Grand Knight’s Report

Brothers,

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. We are also planning something new – drive thru breakfast.

Installation of Officers Ceremony

The Council held our 29th installation ceremony on 27 September. The ceremony was in the Church with family and friends watching. We maintained social distancing and we all formed a cross in our minds during the ceremony. The list our 2020-2021 Officers is provided at the end of this report.

After the installation, a celebration and dinner were held at Fitzie’s Marina & Pub in beautiful downtown Compton with masks and appropriate actions considering the State’s COVID guidelines. We celebrated the past year’s successes including receiving the Columbian Award for 2019-2020. We also thanked our current and outgoing officers for their service. More importantly, we thanked our spouses for putting family plans on hold for us to serve others. We also recognized key contributors to our parish and council including

KofC Family of the Year, Rosine Hodges Downs

Rosine is a giving member of our parish and continues to make significant contributions to St Francis Xavier Church, the parish, and the church community. Rosine has taken the leadership role in the planning and execution of the church courtyard as well as other improvements to the church and grounds. She is active on the parish
council, serves as an Usher, and leads the church sanitization after the 8AM Mass just to name a few of her additional undertakings.

**KofC Knight of the Year** - Matthew Cosgrove
Matt continues to make significant contributions to St Francis Xavier parish. He has also taken on several leadership roles including Treasurer of the council, lector at Sunday Mass, and the leader of the core team that is putting on “This Man Is You” (TMIY). We also recognized Audrey for all she does for us.

**KofC Citizen of the Year** - SK James Howe Jr
Our council would not function without Jim’s superb work as our Financial Secretary. Beyond this full-time job keeping us straight Jim is the daily Mass usher. He also gives back to the community by distributing food from grocery stores and donations to various food party and All Saints soup kitchen. Jim is also Treasurer of the 4th degree assembly of the KofC, a member of the parish council, he ushers at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, and much more. We cannot thank him enough. Importantly, we also thank Pam.

**Leave No Neighbor Behind Program**
Thank each of you for helping our neighbors (e.g. picking up and delivering medications, groceries, and other needs). Our council actively puts our faith into action by helping people who are less fortunate. 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. 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 who could use our help, please let us know.

**Family of the Month**
The Al & Libby Rudman family has been selected as our family of the month for August. They continue to contribute to St Francis Xavier parish throughout the year. They give to the church and upgrade the hall from behind the scene without notoriety or recognition. They have recently contracted new blinds for the hall, personally installed them, and hired a team to repair and enhance the hall’s floor. Their commitment to the church has gone a long way to improve and upgrade to the hall. They attend Sunday Mass and seek out areas where the parish needs help and assist parish where they can. Please congratulate Al & Libby when you see them.

**Upcoming Events**
**Sunday Drive-Thru Breakfast** – We are trying a variation on one of our most attended fund raisers. **On Sunday October 18th from 8:30 to 12:30**, we will hold a pickup and drive thru Eggs, Bacon, Sausage and Pancake Breakfast drive through and pick up in front of the hall. Most other events have been canceled outright or rescheduled or held remotely. Many remain TBD. The activities include the following:
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.

Care Net Dinner Was held virtually this year in October. The quest speaker discussed her life. It was heart wrenching and eye-opening presentation.

Special Olympic Games at SMR High School. (Postponed)

Franciscan Monastery Council trip including spouses to Franciscan Monastery in DC with a stop for dinner on the way home. (Pending lifting the ban)

Annual “Walk in the Park”, (Postponed until Spring)

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

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.

OFFICERS LIST

CHAPLAIN __ Rev. Father Robert G. Maro _______

Assist to the CHAP _Deacon William J. Nickerson_ 

GK ________________ Michael C. DeManss ________________

DGK ________________ Herbert W. Male ________________

CHAN ________________ James L. Berned, III ________________

FS ________________ James L. Howe, Jr. ________________

WARD ________________ George A. Morgan, Sr. ________________

REC ________________ Mark A. Coontz, Jr. ________________

ADVOCATE ___ L. Edward Perraut ________________

TREAS ________________ Matthew P. Cosgrove ________________

TRUSTEE 3 __ Michael A. Holton ________________

TRUSTEE 2 __ James E. Morgan ________________

TRUSTEE 1 __ Donald M. McLeod ________________

LECT ________________ Peter B. LaPorte ________________

IN GUARD ___________ Paul H. Roman ________________

OUT GUARD __________ John F. Morgan ________________

Fraternally,

SK Mike DeManss, Grand Knight
Council #10957
Chaplain’s Report

Dear Brother Knights,

I recently had an opportunity to watch the new film, *Fatima*, that was just released on August 28, 2020. If you haven’t had a chance to see it, I would highly recommend that you rent it. It tells the story of Our Lady’s appearances to three young children in Fatima, Portugal in a fresh modern way, highlighting some interesting aspects of the back story that have not been shown on film before. The apparitions at Fatima started on May 13, 1917 and continued for six months in succession, concluding on October 13, 2017. Two of the young children, Jacinta and Francisco, were recently canonized saints by Pope Francis at the centenary of Fatima in Portugal in 2017.

This October 13, we remember Our Lady’s final appearance to the three children at Fatima which took place 103 years ago. What happened in October is known as the anniversary of the “Miracle of the Sun”, when approximately 70,000 people witnessed the sun dancing in the sky and moving towards the earth, after Our Lady promised a sign from heaven so that people would believe. Many thought it was the end of the world. Miraculous healings took place and then, suddenly, the sun went back to its usual place in the sky.

The message of Fatima is a simple but essential one as we strive to lead our families and loved ones to Heaven. Our Lady told the children at Fatima that we must repent of our sins, make sacrifices for sinners and pray the Rosary daily in order to avoid the horrors of another war and the further threats of evil, annihilation, and persecution in our time. The good news is that Our Lady promised that if her words were heeded, many souls would be saved and there would be peace in the world. In the end, the Immaculate
Heart of Mary will triumph. Here are some concrete things that we can do to arm ourselves for the battle and live out the message of Fatima:

- **Attend Holy Mass and go to confession.**
- **Pray the Rosary daily and** recite after each decade: “O my Jesus, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need of your mercy.”
- **Make a communion of reparation (offer your Holy Communion in reparation for sins)** for five consecutive First Saturdays to console the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- **Consecrate your entire family to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** If you would like to know how to do this, please send me an email and I will be happy to help you.
- **Make sacrifices for sinners.**
- **Wear a scapular or miraculous medal** as sign of your consecration to Jesus through Mary.

As the 103rd anniversary of the miracle of the sun approaches on October 13th, let’s renew our commitment to live the message of Fatima with great trust in God’s goodness and Our Lady’s maternal care. The battle belongs to the Lord, and may it be through his grace and strength that we put on the full armor of Christ. St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us!

Faithfully, in Christ,

Father Rob

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**St. Francis Xavier Church News**

First Friday Adoration is Friday October 2, starting with 8:00 AM Mass
And the Blessing of the Pets: 4pm
TMIY every Saturday 6:00 to 7:30 AM
Happy Birthday!!

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

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October is Christopher Columbus Month

Father Andrew White Assembly #377

Faithful Navigators Message
(In Service to our Clergy and Veterans)

My Brothers
While recruitment is something we should do all year long, October is one month with a strong focus towards building our membership both at the council level and at the Assembly level. If you are a 3rd degree Knight, please consider joining the 4th Degree Speak to a current 4th Degree Knight then sign up. We need your support with the patriotic arm of the Order: support our military, support our
veterans, support our law enforcement and support our flag. Help us to instill this feeling of patriotism in our youth!
If you are a current 4th Degree member, come back to a meeting to see what is new and lend a hand. Our next meeting is on Thursday, 15 Oct at Our Lady of the Wayside, Chaptico. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM

God Bless America

SK Bob Bowles
Faithful Navigator
Father Andrew White Assembly #377

**District Deputy’s Report**

My Brothers All,

Fall is here! Incentive Drive tickets have been passed out (hopefully) and we go into October, always Remember to wear your K of C name badges, shirts, hats etc. when doing any function for the visibility that you are a Knight of Columbus.
Councils should be recruiting now, please assist your Grand Knight and the Membership Director of your council with the Fall Membership Church Drive. Use the new Delta Church Drive this year, your Grand Knight attended a webinar to help them do this program. And remember, each and every knight has the responsibility to help grow the order.
Continue to offer e-membership and use the new on-demand Exemplification, to bring in new members. If you need help, let me know. Check your council prospect tab and get those e-members to a degree. Invite the e-members to your council meetings, they are a member of the Knights of Columbus, they just don’t have a council. Look to having your fall fraternal benefits night. One Maryland event that would fulfill part of this requirement is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday October 27th at 7 PM. Council Knights and parishioners (from the associated parishes) are invited and when the time comes, will be instructed on how to reserve their “virtual” seats for this event, which may be limited.
It is vitally important to stay in touch with our members for the purpose of retention as well as general caring for our brothers. 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. Remember. We are continuing the “Leave No Neighbor Behind” program.

Again, thanks for all you do to support our church, community and our order.

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

Vivat Jesus,

SK Bob Bowles, PGK, FDD, FN
Knights of Columbus
District Deputy Maryland District #2

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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thanks to all who came out to help with all our activities we had in September.

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.

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Father McGivney

Remember

“As Knights, We are Servant Leaders”

Mary Queen of the Knights
September 27, 2020 Installation of Officers Knights of Columbus
St. Francis Xavier the Missionary, Council 10957

GK Mike Opening the Installation  Deacon Bill Blessing the Jewels  DD Bob

DW and DD Jewel Deacon  DW Charlie  GK Mike  DGK Herb
Chan- Jimmy B
FS- Jim H
W – George
Rec – Mark
Treas- Matt

ADV- Ed
Trus - Don
Trus – James
Lect – Peter
G- Marcus
Standing- in

Officers taking the Oath

Master of Ceremony- Herb

Our Cake
Mike & Claire cutting The Cake
Rosine Downs Family the Year
Citizen of the Year
Jim Howe

Knight of the Year
Matt Cosgrove

Family and Friends at Fitzie’s

Family and Friends at Fitzie’s

DD Bob with Deacon Bill and Mari
Coming Events

October 2020

Oct 02  -  First Friday Adoration
Oct 03 &04 - First Sunday Rosary
Oct 10  -  AWD District Meeting (Virtual)
Oct 12  -  Columbus Day
Oct 13  -  K of C Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Oct 13  -  103rd Anniversary of the Miracle at Fatima
Oct 15  -  Family of the Month (September) Due
Oct 15  -  Assembly Meeting, (OLOW Chaptico Host)
Oct 17  -  Bike Ride for Vocations
Oct 17  -  Exemplification of the Fourth Degree (Virtual)
Oct 18  -  Drive thru Breakfast 8:30 – 12:30 SFX (See Flyer)
Oct 21  -  Chapter GK, (Virtual) 8PM, North Beach
Oct 22  -  K of C Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Oct 23,24 - Maryland State Fall Meeting, St. Elizabeth Seton Shrine, Emmitsburg.
Join us for a

Sunday

Drive-Thru Breakfast

Sunday, October 18, 2020
St. Francis Xavier Church Hall
8:30 to 12:30

Regular Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage
Drive-Up & Pick-Up Only

$7.00

Benefit of Local Charities