a fraternity that supported them in living out their Catholic faith. At the same time, Fr. McGivney knew it was important to provide for their temporal needs by creating a system to offer families financial support when they suffered the death of a spouse (who was the main breadwinner). It’s my hope that we can learn more about this holy man and celebrate his beatification with our own Knights of Columbus Council here at the parish. There is a wonderful documentary about his life and I hope that we can schedule an evening to watch it together over dinner.

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faithfully, in Christ,

Father Rob
St. Francis Xavier Church News

Looking ahead:

The *Olde Fashioned Christmas Bazaar*, was CANCELED this year, due to the Pandemic.

TMIY- Saturday mornings 6-7:30am Join us in person in the Hall or via Zoom Register to reserve a spot in person or to receive Zoom credentials Matt Cosgrove, matthewcosgrove@verizon.net, Mark Coontz, mark_coontz@live.com.

Happy Birthday!!

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

Craig M. Dorrans
Robert E. Bowles, Sr.
Paul A. O'Brien
Joseph M. Stanalonis
Paul H. Roman
George K. Abell

November 06
November 10
November 12
November 14
November 18
November 25

November is Remembrance Month

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


Mary Queen of the Knights, Pray for us. Amen
My Brothers,

November is Remembrance Month and the month for Council Memorial Masses, All Souls Day and Veterans Day. This year, the parade in Leonardtown on Nov 11\textsuperscript{th} has been canceled. Please show you support for our military veterans from all services, when you can. Wear your red, white and blue, be patriotic and show your children your pride and respect for our military of yesterday and today. Congratulations to the 12 New Sir Knights who took the Exemplification of the 4\textsuperscript{th} Degree on October 17.

Our next meeting is on November 19, 2020, at St John Francis Regis Council 7914.

God Bless America,

Bob Bowles, Faithful Navigator,

Father Andrew White Assembly #377

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**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. All of 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 and the Car Raffle. 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 and his family to join. Use your programs, show that eligible man what we’re all about. Don’t be afraid to ask someone who is not a knight to assist with an activity. Tell them what your council is all about; tell them your personal story, why you joined the knights, then ask if they would like to become part of an organization that will strengthen your Faith to become a better Catholic, husband and father, that gives support back to the Parish, Church and the community in many ways.

And always

Remember, as Knights, “We are Servant Leaders”.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Bob Bowles, PGK, FDD,
District Deputy, District #2

**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You**

Thanks to all who came out to help with all the things we did in October! Thanks to each and every 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 1, 2020**
Veteran’s Day is November 11

Gavin Arvizo
Fraternal Benefits Advisor
Knights of Columbus Insurance
Bus: 240-298-3873

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.
Blessed Father McGivney

Remember
“We are Servant Leaders”

On October 17, 2020
Two of our Brother Knights, rode 55 Miles to support Seminarians, in the “Ride for Vocations”
They were: Dr. Ed Perraut and Peter LaPorte.
Rumor has it over $30,000 was raised for the overall ride.
Congratulations to both of you!
Drive-Thru Breakfast October 18, 2020

James, Mark & Herb in the Kitchen

Mark, Herb & Mike in the Kitchen

Stanley, Bob & Paul Helping out

Mathew, John & Michael, helping at the Door

Some drove up

Some came in for take-out after Mass

Families took it out to their van. It was a well-attended Take-out Breakfast
Coming Events

November 2020

11/1 - Daylight Savings Time Begins (FALL BACK)
11/1 - All Saints Day
11/2 - All Souls Day
10.31 & 11/1- First Sunday’s Rosary’s
10.31 & 11/1- Recruitment Church Drive at all the Masses
11/10 - K of C Meeting 7:00 p.m.
11/11 - Veterans Day
11/14 & 15- Pass out Keep Christ in Christmas info after the Masses
11/14 & 15- Christmas Card Sales
11/15 - Family of the Month (October) Due
11/15 - Memorial Mass for our Deceased Members at 11AM
11/16 & 17- Christmas Card Sales
11/18 - Chapter of Grand Knights,
11/19 - Assembly Meeting, St. John’s 7914
11/21 & 22 Christmas Card Sales
11/24 - Pick up Turkeys, Prepare and Deliver Food Baskets
11/24 - K of C Meeting 7:00 p.m.
11/26 - Thanksgiving Day
11/28 & 29- Christmas Card Sales
12/29 - Fifth Sunday Rosary