March 2020

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

Brothers,

In February the Knights continued on our path to lead with faith, serve others, and defend our church. All Knights. The new Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree team was selected by our Membership Chairman, SK James Berned. He distributed scripts and assigned team parts along with backups. On February 15th, the team held a degree practice. Our first Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree Exemplification is planned for April 26th. I encourage all Knights that have not reached the 3rd degree to attend this exemplification. Contact Jim Berned to sign up.

We received a very nice thank you note from Ann at the Camp Maria Retreat Center for our participation in the Wrapping Arms Round Many (WARM) program immediately following Christmas on December 26th. The families we helped thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship, and delicious meals we served, and time in a warm and peaceful area.

We held a St. Valentine’s Breakfast on the 16th of February to honor our Valentine Day couples and families following the 8 and 11 Sunday Masses. The breakfasts were very well attended.

The Basketball Free Throw Contest and finals were hosted on President’s Day 17th February at Father Andrew White School in Leonardtown. Council 10957 winners were:

Ten-year-old champions Austin Bishop, in the Boys.
Eleven-year-old champions Zack Norris, in the boys.
Fourteen-year-old champions Lawrence Annylis, in the boys.
Several of our brothers, guided by Matt Cosgrove continue as the core group to carry out This Man Is You (TMIY) Program. This leadership program meets on Saturday mornings at 6:00 AM for breakfast and follows with a presentation and discussion ending at 7:30 AM. The program is in the 2nd Semester and is preparing to begin “A Lenten Journey for Men”. Not only do members of our council participate but we are joined by men in our parish, other brothers, and men from other parishes. It is not too late to join in. It will not disappoint you.

Peter and Mary-Ann La Porte family were selected as our Family of the Month for January. The La Porte family actively contributes to the parish and Knight of Columbus throughout the year. Peter has also taken a number of leadership roles including Advocate of the council, lector at Sunday Mass, the leader of the rosary before daily Mass, and as an active participant in “This Man Is You” (TMIY), Paradisus Dei Program. More recently, Peter lead the Council’s sponsored 9 Days for Life Novena. He organized the program, opened and prepared the church, lead the rosary and daily Mass each morning followed by reciting the prayers and reflection of the Novena. The La Porte family attends Sunday Mass together, go out of their way to assist the Fr. Rob and the parish, as well as set an example for all to follow. Please congratulate them for their support to our parish when you see them.

On Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, let us take the time to reflect and prepare ourselves for the devotion of Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection. Both Leslie and I wish each of you and your families a Lent full of encouraging contemplation and good works that point you to a positive future. I thank each of you, your spouses, and families for all your contributions and commitment to our council. Together we do make a difference as we continue to lead, serve others, and defend our faith.

Fraternally

Michael DeManss, Grand Knight
Council #10957
March is the month of St. Joseph because his feast is on March 19. Traditionally the Church has also honored St. Joseph on Wednesdays because it is mid-way through the week. It is half-way between the day of Our Lord on Sunday and the day of Our Lady on Saturday. This year is the 150th anniversary of when St. Joseph was proclaimed as the patron of the universal Church, by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1870.

Since this proclamation, a number of things have happened to help recognize St. Joseph as a loving and protective father for the universal Church. For example, in 1879 St. Joseph came to the approved apparitions of Our Lady of Knock. Pope Leo XIII wrote the first encyclical on St. Joseph in 1889. Then Pope St. Pius X composed the Litany of St. Joseph. St. Joseph also appeared at the last apparition at Fatima on October 13, 1917. It was there that the St. Joseph and the Christ child simultaneously blessed the world. In 1921 St. Joseph was added to the Divine Praises, which is the prayers that we pray during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: "Blessed be St. Joseph her most chaste spouse." St. Joseph also appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska in 1930s. Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina during this time, asking for devotion to the Divine Mercy. In 1950 the feast of St. Joseph the Worker was added to the Church calendar. And shortly after Pope Francis became Pope, he added to St. Joseph to all the Eucharistic prayers at Mass.

We need St. Joseph today now more than ever. We need his pure love for Jesus and Mary. We need the chaste heart of St. Joseph as an example of holy purity for men. We need his fatherly protection as “the terror of demons” against the wickedness and snares of the enemy. To this end, one thing we can do is to consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph. St. Peter Julian Eymard put it this way:

"Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord’s graces. When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, He unites it to St. Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint."

- St. Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868)

I invite you to join me as I plan to begin a 33-day consecration to St. Joseph, starting on the feast of St. Joseph (March 19) using a new book that was just published: Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father by Fr. Donald Calloway. Together, let’s seek the powerful intercession and protection of this most loving of fathers. St. Joseph, pray for us!

Faithfully, in Christ,
Father Rob
St. Francis Xavier Church News

March- That Man is You continues through March, Sat 6- 7:30 AM
March 13 – Living Stations of the Cross at SFX
March 15- Archbishop Gregory to Celebrate the 11:00 AM Mass
March 19- Start 33-day Consecration to St. Joseph.

Happy Birthday!!

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

Kenneth B. Sterbenz         Mar 04  
Anthony J. Teti             Mar 06  
Joseph N. Serratore         Mar 10  
Sanford E. Brooks           Mar 13  
Robert A. Goodman           Mar 14  
Michael G. Vosburgh         Mar 14  
Gregory Boczar              Mar 16  
John Breck                  Mar 17  

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

March 17, 2020

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You
Thanks to all the Knights who came out for our Valentines Breakfast on February 16 and the Basketball Free Throw on February 17.

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**Father Andrew White Assembly #377**  
**Faithful Navigators Message**  
(In Service to our Clergy and Veterans)

My Brothers  
Our meeting this month is at Council 1470 home in Leonardtown on March 19, 2019 at 7:30 PM. Please turn in any Form 4’s as this is the last meeting opportunity before our 4th Degree Exemplification, on April 18, in Laurel, MD

Father Andrew White Assembly #377

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**District Deputy’s Report**

My Brothers – Spring is in the air; March Madness is around the corner and we are in the Lenten Season. Lent is a time for true sacrifice and spiritual development. As we go through the Lenten season strive to make a difference, use this opportunity to make sacrifices that can benefit others: donate your time, talents and treasure to those in need. March is also recruitment month. Make a personal pledge this Lenten Season to extend an invitation to join your council, to an eligible Catholic Man. Every council needs a continuous stream of new and younger members to stay fresh, to grow and to be productive. Share your experiences and make it personal. Once you have this new member, take him to the new Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree. You may be reinvigorated by attending and being reminded of our core principles. Each and every member of the Knights of Columbus is important to his council and to the order and every knight has something to contribute. Every knight should look back on the first eight months of this fraternal year and ask yourself “how have I contributed to the good of my council and the order” and “how have I made a difference in the life of my neighbors”. Weigh that answer honestly and carefully.
If you have not yet made a contribution, Lent is a perfect time to resolve to make a difference and then act on that resolution. Look for opportunities to assist at your church, in your council, or in your community. Look at your own family and see where you can make a difference. The important thing is to contribute! For those of you who are active, keep up the good work. I want to thank all of the Knights in our district for the great job they did with the Free Throw competitions and the District Competition, the final results had a large number of competitors and some pretty impressive basketball shooters! Thanks to all five of our councils for hosting a competition, and thanks to the representatives that came out and helped with the Council and District competitions. Thanks for all you do!

And always,

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

Vivat Jesus,

SK Bob Bowles,
Knights of Columbus, District Deputy Maryland District #3

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Remember

“Serving Christ by Serving Others”

IT OUT

Our Valentines Breakfast went over very well on February 16, 2020

James and John cooking the breakfast

Mike and Bob serving up the Breakfast

John Boy making up the pancakes batch

Ann helping to Serve the breakfast
On Monday, February 17, Presidents day, we gathered at FAW School Gym for our annual Basketball free-throw competition, we had 30 registrations from Councils 1470, Council 7914, and Council 10957, We were joined by the Council winners from Council 8159 who joined in the District competition. There were approximately 75 children and adults there cheering on their Athletes.

Bob Checking in and doing the Certificates
Jim keeping Score
Herb working the rebound

At FAW School Gym, Boys and Girls competition, both ends of the court

Jim Goebel from 1470 helping to score

Announcing the winners of the Councils Competition

Winners of the District Competition who will compete at the State Level
**Coming Events**

**March 2020**

Feb 29 & Mar 1 - First Sunday Rosary’s  
Mar 5 - Third Quarter Reports due to State  
Mar 6, 7 & 8 - MD State Spring Meeting in Kent Island, MD  
Mar 8 - Daylight Saving time begins (Spring Forward)  
Mar 10 - K of C Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Mar 14 - State Basketball Free-Throw, Spaulding HS, Noon  
Mar 15 - Family of the Month (February) Due  
Mar 15 - Archbishop Gregory to celebrate the 11am mass  
Mar 16 - Start of the 33-day Consecration to St. Joseph  
Mar 17 - St. Patrick’s Day  
Mar 18 - Chapter of GK in Bowie at 8:00PM  
Mar 19 - FAW Assembly Meeting, at Leonardtown, 1470  
Mar 21 - AWD Bi-Annual Meeting, Laurel  
Mar 21 & 22 - Church Drive for Membership after the masses  
Mar 22 - Coffee & Donuts after the 8 & 11 AM Masses  
Mar 22 - Holy Angels Dinner 1130- 3:00  
Mar 24 - K of C Meeting 7:00 p.m., form an election Committee (GK, DGK, Trustee’s)  
Mar 25 - Maryland Day (St. Clements Island Museum)  
Mar 26 - Care Net Dinner 6:30 p.m. HVFD  
Mar 26 - Book of Reports due to DD  

Mar 27 - Lenten Fish Fry 600-800 PM, in the Hall  
Mar 28 - Hospitality Room Meeting at OLSOS- 2PM  
Mar 29 - State Founder Day Mass, Linthicum  
Mar 29 - Fifth Sunday Rosary
Please join us for a

LENTEN

St. Francis Xavier Church Hall
Friday, March 27, 2020
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Come out and enjoy a social evening.

Dinner Menu from CRAB KNOCKERS, to include:
Fish, Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Coffee & Tea

Adults $12.00, Children 5 to 10 $ 6.00
4 years old and younger Free